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GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES TO ALL O.N.A. MEMBERS.

Our Seventh Annual Convention celebrated last month at Prudhomme's Garden Centre, Vineland Station, Ontario, was, in my estimation a complete success. This happy state of affairs was achieved for the most part by the efforts and enthusiasm of Pat Lambert with a supporting cast from the St. Catharines Coin Club -- and Bill English, President, together with his O.N.A. executive.

When at 9 a.m. on the opening day practically all display space available was occupied it was a first indication that in this show we were going to have a live one. The displays were exceptionally good and occasioned a great deal of interest and scrutiny from a public who came to see -- and liked what it saw. There also seemed to be plenty of activity around the bourse tables and the dealers at this O.N.A. show are to be complimented on the variety of numismatic items they had to offer. A good square shooting coin dealer is a tremendous contribution to the success of any show; which fact is apt to be overshadowed by the more publicity provoking events such as display winning, speech making, election of officers, etc...

The Ontario Numismatic Association was pleased to share its convention this year with the Canadian Numismatic Variety Collectors Association (CNVCA) and the enthusiasm and activity of this group added greatly to the spirit and "variety" of the show.

Numismatics is now in a sound position in Canada. It has weathered the storm of wild speculation as has, at one time or another, the Dollar, Pound, Franc, Mark and the other great currencies of the world. Some of these having their fingers burnt by the speculators -- haven't been able to pick up a coin since -- while others have come back to the fold, poorer but wiser and thereby richer than before.

Because of the caliber of the 1969-71 O.N.A. executive and with the help, guidance and experience of that executive, I look forward to any contribution I can make through the O.N.A. to the cause of numismatics in our Province.

The O.N.A. will continue and expand where circumstances indicate an expansion should take place, its present services such as Audio-Visual, Display Case Service, The Ontario Numismatist, Speakers Circuit, etc. The executive will welcome at all times any constructive criticism of how we conduct these services in particular and the O.N.A. itself in general. We will also welcome new ideas for the advancement of this wonderful hobby -- whether they come from the O.N.A. Directors, O.N.A. Members or those lonely Others -- who by the merest nominal annual fee of only \$3.00 could themselves become O.N.A. Members, emerging at once from the twilight zone to a better, fuller, richer life in Numismatics.

Don Flick, President
Ontario Numismatic Association.

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SEVENTH ANNUAL ONTARIO NUMISMATIC CONVENTION
AT PRUDHOMME'S GARDEN CENTRE HOTEL
HOSTED BY THE ST. CATHARINES COIN CLUB

The St. Catharines Coin Club was host for the Seventh Annual Ontario Numismatic Convention held at Prudhommes Garden Centre Hotel, on May 10 and 11, 1969. We were also very pleased to welcome the Canadian Numismatic Variety Collectors Association, who held their annual show and convention in conjunction with the O.N.A. Convention.

Twenty-eight bourse dealers were in attendance at the show. James King, Ridgewood, New Jersey, and Paul Bergman, Toledo, Ohio, were two dealers from the United States. Among the Canadian dealers who travelled the farthest were Chuck Martin, Sudbury, Ontario and Lombardo Mint, Sherbrooke, Quebec.

Mr. P. Lecuyer, Chief of Coining and Medals Division of the Royal Canadian Mint was our guest speaker and gave a very interesting address. Mr. Lecuyer said that the first Canadian coins appeared in 1810 in the city of Montreal. Gold first appeared in New Westminster, B.C., in 1862. These coins contained more gold than the face value of the coin. The Royal Mint opened in 1908. In 1931 the Canadian Government took over the mint and renamed it the Royal Canadian Mint. On April 1, 1969 the Mint became a Crown Corporation. Mr. E. Brown is acting Master of the Mint at the present time.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug. Wark came from Sarasota, Florida for the Convention. We were also honoured to have Mr. Les Lodge from Berkley, California. Mr. Lodge is the editor of the Quarterly Magazine for the California State Numismatic Association. (next page)

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Remittances (plus bank exchange if paid by cheque) payable to the Ontario Numismatic Association, P.O. Box 33, Waterloo, Ontario.

There were a total of 200 displays with 85 people displaying 1-7 cases in the competitive displays with the Juniors putting in 14 of these displays. The Court of Honour displays were put in by:- Tom Masters, London, Ont.; Betty Lou Bellows, St. Catharines, Ontario; Bank of Canada Numismatic Section by Major Sheldon Carroll; E. Victor Snell, St. Catharines; Sherritt-Gordon Mines, Toronto; Wellings Corp. Limited, Toronto; and Bank of Montreal, St. Catharines.

The Display Winners Were:

- Junior - 1st-Barry McGregor, Belleville, Ont.
2nd-Christine Kosiba, St. Catharines, Ont.
3rd-Dennis Fairall-Tillsonburg, Ont.
- Canadian Decimal Coins - 1st-Douglas Wark, Sarasota, Florida
2nd-Goldie Wark, Sarasota, Florida
3rd-Frank Lieshout, Toronto, Ont.
- Tokens, Medals & Medallions -
1st-Don Flick, Oakville, Ont.
2nd-Mrs. Gwen Sager, Belleville, Ont.
3rd-Stanley Peaver, Bancroft, Ont.
- Canadian Currency - 1st-E. Victor Snell, St. Catharines, Ont
2nd-Stanley Peaver, Bancroft, Ont.
3rd-Hans Rapedius, Hamilton, Ont.
- Topical - 1st-Betty Lou Bellows, St. Catharines, Ont.
2nd-Bruce Brace, Ancaster, Ont.
3rd-Douglas Wark, Sarasota, Florida.
- World Currency - 1st-Albert Fuller, Kitchener, Ont.
2nd-Albert Fuller, Kitchener, Ont.
- World Coins - 1st-Ethel Sentes, Burlington, Ont,
2nd-Mrs. D. Wark, Sarasota, Florida
3rd-E. Victor Snell, St. Catharines, Ont.
- Errors - 1st- Paul Carl, Rochester, N.Y.
2nd- Paul Carl, Rochester, N.Y.
3rd- Aulis Koslonen, Ingersoll, Ont.
- Miscellaneous- 1st- Albert Sentes, Burlington, Ont.
2nd- Arthur Leff, London, 3rd- Wes Ham, Huntsville, Ont.
- GRAND AWARD WINNER - Douglas Wark, Sarasota, Florida.

FOR O.N.A.'S HIGHLIGHT OF THE YEAR - AWARD OF MERIT - SEE PAGE 61

An estimated 2500 people attended the show and 175 sat down to the Banquet on Saturday night. The lucky draw winners were :-

- 1st - 100 Canadian Dollars - J. Madill, St. Catharines, Ont.
- 2nd - 1967 Gold Set - G. Roberts, St. Catharines, Ont.
- 3rd - 1967 Silver Set - W. Tureck, Oshawa, Ont.
- 4th-8th - 1969 Proof-like Sets - Mary Jack, St. Catharines,
P. Michalicka, St. Catharines, Ron Winger, Ridgeway, D. Horsely, Vine-
land, Harry Eisenhouser, London, Ontario.

The Officers and Directors for the 1969-71 were installed at the General Meeting on Saturday morning. (For list of executive see May, Numismatist.

Reported by Robert Voaden, Historian
St. Catharines Coin Club

DID YOU KNOW----

The official legal tender in New Hampshire was not changed from pounds and shillings to dollars and cents until 1950.

The following has been received from our Director, John McKay-Clements in answer to a letter by Ricky Morse in a recent Bulletin:-

Dear Ricky Morse: re Tokens and Coins

It seems a little puerile to spend time arguing about whether tokens are coins unless we concede that by so doing we may stimulate some interest in numismatics and perhaps even educate ourselves. If you will climb down off your high horse for a little while, I'll be glad to scramble up out of the "slough of despond" into which your open letter had plunged me, in this way I will at least meet you half way to discuss the matter.

Any contention that a token is a coin, is, I admit, rather too broad to be accepted by a purist at face value. Let us at least agree that I specified "a genuine trade token", but for the sake of clarity should have added "struck for the purpose of serving the same function as money".

My Shorter Oxford English Dictionary, among other definitions of the word COIN says---"5. A piece of metal of definite weight and value, stamped with an officially authorized device, a piece of money". Turning to the word TOKEN, I find among other things--"10. A stamped piece of metal, issued as a medium of exchange by a private person or company who engages to take it back at its nominal value, giving goods or legal currency for it 1598." It goes on to indicate that the word can be combined with the word COINAGE and refers the reader to TOKEN-MONEY, which in turn gives us --b. Private tokens issued by a trader or company as a fractional currency and temporary medium of exchange between trader and customer 1890. c. State coinage of money not having the intrinsic value for which it is current, but bearing a fixed value relative to gold coin, for which it is exchangeable 1889." Note that both a coin and a token is ---"a stamped piece of metal" and both are used as money or a medium of exchange.

Now we have the term TOKEN COINAGE to consider. The word COINAGE is defined by C.C. Chamberlain as "(a) The process of making coins. (b) A collective term for coins. The term, of course does not include paper currency, or privately issued tokens.

Wait a minute, Ricky, before you climb back on your horse. Let's take a look at the word PRIVATE in my dictionary. It says, among other things,---"3. Not to the public, intended only for the use of particular and privileged persons, late Middle English. Not open to the public, or not publicly done or performed, dist. from a thing of the same kind that is "public" 1560. 6. Of, pertaining or relating to, or affecting a person, or a small group of persons apart from the general community, individual, personal 1526."

With this background information, consider the trade tokens issued during the 17th., 18th., and 19th century by various tradesmen and companies in the British Isles. Surely you will concede that a great number of these were not private in the sense covered by the Oxford's definition of PRIVATE, many were in wide public use to fill a definite need for metallic currency.

Your numismatic library and mine probably both contain a number of books that we can research for ammunition with which to shoot each other down. The first I notice on my shelves is a copy of "The Nineteenth Century Token Coinage" by W.J. Davies, next to it is a copy of "Boyne's Trade Tokens" Williamson", then "Notes on Eighteenth Century Tokens" by Arthur Waters, and there are others from which numerous quotes can be made to illustrate my point that under my more clearly defined definition of the kind of token I am writing about, the words COIN and TOKEN are synonymous.

The title of R.C.Bell's book dealing with the British Provincial Token-Coinage of the 18th Century, very aptly covers the subject --"Commercial Coins. 1787-1804." In the preface to this book Robert Taylor, Keeper of Coins for the Society of Antiquaries of Newcastle upon Tyne, expresses the hope that the author will attempt a companion volume dealing with "genuine non-commercial coins."

I should tell you, Ricky, that I have had a most interesting letter from Bob Willey in which he lists his views on the subject of "Our Ten Rarest Coins". He, of course, disagrees with me regarding my nominations for this honour. I fully expected to be corrected by a number of people better qualified than I am to give the final answer on such a broad and controversial subject, that was the whole point of sending my story to two Editors who were both appealing for material for their columns--the hope that it would generate more stories. BUT --and here is the point in mentioning Bob's letter--he does not object to me including the trade tokens in my list because they are not coins, he even includes some of his own choice to supplant mine.

I pointed out in my article that to make my list valid it was necessary to concede that a genuine trade token is a coin, I tried to anticipate running into some dogmatic individual who would say "I will never concede that a trade token of any sort is a coin". If Williamson, Davies, Waters, Dalton and Hamer, Bell, Taylor and Willey are in my corner, I feel in good company.

I am sorry you see my thinking as a "ridiculous claim" but I heartily agree with you that we should keep a level head in numismatics and "call a spade a spade, and a token a token". All I say is that a genuine trade token struck for the purpose of serving the same function as money is a coin. When it comes to calling a spade anything else but a spade, how do you feel about Arthur Braydon Coole calling an ancient Chinese "Spade" Trade Token a coin? (See pages 2,9 and 29 Coins in China's History.)

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NEW MEMBERS

The applications for membership which appeared in the May issue have now been accepted and the following new applications have been received. If no written objections are received, their acceptance will be acknowledged in the July issue of the Ontario Numismatist.

- 726 J. Peter Elliott, 500 University Ave., Suite 404, Toronto 101, Ont
- 727 Frank Lieshout, P.O. Box 581, Station "K", Toronto 315, Ont.
- 728 Clarence A. Birney, 15 Parnell Road, St. Catharines, Ont.
- 729 Dr. D. C. Steele, 59 Hillcrest Ave., St. Catharines, Ont,
- 730 Albert Sentes, 1501 Augustine Drive, Burlington, Ont.
- 731 Mrs. Albert Sentes, 1501 Augustine Drive, Burlington, Ont.

The following Life Members may now be added to our list:-

- LM 11 O. Lombardo, 460 Wellington St. So., Sherbrooke, Quebec.
- LM 12 C.F. Martin, 99 Elm St. West, Sudbury, Ont.

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DID YOU KNOW THAT :- More counterfeit money was passed in Quebec last year than in the nine other provinces combined, reports James Nesbitt, a document examiner at the RCMP federal laboratory in Ottawa. He was giving evidence in Sweetsburg, Quebec at a court case involving bogus bills.

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

Treasurer's Report

for period January 1, 1968 to December 31, 1968

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Petty Cash @ January 1, 1968.....	\$ 82.24	
Bank Balance @ January 1, 1968.....	906.46	\$988.70

Receipts

Memberships (Regular, Junior and Club).....	\$1,015.00		
Medals.....	1,452.60		
Lapel Pins.....	42.50		
Display Case Service.....	126.05		
Awards.....	29.20		
O. N. A. Share of Kitchener Convention.....	603.58		
Bank Interest.....	37.87		
C. N. E. Medals.....	110.60		
Audio Visual.....	40.94		
Proof Like Sets and Plaques - Archives, etc...	40.00		
Sundries.....	12.00	3,510.34	

Expenses

O. N. A. Publication "The Ontario Numismatist".....	377.21		
Medals.....	988.06		
Postage.....	51.94		
Safety Deposit and Post Office Box Rental.....	18.00		
Room Rentals.....	15.00		
Bookbinding and Printing.....	37.35		
Honorariums.....	125.00		
Display and Promotional Service.....	136.31		
Award of Merit and Engraving.....	26.84		
Display Case Service Refund.....	91.83		
C. N. E. Expenses.....	117.49		
A. N. A. and C. N. A. Dues.....	32.31		
Proof Like Sets and Plaques - Archives, etc...	113.47		
Retail Sales Tax.....	25.35		
Awards.....	52.12		
Typewriter.....	25.15		
Donation.....	75.00		
Transfer of Funds - Contingency Fund.....	1,400.00		
Sundries.....	76.22	3,784.65	

Excess Expenses over Receipts.....		-274.31
Petty Cash @ December 31, 1968.....	55.49	
Bank Balance @ December 31, 1968.....	658.90	714.39

BANK RECONCILIATION

Bank Pass Book Balance @ December 31, 1968....	1,330.25	
Less Outstanding Cheques.....	671.35	
Statement Bank Balance @ December 31, 1968....	658.90	

ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

Treasurer's Report

for period January 1, 1968 to December 31, 1968

CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT

Bank Balance @ January 1, 1968.....		\$ 574.87
<u>Receipts</u>		
Canada Savings Bonds.....	\$1,500.00	
Interest on Bonds.....	39.39	
Canada Savings Bonds.....	2,000.00	
Interest on Bonds.....	20.00	
Transfer of Funds from General Account.....	1,400.00	
Bank Interest	14.31	\$4,973.70
<u>Expenses</u>		
Canada Savings Bonds.....	2,000.00	
Accrued Interest to May 1, 1968.....	10.00	
Waterloo Trust Guaranteed Investment Certificate @ 7% due 1973.....	2,000.00	4,010.00
Excess Receipts over Expenses.....		963.70
Bank Balance as of December 31/68.....		1,538.57

LIFE MEMBERSHIP ACCOUNT

Bank Balance @ January 1, 1968.....		-
<u>Receipts</u>		
Life Memberships.....	-	
Interest on Guaranteed Investment Certificate.....	16.72	
Bank Interest.....	.10	16.82
<u>Expenses</u>		
Membership Dues (\$2.00 x 8).....	16.00	16.00
Excess Receipts over Expenses.....		.82
Bank Balance @ December 31, 1968.....		.82

ASSET SUMMARY @ DECEMBER 31, 1968

Cash and Bank Balance - General Account.....	714.39	
Bank Balance - Contingency Account.....	1,538.57	
Guaranteed Investment Certificate - Contingency Account.....	2,000.00	
Bank Balance - Life Membership Account.....	.82	
Guaranteed Investment Certificates - Life Membership Account @ 6 ³ / ₄ due 1970.....	400.00	4,653.78
Total Assets 1967.....		3,463.57
Increase in Cash Assets.....		\$1,190.21

The Bank Accounts are maintained at the
Waterloo Trust and Savings Company,
Westmount Branch, Kitchener, Ontario.

President William English

Treasurer Bruce H. Laszmann

NEWS AROUND THE COIN CLUBS

BRANTFORD NUMISMATIC SOCIETY-

At the last meeting Mr. Ernie Walsh of the Brantford Police Department spoke on counterfeit money and showed some specimens of Canadian and U.S. bills passed in Brantford some years ago. Millions of dollars annually are passed in Canada which are counterfeit.

CITY OF OTTAWA COIN CLUB-

The first Annual Coin Show at the Talisman Motor Inn was a great success. Mrs. Norval Parker cut the ribbon to open the show, assisted by Miss Eva Adams, Director of the U.S. Mint and Mr. E.F. Brown, Acting Master of the Royal Canadian Mint. When the prizes were awarded the Norval Parker Memorial Trophy was won by Mr. Paul Sullivan of Ottawa. First prize in medals and tokens went to Peter Wissen and Jack Roberts won first in the Foreign and Ancient category with a complete collection of Queen Victoria Great Britain Type coins. At the April meeting the Norval Parker medals will be seen.

HURONIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION ...

Plans were finalized at the last meeting for the coin show to be held April 26th. An old coin box was won by Bob Swan and the film "Money in your Pocket" will be shown at our next meeting.

INGERSOLL COIN CLUB -

The next meeting will feature William Clarke and Graham Esler in a review entitled "The Bank of London". Time was spent making final arrangements for the Show on June 7th.

KITCHENER COIN CLUB -

Bill English gave a very enlightening talk on displaying coins for competition which was very timely with all the shows coming up. The club is having several display cases made so there will be enough for the monthly meetings. At the next meeting there will be two films shown, "Natures Dangerous Creatures" and "Japan" by Walt Disney.

LONDON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY -

An interesting talk by Tom Masters on "Liberty Bell on U.S. Coins" or, "Philadelphia--Where the Action Was" was the highlight of the meeting. The May meeting will feature a talk by Wm. Clarke on the "Coinage of Elizabeth 1 with displays by the speaker and Howard Whitfield.

NIAGARA FALLS COIN CLUB-

The last meeting featured a talk by Harold Daniels on "Coins of Roman Britain" with a great display. It was decided to write a letter to the Acting Master of the Mint regarding silver in the dollars for the commemorative silver dollar in 1970. At the next meeting Arthur Honour will speak on "Australia's changeover to the Decimal System".

ORILLIA CHAMPLAIN COIN CLUB-

At the last meeting there was a good attendance. We learned some interesting things about coins, for instance, one of Canada's rarest coins is the 1928 \$5.00 and the \$10.00 gold piece. These coins were designed by the noted artist and sculptor Kruger Gray. There are only a very few collectors who have ever seen this coin and a great many have never heard of either one. The dies were sent from the Royal Mint in England to the Mint in Ottawa and then promptly lost.

PORT CREDIT COIN CLUB-

At the Strawberry Social we saw a unique and informative series of slides reflecting a tour of European mints by Mr. Robert Aaron. As the slides were so interesting Mr. Aaron has promised to show them again at the next meeting for all to enjoy.

SARNIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY-

Each member at the April meeting was presented with a set of 1969 U.S. 1¢ (P.D.S.) courtesy of member Bob Sargent. A trip was made by two of the members to two Grade VIII Classes when they showed a film and talked on coins. The pupils were very interested. This is a worthwhile work we feel.

TORONTO COIN CLUB - At the April meeting the special speaker was Bruce Brace, F.R.N.S. of Hamilton, Assistant Editor of the Canadian Numismatic Journal and Editor of the Hamilton Coin Club Newsletter. His talk and slides on Roman Coins was one of the most interesting we have heard in a long time.

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 below proposed dates. Proposed dates will be listed every three months and for the last three consecutive months prior to show date.

- June 7 - Ingersoll Coin Club Annual Show and Banquet at the Ingersoll & District Memorial Centre, Mutual St., Ingersoll, Ont.
Guest speaker-John J. Pittman. Bourse dealers contact Alan Macnab, 249 Hall St., Ingersoll, Ont.
- June 14 - Victoria-Simcoe Numismatic Association Tenth Annual Woodville Banquet in the Woodville Town Hall, doors open at 12 noon with dinner at 6.30. Guest Speaker-Mr. Fred Jewett, Toronto Coin Club. Auction and displays.
- Aug. 27-30- Canadian Numismatic Association Annual Show and Banquet in the Royal York Hotel, hosted by the Toronto Coin Club with Mr. Fred Jewett as General Chairman. Excellent displays and auctions. Bourse dealers welcome.
- Sept. 13 - London Numismatic Society 18th Annual Show and Banquet, Carousel Motel. Enquiries to William N. Clarke, 167 Delaware St., London, Ontario.
- Sept, 28 - Bluewater Annual International Coin Show. General Chairman-Norm Scott; Bourse Chairman-Rudy Brill; Display Chairman-Don McKelvie and Fred Hurley.
- Oct. 5 - Kitchener Coin Club Annual Auction and Coin Show. Chairman-Pat Collins, R.R.#2, Petchsburg, Ontario.
- Oct. 18 - Kingston Coin Club Banquet and Show at the Hockey Hall of Fame from 1.00 p.m. to 11.00 p.m. Further information from Fred Steele, Secretary, 1400 Montreal Street, Kingston, Ont.
- Oct. 19 - Tillsonburg Numismatic Society Seventh Annual Fall Show, Sunday, Oct. 19th, at the Orange Hall, Brock Street, East Tillsonburg. Further details Chas. B. Laister, R.R.#3, Tillsonburg.
- Oct. 25 & 26- Windsor Coin Club Annual Show, Saturday and Sunday at the Norton-Palmer Hotel. Bourse dealers contact Carl Querbach, P.O. Box 173, Sandwich Post Office, Windsor 10, Ontario.
Show from 10.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. Sunday.

AWARD OF MERIT

Always one of the highlights of the Convention is the O.N.A.'s Award of Merit which is the highest honour that the Association can bestow on a member and this year it went to E. Victor Snell, President of the Canadian Numismatic Association and Life Member No. 1 of the St. Catharines Coin Club and in your Editor's opinion a worthy recipient. It was very appropriate for Victor to receive the award as this year's Convention was hosted by the St. Catharines Coin Club which in 1961 presented him with a Life Membership in recognition of his activities in (a) founding the club and (b) his active participation and leadership since the club's founding in 1958. This was one of the few occasions when Ye Ed caught Victor almost speechless. Congtatlulations, Victor,
Ye Ed.

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THIS 'N THAT -

The lucky winner of the silver pig full of cents was Mrs. B. Brown, 162 Merkley Street, Scarborough, Ontario.--- She was one of five who guessed 400 -- there was in fact 402 --- Mrs. Brown was the winner of the draw of the five---According to the many letters received by the St. Catharines Coin Club all seemed very pleased with the recent show including dealers, visitors and visiting dignitaries--- Gratifying after all the effort by the O.N.A. and St. Catharines Coin Club---No report received from the CNVCA which is why there is nothing on the winners of displays, etc.---Maybe we can have something for next month---After such an exhausting time which is not yet over, I'm going to sign off here wishing everyone a real pleasant summer---happy vacation---safe driving on the roads.

Ye Ed

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Pat has asked me to fill in a few comments in the space left at the end of this edition.

We have had a busy two years in office and many more things have yet to be done. The new executive under the direction of president Don Flick are carrying on as though there was no break in leadership. This is as it should be and my enthusiasum will continue as before. As a team we must support the executive for the advancement of the hobby.

It is gratifying to read the compliments on our 7th Annual Convention but we must remember it didn't happen by itself. We must thank the many different news media and publications for their fine coverage. People like Dick Schram who donated the lovely set of luggage and supported our souvenir program through the Woolco Department Stores. We must thank the host club and the many people who worked beyond the call of duty so that other collectors could enjoy our hobby. I must thank my wife Shirley for her
patience.

We must also thank Vic Snell for his untiring efforts. It was my pleasure to present the gold Award of Merit Medal to Victor E. Snell "MEDALIST OF THE ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION FOR 1969".

My final words as president are "thank you" - for your courtesies, your generousities in teaching and sharing knowledge with me, and most of all, for your friendships.

Bill English.