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Letter from Mr. James E. Charlton re proposed Dealer-Collector Protective Association:--

Feb. 6, 1971

Dear Mr. Lambert:

I have read with interest the December issue of "The Ontario Numismatist" in which comments from two of your readers regarding a proposed governing body to mediate on behalf of dealers and collectors, appear.

One of these writers makes the illlogical suggestion that dealers should only be allowed to join the C.N.A., or the O.N.A. as associate members and be charged a premium for the business advantages gained by claiming membership status. Apparently this individual would like us to ignore the fact that a great number of members, not classed as dealers, are substantial vest pocket dealers and have no qualms about accepting the business advantages of membership.

The world's largest numismatic organization doesn't rate dealers as associates or second class members nor deprive them of election to the Board of Governors. The same writer presumes that dealers are greater offenders than collectors and this opinion is shared by many others. Possibly I have been more fortunate, but in my 22 years experience I have had less trouble with dealers than collectors.

While a strong dealer organization is highly desirable, this is no excuse for such organizations as the C.N.A., O.N.A. and C.P.M.S. to shirk their

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P L E A S E N O T E

MANY MEMBERS HAVE NOT RECEIVED THEIR JAN.-FEB. BULLETINS -- REASON BEING THEIR 1971 DUES ARE UNPAID. YOU ARE GETTING THIS BULLETIN AS A GENTLE (?) REMINDER TO REMIT YOUR 1971 DUES TO MR. BRUCE RASZMANN, P.O. BOX 33, WATERLOO, ONTARIO, IN ORDER TO RECEIVE YOUR 1971 BULLETINS.

JUNIORS' CORNER
CALLING ALL JUNIORS

By Ricky R. Morse

Last month, in the City of Toronto, Ontario, several of the older collectors were present at a Meeting in which the future of the hobby was discussed from every angle including the general participation of the younger generation of the present day. Numerous viewpoints were expressed and talked over with all the seriousness of a modern business venture. The main object of the meeting was to increase the interest in our wonderful hobby, especially in the junior ranks of Canadian numismatics. It was finally decided that the CANADIAN VARIETY SPECIALISTS would award a prize to the Junior (under eighteen years of age), collector who submitted the best numismatic essay to the ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION during 1971.

The suggested trio of Judges for the best essay being John McKay-Clements, W.E. Pat Lambert, and myself, Ricky Morse. All essays being judged must be entered between January 1st, 1971 and December 31, 1971, with each participant being allowed two entries.

The winning entry would be eligible to be published in both the ONTARIO NUMISMATIST and SCAN early in 1972. The winner would be given full publicity in COIN WORLD and other numismatic publications throughout Canada and the United States. Neatness, spelling, grammar and continuity will all play an important part in the final judging for the outstanding winner. Manuscripts may be typed, written or printed, and should contain between 300 and 500 words in all.

Additional prizes may be awarded if the Judges deem the entries worthy of such, and it shall be understood that such awards will be entirely at the Judges discretion. Each essay must be accompanied by the writer's name, address, date of birth and signed to the effect that he or she has personally written the enclosed essay. Essays should be mailed to: W.E. Pat Lambert,

57 Emmett Road, R. R. # 4,
ST. CATHARINES, Ontario

Come on, Juniors, let's have some real special essays.

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NEWS FROM THE CONVENTION FRONT

Dealers .. Have you ordered your table for April 24 and 25 at Sudbury, and did you remember to send your cheque for same?

Delegates .. Have you your questions, beefs, suggestions, etc., ready for the Annual General Meeting?

New Executive .. Are you rarin' to go to take up your new duties, are you filled with new ideas, enthusiasm, etc? Have you remembered to book your accommodation through Chuck Martin?

Exhibitors .. Have you prepared your award-winning exhibit yet, thought up any new exhibiting ideas, presentation, etc?

O.N.A. Members -

General Are you all set to make this the best ever Convention, are you coming with your pockets full of "dough" to buy up all those bargains Frank Rose has for you?

PROPOSED COIN SHOWS

Listed below are the proposed coin club annual show dates and banquets. Please check to see if they conflict with your club's forthcoming show date.

- March 6 - Thistletown Coin Club annual show at the Albion Hall, on Albion Rd. west of Kipling Ave., across from the Community Swimming Pool and Skating Rink. Room for 10 bourse dealers, . . . displays.
- March 20 - Richmond Hill Coin Club Annual Show at the Lion's Community Hall, Richmond Hill, Centre St. from 10.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m. Bourse and displays welcome.
- March 20 - North York Coin Club's Coin Show, Sale and White Elephant Sale in the North York Memorial Community Centre, 5090 Yonge St., Willowdale, with bourse, displays, appraisal booth. Information:-North York Coin Club, Box 294, Willowdale, 441, Ont.
- Mar. 27-28 - Waterloo Coin Society Twelfth Annual Coin Show and Banquet at the Holiday Inn, Highway 7 & 8 & Fairway Road, Kitchener. Details re bourse, displays, etc. from Waterloo Coin Society, Box 41, Waterloo, Ont.
- March 28 - In conjunction with the Waterloo Coin Show a special event from 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. called a "Token Collectors Trading Session". Any interested in trading tokens, etc. contact Mr. John Shaw, Box 41, Waterloo, Ont.
- April 10 - Woodstock Twelfth Annual Coin Show at Old St. Paul's Parish Hall from 12.00 noon to 5.30 p.m. with banquet at 6.30 and Auction at 8.00 p.m. General Chairman - Raymond Palmer, 800 - 17 Rathborne Ave., Woodstock. Bourse Chairman - Victor Leake -- Box 631, Woodstock and Display Chairman - Bert Carter, Innerkip, Ont.
- April 17 - Bay of Quinte Coin Club Annual Show in the Pinnacle Room at the Hotel Quinte, Belleville, from 10.00 a.m. to 10.00 p.m. 8 bourse tables available limited to club members to March 17th, also there is an auction and displays. For bourse reservations etc., write:-The Secretary, Bay of Quinte Coin Club, P.O. Box 125, Belleville, Ont.
- April 18 - Kent Coin Club Third Annual Coin Show at the Holiday Inn, Keil Drive, Chatham, Ont. Bourse Chairman - David Cregg, 192 Richmond St., Chatham and Douglas St. Pierre, #1 Madonna Cr., Chatham. Show Chairman - L. H. Toll, Port Alma, Ont.
- Apr. 24-25 - Ontario Numismatic Association Annual Convention hosted by the Nickel Belt Coin Club, Sudbury and held in the President Motor Hotel, 99 Elm St., Sudbury. Chairman is Gerry Albert, Co-Chairman - Jack Dupont. Enquiries re bourse, exhibits, accommodations, etc. to Mrs. W. Campbell, 1369 Roy St., Sudbury. Special motel rates for the Convention. Make your reservations early.
- May 8 - St. Thomas Numismatic Association Annual Coin Show and Banquet at Grace United Church Hall, Balaclava St., St. Thomas. Enquiries re bourse, etc. to Mrs. Frances Clunas, Sec., Box 187, St. Thomas, Ont.

- Oct. 9 & 10 - Kitchener Coin Club Annual Show and Banquet, Watch for details later. This is to reserve the date.
- Oct. 17 - Stratford Coin Club Annual Show at the Legion Hall, 207 St. Patrick St. Stratford. Details re bourse, etc., to:- Stratford Coin Club, P.O. Box 262, Stratford, Ont.
- Oct. 23 - St. Catharines Coin Club Annual Show and Banquet. All details later. This just reserves the date.
- Oct. 24 - Tillsonburg 9th Annual Coin and Hobby Show at the Orange Hall, Brock Street East, Tillsonburg. More information later.

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SILVER PROOF-LIKE SETS

By Elliott Jephson

Mr. Bob Voaden's letter to you on page 14, February issue 1971, has not altered the apparent need for my earlier query -- Would 1971 silver sets be classified as coins? I still don't think so unless an Act of Parliament made them so. If silver pieces were struck in 1971, we would have silver sets 1953 - 1967, nickel sets 1968-1970 and silver sets in 1971. This would be an inappropriate situation to say the least. However, to revert to the basic question once again - one definition on hand reads "coin, pieces of metal stamped with various devices and intended to circulate as currency". The Oxford dictionary reads, "coin, piece of metal made into money by official stamp". The key words here are "coins", "money", "circulate". The \$20.00 gold piece minted in 1967 is worth \$20.00 at any bank and is a coin.

The proof-like sets made in 1953 and presented at a small cost to various numismatists differed little from the uncirculated coins of that time - the only difference being they had not gone through the counting machines, Blemishes were nominal. In other words, these coins could be considered specimen coins. Specimen in the Oxford Dictionary is defined as "individual or part taken as example of a class or whole".

Therefore all the sets issued from the mint in 1953 or earlier are true in metallic content, size, weight and design with those coins in circulation at that time and this has remained unchanged to this date. These specimen coins or proof-like sets represent the best portrayal of the currency for each year of issue. Change the metallic content and you no longer have a specimen coin which represents the coins in circulation.

I think the Royal Canadian Mint has executed an excellent job on the 1971 proof nickel coins, specimen or presentation sets, and in my opinion their mirror-like finish is superior to the proof-like sets issued earlier.

Finally, the ramifications of reverting to silver pieces are immense. The results could be very unpredictable and cause damage to numismatics from an in-rush of speculators.

Other views would be welcome. Thank you.

Signed: E. Jephson.

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DID YOU KNOW- That U.S.A. large cents and half cents were first struck in 1793?

NEWS AROUND THE COIN CLUBS

BRANTFORD NUMISMATIC SOCIETY -

At the last meeting there was a lively auction with a Horse Trading table loaded with buy and sell items from the members. The Secretary announced there were still a few of the Club's medals left for sale. It was announced at the club that travellers to Hong Kong report that the Peoples Bank of Communist China has warned that counterfeit paper money is circulating in the Canton Area.

CHAMPLAIN COIN CLUB -

The Old Coin Box was in operation again at the last meeting along with a good auction. The membership renewals are coming in very well and all members should be paid up by the end of the month.

CITY OF OTTAWA COIN CLUB -

Dr. Pace was unable to get an RCMP representative to speak on counterfeit coins for the last meeting but he did get a list of O.N.A. slides available which they hope to use at future meetings. A letter was received from Mrs. Norval Parker enclosing a cheque for \$265.00 to provide an individual award for the winner of the Norval Parker Memorial Trophy. Earl Grandmison was elected delegate to the O.N.A. Convention in Sudbury April 24 & 25. Norman Williams was nominated for the position of President of the C.N.A., and Jack Roberts was nominated as candidate for the Ontario Director of the C.N.A.

HAMILTON COIN CLUB -

At the January meeting it was proposed that at the next meeting each member be invited to exhibit one coin along with a card explaining anything unusual about the coin and also having the owner's name on the back of the card. The theme of the February meeting is to be "My Ugliest Coin". It was also decided to set the date for the fall show, Oct. 30, 1971.

HURONIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

The following are the officers for 1971:- President - Bill Gage, Vice-Pres.-Bill Miller, Treasurer - Cec. Sharpe, Secretary - Walter Schultz. Bill Gage reported that the cottage where he spent his summer holidays, his father-in-law's in Cape Breton, had been entered and cleaned out. An interesting item from the past was Steam Engine #6818 which went through Barrie en route to Toronto.

KINGSTON COIN CLUB-

A good thought for the beginning of a new year is "Don't express criticism of the club outside the meetings, DO IT AT THE MEETINGS so the executive can act on your suggestions". Doug Small has taken over the job of Secretary-Treasurer and he should have his hands full as the club grows.

KITCHENER COIN CLUB-

The last meeting started with an early bird draw of \$1.00 and the door prize was a 1971 Presentation set. The Newfoundland Coin slides from the O.N.A. were shown and Ted Turanski conducted an Auction. The auction is free, no charge being made for items entered.

LONDON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY -

At the last meeting held in the new meeting place, The Sir Lancelot Room at the Ivanhoe Club, with the guest speaker being Tom Masters with the subject "The First United States Fifty-Cent Commemorative". Both Mr. Masters and Mr. Smith displayed specimens of the coin being discussed. In the absence of the secretary the minutes were written by the Editor, L.T. Smith from memory three weeks later.

NIAGARA FALLS COIN CLUB-

At the last meeting the outstanding set of slides on the series of Canadian Silver Dollars from the O.N.A. was shown. The Board of Directors was also appointed. They are:- Mrs. Thompkins, Mr. Coleman, Mr. McDonald and Mr. Smith. The new meeting place was discussed as the Masonic Temple fee has been raised 20%.

SARNIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY -

The last meeting was held in the Canada Trust Building and despite inclement weather there was a good attendance. Two of the guests were Juniors brought by another junior. The primary goal right now is the promotion of a junior member group in the Society, with senior leadership and guidance given. The duplicate numismatic material in the Centennial display at City Hall was auctioned off and the proceeds are to go for additional items for display. Plans for the annual banquet on May 5th were completed.

ST. CATHARINES COIN CLUB -

The last meeting saw 65 members and 6 guests present at the Canadian Corps Hall. After a brief business meeting during which the President, Howard Hill, outlined the new judging system to be put into effect in the very near future, a numismatic quiz was held consisting of two teams of 4 members taken from the Dealers, Juniors and regular membership. Team "A" won 66 points against 36. Some of the questions were real toughies but most were answered. Everyone seemed to enjoy the session. This was followed by a lively auction conducted by Lloyd Dorsey.

ST. THOMAS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION -

At the last meeting which was entitled "Why Insurance" the guest speaker was Mr. W. P. Golden, who gave a talk on insurance and answered numerous questions from the members. His chief message was that insurance was necessary and for those who keep coins at home they should find out how best to insure their coins. The 1971 executive are:- Pres.-A. W. O'Neill, Vice-Pres.-W. Benedict, Sec.-Mrs. Clunas, Treas.-G. Connoy. Final arrangements were made for the banquet on May 8th, 1971

STRATFORD COIN CLUB -

At the last meeting the membership draw was for a 1960 silver dollar, 1968 P.L. Dollar, a year's membership, 1969 P.L. Dollar and a magnifying glass. There was also a monthly draw for a 1970 P.L. set. All had a good time.

WATERLOO COIN SOCIETY -

At the last meeting the film "What's My Coin" was shown and a short talk by Bill English on preparing coins for storage was enjoyed. Final preparations were also made for the Banquet on March 27 & 28. This program proved very educational and helped with our knowledge of coins and tokens and their care.

SEPARATIST PARTY PROPOSES NEW SYSTEM
OF CURRENCY FOR QUEBEC

Under the above bold headline, Coin World issue December 20, 1967, reprinted the following from the column "Coin Conversation" appearing regularly in the Teniskaning Speaker of New Liskard, Ont. This is number 57 in a series which has stretched to number 135 for the issue of Sept. 24, 1970. We think it will interest our readers.

By John McKay-Clements, F.R.N.S.

The recent conversation of le Raliement National, Quebec's number two separatist party, called for a separate monetary system and the establishment of the Bank of Quebec for the proposed new republic.

This raises some interesting questions about coinage should there ever be a separate coinage system for Quebec. How would it be related to Canadian coinage? Would we have another situation similar to that between Ireland and England? I once found that I could spend English coins in Ireland quite freely but Irish coinage was of no value in England. At least it was refused as a medium of purchasing power when I tried to spend it in stores.

What would the new Republic call its coins? The old French system had 100 centimes equal to 10 decimes and to one franc. The Fifth Republic of France changed things a bit in 1959. They created a new franc equal to 100 of the old francs. It is said that history repeats itself. Is it possible that many years from now we may see Quebec francs and centimes in our foreign coin collections with the possibility of both new and old francs? What would be the rate of exchange between Canadian and Quebec money, and for that matter how would Quebec money stack up against U.S. funds and other foreign currencies?

This is all speculation and only a subject of conversation. I believe that we will never have these problems to face.

I lived for many years in Montreal and in more recent years spent a lot of time in the Gaspé Peninsula and have some very good friends in these areas. I believe that our Canadian population east of Lake Teniskaning, while still having a long way to go to attain their rightful place in the industrial life of our nation, are fully aware of how to get there by peaceful means.

The majority are an extremely shrewd and realistic group of people who will carefully weigh up all the pros and cons in the arguments that will rage over separation and ultimately recognize the value of being members of a vital and growing nation like Canada rather than a small republic struggling between the crushing economics of highly competitive, and sometimes ruthless, larger nations.

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LATE, LATE FLASH -- COIN SHOWS

MAY 5 - SARNIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY annual banquet at the Chalet on their regular meeting night, May 5. Come and enjoy an evening of fun and a wonderful dinner.

OCT. 30 - HAMILTON COIN CLUB Fall Show. Details as to where to be held and who to contact re bourse, exhibits, etc. at a later date.

