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NUMISMATIC PHOTOGRAPHY

by Lloyd T. Smith.

This article has been prepared in response to a number of requests for more detailed information on methods of photographing numismatic items and the preparation of the popular audio-visual sets. As it is difficult to anticipate the problems that may arise, I would welcome any questions and will attempt to answer them satisfactorily. Questions may be forwarded through the Ontario Numismatic Association.

THE CAMERA: The only essential requirement here is that the camera must accept the standard 35mm film. Naturally, the more versatile and advanced cameras will facilitate the work.

SINGLE LENS REFLEX CAMERAS : (SLR):

These have one big advantage over all other camera -- you see the picture in actual size and sharpness of detail as you shoot. Focusing difficulties are thus eliminated and extreme close-ups of small portions of coin detail are possible.

The single lens reflex camera is equipped with a mirror which reflects the light to a ground glass on top of the camera. Therefore, the image you see in the ground glass is merely a reflection. Pushing the camera release enables the mirror to snap up out of the way and trip the shutter. Since the distance between the lens and the film is the same as that from the lens to the ground glass, the image on the film will be as sharp as that seen on the ground glass.

TWIN LENS REFLEX CAMERAS : (TLR):

This variety differs from the single lens reflex in that it has two lenses, one of which admits the light to expose the film and the other, with the aid of a mirror, projects the image on the ground glass at the top of the camera. Both lenses are focused simultaneously, thus providing sharp focus. A disturbing disadvantage of this type is a parallax problem

with close-up shots. That is, there is a discrepancy of field between the viewing lens and the picture taking lens. Tilting the camera slightly upward will remedy this problem.

FOLDING CAMERAS: If the folding camera has either a revolving lens mount or an adjustable bellows with distance scale it is suitable for close-up work. Again, the parallax problem must be considered when setting up the camera and object to be photographed.

Box cameras or other types of fixed focus cameras are not usually suitable for this purpose.

EXTENSION TUBES, BELLOWS AND SUPPLEMENTARY LENSES : Because few cameras are capable of producing extreme close-up shots of small objects such as coins or even portions of coins, it is usually necessary to shorten the focal length of the lens by the use of one of the above attachments.

The supplementary lenses, sometimes called portra or positive lenses are the easiest to use, are adaptable to more types of cameras and require no factor correction from the actual light reading on the light meter.

Unless the camera to be used has a removable lens mount, the portra lenses are the recommended method for close-up work. Portra lenses are numbered 1, 2 and 3 diopters and may be used singly or in various combinations, depending on the magnification desired.

Because some cameras are threaded at the front of the lens to accept supplementary lenses, while others require an adapter ring, it is advisable to take the camera to the photographic store when purchasing any such lenses.

Except in the case of the single lens reflex camera, it is necessary to make exact measurements between the camera lens and object and to correct for possible parallax. I won't go into detail here as the necessary measuring information is supplied with the portra lenses. Do follow instructions very closely and good results will ensue.

Besides accepting the portra lenses, the single lens reflex cameras will usually accept extension tubes or bellows extensions. To use each of these accessories, the lens must be removable from the body of the

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camera, as the tubes or bellows are placed between the camera body and the lens. The lens may have either a threaded or a bayonet mount, so the extension must have a matching mount. Again, consult your camera dealer.

When extension tubes or bellows are used in close-up work, adjustments are necessary between the actual light meter reading and camera setting. These changes are listed on information that comes with the tubes or bellows. A word of caution, on fully automatic cameras only those with a through-the-lens light meter will make the necessary adjustment automatically for these accessories.

EQUIPMENT - Because the best method of photographing coins is to lay the coin on a base and to place the camera in a vertical position above the coin, it is necessary to support the camera in some manner. The simplest methods are a tilt-panhead tripod, a regular tripod, an optipod or kodapod.

TILT-PANHEAD TRIPOD : The tilt-panhead will tilt to angles in excess of 90 degrees, thus bringing the camera into the proper position to look down at the coin.

REGULAR TRIPOD AND OPTIPOD : The optipod is a ball-joint accessory that performs the same function as the tilt-panhead when used on a simple tripod. This may be less expensive than buying a complete new tilt-panhead tripod if you already own a simple tripod.

KODAPOD: This is a trade name for an accessory that may be attached to the camera and then clamped to any upright such as a door.

COPY-STAND: The best piece of equipment for our purpose is the copy-stand. With this, the camera may be raised or lowered very easily and smoothly on a central post. Adjustable lights are attached on each side.
(continued in February Bulletin)

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NEWS FROM THE COINS CLUBS--- 'ROUND ONTARIO

BAY OF QUINTE COIN CLUB -

On December 19th at the Kiwanis Centre The Bay of Quinte Club elected the following executive for 1969--President-Alvin "Duke" Parry, Vice-President- Andy Anderson, Secretary-Barry McGugan, Treasurer-Keith Day, Membership Director-Pat Blais. Bad weather made necessary the postponement of the planned auction and speaker. These will be enjoyed next month. The annual coin show is to be held April 12th of which more will be said later.

BRANTFORD COIN CLUB -

Annual Christmas Party on December 15th, guest speaker - Mr. Ed. Meadows who spoke on the Massassauga Rattler. There was a specimen on display and Mr. Meadows humorous stories were much enjoyed. List of new executive will be published next issue.

CHAMPLAIN COIN CLUB -

The last meeting of the Orillia Club was their second annual banquet and it was a huge success with a wonderful turkey dinner and all the trimmings. With many free draws and three special draw prizes the evening past very pleasantly.

CENTRAL COIN CLUB -

One of the few coin clubs holding weekly meetings and and they will be announcing their executive for 1969 at their January meeting. If you are in Toronto any Monday evening go to 300 Jarvis St., the Carriage House Hotel, and enjoy a delightful numismatic evening with the members and friends of the club.

HAMILTON COIN CLUB -

At the December meeting Mr. George Takacs of Brantford showed coloured films of his recent trip to Europe. The Fall Show was a huge success with 226 paid admissions and eleven bourse dealers which was all the space available.

HURONIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION -

The last meeting was highlighted by the presentation of the O.N.A. audio-visual "Canadian Voyageur Dollar" which is the story of the 1963 silver dollar from its shape to its design.

INGERSOLL COIN CLUB BULLETIN-

The December meeting took the form of a slide show and display by Norm Barnes on "Mayaya", which was much enjoyed..

LONDON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY -

As a result of the elections it was announced by President William Clarke that Percy Elgie and Sam Smith will be Directors for 1969 and 1970 & Tom Masters, Malcolm Smith and Bud Mercer will be Directors for 1969.

NIAGARA FALLS COIN CLUB -

The highlight of the last meeting was a talk and slides shown by Harold Daniels on Canadian Silver Dollars. The results of the nominating committee will be published next month.

OSHAWA COIN CLUB -

The 1969-1970 Executive is as follows:-
President- Henry Burke, Vice-President- Ed Keetch, Secretary - Lloyd Embury, Treasurer- Bruce Watt, Editor - Ray Pleau, Librarian - Bill Leaming. So now Oshawa are all ready to go for 1969.

CITY OF OTTAWA COIN CLUB -

Plans have been completed for the club's first Show on May 3rd and it was decided that the best of show award should be named the "Norval Parker Memorial Trophy" as the late Master of the Mint was an Honorary Life Member of the club.

PORT CREDIT COIN CLUB -

The December meeting took the form of a Christmas Party. Mr. Don Flick displayed part of his collection of medals and gave a talk on their history. Also Lloyd and Mazie Carney displayed part of their Newfoundland and Maundy collection.

RICHMOND HILL COIN CLUB -

Elections were held at the last meeting the following were elected:- Past President - Ronald Bennett; President - Ricky Morse, Secretary - Frank Culhan, Vice-President- Robert Shillingworth, Treasurer - June Clarke, Assisting Secretary - Alan Weighell.

SARNIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY -

At the December meeting Gordon Grey of London showed slides on Canadian and American bills. The Dominion of Canada bills ranged from 1870 to 1935 and of particular interest was the picture of the passenger steamer "United Empire" which was built in Sarnia. The Executive for 1969 is:- President - Norm Scott, Vice-President- Carl Williamson, Secretary-Don Park, Treasurer-Horace Bardwell, Executive Secretary - Robert Sargent.

ST. THOMAS NUMISMATIC Association -

President for 1969 is C. J. Miedema who was returned by acclamation, but to the disappointment of all it was later learned that Mr. Miedema will not be able to carry on so a new president must be chosen.

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PROPOSED COIN SHOWS

To help clubs decide upon a coin show date that will not conflict with another club in its area we are listing proposed dates. Proposed dates will be listed every three months and for the last three consecutive months prior to show dates.

- March 22 - Richmond Hill Annual Spring Show in the Lions Hall from 10.00 a.m. to 10.00 p.m.
- March 22 - St. Thomas Numismatic Association Sixth Annual Coin Show and Banquet in Grace United Church, St. Thomas, Ontario.
- March 29 - Waterloo Coin Society Annual Banquet and Coin Show. More
& 30 details later. General Chairman, Wilf Erb, Box 41, Waterloo, Ontario.
- April 12 - Bay of Quinte Numismatic Association Annual Coin Show at the Hotel Quinte, Corner Bridge and Pinnacle Street, Belleville, Ontario. President - "Duke" Parry, P.O. Box 125, Belleville.
- April 20 - Chatham Coin Club First Annual Coin Show at the Holiday Inn, Keil Drive, Chatham, Ont. Bourse Chairman- David Cregg, 192 Richmond St., Chatham, Exhibit Chairman- Walter Neuman, Port Alma, Ontario.
- April 26 - Huronia Numismatic Association of Barrie Annual Coin Show on Saturday, at the Trinity Hall, Collier St., Barrie from 12.00 noon to 10.00 p.m. For Further information write to P.O. Box 243, Barrie, Ont.
- April 27 - Stratford Coin Club Annual Show in the Parish Hall. Further details later.
- May 3 & 4 - City of Ottawa Coin Show at the Talisman Motor Inn, 1376 Carling Ave., Ottawa. Chairman - H. A. Burton; Bourse - Paul Sullivan; Exhibits - Don MacRae.
- May 10 & 11 - O.N.A. Seventh Annual Convention at Prudhomme's Garden Centre Motel, host club St. Catharines Coin Club. More details later. or write to Box 33, Waterloo, Ontario.
- Oct. 4 & 5 - Kitchener Coin Club Annual Show & Banquet. Details later.
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NEW MEMBERS

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

- 693 Mrs. E. J. Chesson, 803 Concession, Apt. 101, Hamilton, Ont.
- 694 Ronald Young, 46 Grenadier Drive, Hamilton, Ont.
- 695 Mrs. W. Geletle, 1299 Royal Drive, Burlington, Ont.
- 696 John David Bruce, 1995 Barton St. East, Apt. 101. Hamilton, Ont.
- 697 Denis Laliberte, 36 Oak Street, Grimsby, Ont.
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- 704 T. S. Caldwell, 125 Byron Ave., Thamsford, Ont.
- 705 John C. Voisin, 11 Cashman Cresc, Toronto 7, Ont.
- 706 Raymond Cote, 149 Roxborough Ave., Kitchener, Ont.

The Fish Money of Quathiaski Cove

Originally contributed by Albert E. McWha, C.N.A. Journal, Dec./59

Off the rugged east coast of Vancouver Island lies a fishing village which bears the intriguing--even remantic name, Quathiaski Cove. At the turn of our century when the waters of Queen Charlotte Strait were becoming world famous for their teeming salmon, canneries developed on many coastal islands. Frequently, government authorities granted exclusive fishing rights to some of these concerns. Such "Closed Waters Rights" conferred on their holder a kind of monopoly over a designated area of salt water, which might extend to upwards of two hundred square miles.

Most of the fishermen employed by the canning industry in those days were Indians, probably of Kwakiutl, Bella Coola, or even Kootenay tribes and descendents doubtless take their place among British Columbia's fishermen to-day. Fifty years ago, canneries paid the Indians in currency which could be exchanged for equipment or stores to serve their household needs, just as other aborigines engaged in trapping might receive Hudson's Bay Co. Tokens when they brought pelts to buy supplies. At Quathiaski Cove this kind of canning business was operated by W. E. Anderson in 1912. He had tokens struck to pay for fish offered to his firm, whereby fishermen would be sure of securing a convenient medium of exchange with which to obtain Company goods. This aluminum money adheres to the usual disc shape for coins and comes in denominations equal to the number of fish submitted for purchase. Anderson's tokens bore eight different values, from "1 Fish" to "100 Fish".

Francis Dickie, whose article on "Fish Money" may be seen in the November 1958 issue of "Forest & Outdoors in Pictures", tells us that fifty fish at that time and place brought from \$1-\$2.50, according to the type of salmon caught and prevailing market rates for them. He believes this particular type of "Fish Money" from early British Columbia to be unique. At any rate, it could hardly be confused with "Fish Hook Money" made of flint and elaborately carved in the shape of fish-hooks which had their place as currency in B.C. & Alaska.

Mr. Anderson issued his "Fish Money" in 8 denominations as follows:-

| Denomination | Diameter | Thickness | Denomination | Diameter | Thickness |
|--------------|----------|-----------|--------------|----------|-----------|
| 100 Fish | 37 mm. | 2 mm. | 5 Fish | 22 mm. | 1.5 mm. |
| 50 Fish | 37 mm. | 2 mm. | 3 Fish | 22 mm. | 1.5 mm. |
| 20 Fish | 25 mm. | 1.5 mm. | 2 Fish | 22 mm. | 1.5 mm. |
| 10 Fish | 25 mm. | 1.5 mm. | 1 Fish | 22 mm. | 1.5 mm. |

All of these tokens carry the same obverse legend with minor variations indicated below, while the reverse designs differ according to the number of fish specified and in a few other ways, REVERSE: Within a beaded circle running around the edge of the token the word Fish appears at the top and "NOT TRANSFERABLE" at the bottom, these legends being curved to parallel the edges. The denomination in large bold Arabic numerals, holds the central position on each reverse. To left and right of the denomination, for the 100, 50, and 20 and 10 values, one finds a five pointed star. These stars are absent from the lower 1, 2, 3 and 5 Fish designs. The figure 1 to 100 is of the same size and type as those on the 10 and 1 Fish pieces; similarly, the zeros in 100, 50, 20 and 10 are all alike, while the 2 on both 20 and 2 Fish tokens show no variation in structure or extent. Hence, one may suppose that identical die figures were cut, in this sense for the eight denominations made.

OBVERSE: As upon the reverse, a beaded circle goes around the token surface just inside the outer circumference. The name W. E. Anderson occurs at the top with, beneath it an arabesque resembling a bow tie, under which in succession come Quathiaski in an upcurving arc, Cove in horizontal alignment, and the abbreviation B.C. curved to the lower edge.

The obverse design for the 100, 50, 20 and 10 values remains the same so that the "Bow Tie" feature on the 20 and 10 has not lessened by comparison with that detail on the two largest pieces. On the 1, 2, 3, and 5 Fish tokens however, the ornament more closely resembles a hollow diamond with short, bar-shaped extensions to both left and right.

It need hardly be said that these items are fairly scarce. Nevertheless, Anderson's "Fish Money" of Quathiaski Cove bears silent witness to a highly significant phase of Canada's rise as a trading nation.

(Thanks to London Numismatic Society Bulletin)

THIS 'N THAT-

Following on from our December notes with reference to helpful hints on exhibiting--please--tell us what you are exhibiting-- little hints as to how long you took to get a certain coin or bill to complete your collection--give more details on your "special" items so that the "seeker" too will enjoy the hunt for some particular specimen, etc. All this will help increase interest in your exhibit and give you those necessary 2-3 points which makes the difference between First and Place. "Dress-up" your exhibit a little, extra time in "setting up your exhibit can pay dividends towards those precious and ever so important points, and better luck next year.--Some of your Directors have been busy these past few months--I see that Don Flick spoke at Oakville and Port Credit-- another of our Directors who is following President Bill English's "Lesson on Communications"---speaking of Bill--I see he spoke at Ingersoll recently and I note Ricky Morse spoke at Thistletown and Richmond Hill--and an article by Arthur Honour tells us he, too, is communicating "real good" Had a letter from member Paul Carl of Rochester, N.Y. containing some photos of an over-struck 1965 half dollar by an 1967 half dollar---I asked about overstrikes in a recent bulletin --have any of our other members came across anything like this? Incidentally Paul had promised an exhibition of his error collection--I hope he will come to Prudhomme's in May and let us see his collection--passed to you, Paul----At one of the recent coin shows I was given an article for the O.N.A. Bulletin on Canadian Armed Forces Badges, etc.--will the writer please contact me personally--I wish some further information--Thanks.--Your Editor muses somewhat-- has been an interesting year--a somewhat rewarding one with so many kind remarks of encouragement from many readers---1969 (?)-- A real challenge for the O.N.A.--Numismatists--and of course your Editor and his bulletin--the many willing helpers who put this bulletin to bed every month--the help of Linda our efficient "Reproducer"--the many contributors club secretaries who send in their club news, etc.--the article contributors who so faithfully send in articles--to all these kind folks a special "Vote of Thanks"--Whatever success we enjoy it is to you we give full credit.

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