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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

With the end of another exciting year in Canadian Numismatics we wish to extend a warm Season's Greeting for the coming year.

Centennial year has been eventful with many medals struck for the occasion. The Royal Canadian Mint expanded its services to include a \$20.00 gold presentation set, in a proof striking. It also struck a special medallion which was available singly or in a special presentation set. The regular proof-like sets rounded out the centennial project of the Ottawa Mint.

The designs although controversial at first, seemed to gain favour as the year wore on and now we are a little sorry to see them go. They won't really be gone though, because the year 1967 will be struck in silver, nickel, copper and gold to live on for future numismatists around the world.

The Bank of Canada issued a centennial dollar bill that had the dates 1867 - 1967 instead of the usual serial numbers found on the rest of the denominations for this year.

We, in the hobby, can thank the Royal Canadian Mint, the Bank of Canada and the many people across the country for a full numismatic awareness, that is bringing many new collectors into the fold.

Merry Christmas - Happy New Year and good hunting in 1968.

Bill English, President

BUILDING A NUMISMATIC COLLECTION

by Lloyd T. Smith

Conclusion

One might say that I started from scratch as I then owned only three gold coins, a Newfoundland two-dollar, an English half-sovereign and a badly scratched Canadian Ten-dollars.

Just as an army or detective force must plan strategy

before entering the field or chase, I too bought books on gold, read and clipped newspaper items, listed sources of supply such as dealers and auctions.

My homework had proven that too often, prices were based on apparent scarcity rather than relative scarcity, a subtle difference between popular belief and the actual combination of supply and demand. Once, the knock of opportunity came in the form of an auction catalogue that had been delayed because of a printers' strike. With the apology and explanation was a request that I forward my bids by air mail as the deadline was only about four days hence. The result? Thirty-six gold coins out of about fifty bids and all at one third to one half of estimated value.

A similar incident occurred about one year later when a fairly large coin company declared bankruptcy and about two hundred gold coins were listed in the liquidation auction. My bids were successful on twelve lots, but as I was the sole bidder on foreign gold (most lots were U. S. A.), I was offered the remaining lots at an even lower price because they had received no bids and must be sold.

Having a wealth of duplicate material from my previous decimal collection and other investment material gave me some nice bargaining material for trading purposes. Here, because I knew that the original cost of my duplicates was lower than prevailing rates. I could give good value as trade for gold coins and both parties could be well satisfied. One must never overlook the small club auctions, the treasure troves or keepsake boxes of non-collectors as possible sources of interesting and sometimes valuable pieces.

Your collection, whatever it may be, can become just as nice as any of the beautiful exhibits you see at the shows if you will take the time to develop it and study your numismatics. Success is only one per cent luck and ninety-nine per cent hard work. When opportunity knocks on your door, the luck is in recognizing it, following through is foresight and wisdom.

(Editor's comments - Thanks, Lloyd, for an excellent article)

EX LIBRIS

Conclusion - November issue

Concerning the question whether it is better for coins to be gathered together in museums, under glass cases, where only students can handle them and study them closely, or whether it is better for them to circulate freely for the benefit of private collectors,

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there is much to commend and condemn on both sides. The plea for the private collector has perhaps been put most eloquently in the will of Edmond de Goncourt:-

"My wish is that my drawings, my prints, my curiosities, my books, those objects of art which have been the joy of my life - shall not be consigned to the cold tomb of a museum, and so laid out to the foolish glancing of the careless passer-by; but I will that all shall be dispersed by the hammer of the auctioneer, so that the pleasure which the acquiring of each one of them has given me shall be given once again, in every case, to some one, the inheritor of my own tastes."

In forming a collection of coins there are two golden rules to remember:

(i) Avoid diffusion: you cannot study your coins properly unless they are marshalled methodically in serried ranks, for there is no pleasure in looking at a trayful of jumbled coins, old mixed with new, East confused with West, etc.

(ii) See that all your pieces are in fine condition: remember that a coin catalogued at £5 in superb condition is worth a bare half-crown if badly worn, defaced, illegible. Moreover, one shabby specimen in a tray of otherwise presentable coins is like a poor relation at a party - it sheds a gloom around!

(The following are some definitions from Mr. Chamberlain's Book. Lib.)

Aes Grave: (heavy bronze) The earliest form of the as, weighing 1 lb., hence it was also known as the as libralis. The weight of the metal represented a real and not a token value.

Anchor Money: Small silver coins, struck in 1820 and 1822, for use in Mauritius and other British colonies. One-half, one-quarter, one-eighth and one-sixteenth of a dollar were issued. The reverse shows an anchor crowned.

Brockage: (allied to breakage) A coin imperfectly struck, applied especially to a coin struck on one side only. This is usually caused by a coin jamming in the die, thus interfering with the impression of succeeding coins.

Chop-marks: (Hind. chhap. an official mark on weights and measures; a customs-house stamp or seal showing duty paid) Up to recent times, the native merchants of Hong Kong and other South China ports impressed their private marks on all the dollars that passed through their hands, as a guarantee of genuineness. Such marks are known as "chop-marks", and a coin so marked is called a "chopped" coin. An unchopped dollar is known as a "clean" dollar.

George Noble: English gold coin of the reign of Henry VIII, and worth at the time 6/8d. On the reverse, St. George slaying the dragon, on the obverse, a ship with a Tudor Rose and large cross, and above, the initials H. K. (Henry and Katherine of Aragon). The coin is extremely rare; of the half-George noble, only one specimen is known.

Ghost Penny; Ghosting: English pennies of the first issue of George V (struck 1911-27) are popularly known as "ghost" pennies. They were of such poor workmanship that the obverse usually showed through on the reverse. Such phenomenon is known as "ghosting".

Gresham's Law: (from Gresham, a former English Master of the Mint and not, as is often supposed, from Sir Thos. Gresham). An axiom in economics that inferior money tends to drive superior money out of circulation, or in other words, "Bad money drives out good".
(Librarian's note:- It is believed that Copernicus the astronomer expounded this theory originally, although Mr. Chamberlain does not mention this in his book.)

NOTES FROM YOUR EDITOR

1968 Convention - Due to the unfortunate fire at Prudhomme's Garden Centre, St. Catharines could not confirm their invitation to us for holding the 1968 Convention at St. Catharines. Not having received confirmation from Toronto who thought they could "fill the gap" so to speak, we now ask any of our Coin Clubs in Ontario, if they would like to hold the "O. N. A. Convention 1968" in their town or city. PLEASE, if you have the facilities and some good hard workers, we would be "GLAD TO COME." Time is of the essence. May we hear from you early?

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Medals -

Last call for 1967 O. N. A. Convention Medals. 1967 medals are nearly all sold - please get your orders in soon - some are already out of stock - so there may be a delay in shipping until further orders from the medal supplier are received. January 31, 1968 will be the cut-off date.

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AWARD OF MERIT -

Nominations for Award of Merit for 1968 are now requested. Don't forget you must know someone who has helped build Numismatics over the years who YOU feel deserves public recognition. Please send us YOUR nominations NOW. It will help your committee if these are in early.

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MEMBERSHIP DUES!

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"Now is the time for all good members to come to the aid of the Association." No, you don't have to type this. Just send along your dues, N O W.

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AUDIO VISUAL -

Presentations are to be insured for \$50.00 instead of the former \$100.00, when returning them - Thanks - If any Club has any slides or tapes, etc. still on hand will they return them immediately as we are in constant need to ship them to other clubs. Thanks.

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The post of Display Case Service Director will be left vacant by the resignation of Frank Uttley. Until we can get a replacement there may be a temporary suspension of this service. It is important that this service be continued. Frank will assist anyone who is willing to take over this necessary position. We are looking for a volunteer. Can you help?

We have had another position left vacant by the transfer of our Secretary, Keith Middleton. We are sorry to see Keith go, but we are pleased that he is also getting a promotion and will be located at the main office in Winnipeg. We also extend our sympathy to Keith in the loss of his mother in October.

I firmly believe that any local club could adopt the idea of "Project Brenda" and conduct a successful programme with only a small effort on the part of each member, as for the part coin club members are serious and sincere people with compassion for those less fortunate than themselves. I dare hope that in the near future Project Brenda will be a familiar topic of conversation and have the support of all collectors wherever they may gather. This is a brief report written in a hurry to meet the Editor's deadline. Anyone desiring further information, please write, Jack Wallace,
203 University Avenue
Kingston, Ontario

The Executive of the C.N.V.C.A. and the Director of Project Brenda wish to express their thanks to the O.N.A. and especially to Pat Lambert, Editor of the Ontario Numismatist for the kind words about the Project, as well as donations of numismatic material from the following:

Bob Shillingworth	- dealer	- Central Coin Club
Eric Miller	- dealer	- Central Coin Club
Ricky Morse	- member	- Central Coin Club
George Moulton	- member	- Kingston Coin Klub
Eileen Caunce	- member	- Richmond Hill Coin Club
Wes Stark	- member	- Central Coin Club

NEWS FROM ONTARIO COIN CLUBS

STURGEON COIN CLUB

December Newsletter

Next meeting - December 10, 1967 - Election 1968 Executive
Theme: Christmas Silver Dollar Tree

Twenty-eight club members and four guests were in attendance at our November monthly meeting. Club President, Bill Sutor, welcomes one and all to what turned out to be an interesting and informative evening. Our guest speaker, Mrs. Norcen Fear, gave an illustrated talk on the hobby of Lapidary. She has been able to combine this hobby with a second one, namely camping. She has been able to pursue this particular hobby to a notable conclusion; decorative costume jewellery is one of the end results of this hobby. A second result, is the ever-widening circle of friends, and a mutual subject of conversation. Our speaker was introduced by Ernie Lightle and thanked by John Borchina. A nominating committee of three members of our club, namely Bill Sutor, Walter Griggs and John Borchina were authorized to bring to our December meeting a proposed slate of officers for the coming year. Further nominations can be made at our December meeting. At our December monthly meeting last year the club held a Christmas party with a Silver Dollar Draw from the Christmas Tree. This idea will be followed up again this year. A special lunch will be served under the chairmanship of Mrs. Bernice Wilkinson and other lady members of our club. Tom Savory has promised the members a most pleasant surprise, a new innovation to our membership. Finally, we have asked before, and we ask again, for any ideas or suggestions for the betterment of our club. We want suggestions, and can take any constructive criticism. Be active in your Club! As this is our December Bulletin, may I wish one and all Season's Greetings.

Ernie Lightle, Editor.

GREEN CITY COIN CLUB NEWS

The November meeting was held as usual at the Canadian Corps Hall, 17 Gale Crescent on Sunday afternoon, November 19, at 1:30 p. m. The absence of a bulletin in October was due to our Annual Banquet and Exhibition which was a big success. The "A" for effort goes to those few who spent many hours of preparation to insure our club of at least something even. Our Annual Banquet and Exhibition showed a nice profit. Comment on same was voiced at the November meeting. As a side comment, 115 people sat down at the banquet and as many enjoyed the auction which followed. We wish to mention that Victor Johnson published an excellent bulletin in September while our Editor was

vacationing. Mark is one of our Junior Club members. Displays at our November meeting were the last judged on our points system for this current year. There was a very interesting Quiz by Vic Snell during the afternoon. These are much enjoyed by all and certainly shows up our knowledge of Numismatics in general. Oh, one thing more -- our St. Catharines Coin Club Centennial Medallions will be available from now on. There were only 375 bronze medallions struck so anyone wishing one get in touch with our club.

HURONIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

Monthly meeting - Third Thursday

Seventh Annual Coin Show -- Saturday, April 27, 1968

November Newsletter - The next meeting of the Huronia Numismatic Association will be held on Thursday, November 16, 1967 at the Loyal True Blue Hall, High Street, Barrie, Ontario at 7:30 p. m. There will be a panel discussion on displaying at our Annual Coin Shows, and any questions you may have on judging or method of displaying will be answered by the panel. Your Editor and his family were on a trip to Expo this summer and acted as chaperones for a group of young people at a camp specially set up for this purpose. We took many pictures and the Executive at our last executive meeting thought these pictures would be enjoyed by our members. This lot of slides includes the camp as well as Expo itself. They will be shown after the business portion of the next meeting. Don't forget a donation to the club's coin display. Fifty cent or crown size coins are needed and this display will be given away as a prize at our annual coin show. Our door draw this month will be for the new type coin magnifying glass - batteries included. There will be a door charge of 25 cents to ALL members and guests over 16 years of age for this prize.

INGERSOLL COIN CLUB BULLETIN

The October Meeting - The regular monthly meeting on Monday, 16th was attended by 18 members and guests who enjoyed a talk and display by George Gray on "Medals on my Collections". Many agricultural medals that were unknown by the majority of the members were shown. His talk covered several medals and was of great interest to medal collectors in the club, drawing to their attention some of the lesser known medals as well as reviewing many of the medals of today. This meeting also attempted to nominate the slate of officers for the 1968 season, however failing to succeed it was left for the executive to complete this necessary task, the results of this executive meeting will be found after the listing of the November meeting. The Lucky draw prizes were a silver dollar won by Barbara Macnab and a Doon Village lucky token won by George Gray. The meeting concluded with an auction, Ralph Atkinson was auctioneer. The November meeting was on Monday, November 20 at which an audio visual from the C. N. A. Library on Trade Tokens of the Yukon was seen. This is a production of the Vancouver Numismatic Society. The date of the December meeting has been brought forward to December 6th to avoid the Christmas rush. We hope it will be a bumper meeting to finish this centennial year. The Y. M. C. A. Hobby Show held on November 10 and 11 was a tremendous success. The Coin Club participated by having a display and also by presenting prizes to the Junior contestants.

WHEATSTONE COIN CLUB

The Executive has asked Ricky Morse to hold a "Coin Quiz" at the next meeting with total participation from all members, dealers and executive. This has proved to make a very interesting meeting, and was very popular when undertaken some months previously.

CENTRAL COIN CLUB

At the last meeting of the Central Coin Club the speaker was John Regitko speaking on "Why I Collect Errors and Varieties". The club has a speaker every meeting with a different subject each time, and from the rounds of applause both the subjects and the speakers must be good. The Central Coin Club meets every Monday night at 8:00 p. m. on the second floor of 433 Yonge Street, just south of College Street in Toronto. We welcome visitors at any meeting.

OSHAWA COIN CLUB

November will see the new Executive nominated for 1968 as announced at the October meeting. The club, (often called "Canada's most Friendly Coin Club) hold their regular meetings on the fourth Sunday of every month in the Steelworker's Hall on Albert Street in Oshawa. Free coffee ... free doughnuts ... free bourse-tables and friendly good-fellowship are all part of the Oshawa Coin Club scene.

THE TRANSPORTATION TICKET AND TOKEN SHOW

This was held on November 4, 1967 and was perhaps the most educational numismatic show of the year ... with a huge roomful of transportation displays ... covering every section of the theme ... many of which had never been shown previously. American visitors from the American Numismatic Association were present, and expressed their pleasure with both the show, and the amazing number of displays. Both door prizes and raffle prizes were freely given out ... with Gordon Vansom winning the latest copy of Atwoods Catalogue. Transportation Ticket and Token Show results:

First Place and Best of Show - Ricky Morse
Second Place - Alan Weighell
Third Place - Wayne Thompson

KINGSTON KOIN KLUB CENTENNIAL SHOW

The Kingston Koin Klub reports a very successful show in every way with a large roomful of displays ... a most enjoyable banquet ... followed by C.N.V.C.A. Regional Director for the Province of Ontario, Ricky Morse, as the guest speaker. His subject was "Numismatic Displaying" with the theme of "goodfellowship in Numismatics". Jack Wallace and Ricky Morse brought Brenda Villeneuve, (of Project Brenda fame), from the hospital to the show in the afternoon, and, in her own words ... "I wish today would never end." Brenda was made a guest at the banquet, and later drew the tickets on the Lucky Draw. Fred Steele, editor of the club's bulletin, received a Gold Parker Pen from Ricky Morse in appreciation of his work for the club, and the hobby in general. Display Prize Winners: First: Ricky Morse, Second: Charles Miller, Third: Ricky Morse. Charles Miller also won a First in the other category and Allan Rickey won a prize with a display on J. F. Kennedy.

NIAGARA FALLS COIN CLUB

Meeting of November 8, 1967

One of the topics our President, Mr. Lloyd Hottot, spoke about was our gavel of which we are very proud. The gavel itself was made by Mr. George Sinclair of Niagara Falls, and was made from an Oak tree that stood at the corner of Lundy's Lane and Drummond Road. This same tree, when it was cut up after falling over was found to contain musket balls from the 1812 War. Ours is one of only three that Mr. Sinclair made and ours is the only one to have a striker plate. The striker plate was made this summer, just before Mr. Sinclair passed away. The new executive for the 1967 - 1968 term was elected. They are as follows:

President	- Mr. Lloyd Hottot	Directors	- Mrs. H. Tompkins
Vice-president	- Mr. Kenneth Sanderson		Mr. John Hughes
Secretary	- Mrs. Shirley Colley		Mr. Klaus Mueller
Treasurer	- Mrs. O. L. Daley		Mrs. Francis

Our guest for the evening was Mr. Pat Lambert, our district O. N. A. representative, who explained the workings of the O. N. A. to those who did not know and also what was available to us as a club. The door prize was won by Mr. Pete Kostyk and was a 1967 mint set. After the meeting was over, there was a very good auction which had a good supply of material, including a number of silver dollars. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 13th.

Mrs. Shirley Colley, Secretary.

OAKVILLE COIN CLUB

At the November meeting of the Oakville Coin Club slides will be shown. These are on Canadian half dollars and foreign coins. Some important questions regarding the club for 1968 will be answered. The lucky draw prize will be a 1965 prooflike set, and a junior draw will also be held. The auction will conclude the meeting. Members are to bring their displays and coins for the auction.

Falk Becker, Editor.

PORT CREDIT COIN CLUB

Member of the Ontario Numismatic Association

Director-Editor: Mr. D. A. Gordon
3064 Jaguar Valley Drive,
Apt. 208, Cooksville, Ontario.

Our only meeting in December will be our Christmas Party, which will be held Tuesday, December 12, at 8:30 p. m. sharp. We have a very full evening planned, so plan to get there early. We have several guest speakers and quite a number of invited guests.

Mr. A. Munro will judge our members' coin displays. A number of the invited guests will be displaying parts of their collections. I think that all our members should be very interested. Don't forget this is the evening we will draw for the "gold set". Speaking of the gold set, will the holders of ticket numbers 92, 93, 94, 95, 96 and 100 please contact either myself or any member of the executive prior to the draw.

As promised in our October news bulletin, the following are the prices realized from the C. N. A. Convention auction (lots as listed in our bulletin)

<u>Lot Number</u>	<u>Realized Price</u>
335	\$750.00
1144	455.00
1527	365.00
1513	500.00
1538	480.00
1556	6,400.00
1625	500.00
1633	290.00
2006	136.50

FRESTON COIN CLUB - Meetings every fourth Monday in Anglican Church Parish Hall, Preston

Our Seventh birthday meeting was held November 27, 1967 with President, Mrs. Guenther, welcoming the members and guests with a twenty-five cent present. Our first door prize comprising a 1967 Mint Set was won by Mr. John Stuart. The second door prize a 1967 Centennial Set was won by Mrs. Bennett. The donation prize of a Christmas pudding was won by Mr. Howard Jenkins and a box of shortbread cookies was won by Mr. Joe Zajac. On a motion by Mrs. Guenther and seconded by Mr. Bill Willsman our \$10.00 renewal membership in the Ontario Numismatic Association is to be sent in. The O. N. A. slide set entitled "Canadian Coin Quiz Part 1" was projected by Mr. Ed Beckett with narrative read by Mr. Bill Wellsman. A lunch consisting of sandwiches, coffee and a birthday cake was provided. There will not be a meeting in December and seasons greetings were extended to all. Next meeting will be Monday, January 22, 1968. Memberships for 1968 are now due and available from Mrs. Kurt.

Ed Beckett, Secretary.

RICHMOND HILL COIN CLUB Date to remember: Wednesday, November 22, 1967
Regular Club meeting - Legion Court
Yonge Street North, Richmond Hill, Ontario
Doors open 7:00 p. m. - Meeting starts 8:00 p.m.

Last Meeting - The last meeting was held on Wednesday, October 18th. Regarding our meeting nights: it was necessary to have the meeting night changed last month because of the

election being held on that day and the Legion is not open on election nights. An error was made by the Legion officials, and consequently we had to take a Wednesday night again this month. We shall do our best to have this situation rectified before the December (Christmas Party) meeting. Please be sure to attend the November meeting for details about the big Party.

Twenty-seven members and four guests heard Mr. Robert Aaron's talk, with very picturesque slides as a complement, of his recent tour of Europe and with particular emphasis on his visits to many of the mints located there. I'm sure that all in attendance learned many things from Bob's talk and it was certainly a privilege for him to take time from his busy schedule to show his slides and talk to us. Also at the last meeting, a new twist was added to the auction through the ingenuity and generosity of member Bob Geer. He donated to the Club, ten lots to be auctioned off as "Grab Bags" and the bidder didn't know until the completion of the auctioneering of the lots, what exactly he had bought. The club profited by this gesture and the members present had fun bidding. Let's see some more ideas like this to help the Club. The executive has decided that the membership books of the Club should run for a calendar year, thus the 1967 memberships terminate as of December 31, 1967. You can get your 1968 membership at this meeting or in December, but after the New Year, the bulletin will be mailed only to those holding the 1968 membership card. Act now -- before it slips your mind.

Ivan Coles, Editor.

SARONIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

November meeting - There were 22 members present. An open discussion on Grading of George V Coinage was led by President Phill Pratt and enthusiastically participated in by all the members present. The minutes of the September and October meetings were read and approved. Mrs. Bea Schieman reported on the Blue Water International Coin Show and there was a new member enrolled: #178 Wallace Child, 2703 Garfield Street, Port Huron. Appointments for Custodians of the Centennial Display in City Hall were made and nominations for the 1968 officers were received and further nominations will be received at the December meeting.

ST. THOMAS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

Meeting Tuesday, November 14, 1967 at 7:30 p. m.

Special feature of the evening was the election. The first part of the evening will consist mainly of the election of officers for the 1968 season. It is hoped that everyone will be present to help elect the candidates to the various positions. At the last meeting it was decided to meet in the smaller room down the hall of the church. There will be two draws of a Bronze S-T-C-I- Medallion and a free door prize of THE BIG NICKEL. It is time again to think of renewing your membership with the club. We want to start early so we can fulfil our promise of this year to get 100 members by 1968. If you all pitch in and bring a friend along, we may do it as yet.

MEMO TO THE FOLLOWING COIN CLUB SECRETARIES

Hamilton Coin Club
Oakville Coin Club
Ingersoll Coin Club
Huronian Numismatic Association

Please Note- Your club news material is coming in a month late. It is going to Mrs. Claudia Pelkey who sends it to your President who sends it to me. By this time it is too late for the current bulletin. Please send it direct to me so I can keep YOUR club up to date in its news items, thanks.

The Editor.

THE CONVICT

Most well-managed coin clubs try to have an interesting meeting, with good speakers who truly have a knowledge on the subject upon which they are talking, and this keeps the Program Director "on his toes" trying to fill each meeting with a speaker that will meet with everyone's approval.

Our Program Director had announced the coming of a "surprise Speaker" who was an "expert" in his field. Many members wondered just which of the usual group of speakers this coming guest had been selected from, and many were the guesses on what his subject would entail.

Finally, the evening for our "surprise Speaker" arrived to find the audience larger than usual with numerous guests in attendance. The President introduced the Program Director, who, in turn, would introduce the Speaker of the evening. Previously, we had all looked around for some well-known person that we'd either heard or heard-of in the past.

Then we heard the words: "Ladies and Gentlemen. I have promised you Speaker tonight who is an expert in his field ... and this man is an expert. He was a convict ... but, he has paid for his crimes. His specialty was robbing the coin collectors. He will now tell you how he did it, and what you should guard against so that you won't come home some evening to find you've had "Visitors."

The slim, well-dressed man began to speak ... with an English accent, and I watched the people in the crowd ... especially those of English extraction to see their reaction to this honoured Speaker. Everyone looked uncomfortable ... some with "longer" faces than others ... as he outlined his adventures.

At the end of the speech the Program Director admitted to the people that the whole thing was a hoax, and that the guest Speaker was only a fellow worker in the same company as himself. This was followed by laughter and much applause (as well as many sighs of relief from both dealers and collectors alike). We shall always remember the night a "convict" spoke to us.

(Sent in by R. M. #592)

COMING EVENTS

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 Street East, Barrie, Ontario, from 12:00 noon until 11:00 p. m. All enquiries may be addressed to the Chairman, Box 243, Barrie, Ontario.

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..... Here it is again ... another bulletin ready to be "put to bed" as our newspaper friends say (no, Lambert is not getting any "big" literary ideas!) ... another large bulletin, thanks to so many of you kind folks from all over the province and beyond, who so faithfully send us the material ... To Ernie, Ricky, Cy, Les, Shirley, Falk, Ed., D. A. G., Ivan, Lloyd, etc., etc. a big sincere thank you .. To Ex Libris editor, to President Bill -- a hearty vote of thanks for your co-operation in making our "job" a whole lot easier .. it only remains for me to wish, to one and ALL,

A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year

From all at Our House to all at Your House
So long until January, 1968. "Ye Ed."