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The New British Decimal Coins

By the Deputy Master & Comptroller,
Royal Mint, London, England.

Britain will decimalize its currency on 15th February 1971 (Decimal Day), making a break from the present system of pounds, shillings and pence which has been in use for over 1,000 years.

The new currency will still be based on the pound, but it will be divided into 100 new pennies, and the term "shilling" will disappear.

The new coins will be:-

<u>Denomination</u>	<u>Metal</u>	<u>Reverse Design</u>	<u>Diameter</u>
½p	Bronze	Crowned numeral	1.7145cms
1p	Bronze	Crowned portcullis	2.032cms.
2p	Bronze	Prince of Wales Feathers	2.591cms
5p	Cupro-nickel	Crowned Thistle (same size as shilling)	2.3595cms
10p	Cupro-nickel	Crowned Lion (same size as florin)	2.85 cms.
50p	Cupro-nickel	(Design to be announced)	3.00 cms.

The 5p and 10p are already in use and are being issued instead of shillings and florins. The 50p will probably be issued in October 1969 when it will replace the ten shilling note. This means that three of the six decimal coins will already be familiar before D Day. The 50p will be in the shape of an "equilateral curve heptagon", which is a recognised geometric figure with the important quality of constant breadth. This will be the first time that a shape of this kind has been used for a coin, and it has been adopted so that it can be clearly distinguished from the 10p.

The obverse design of all the coins is by Mr. Arnold Machin. In accordance with the tradition dating back to the 17th century by which successive Monarchs face in opposite directions, the portrait continues to show The Queen facing to the right. Also in accordance with tradition, Her Majesty is shown in profile; full-faced and three-quarter-face portraits last appeared on the English coinage in the reigns of Henry VIII and Edward VI.

The reverse designs are by Mr. Christopher Ironside, and although new in style, mostly have a long numismatic ancestry. The following is a full description.

Ten new pence

Part of the crest of England.
A lion passant guardant royally crowned. This design may also be described as part of the crest of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Five new pence

The badge of Scotland. A thistle royally crowned.

Two new pence

The badge of The Prince of Wales
Three ostrich feathers enfiling a coronet of crosses pattee and fleurs de lys with the motto ICH DIEN.

New penny

A portcullis with chains royally crowned, originally a badge of King Henry VII. In modern times it has been particularly associated with the Palace of Westminster and is used extensively as a badge connected with Parliament.

New halfpenny

The Royal Crown.

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Membership in the Ontario Numismatic Association is a privilege extended to those persons and organizations deemed worthy thereof and is not a matter of right. Such membership can be maintained only until the Executive determines that the conduct of a member has been such that, in the best interest of the Association, his membership should be terminated.

For the guidance of its members, this Code of Ethics has been duly adopted by the Executive under the authority vested in it by the by-laws of the Association. A breach thereof by any member reflects, directly or indirectly, upon all other members. Such a breach, therefore, by any member shall be considered conduct prejudicial to the welfare of the Association and cause for action by the Executive.

The by-laws of the Association shall include:

10. Code of Ethics

As a member of the Ontario Numismatic Association a member:

Agrees to support and be governed by the by-laws of the Association and such rules, policies and regulations as may be in force from time to time;

Agrees to conduct himself so as to bring no reproach or discredit to the Association, or impair the prestige of membership therein;

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Agrees to give aid to members in quest for numismatic knowledge.

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DO YOU KNOW --

Which is the only Canadian nickel on which the beaver can be clearly seen to have two wrists?

Which large cent struck at Heaton's Mint bears an obverse legend in English, yet has no mint mark?

Look for answers on back page!

CLUB NEWS

The Ottawa Coin Club, at their last meeting was treated to the unexpected pleasure of viewing Guy Potter's Unc. specimens of the 1861 - ½ cents of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

The Champlain Coin Club reports that the Woodville banquet was a great success with many good buys in excellent coins. The O.N.A. President, Mr. William English gave an interesting talk on counterfeit money.

The Annual Coin Show and Banquet of the Victoria-Simcoe Numismatic Association provided a feast fit for a king not only in the excellent turkey dinner provided but also in the coins on display for sale and trade and in the guest speaker who, . was Mr. English.

London Numismatic Association, at their last meeting, were treated to a set of slides on "Coins of the Roman Republic" with narration on tape by Graham Esler, and a display of a number of Roman coins of the period.

Sarnia Numismatic Society tells us of the honour conferred on one of their persons, F. G. Robertson, who was endowed with the PRIORY VOTE OF THANKS when Prime Minister John P. Robarts became a Knight of the Order of St. John in the Great Hall at Hart House in Toronto.

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A NOTE FROM AREA # 7 DIRECTOR - CHARLES MILLER

At one of the very few directors meetings I was able to attend, the question came up of how to get more of the members to attend our monthly meetings so we have tried a little stunt and it has paid off in our attendance. Our secretary sends a notice to all of the members reminding them of the time and date of our next meeting and each member is told to be sure and fetch this card with him and turn it in at the table where we also give a ticket for 25¢ which is for a prize. This works, our first meeting was doubled in attendance and each one since has been well attended. It makes it worthwhile to see 40 or so members instead of 18 or 20.

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Get well soon, Charlie, and don't forget your promise to give us an article for the Bulletin---Ye Ed.

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EX LIBRIS

By Hazel Munro

This month's selection is an excerpt on Gibraltar, taken from F. Fridmore's "The Coins of the British Commonwealth of Nations" donated to the O.N.A. Library by Spink & Son Ltd., England.

GIBRALTAR

Arms:- Azure, between two pillars a castle argent, masoned sable, from the gate a golden Key pendent.

Motto:- Plus Ultra - More Beyond.

The arms published by the Admiralty for use upon the Union Flag by the Governor are:-

Arms:- Gules, a triple towered castle proper, and suspended by a chain from the gateway, a Key.

Motto:- Mantis Insignia Calpe - Seal of Mount Calpe.

Note:- The Gibraltar Coat of Arms with the castle with a golden key pendent was granted by the Spanish Queen Isabella (1474-1504).

History:- A crown Colony, naval base and fortress occupying a rocky promontory near the extreme south of Spain. Known in ancient times

as Mount Calpe, it was one of the Pillars of Hercules. The other pillar was Mount Abyla lying across the Straits near Ceuta in Spanish Morocco. Calpe was captured in A.D. 711 by the Moorish leader Tarik ibn Zeyed, who renamed the place Gebel Tarik (The Hill of Tarik). From this name is derived the modern Gibraltar. The Moors were driven out of Spain in 1462. Gibraltar was captured from Spain by Sir George Rooke in 1704 and has remained in British hands ever since.

Coinage and Currency.

The early currency after the acquisition was the Spanish gold doubloon, the silver dollar, and Spanish copper coins. British sterling was a money of account only. In January, 1815, due to the difficulty in making small payments, the Governor recommended to the Secretary of State for the Colonies that the Royal Mint should strike a silver coinage for local use. This coinage was to consist of two denominations, a Two Reals and One Real piece, passing current at 9d and 4½d sterling respectively. No action was taken by the Home Authorities to comply with this request.

Owing to currency difficulties in general throughout all British Colonies during the early years of the 19th century, the Home Government attempted to force the Colonies to use the sterling system. In Gibraltar in 1825, British sterling was ordered to be the money of account and the legal tender for payment. Spanish coins were declared current only as the equivalent of sterling money at the rate of 4s.4d. each Spanish dollar.

British copper coins introduced into the Colony by this order resulted in confusion. Due to its size, the British farthing was adopted by the local merchants as the equivalent of a Spanish copper cuarto. The Penny thus passed current at 4 cuartos. 192 cuartos went to the Spanish dollar and at this rate of exchange, 48 pence only were given for a Dollar which by an order in Council was to pass for 4s4d. or 52 pence.

In 1841 an attempt was made to rectify this anomaly. The Governor requested a local copper coinage of English minting denominated in Quarts. A small supply of copper coins was sent out in 1842 consisting of three values: 2 quarts, 1 quart and a ½ quart. No special order was deemed necessary to bring these coins into circulation. They were issued by the Colonial Treasury, when received, without further delay.

From 1848, when Spain first moved towards the adoption of the decimal system, the currency of the Colony was a constant source of trouble. Finally on the 9th of August, 1898, the lawful money of the United Kingdom was declared the sole legal tender for payment.

Private Tokens.

During a shortage of copper coins between the years 1802-1820, private tokens were issued by local merchants. These form a small but very interesting series of local colonial tokens. Like the later regal copper issue of 1842, these tokens were denominated in the Spanish currency as Quarts or Quartos.

Currency.

Spanish until 1825 when British Sterling was declared legal tender with a Spanish equivalent. Spanish coins, together with a local copper coinage introduced in 1842, denominated in Quarts (Spanish Cuarto) remained the currency until 1898 when sterling became the sole tender.

192 Quarts - 1 Spanish milled dollar (4s.4d. sterling)
16 Dollars - 1 Spanish gold doubloon (69s.4d. sterling)

NEW MEMBERS

Applications published in the June 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 September issue of the Ontario Numismatist.

- 664 Steven White, 25 King St. W., Thornbury, Ont.
- 665 Richard W. Townsend, 470 Flower City Park, Rochester, N.Y., 14615, U.S.A.
- 666 Mr. Raymond Gould, 30 Lincoln Green Drive, Markham, Ont.
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- 668 John P. Grace, 28 Manning Ave., Peterborough, Ont.
- 669 Carl H. Warschkow, 64 Whipple Lane, Rochester, N.Y. 14622, U.S.A.
- 670 Gordon Falkinburg, 251 N. Market St., Marine City, Michigan, U.S.A.
- 671 D. S. Knapp, 18 Winnifred St. N., Smith Falls, Ont.
- C61 HUMBER WEST COIN CLUB, c/o H. Rose, 125 Church St., Toronto 1, Ont

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THE ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

"COIN SHOW 68" - OCTOBER 5-6 - KITCHENER ONTARIO

The Sixth Annual Convention of the Ontario Numismatic Association, will be the Numismatic highlight of the year in Ontario. Convention Chairman, Pat Collins of the Kitchener Coin Club, notes that all plans have been finalized for this year's show on October 5th and 6th at the Granite Club, 69 Agnes Street, Kitchener, Ontario. He also reports that the bourse space is going fast but that there are still a few tables left. Exhibitors are slow in reserving space and all those who plan to compete for the trophies and ribbons are advised to contact the chairman without delay.

A Saturday afternoon bus tour is arranged so the ladies may visit some of the points of interest in and around Kitchener while a bingo is planned for evening entertainment. Among the many other activities planned are an Audio Visual Slide presentation on "The Canadian Large Cents", an O.N.A. Directors meeting and luncheon, a delicious banquet, the Honourable Robert Welch as banquet speaker, rare coin displays, a court of honour and a wonderful time of numismatic fellowship for all.

A two session auction by Jack Dietrich will contain many interesting lots for both beginner and advanced collectors. Write for auction lists and information re auction material to:-

J. C. Dietrich, Box 28, Clinton, Ontario.

Living up to past medallic excellence will be the 1968 O.N.A. Commemorative medals, struck in four metals. The City of Kitchener crest will be on one side and the distinctive O.N.A. design on the other. Write to:- O.N.A. Medals, Box 33, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada. John Craig, President of the Kitchener Coin Club promises a real treat to all who attend. The O.N.A. is proud to have many willing workers supporting all phases of this year's show. The sole purpose of the O.N.A. is to assist the collectors and only through the support of these same collectors can this purpose be achieved. Ontario Numismatic Association President, Bill English, extends a warm welcome to all to come and enjoy a good time together. For further information:-

COIN SHOW 68, Box 1212, Kitchener, Ontario, Canada.

1968 COMPETITIVE EXHIBIT CATEGORIES

ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION
SIXTH ANNUAL CONVENTION - OCTOBER 5,6,1968
Granite Club, 69 Agnes Street, Kitchener, Ontario.

- A. JUNIOR - Includes all numismatic material, entered by a junior collector under 18 years of age.
B. CANADIAN COINS - Decimal coins of Canada, Newfoundland, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.
C. TOKENS - All tokens used as a trading medium.
D. PAPER - All official paper money.
E. TOPICAL - A common theme - (animals, buildings, trees, etc.)
F. WORLD COINS - Coins of the world.
G. MISCELLANEOUS - All material that is not specified in other categories.
H. GRAND AWARD - Determined by judging all displays winning a First in each category.

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 1/4 inches long, 16 1/4 inches wide, 1 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.

DISPLAY CASE SERVICE

As an aid to both handling and shipping new crates have been made which will house five display cases. Clubs ordering in the future may order in multiples of five instead of ten. The O.N.A. cannot guarantee the shipment of more than 70 display cases for any one show. This figure is flexible and at the discretion of the chairman, Walter Holst, it may be increased or reduced as requirements dictate.

Supplementary list of new member applications as a result of the O.N.A.-C.N.E. handcut brochure:-

- 672 - Ingrid R. Smith, 701 Don Mills Rd., Don Mills, Ontario
673 - Guy Tobey, Box 520, Thornhill, Ontario.
674 - Dr. W. G. Stewart, 350 Beech Ave., Toronto 13, Ontario.
675 - Douglas Hebner, 196 Manley St., Midland, Ontario.
676 - William John Heslop, 83 Castleton Ave., Toronto, Ontario.
677 - William T. Helliwell, 350 Old Kingston Rd., West Hill, Ontario.

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THIS 'N THAT

C.N.E. - O.N.A. Exhibition - our best show yet from all accounts. Attendance has been excellent, due largely to good exhibits and a better location, a real first-class job by Vince Doran, faithfully helped by members like Lea Ayoub who has held the fort every day, plus the many other willing workers who have helped man the table and exhibits during the past three weeks, and to the contributors to the exhibit area who supplied a varied collection of the numismatic world. From your Executive and O.N.A. members a sincere "Thank You" to all who made this year's show such a success.

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A Flying Visit to the Royal Mint

By Ye Ed & Mrs. Ed.

On our recent visit to the U.K. we took time out to visit the Royal Mint across from the famous Tower of London and Tower Bridge (presently being dismantled to be shipped to the U.S.A., the Bridge, I mean, not the Tower). I had a gift of a St. Catharines Medallion for the Master of the Mint. We were shown the Mint in great detail, even to a visit to the first floor to see the engraving and striking of medals, etc., some of which made your editor literally "drool" with envy. As a nice "finishing touch" to an interesting and informative visit I was presented with a set of the new decimal coins in a blue plastic case - compliments of the Deputy Master of the Mint. In conclusion, may I say here a big "Thank you" to the Master and Deputy Master and Comptroller of the Mint. to Mr. Lucas for his kind hospitality, to the gentleman who gave of his time to accompany us on the tour of the Mint, to the many operators of presses, die-makers, polishers, etc. who made the trip such a worthwhile one for both of us - one we will never forget. Finally an expression of gratitude to the Deputy Master and Comptroller for the excellent article which now appears on page One of this Bulletin. The great demands on this gentleman's time make his article greatly appreciated for I suspect we interferred somewhat in his busy schedule to enable him to grant our request.

"Ye Ed"