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BUILDING A NUMISMATIC COLLECTION

by Lloyd T. Smith

There is a great desire by all serious collectors to build a collection that will be a source of pride to own and exhibit, will fully represent his chosen field or theme and serve to preserve for future generations a few examples of the history of man through numismatics.

It is not my intention here to purposely direct anyone toward a particular field of numismatics though it is most important that every collector should give careful consideration to the many choices available for spending large sums of money.

Experience being a good teacher, I shall choose a personal field of collecting to serve as an example for building a collection. Many readers are aware of my interest in gold coins of the world and having examined my display at various shows, will be better able to understand the problems, opportunities and pleasures associated with the formation of this collection. The results may be related to any other field of numismatics.

The decision to enter the gold coin field was made some years ago following a careful assessment of my collecting interests at that time and the future aims for both my collections and my numismatic education. As proof of this statement, how many collectors regularly buy, borrow and read books related to fields other than their own collection?

Prior to my moment of decision about the gold collection, I had spent many years building a nice collection of Canadian coins, both tokens and decimals. The tokens formed an excellent representation of the early coinage of our country and I readily dismissed any possible thought of altering this collection other than for improvement. The decimal coins, however, not only engendered my happy decision but also supplied the means to finance my new venture.

The Canadian decimal collection was of the series nature, that is, it required a specimen of each denomination of coin for every year of issue, plus the recognized varieties. The decision was obvious. From the series

collection, I would form a superb type collection of Canadian decimal coins, leaving me with many nice specimens to sell, with the proceeds going to start another field. That evening, I chose the best type coins of each denomination for each reigning monarch, keeping the scarcest specimens wherever possible so that I could maintain a high value for the type collection. The remaining coins were then listed and readied for sale to other collectors.

Though hardly relative to this paper, my choice of gold coins of the world as my new interest was based on an aesthetic feeling toward gold, the research and study requirements of such a vast field and the elusive nature of many desirable specimens.

To be concluded next month.

NEW MEMBERS

Applications published in the October 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 December issue of the Ontario Numismatist.

630. Bill Hobbs, 1167 Queens Boulevard, Kitchener, Ontario.

631. Dave Kraatz, 68 Blueridge, Kitchener, Ontario.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

Many Clubs are forgetting that editors have a deadline - ours is the end of the month - (30th-31st) and we are sorry to say some clubs have not sent us their October meeting's report. We Want to hear from you. Your club is important to the Association so please send me your club meeting's notes at least by the 25th - 29th of the month so I can include it in these columns.

NEWS FROM THE CANADIAN COIN CLUBS

Central Coin Club - Toronto - Ontario.

Every Monday night every week

The Central Coin Club has moved to 433 Yonge Street, just below College Street still in the heart of the city and easily accessible from all directions. The meetings are held in the large banquet hall of the Academy Restaurant on the second floor.

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Thistletown Coin Club - Toronto - Ontario

Meets every second Tuesday of the month,
in the Auditorium of the Thistletown
Sr. School.

Members that attended the last meeting were lucky enough to see a beautiful collection of colour-slides taken by the President on his tour of the U. S. this past summer in numerous states of the U. S. and parts of Canada. The business meeting took the form of a discussion group with the topic being "How to increase the membership and why each and every Member attended the Club." A SUGGESTION BOX has been set up for club members to bring forth any helpful ideas that may be of use to the Executive.

Huronian Numismatic Association

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President: Steve Wiggins

NEWSLETTER -- OCTOBER, 1967

The last meeting of our club was our seventh anniversary meeting and was held at the Loyal True Blue Hall on Thursday, September 21, 1967. There were 38 members and guests present and we had a small turnout of displays which again sparked much interest. The Senior winner was Noreen Howcroft with her Centennial display and the Junior was won by Gregg Kline with his display of Foreign currency. We hope these displays have helped to show other members that they could possibly make up displays themselves and help to maintain interest in our hobby in this area. Displaying your hobby in front of the general public is the best way of creating more interest and thereby stimulating your hobby and your investment. We would again like to thank the Barrie Examiner for their coverage of our anniversary meeting and the pictures that appeared in the paper will be at our next meeting. Coffee and Birthday cake were served to everyone and a small auction was held.

Club Auctions

Coin club auctions are intended to help collectors obtain a reasonable price from one another for each piece offered, but not necessarily the highest. To arrive at a reasonable sales figure on such occasions, perhaps it is easiest and best to use a dealers' purchase offer as a guide to a reserve bid. Thus the seller appears likely to receive for his material at least as much as a dealer would give him.

Club auctions are meant to bring the buyer and seller together at reasonable price levels, and a dealers' average purchase price would appear to be the fairest place to start. (condensed from CNA Journal - 1960)

Wildlife Series to be exclusively for 1967 Commemorative Coins

The government has decided to revert back to the 1966 designs for the 1968 obverse and reverse designs on all coinage. This will leave the wildlife designs as exclusive commemoratives of Canada's 100th Birthday.

Two Silver Dollars for 1968?

It has been indicated by federal officials that they will consent to the issuing of a commemorative silver dollar in 1968 to mark the 60th anniversary of the Royal Canadian Mint. This silver dollar will be of .800 fine silver and will be encased in the same type of leather container as the centennial silver medallion with appropriate embossed birthday markings. The high silver content double-striking and near proof condition will necessitate a substantial premium above face value. We have our doubts if another silver dollar will be struck for commercial purposes as is indicated at present.

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Ingersoll coin club Bulletin

THE SEPTEMBER MEETING ----- This meeting on September 18 was attended by 15 members and guests, who enjoyed an Ontario Numismatic Association's Audio-visual "Canadian Silver Dollars" by William English. A report on the Canadian Numismatic Association's Convention held at Ottawa, August 31 to September 2 was given by Alan Macnab. The lucky draw prize a "Canadian Paper Money Journal" and a booklet "Pre-Confederation Money in Canada" was

won by Charlie Laister of Tillsonburg. The meeting concluded with an auction with Ralph Atkinson as Auctioneer.

The OCTOBER MEETING ----- The October meeting will be held at the Ingersoll District Memorial Centre, meeting room on Monday, October 16 at 8:00 p. m. This month we are going to keep you guessing, we are not letting you know what our programme is so you will have to be present to discover what we have lined up for you, however, we shall have our lucky draw and auction as usual. Be sure not to miss this programme and bring a friend with you.

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Centennial Kingston Koin Klub Bulletin

Editor - Fred Steele
President - E. Howlett
Secretary - A. Rickey

Having just returned from holidays I can't say I am full of the proverbial zest and fully rested. But now that summer is over let us get back in the swing of things and get the club rolling for the fall show and winter season. I missed the last two meetings, so I don't know what has transpired but I do know we have to put every effort into this Coin Show to make it a success and we need every member behind this, so let's go, fellow coin collectors and make Saturday, October 21 a big day. In my news letter from Ricky Morse I see that other clubs which choose to remain open during summer have also had poor attendance. This man Ricky is surely a dedicated soul. He is director of Oshawa Coin Club ... CNVCA ... Regional Director of Province of Ontario ... Display Chairman of Central Coin Show ... runs a mail order business ... and is also helping with the O. N. A. - C. N. E. Coin Show at the Exhibition. Also he is Secretary of the Richmond Hill Coin Club. Surely if one man can do so much we as a group can put our show over. My thanks to Ricky for his kind offer to the Exhibition, but I spent my vacation at Cottage. Can't say I caught any big fish or even brag about the one that got away.

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London Numismatic Society

Meets first Tuesday of each month.
Labour Hall, 133 Kent St.

Report of meeting No. 202, October 3, 1967

President Tom Masters welcomed 45 members, guests and bourse dealers to the 202nd meeting of the L. N. S. The Secretary spoke of the new Canadian Numismatic Association President, Mr. E. Victor Snell, of St. Catharines, and expressed the congratulations of the L. N. S. to him in his new office. The secretary also mentioned a motion passed by the Toronto Coin Club to make representation to the Master of the Mint suggesting a commemorative coin issue to mark the 60th anniversary of the founding of the Royal Canadian Mint next year. This proposal was the outcome of an address given to the Toronto Club by Prof. Ross Irwin of Guelph, a well-known collector of military medals and numismatics. A coin or medal would certainly mark this noteworthy occasion and we could well add our support.

It was also announced that the deadline for O. N. A. Life Memberships is October 31, 1967. All applications must be postmarked on or before this date.

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Niagara Falls Coin Club

President - Lloyd Hottot

News and Notes

Last Meeting - We had 14 members and 6 guests at the October meeting. Mr. Don MacDonald won the draw for the 1967 Canadian proof-like set. It was agreed by those present, that the club would meet the second Wednesday of each month, at the Y. W. C. A. on Culp Street for the next six months at least. George Oblinsky has offered us a box to house our papers, books, et . Thanks G. O. Owing to unforeseen circumstances, and a slight

misunderstanding, Mr. W. E. Pat Lambert did not make it to our October meeting, but he will not fail us at the November meeting.

Next Meeting - Wednesday, November 8, 1967, at the Y. W. C. A. at 7:30 p. m. I would like to see a good turnout to help me welcome Mr. Lambert. Any material you have for the auction, please have it identified and in something. This will enable the person looking after the auction material to process your coins and display them before the auction takes place.

Letter from Mel Fiske, Niagara Falls Coin Club

Editor Pat Lambert sent a message across the continent in October's Publication to have me submit a story on the Niagara Falls Medallions. In January, 1966, I submitted a request to City Council to have a commemorative medallion project as a means of raising funds for financing local Centenary of Canada celebrations to be staged in 1967. They, City Council, did accept and with the generous help of Mr. and Mrs. F. Rohde of Wellings Manufacturing Limited, Toronto, we in Niagara Falls have the letter Canada Coin News (now Coin, Stamps and Antiques) printed congratulating me for having the first Centennial Medallion on the market. Dominating the obverse design of this medallion is the City Crest supported by Lions rampant below which appears the legend "City of Niagara Falls, Canada". Circling the top of the coin are the words Canada's Centennial with the dates below 1867-1967 flanked by leaf sprigs on either side. On the reverse are the Niagara Falls, with a depiction of Hydro Electric Power outlets to the left below and local agricultural products to the right below. The central design is surrounded by legends reading Scenic Wonderland - Hydro Electric Power Industry - Agriculture. Struck on 38 m.m. planchets this medal has been produced in antique bronze, nickel-silver (sells at \$1.30 each) .999 fine silver (\$8.75) and 24 kt. gold (\$150.00).

I thank the editor for publishing this, also Mr. Harold Daniels, O. N. A. designer, City of Niagara Falls, Council, Wellings Manufacturing, also last but not least, the interested collectors, that made this project a big success.

Mel Fiske
O. N. A. 424 C. N. A. 6192

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Owen Sound Coin Club

The Owen Sound Coin Club held their centennial showing at St. George's Parish Hall Saturday, September 30, 1967. There were seven dealers on hand from Toronto, Warton, Clinton and Owen Sound. About 150 visitors viewed the display and attended the bourse tables. We've done it again! An anthropologist at a numismatic show? Twenty-five trays of coins and tokens were displayed and described. Prizes were distributed by the president J. Loughheed as follows: Best of Show, Mrs. L. Thompson, Toronto; Miscellaneous W. Thompson, Toronto; Centennial display Sr. Mrs. O. Huston, Owen Sound; Centennial display Jr. D. Huston, Owen Sound. Judges were J. Dietrich, Clinton and H. Jepherson, Owen Sound. Thirty guests attended a smorgasbord dinner at which F. Knechtel, an anthropologist from Hanover, was the guest speaker. Mr. Knechtel outlined the lives of the early Indians in this area. One thing emerged was that WAMPUM has so far not been found in this area. only beads so far have been unearthed which were used in trading.

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Sarnia Numismatic Society

Wednesday, Nov. 1, 1967
Canada Trust Building

October Meeting - Twenty-five members were present at this meeting to hear President Phil Pratt and Earl Davis tell of their trip to England when they visited the Royal Mint, took part in a Coin Show at Chelsea and viewed the English "Mini Skirts and Mod Look." No dull

moments when you belong to the Sarnia Numismatic Society. While at the Royal Mint, Phil and Earl viewed the dies of the following coinage of 1911: \$5. and \$10. Gold and the \$1. silver. The Dominion Government having decided to add a silver dollar to the coinage, purchased a new coin press for the express purpose of striking coins of this size. Dies for the new coinage were prepared by the die and medal department of the Royal Mint, London. Later, however, the Dominion authorities decided against the issue of a silver dollar at that time, and official proclamations determining the designs of the new coinage only provided for the silver in 50, 25, ten and five cent denominations, and the bronze one cent. The pattern dollar exhibited at Sherbrooke was struck by the Royal Mint, London, at the time that the dies were made. Another specimen appears in the Royal Mint Report for 1911. The British Museum does not have an example of this rare piece.

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Centennial Coin Show

Clarence McGee reported on the results of the Blue Water Centennial Coin Show held October 1 at the Village Inn. Fifty beautiful displays attracted much attention and made it quite difficult for the three judges to make their decisions. Special appreciation to all who took the time and effort to contribute to these displays which came not only from our own club but also from Thamesford, London, Detroit, Flint, Bay City and Port Huron. Coin collecting is fun and when you can see beautiful results of the collecting it gives an added incentive to improve your collections. The success of a coin show is dependent on the displays, the interest taken by the coin collectors, the integrity of the Bourse Dealers, and hard work on the part of the sponsoring club. The Blue Water Centennial Coin Show this year was bountifully blessed in these areas and consequently was a huge success.

November Meeting - Come and BE PREPARED for an open discussion on "Early Canadian Coins, Grading, Scarcity, etc."

Nominations will be held for 1968 Officers.

Four custodians needed for display in City Hall.

Regular Auction will be held.

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St. Catharines Coin Club

The St. Catharines Coin Club was honoured in having as the speaker at their 8th Annual Banquet, Major Sheldon S. Carroll, C. D., F. R. N. S., F. C. N. R. S., Curator of the Bank of Canada, Numismatic Section. His topic for the evening, "Project Bernhart", told of the counterfeiting of the English pound notes by the Nazis during the Second World War. He brought with him and displayed a set of these notes, one of the few known complete sets in the world. He also brought a genuine note for comparison. The banquet was held on Saturday, October 14, in St. Barnabas Church Hall on Queenston Street. One hundred and seventeen sat down for dinner. There were fifteen bourse dealers present from various Ontario centres providing an excellent selection of numismatic material.

One of the highlights of the show was the seventy displays entered, eight of these being entered by Junior members. The St. Catharines Club would like to thank the many out-of-town guests who entered displays and from the list of winners it can be seen they were very successful. The judges had many difficult decisions to make, but they are all well-qualified and were as follows: Head Judge-Bruce Brace, Ancaster, assisted by Stan Haroe, St. Catharines, Ricky Morse, John Regitko, Wayne Thompson and Dr. J. S. Wilkinson, all of Toronto.

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St. Thomas Numismatic Association - Meetw second Tuesday each month, Grace United Church, St. Thomas.

Meeting of Tuesday, October 10, 1967 at 7:30 p. m. - As a special feature we expect to have a speaker for this meeting, but we have not received any word at this time. There

will be a draw for a 1967 mint set p. 1. Also there will be free coffee and donuts. The Executive would like to request you, the junior members to attend our meetings, and also the members of the club, to bring a younger member or a beginner along. We would like to see them get started with the hobby and to study numismatics. Some of the members attended the London Numismatic Coin Show and a report will be given.

Coming event of interest - the Huron County Numismatic Society are holding their 6th Annual Coin Show, November 12, 1967 at the Elm Haven Motel at Clinton, Ontario, from 11:00 a. m. to 8:00 p. m.

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Windsor Coin Club

Windsor's third annual Coin Show proved a successful one. There were 16 Bourse dealers there, and a good showing of displays were on hand and were very well-presented, and showed that a great deal of thought had gone into them. The Best of Show Award went to Mr. A. N. Dinder of Sandusky, Ohio, for his gold display. The Grand door prize was won by Mr. Stan Baibak of Detroit. The rain on Sunday did not stop the steady stream of visitors coming into the show room.

The October meeting was small because of the inclement night, but 14 members were there and after the Show report was given by Jack Yocom. A discussion took place as to the advisability of a Spring Show. This will be decided upon at an Executive meeting soon. A talk on CROWNS OF THE COMMONWEALTH was given by Miss A. Watt and was sparked by a display of the Crowns.

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Woodstock Coin Club

The October meeting of the Woodstock Coin Club was held October 19, 1967, at Old St. Paul's Parish Hall, Woodstock, at 8:15 p. m., with 25 members present. Two new members, Gord Kozak and Thomas Birtch, both of Woodstock were accepted into the club. A talk on the subject of Coin Collectors and how they are related to coin collecting and coin clubs were given by Jack Griffin of Woodstock.

Next month the programme will be "A Visit to Expo '67". We are happy to pass on to you the information that our club also issued a centennial medal, the sales of which went extremely well, this is the third year in a row that our club has issued medals. Anyone wishing information on the purchase or trade of these medals particularly centennial medals may contact us at Woodstock Coin Club, P. O. Box 631, Woodstock, Ontario.

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MEMO TO JACK WALLACE of Kingston Coin Klub

Be sure to let me have a report on Project Brenda and if possible by the 25 - 29th of the month to ensure inclusion in the next issue.

COMING EVENTS

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| November 12 | Huron County Numismatic Society Sixth Annual Coin Exhibition, Elm Haven Motel, Clinton, Ont. From 11:00 a. m. to 8:00 p. m. |
| April 27, 1968 | The Huronia Numismatic Association (C.17) will be holding their Seventh Annual Coin Show on Saturday, April 27, 1968 at The Continental Inn, at the junction of Highway 400 and Dunlop St. East, Barrie, Ontario, from 12:00 noon until 11:00 p. m. All enquiries may be addressed to The Chairman, Box 243, Barrie, Ontario. |

IN LIGHTER VEIN

THE BEAUTY?

As a dedicated numismatist I belong to numerous organizations in Canada and the U. S. that cater to the hobby I so dearly love. Coupled with this fact is another of great importance to me, namely, that I am a bachelor and bachelors often daydream of beautiful women, and seductive girls. In reading the various numismatic newspapers for news of my pals, and coming events I'd often seen a girl's name mentioned in connection with coin club meetings, and coin shows. This always interests me as the males far outnumber the females in the hobby of collecting coins, and when you see a person's name on numerous occasions, it means that they are really a lot more wrapped up in the hobby.

Being a bachelor, I tried to imagine what this girl would look like ... how she dressed ... if she was fat or thin ... young or old ... and why she hadn't married, (the word "Mrs." was never mentioned with her name.)

Eventually, I started looking for her at the various coin shows that I attended but, being a shy fellow, I never made any inquiry, or any bold advance towards the ladies that attended the same shows.

At least two years passed, and I began to think that fate ruled that I was never to meet the girl with the same interests as myself. And then, came the O. N. A. - C. N. E. Coin Show for 1967, and I was asked to enter some of my displays for the public to view. On the evening that we were to set up our displays, I arrived at the C. N. E. and greeted my fellow O. N. A. members ... set up my displays ... and started chatting to our President Bill English, who asked me if I would like to meet the new editor of the Ontario Numismatist .. Pat Lambert. I tried to look nonchalant - here was the name I'd been following in the paper .. here was my own daydream .. now my curiosity was to be sated .. and I turned to meet ... Mr. Pat Lambert ... just how foolish can a daydreaming bachelor get????

Ricky Morse.

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EX LIBRIS

Although the attendance at some clubs has fallen off somewhat, other clubs and organizations report an increase in beginner-collectors, and it is for this new group of enthusiasts that this extract is chosen. The book is "The Teach Yourself Guide to Numismatics" by C. C. Chamberlain, donated to the Library by A. L. Munro.

".... Every coin has its setting, its historical background; it has links with the religion, the art, the literature of the period ... It was in Ancient Greece that coins began; it was there that they achieved perfection. Yet, when we consider some two thousand cities in the Grecian Empire issued their own coins, and most of these cities struck a great number of differing types in the course of the ages, we realize it needs not one book but a library to deal adequately with such a vast study. In the case of the Roman Empire, the study of her coins must bulk large because of their historical importance. It is on the foundation of Roman currency that our currency today is based. Finally, in a book intended for the English speaking peoples, interest demands great and imposing corpus of continental coinage has had to be by-passed for the most part, whilst the tangled intricacies of Oriental coinage have been barely touched upon. These and similar fields of study are for the advanced numismatist, and for such this book is not intended. For the sake of quick reference, the information has been set out in alphabetical order, and cross references, often indicated by italics, have helped in saving space.

The fascination of collecting coins is at least as old as the Roman Empire. From a curious reference in the Life of Augustus by Suetonius (c.75) we learn that the Romans of that time prized their own antique coins and valued those of foreign nations. Amongst the earliest known collectors of Europe is Pope Boniface VIII (1294-1303), well-known to us from Dante's poem. Petrarch (1304-74) was an ardent collector. During the Renaissance, numbers of Italian Princes and Grandees amassed cabinets of Roman, and later Greek coins. Where original rarities were lacking the local medallist with his "Paduans" filled up the gaps. Alfonso, King of Naples, was perhaps the greatest collector of the time; he is the first known specialist: he specialized in the coins of Julius Caesar and

the Julian family. Numismatics in those days meant the study of Greek and Roman coins, or "medals" as they were indiscriminately termed. Mediaeval coins were looked upon as "Gothic" barbarisms.

The first mention of an English collection is in a will dated 1552, that of Edward Beaumont of Oxford. The Stewarts were great collectors of works of art, amongst which their coin collections held high place. Prince Henry, son of James I, left behind him the valuable collection of coins and medals his father had started for him. This royal collection was greatly increased by Charles I, but the whole was seized and dispersed by the iconoclastic Puritans. Amongst other famous collectors were the Duke of Buckingham, Sir Henry Cotton the bibliophile, William Camden the antiquary, Henry Hyde, 2nd. Earl of Clarendon, and John Evelyn the diarist. The famous Pembroke collection, formed by Thomas Herbert, Earl of Pembroke, was the first to give English numismatics an equal honour to that previously given to the coins of Greece and Rome. In France, Louis XIV (1638-1715) was so keen a collector that he never passed a day without viewing some portion of his treasures.

The vast collection now contained in the British museum began by various bequests in the eighteenth century; early in the nineteenth century it was enriched by the acquisition of the royal collection. Glasgow University in 1783 acquired the large and valuable collection formed by the famous surgeon, William Hunter.

(To be concluded in December issue)

FIN. LE: The pencil is just about run out of lead

The typewriter ribbon is about in shreds as we put this bulletin to bed. A big Thank You to all the clubs who sent in so much material The red pencil is worn out ... To Hazel Munro for her timely article To Ricky Morse - Thank you for nothin'. "I ain't no dame" To Lloyd Smith - Thank you, Lloyd, for an excellent article which will be concluded in the next bulletin.

Memo to Alex Munro -- Please have an article for the January issue.

Lastly -- I hope our good friend, the "typist-consolidator," won't be too "Mad" at this long, I hope, interesting bulletin.

Editorially yours,

Fat Lambert.