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## ANOTHER YEAR .... 1976 .... What?

This could be the year of CHALLENGE. It seems to me that we have been coasting the last few years, which, to say the least, is negative action. I would like to see 1976 the year of membership participation. Any association, regardless, is only as good as the members make it. By this I mean that I would like to see more of our members taking an active part in running this Association.

Back in 1962 when the O.N.A. was formed by a group of dedicated numismatists the aims and objects of the association were the promotion of our hobby. It is my considered opinion that, perhaps over the years, we have lost sight of the high principles which our founder members had in mind. Perhaps now is the time for all good men and women to come to the aid of the Association by taking a more positive approach to promoting our hobby. By this I mean, that if you feel that we are failing the hobby in any particular facet, then sit down, take pen to paper and tell us so.

By the same token, when was the last time the YOU contributed to the spreading of numismatic knowledge? I am certain that many of our members could contribute valuable information which could be of great benefit particularly to our younger members as well as to all members of our Association.

So I would greatly appreciate as many of our members who have the promotion of our hobby at heart lending a hand by contributing articles, no matter how small, always bearing in mind "THE HOBBY'S THE IMPORTANT THING".

You could share your collecting experiences with your fellow members. By this I do not mean you have to write a thesis, but just a plainly worded article on some

angle of our hobby. May I drop a hint here... perhaps you have become an expert on... ancient coinage... medallion art... early North American Decimal Coinage (cents and half cents)... World Paper Currency (Modern and Nineteenth Century)... Varieties, etc., etc. Please remember that our Association will only progress if its members take an active part and interest in its ultimate aims which, of course, is the promotion of our hobby.

I trust that I have given you, our readers, plenty of food for thought. Many of our fellow members of the Association and yourself have been members since 1962 and I feel certain that you would not have continued your membership if you did not feel that we had something to offer, O.K. --- we have something to offer but in return we expect something from you, MR. AND MRS. MEMBER.

Yours, with every good wish that you could wish for yourselves

W.E. Pat Lambert.

Pat wrote this article in January 1974 when he was President of our Association, and I feel that it was well worth repeating at this time. My thanks to you Pat for a fine article.

COUNTERFEIT COINS and CANADIAN LAW

by Robert Aaron.

Why is it legal in Canada to own counterfeit United States gold coins? Why was a Canadian once charged with possessing counterfeit U.S. trade dollars when in fact the coins were genuine? When does a coin cease to be money? Can a Canadian be convicted of selling counterfeits when there are no genuine originals of the item in question? What happened to the man from Windsor, Ontario, who tried to buy a plate to print his own bank notes from an agent of the United States Secret Service?

Counterfeiting is not an uncommon criminal offense. Everyday, someone, somewhere, tries to pass off as currency something which isn't. Some succeed, some are caught and convicted, and some are caught and acquitted.

Every few years a case occurs which raises an interesting legal point or an unusual fact situation, and these cases are recorded in the law books. Browsing through them can make fascinating reading.

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One of the first Canadian counterfeiting cases arose when Canada was barely five months old. On November 27th, 1867, three brothers named John, Michael and Murtagh Tierney, and a friend Daniel Buckley were busily occupied at a farmhouse near Ottawa making American half dollar coins.

When the police arrived they found 500 pieces of Liberty seated half dollars, together with dies, presses, molds, matrixes, tools, machines and five tons of metal.

The section of the Canadian laws under which they were charged made it an offense to possess counterfeit foreign gold or silver coin. The four men were charged with having in their possession counterfeit United States half dollar coins, contrary to the relevant statute. The charge inadvertently omitted including the fact that the coins were gold or silver, an essential element of the offense.

Their lawyer naturally took objection and the court agreed with him. The charges were quashed, but the judge gave the Crown attorney (the prosecutor) the right to relay the charge using the correct language specifying to content of the coins.

Some years later, in 1895, one George C. Corey was tried in New Brunswick on charges of selling counterfeit notes resembling and intended to resemble United States government Treasury Notes. Originally, Corey was tried on nine charges, but he was acquitted of all but the ninth. On this charge he appealed to the New Brunswick Supreme Court.

It turned out that Corey had defrauded a Canadian of \$800 by selling him some United States bank notes, or what looked at least like American notes. Specimens of the notes were introduced into the Canadian court.

The five dollar note read: "A United States 5 / Pay the bearer on demand / Charleston, June 1862 / Five Dollars / James Smith, President / W.R. Hoyied, Cashier." The face of the note carried, in the upper left corner, a vignette of Washington, and in the upper right, the figure "5". In the lower right an Indian seated, and in the lower left a husbandman leaning on a scythe. On the reverse were the following words: "Receivable in payment / United States of America / of all dues." The 10 and 20 were all similar, and similarly bogus.

The Canadian Criminal Code at the time made it illegal to engrave, possess or dispose of anything intended to resemble any bond or undertaking for payment of money used by any foreign state.

The Code defined "counterfeit token of value" as including any spurious or counterfeit coin, paper money or other evidence of value. It was also (and still is) illegal to print, utter, publish, sell or distribute any counterfeit token of value.

The defense argued that since there were no original notes of the kind Corey allegedly counterfeited, therefore the notes were

not counterfeits. If there were not originals, the argument went, there could not be, or purport to be, any counterfeits.

The judges, both at trial and on appeal, ruled otherwise. They ruled that these notes were counterfeit tokens of value. Even though there were no originals, they still professed to be, on their face, evidence of value.

Although a banker wouldn't be fooled, Mr. Justice Tuck said, the notes "are meant to pass from hand to hand as evidence of value, and are calculated to deceive and cheat the unthinking and unwary. Then they are false and spurious. They are not what they profess to be."

The judge noted that the Canadian who was buying Corey's notes was getting eight or 10 dollars for every one he paid. The buyer knew he was buying counterfeits, the judge continued, "but he has a right to believe, dishonest though he is, that he is getting a counterfeit of good money, and not a piece of paper, which is a counterfeit of nothing."

"Corey professed to sell counterfeits of United States Government or Treasury notes when in reality they were nothing of the kind. It is not too often that a judge defends one criminal against another in this manner!"

In another interesting case in the 1890's, the accused was more fortunate. The case was tried in Toronto in 1891. A man named Attwood was charged and, at first, convicted of offering to purchase counterfeit tokens of value. These were genuine, but unsigned, Canadian Bank of Commerce notes. The notes were shown to him as counterfeits, however, and believing them to be so, he offered to buy them.

The report of the case does not specify exactly which issues of Bank of Commerce notes were involved, but that bank issued notes in 1867, 1870, 1871, 1879 and 1888. Other series were issued after the case, of course, but any one or more of the issues mentioned could have been involved.

The appeal court ruled that Attwood could not be convicted on evidence showing the notes were genuine, but unsigned, even though he believed they were counterfeit and offered to buy them under such belief.

The court noted that what was said to Attwood about the quality of the notes, and what he believed, was irrelevant. An offer to purchase genuine notes was not illegal.

Shortly before the turn of the century, another Canadian was charged with illegally possessing money which turned out to be genuine. In 1899, a man named Benham was charged in Hull, Quebec, with having in his possession a counterfeit coin intended to resemble a silver dollar of the United States of America, knowing it to be counterfeit and intending to pass it off.

A large number of genuine trade dollars of the U.S. were found in Benham's possession, and the Crown sought to prove that the

accused had attempted to pass these off as worth one dollar when in fact they were worth 60 cents.

Trade dollars had been issued from 1873 to 1885. They ceased to be legal tender in the United States in 1876, but coinage continued to meet overseas demand. Benham's attorney objected to the evidence as it was essential, he said, that the coins offered in evidence themselves be counterfeit. The judge agreed and freed Benham. Since the coins were all genuine, no evidence was available that he knew they were only worth 60 cents.

In 1905, a Nova Scotian named James Tutty was convicted of possessing two counterfeit bank notes even though no policeman ever caught him with them.

Tutty was hunting with his friend Edward Proctor one day, when he decided to show Proctor two bank bills. Proctor must have known they were counterfeit, but said to Tutty, "Let me have the bills and I will take them home and show my wife, and let her believe I have had a big pay."

The notes in question were two Bank of Montreal \$10 bills. Again, the case record does not disclose which issues they were, but prior to the year 1905, the Bank of Montreal had issued 16 different types of \$10 notes. The most likely candidates for Tutty's notes would be the issues of 1891, 1895, or 1904.

Proctor unfortunately got drunk that night, so drunk that he didn't remember anything the next day. In his stupor, he had purchased a sweater from one Maurice Gold for \$8.75, using Tutty's \$10 bill (Proctor had no \$10 bill of his own.)

Gold took the note to the bank where it was spotted, and investigation led the police to Tutty. Eventually, Tutty broke down and admitted ownership to the chief of police. The Nova Scotia Supreme Court ruled that Tutty had been rightly convicted of having two forged bank notes in his possession, knowing them to be forged.

Another interesting case arose in Ontario in 1938. An entrepreneur named Graveline went to a well-known engraving company in Detroit, Mich., and attempted, unsuccessfully, to buy a plate suitable for making Canadian \$5 bank notes. The note he wanted copied was the 1935 Bank of Canada issue bearing the Prince of Wales, later Edward VIII and the Duke of Windsor.

As a result of his inquiry, officials of the engraving company immediately communicated with the United Secret Service and one of its members, Guy Spaman, later contacted Graveline in Detroit.

Spaman met Graveline six times during the next month in both Detroit and Windsor, Ont. Spaman testified at the trial that they had concluded a bargain whereby Graveline would pay the cost of securing a plate suitable for the production of Canadian five dollar bank notes, at a cost of \$125, also pay for the paper and ink required and buy the finished product of the plate at the rate of \$5 per \$100 in notes.

On appeal by the Crown from the dismissal of the charges, counsel for Graveline argued for the second time that it was not against the law (as it stood at the time) to attempt to purchase a plate to make Canadian paper money.

The court agreed, saying that it was not possible to convict someone of negotiating to purchase a counterfeit token of value if the tokens were not in existence at the time.

This article will be concluded in the next issue of the Numismatist. My thanks to Robert Aaron for sending me this very informative story which appeared in its entirety in the September issue of the Numismatic Scrapbook.

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PROPOSED COIN SHOWS

The following are the annual Coin Shows proposed for the near future, that we have received notices for and/or taken from Club Bulletins. We advise you to check this list as you debate on the date of your own Club's annual show to ensure that your date does not conflict with any other shows.

- Feb. 28/76 North York Coin Club Annual Coin Show, North York Memorial Community Hall, 5090 Yonge Street, Toronto, Ontario.  
10.00 a.m. to 10.00 p.m.
- Mar. 20-21 Niagara Falls Coin Club 2 day coin show, Sheraton Brock Hotel, Niagara Falls, Ontario. Charlton Numismatics will conduct the auction with Bob Shillingworth as auctioneer. Enquiries to Mel Fiske, 7795 Beaverdams Rd., Niagara Falls, Ont. Bourses to Howard Hill, 1 Hayes Avenue, St. Catharines, Ont.
- Apr. 1-4 Torex '76 - Westbury Hotel, 475 Yonge St., Toronto, Ont. 55 prominent Coin & Stamp dealers only. A 1500 lot (3 session) Numismatic Auction.
- May 15-16 The Ontario Numismatic Association Convention for 1976, will be held at the Don Valley Holiday Inn, Toronto, Ont. The North York Coin Club will host this convention. Guest speaker will be Major Sheldon S. Carroll, Bank of Canada Numismatic Section, Ottawa, Ontario.
- July 8-10 The Canadian Numismatic Association Convention for 1976 will be held at the Chateau Laurier in Ottawa. We advise early registration as it looks like a really big one.
- Oct. 31st The Stratford Coin Club's first combined Coin and Stamp Show will be held at the Stratford Legion Hall, corner of Church and St. Patrick Streets from 10.00 a.m. to 7.00p.m. For information write to Box 262, Stratford, Ont. N5A 6T1

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How is it that a husband who bowls half the night without getting a strike, manages to knock over all the milk bottles on the porch when he comes home???

NEWS AROUND THE COIN CLUBS

RICHMOND HILL COIN CLUB

In place of the regular December meeting, the Richmond Hill Coin Club decided to accept an offer to participate in a joint Christmas party to be hosted by the North York Club. Everyone was requested to bring a gift of about \$1 to exchange.

At the October meeting, Ray Pleau was the guest speaker, who delivered an excellent presentation on "How to Build a Winning Coin Display."

On Saturday December 6th, the Club sponsored a very successful Coin Show at the Cedarbrae Shopping Mall in Scarborough.

LONDON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

The feature of the December meeting was the annual election and a Christmas Social. Some of the officers elected for 1976 were : President - Graham Esler; Vice President - William N. Clarke; Secretary - L. Makie Smith. The December bulletin carried 2 very interesting articles, Christmas Theme on Coins by Tom Masters and How to Grade Coins-Properly by Greg Smith, and with permission I would be very happy to reprint both of these stories in this bulletin.

Huronian Numismatic Association

The November meeting was the election of the new executive for 1976. Some of the elected officers were: President - Ken Prophet; Vice President - Bill Gage; Secretary - Steve Robinson; Treasurer - Cec Sharpe.

The executive also announced the date for their Mini-Coin Show, February 14th, and asked all members to start building displays now.

THE NORTH YORK COIN CLUB

The Nov. 25th meeting was the Club's second Junior night, was again very successful. The speaker was Junior Member David Brown, whose informative talk covered the operation of the Royal Canadian Mint in Ottawa. The December 16th meeting was a joint meeting (Christmas Party) with the Richmond Hill Coin Club. They tell me more clubs should try this it's lots of fun.

STRATFORD COIN CLUB

The new slate of officers elected for 1976 at the December meeting were : President - Ken Koch; Vice President - Bill Bushfield; Secretary - Jim Ellison; Treasurer - Keith Saville. Ten of the 13 persons named to the executive are either new or in a completely new position. Ken Koch has assumed the position of President of the Stratford Coin Club and President of the Stratford Stamp Club - certainly a first in this area. It was announced that on October 31st, 1976 Stratford will host its first Coin & Stamp Show.

Ingersoll Coin Club

Held their elections at the December 15th meeting which was also a Christmas Social, with members, members families and Guests invited. At the November meeting the O.N.A. audio visual "Wampum to Decimal Coins in Canada" part 3 was shown.

ST. CATHARINES COIN CLUB

Held their 167th meeting on Sunday December 21st. After the elections, Past President Pat Bambert was called to install the 1976 Executive. President - Stan Aaroe; Vice President - Gary Oblinsky; Secretary - R.N. Voaden; Treasurer - Fred Burley, and the remaining executive.

The guest speaker Staff Sgt. Fred Ciszek of the Niagara Regional Police gave a very interesting and informative talk on counterfeiting. After the business meeting, a Christmas party was enjoyed by all.

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O.N.A. CONVENTION NEWS

Received a letter from Paul Johnson of the North York Coin Club concerning the O.N.A. Convention May 15-16. In his letter he states - "I am enclosing an Exhibit application form which I hope you will print. Plans are progressing for the Convention and we hope it will be the best one ever. Progress reports will be sent for publication monthly. Here are some of the committed heads to date...

- General Chairman - Stan Clute
- Exhibit Chairman - Paul Johnson
- Educational Forum - Ted Banning
- Publicity - Norm Belston, Ted Banning, B. Brennan
- Security - Russell Brown
- Draw Tickets - Bob Aaron

Exhibit Chairman: Paul Johnson, P.O. Box 294, Willowdale, Ontario.

Exhibit Application Form

A condition of accepting your entry is that all competitive and commercial exhibits are set up between 8 A.M. and 11 A.M. on Saturday May 15, 1976.

(Please Print or Type)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Province: \_\_\_\_\_

Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Coin Club Affiliation(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number of Cases: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of your own cases \_\_\_\_\_

Do you wish to borrow cases: \_\_\_\_\_

Maximum of 2 cases \_\_\_\_\_

COMPETITIVE DISPLAY CATEGORIES :

A. Junior	( )	Total of _____	Cases
B. Canadian Decimal Coins	( )	Total of _____	Cases
C. Canadian Paper Money	( )	Total of _____	Cases
D. Tokens and Medals	( )	Total of _____	Cases
E. World Coins	( )	Total of _____	Cases
F. Topical	( )	Total of _____	Cases
G. World Currency	( )	Total of _____	Cases
H. Miscellaneous	( )	Total of _____	Cases

Note :

Each Exhibitor must check in prior to 11 A.M. on Saturday, May 15th, 1976. Judging will take place around 1. P.M. on Saturday and awards presented to the winners at the Banquet on the same day. Your display must be left intact until 4 P.M. Sunday, May 16, 1976. The Ontario Numismatic Association or the North York Coin Club will not be responsible for any loss incurred by any exhibitor during the Convention.

Awards :

They will consist of Properly inscribed trophies and ribbons for 1st place in each of the above categories including the BEST OF THE SHOW - Senior and Best of the Show - Junior.

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES ACCEPTED UP TO MAY 10th, 1976.

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NEW MEMBERS

The applications published in the November 1975 issue of the Ontario Numismatist have now been accepted.

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Proposed Coin Show : ( Forgotten by your editor )

Feb 14th, 1976. Huronia Numismatic Association - Annual Mini-Show. Bayfield Mall - Barrie, Ontario. 10 A.M. to 6 P.M. Enquiries - P.O. Box 243 Barrie, Ontario. L4M 4T2. Coins, Stamps & Antique Dealers & Coin Displays.

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DUES ... DUES... DUES...

The 1976 DUES are now due and payable. This January Bulletin will be your last one mailed until we receive your dues. So put that cheque in the mail to-day to Mr. Bruce Raszmann, P.O. Box 33, Waterloo, Ontario.

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Congratulations :

At this time I would like to congratulate all the new Executives in all of our different coin Clubs, and wish you the best year ever in your individual terms of office. Remember to put us on your mailing list as soon as possible. We need your NEWS.

This 'N That

I am very happy to inform you all that most of the O.N.A. Members received their Christmas wishes. I was very pleased to hear that President Elliott received his new podium and gavel.

At this time I wish to extend to President Elliott and all of the O.N.A. Executive my best wishes for a very successful 1976. This past year was a wonderful year. Your co-operation and help has made our activities very fruitful. Let's keep it up in the year 1976.

At this time I would also like to extend my best wishes to all the members of the O.N.A., and with your continued help I hope we can build this bulletin into something we all can be very proud of.

To last month's questionnaire I have received only five answers, but I will wait another few weeks to let everyone catch up. I also received 8 bulletins and 1 article this month and to these contributors my sincere thanks. I hope that all the New Presidents will put us on their mailing lists as part of their first job. Without your news this bulletin is nothing.

This last page is crying for RESOLUTIONS. So unfortunately are the various things still rumbling around inside my body, after last night, or better still, this morning's New Year's party. I was young once - until about twenty past midnight last night. From then until the party ended I just grew older so rapidly that long before dawn I had passed my true age. Awoke this morning to be greeted in the mirror by someone who looked like Grandpa Jones the day he discovered Grandma cutting up with the butcher. (not you Ray!)

But I have resolved to make some New Year's Resolutions...

1. I will never again drink another drop, unless it is free.
2. I will stop taking advantage of people, even if they deserve it.
3. I will be a better, more generous man.
4. I will dance only with my wife, and
5. I will never again look in the mirror on New Year's day.

But I do have some plans for this bulletin as the year progresses, I will expand upon them. (I learnt about how to do it during the last federal election when every speech was another promise.)

Some of you have inquired why we can't go into the changes right now... the main reason is that the O.N.A. executive made a very good buy on paper and till the supply is used up it would not be economical to make a change. So bear with us... the changes in format will be coming....

So to one and all

A HAPPY NEW YEAR



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## O.N.A. 1976 Convention

The 1976 O.N.A. Convention has been moved from the Don Valley Holiday Inn to the Downtown Westbury Hotel. The date will remain the same on May 15th and 16th, 1976. Stan Clute found it necessary to resign as General Chairman of the Convention due to the pressures of his University Studies. He will be replaced by Mrs. Louise Graham. The following is the first corrected News release, with most of revised information.

ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

13th, ANNUAL CONVENTION

WESTBURY HOTEL, TORONTO,

May 15 - 16, 1976.

We are happy to advise the above dates and locations are correct. Plans for an excellent program are in progress. Hotel room registration cards and Convention registration forms will be mailed to all members. Time table will be published when completed. A few highlights of the Convention are as follows :

Banquet - Speaker, Major Sheldon S. Carroll, Curator, Numismatic Section, Bank of Canada.

Bourse - some tables still available.

Displays - competitive and Court of Honour are solicited.

Education - excellent program planned.

O.N.A. Annual Meeting -

O.N.A. Club Delegates Meeting - Clubs are reminded to appoint their Delegates.

Auction - By Frank Rose - Material accepted by Frank Rose up to February 15th.

A partial list of Committee Chairmen formed by members of the North York Coin Club are as follows :

General Chairman	-	Louise Graham
Deputy	"	- F.C. Jewett
Bourse	"	- John Regitko
Displays	"	- Paul Johnson
Registration	"	- Harvey Farrow
Education	"	- Ted Banning
Treasurer	-	George Fraser
Secretary	-	Lucille Colson

We invite all O.N.A. members and their friends to join us in making the 13th. Annual Convention of the Ontario Numismatic Association a memorable event.

Mail address for information : North York Coin Club,  
P.O. Box 294, Station A,  
Willowdale, Ontario. M2N 5P0.

Louise Graham,  
General Chairman.

My thanks Louise for getting this to me on time. I appreciate the fact that you did stay up till 3.00 a.m. to type up the above, but just think your job is nearly over, only 4 more months of problems.

#### MEETING LOCATION CHANGES

The St. Catharines Coin Club are now meeting at a new location, at the Thistle Building, Brock University, St. Catharines, Ontario. They continue to meet the third Sunday of the month at the same time.

The Oshawa District Coin Club, P.O. Box 212, Oshawa has changed their meeting hall from the Polish Alliance Hall Oliver St. E. Oshawa, to The Auto Worker's Credit Union Building, Downstairs Hall King St. West, Oshawa, Ontario, just west of the Park Rd. N. starting on January 25th, 1976.

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PROPOSED CHANGES IN ELECTION OF OFFICERS PROCEDURE

The following amendments to our Constitution and By-Laws are hereby respectfully submitted to the President and Executive for their discussion and approval :-

ARTICLE 7 - OFFICERS - ELECTION

Section 1 - No change proposed.

Section 2 - To be amended to read as follows "No member shall be eligible for or appointed to the office of President until he has served a full two year term as an elected or appointed officer of the executive".

Section 3 - No change proposed.

Section 4 - In an election year, the President shall make a call for nominations of elected officers six months prior to the opening of the Annual General Meeting, in the official publication and at the same time shall appoint an election committee consisting of a Chairman and two members. Members of this committee shall not be seeking the office of President, First Vice-President or Second Vice-President.

Section 5 - All Nominations shall be made in writing, signed by a member in good standing or an officer of a member club which is in good standing. All nominations must be accompanied by a written acceptance from the nominee or an assurance from the nominator that said nominee will stand for office, otherwise the nomination shall be declared invalid and nominator so advised.

Section 6 - Nominations shall close four months prior to the opening of the A.G.M. No member may be nominated to or stand for, more than one elected office.

Section 7 - The Chairman of the election Committee shall cause the names of all eligible nominees to be published in the official publication, three months prior to the opening of the A.G.M.

Section 8 - Amended to read "The election committee" shall cause the names of all nominees to be printed on the official ballots and shall mail one official ballot to each member in good standing sixty days prior to the opening of the A.G.M., together with an envelope marked "Official Ballot" and an envelope addressed to the Chairman of the election committee.

Section 9 - The unopened envelopes containing the marked ballots shall be taken by the chairman of the election committee to the A.G.M., where they shall be opened on the first day of the Convention by the Chairman, in the presence of at least one other member of the committee, and the ballots counted. This will take place prior to the commencement of the A.G.M. In the event of a tie the matter shall be reported to the President, who shall then call for a vote from the floor at the A.G.M. to break the tie. The results of the election shall be announced by the chairman of the election committee at the A.G.M. Said elections required by Section 8, shall be the last item of new business at the A.G.M. with the election chairman calling three times for nominations from the floor. The President shall call for a motion from the floor "that the ballots may be destroyed".

Section 10 - Any office for which no nominations have been received may be filled by the following procedure :-

(a) Nominations from the floor

(b) Vote of elected and appointed officers at a regular executive meeting.

Sections 11, 12, and 13 - No proposed changes.

Section 14 - The term of office of an elected president shall be limited to One elected two year term, but this in no way prevents retiring presidents from standing for election to any other executive position. But in any case they can attend any O.N.A. executive meeting with voting privileges.

Section 15 - To be deleted, as this has been fully covered in the final paragraph of Section 6.

The above-mentioned amendments are hereby presented to the Executive for inclusion in the agenda of the next Annual General Meeting.

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New Members

Applications published in the December 1975 issue of the Ontario Numismatist have now been accepted. The following applications have been received and if no written objections are received, their acceptance will be acknowledged in the March issue of the Ontario Numismatist.

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In Memoriam - John E. Roberts  
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The O.N.A. lost one of its strongest supporters and a dedicated member with the recent death of John E. Roberts called Jack by his friends. He died in hospital Dec 1st, 1975 at Kemptville, Ontario. He is survived by his wife, 2 daughters, 2 brothers and 1 sister. He was 64. He was interested in coin collecting for many years and he exhibited widely. His recent book on Canadian Centennial Medals is a useful addition to any library and a very tangible remembrance of one of our most active numismatists. Jack was a well rounded numismatist who will be remembered as one who shared his knowledge and enthusiasm.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Mr. Robert's family.

COUNTERFEIT COINS and CANADIAN LAW conclusion by Robert Aaron.

In the case of the King v. Haggarty, a mold capable of being used in the manufacture of counterfeit coins was found in an ice cream freezer buried in the garden of the home occupied by the accused, his wife, mother and brother.

The British Columbia Court of Appeal ruled on the case in 1946 and decided that in the absence of some evidence indicating knowledge of its existence or consent to its remaining in that place, the mere finding of an article buried in a householder's garden does not, in itself mean that an accused person is guilty of making or beginning to make counterfeit money, or having materials in his possession for that purpose.

By far the most important judicial decision in Canadian counterfeit law is that of the Supreme Court of Canada in the case of Richard Robinson v. Her Majesty the Queen.

On the afternoon of May 14, 1969, three police officers uncovered a cardboard box which had been hidden in Robinson's Toronto apartment in a chesterfield. The box contained 711 U.S. gold coins and 146 1941/42 U.S. dimes. None of the coins were genuine.

At the trial before County Court Judge Harry Deyman, the question arose as to whether the coins involved, if genuine, would be current. Canada's Criminal Code, section 408, makes it an offense, without lawful justification or excuse (the proof of which lies on the accused) to buy, receive, introduce into Canada, or have in one's possession or custody, counterfeit money. The maximum penalty is 14 years imprisonment.

Counterfeit money is defined in section 406 as including a false coin that "resembles or is apparently intended to resemble or pass for a current coin."

"Current" is the key word here, and is defined to mean "Lawfully current in Canada or elsewhere by virtue of a law, proclamation or regulation in force in Canada or elsewhere as the case may be." The key question at the trial was whether the gold coins and the dimes were "current" U.S. coins.

Robert Goff, legal counsel for the U.S. Secret Service, testified as to the state of the law in the U.S. on behalf of the prosecution, and Professor Samuel Dash, then with the Institute of Criminal Law and Procedure at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., testified on the same subject for Robinson.

Goff testified that in his opinion the Coinage Act of 1965 was broad enough to include gold coins in its scope as having legal tender. Professor Dash, on the other hand, believed that the Gold Reserve Act and the Presidential directive made under that Act removing the legal tender status of gold coins were both still in force in 1969.

Judge Deyman accepted Dash's evidence, saying that he believed that the state of the U.S. law at the time was that gold coins had ceased to be legal tender, and this status was not reinstated by passage of the Coinage Act in 1965.

This finding of the state of a foreign law in a Canadian court is a finding of fact (as opposed to a finding of law) and as such it was not subject to appeal. Robinson's acquittal of possessing counterfeit gold coins still remains on the books. The state of Canadian law today is that it is perfectly legal to possess or deal in any counterfeit, non-current coins.

Judge Deyman's findings are not binding, however, and it is open to another judge trying another case to find on the basis of evidence presented to him that American gold coins are current and legal tender today.

If this were the case, another accused might be found guilty of possession of counterfeit copies of such coins - notwithstanding the Robinson decision. With respect to the dimes, Judge Deyman found that they too were not copies of money.

Robinson's lawyer had read a definition of money from an 1899 British decision called *Moss v. Hancock*. The definition, which Judge Deyman approved of, reads: "Money as current (is)... that which passes freely from hand to hand throughout the community in final discharge of debts and full payment for commodities, being accepted equally without reference to the character or credit of the person who offers it and without the intention of the person who receives it to consume it or apply it to any other use than in turn to tender it to others in discharge of debts or payment for commodities."

Judge Deyman ruled that since the coins would have, if genuine, a numismatic value of between \$100 and \$800, they could not fall within this definition, and hence were not money. On a Crown appeal, the Ontario Court of Appeal overturned the acquittal and sentenced Robinson to two years less one day in prison for possession of the counterfeit dimes only.

Mr. Justice Arthur Kelly, delivering the unanimous judgement of the Court, ruled that the dimes were still current legal tender since no subsequent enactment affected their legal monetary status. Once they were issued as lawful coins, their status as coinage remains unless change is effected by legislation.

The intention of the owner of the coin from time to time (whether to use the coin as money or as a numismatic curio) was irrelevant. Dealing with the submission that the status of the original coins had changed and that they had become articles of virtue instead of money, the Justice referred to the case of *Moss v. Hancock*.

In that case, a thief stole an 1887 five pound gold piece from his employer. He traded it to a dealer in curiosities for five sovereigns, the face value of the larger coin. The employer sued the dealer for the return of the coin, and won.

The British court found that the coin had not been received by the dealer as current coin but as a curio, and accordingly, since it was not being dealt with as money, the dealer would have to give it back.

The Ontario Court of Appeal found nothing in the *Moss* case to indicate that the five pound coin had lost its status as money merely because it had a value of more than five pounds. By analogy, the Court said that genuine 1942/41 dimes were still money even though they had an increased numismatic value.

The Court said that in the absence of the termination of the monetary status of the coin by the sponsoring government or the disappearance of the sponsoring government (as in the case of the Roman empire) every coin issued as such remains a current coin and the unauthorized replica is a counterfeit.

Robinson again appealed to the Supreme Court of Canada. In the judgement of Mr. Justice Ritchie dated February 28th, 1973, the Supreme Court again rejected the contention of Robinson that the

dimes were not money, agreeing on this point with the Ontario Court of Appeal.

The Court then dealt with the submission that the proof of mens rea (guilty mind, or guilty intention) was essential to the success of the Crown's case, and that Robinson's belief stated to the arresting officers that the coins were genuine constituted lawful justification or excuse for possession. This argument was also rejected on the ground that the statement did not amount to a sufficient explanation.

(A statement by an accused that he did not know the coins were counterfeit, if believed by the court, is considered legal justification or excuse for possessing a counterfeit.)

In a separate, concurring judgement, Mr. Justice Bora Laskin, now chief justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, said that the lack of intention to use counterfeit coins as currency, if properly established in evidence, is as much a lawful justification or excuse as proof that the accused was unaware that the coins were counterfeit. The Supreme Court upheld Robinson's conviction.

What is the state of counterfeit law in Canada now? It seems that it is perfectly legal to collect, own, buy, sell or trade counterfeit coins or paper money in Canada, provided the items in question have been demonetized or are no longer current: or the items, if genuine, would be current legal tender, but the owner can prove he did not intend to use them as currency.

The counterfeit sections of the Criminal Code were apparently designed only for punishment of those who pass, or intend to pass, counterfeit money as genuine article. Police and prosecutors, in future, when dealing with numismatic counterfeits in Canada (where the collector value is higher than face value) will probably look to other sections of the Criminal Code under which to lay charges.

Sections relating to fraud, attempted fraud, false pretenses or conspiracy have been suggested. It is doubtful whether another Canadian would ever be acquitted of possessing counterfeit U.S. gold pieces.

Now that gold ownership is legal again in the United States, the way is open for repeal of section 12 of Executive Order 6260 which prohibited the use of gold as currency.

But even if gold remains demonetized in the U.S. (and this is still a matter of opinion, notwithstanding Judge Deyman's ruling), the air has not been cleared over the Canadian counterfeit laws by the Supreme Court decision, and Canadian lawyers and law enforcement agencies now have a better understanding of the way the Criminal Code works in counterfeit matters.

In the absence of the termination of monetary status of a coin by the sponsoring government or the disappearance of the sponsoring government (as in the case of the Roman empire) every coin issued as such remains a current coin and the unauthorized replica is a counterfeit, the Court added.

Robinson again appealed to the Supreme Court of Canada. In the judgement of Mr. Justice Ritchie dated February 28th, 1973, the Supreme Court again rejected the contention of Robinson that the dimes were not money, agreeing on this point with the Ontario Court of Appeal. (As previously stated on the previous page).

The Supreme Court's ruling was a step in the right direction, but there is still a long road to travel. Some Canadian collectors are agitating for a law similar to the U.S. Hobby Protection Act

which would clamp down on the presence of counterfeit coins in Canada. In time such a law may be passed by our Parliament, and the hobby will be better for it.

Many thanks to Robert Aaron for the above. I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did.

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- Feb. 14-76 Huronia Numismatic Association-Annual Mini-Show, Bayfield Mall, Barrie, Ontario. 10am to 6pm. Enquiries to Box 243 Barrie, Ontario. L4M 4T2. Coins, Stamps and Antiques.
- Feb. 28-76 North York Coin Show - 10.00 a.m. to 10.00 p.m. North York Community Hall, 5090 Yonge St., Toronto.
- Mar. 20-21 Niagara Falls Coin Show  
Sheraton Brock Hotel, Niagara Falls.  
Enquiries to Mel Fiske, 7795 Beaverdams Rd. Niagara Falls.  
Bourses to Howard Hill, 1 Hayes Ave., St. Catharines, Ont.
- Mar. 25-28 Canadian Association of Numismatic Dealers.  
Westbury Hotel, Yonge Street, Toronto, Ontario.
- Apr. 1-4 Torex 1976 Show and Auction.  
Westbury Hotel, 475 Yonge Street, Toronto.  
55 prominent Coin & Stamp dealers. 3 session auction.
- April 11 Kent Coin Club Annual Coin Show. 10.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.  
Wheels Motor Inn, Richmond St., and Keil Dr., Chatham, Ont.  
Bourse Chairman - Lou Wagenaer, 27 Peters St., Chatham.
- May. 15-16 O.N.A. Convention and Show  
Westbury Hotel, 475 Yonge St., Toronto.  
For more information write to :  
North York Coin Club,  
P.O. Box 294, Station "A",  
Willowdale, Ont. M2N 5P0
- July 8-10 The 1976 C.N.A. Convention and Show.  
Chateau Laurier in Ottawa.  
For more information write to  
Ottawa Coin Club, 183 Island Park Drive, Ottawa, Ont. K1Y 0A3
- Oct. 31-76 Stratford's First Combined Coin & Stamp Show.  
Stratford Legion Hall, corner of St. Patrick & Church Sts.  
10.00 a.m. to 7.00 p.m. For more information write to:  
Stratford Coin Club, P.O. Box 262, Stratford, Ont. N5A 6T1

AWARD OF MERIT

Just a reminder to the Executives and members of all Ontario Coin Clubs that nominations are still open for the O.N.A. Award of Merit. This is a prize highly thought of in numismatic circles. Any person you feel has done much to improve our hobby, worked hard to promote its qualities and spread the word as to the merits of belonging to a club which specializes in making our hobby a healthy and worthwhile past time, this is the person who should receive your individual consideration. Then take this name to your club for their support. Let's make it tough for the O.N.A. Executive this year and give them some real opposition to choose their Award of Merit Candidate.

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Received a letter from our President, Elliott Jephson informing us that the O.N.A. is in the process of producing a brochure about the O.N.A. Services. He specifically asked if we could solicit some ideas from the numismatic fraternity at large through the bulletin, some ideas on how you the member could be served better, what would you like as an individual and as a club. Your ideas would be greatly appreciated and it certainly would give your Executive some guidelines to start from.... So please send him some ideas... any idea may have merit...

The President's letter continued with some very interesting ideas and thoughts and I am very pleased to print them .....

I have often wondered what has happened to the Esprit de Corps in the Clubs. The individual member has lost his identity from the atmosphere which prevailed in the early 60's. The Clubs in a way are too well organised and very often the only coins you see are under one or two dealers trays. The Club member comes in and is in a half bored state of mind as he listens to a formal program. I think this is one of the maladies affecting the clubs to-day. We need to become less formal and the more experienced should endeavour to change this situation. This might be done by bringing in some other coins, some of our coins, showing them around and hope to get the others trying to collect along similar lines.

We need to create a goal or ambition again. The coin club members should come to a club meeting with expectations of adding to his or her collection as well as for a short time improving his knowledge. To sum up - every club member should bring coins for trade or sale to his monthly club meetings again, and expect to improve his collection.

Many thanks Elliott, I for one think the above should start many collectors to thinking, and maybe they also can come up with more ideas... By the way I always appreciate your letters and I certainly feel that the members of the O.N.A. share my feelings.

Money doesn't talk anymore. It just goes without saying.  
Biscuits and speeches are improved with shortening.

This 'N That

What a pleasure January has beento receive mail again, to receive mail from the Clubs, the Executive and the members... I must thank you one and all... the mail this month was just wonderful... It makes it so much easier to write up a bulletin...

From Pat Lambert... a reminder to print the proposed changes in the Constitution as passed by the Executive and to be voted on at the Annual General Meeting in May, (see page I3) and the Award of Merit (page I9).

From our President... some constructive ideas...see page I9...

From R.W. Irwin... An article, The Counterfeit Medal Act of I883, which will be the first article left over to go into my file for a future bulletin. You know this is the first time in 6 months that I can say I have material for a future bulletin, it sure sounds nice.

From Jim Charlton... another article for a future bulletin... My thanks to you Jim, I certainly like to hear from you.

From Bob Voaden... an interesting letter with some very good ideas, thanks Bob...

From Tony Gordon... Not one but two letters with lots of information about 4 different Clubs. He also sent me a list of the new Executive for the Thistletown Coin & Stamp Club... Congratulations Tony on being elected President. He also reported that due to an internal mixup of the Etobicoke Library Board, the regular meeting nights in Feb. and March will have to be held on Monday nights preceeding the second Tuesday, then in April back to normal, the second Tuesday of each month.

From K.W. Wilmot... some comments on the bulletin...

And from many others...What a wonderful way to start a New Year... Again may I say thank you all...

I will make some observations regarding the questionnaire in the March bulletin because to date I have only received a total of I2 answers, not really enough to decide the preferance of our total membership.

I hear rumors.... that we may have some change in the bulletin as early as our next issue... the March bulletin... This year is surely starting to shape up....

For members wanting to order Mint Sets the address is: Coins Uncirculated, P.O. Box 470, Station "A", Ottawa, Ontario. KIN 8S5. Just a reminder that the price went up this year. The presentation sets are \$I6.00, the double cent set is \$8.I5, the mint set is \$5.I5 and the Silver Dollar is now \$4.00. The Nickel dollars remain at the same price \$2.50. Till next month keep the letters coming,G.J.A.



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The trophy will be awarded for the best display from any O.N.A. Member Club in Ontario that is in good standing at Convention time. The display can be put in as a club project, or by a member of an Ontario Club, but only in the name of the club he or she are a member of.

Only one display will be allowed from each member club. The space or area allowed will be that of one, two or three O.N.A. cases. The category will be of any category that the Club wish to put in. But all displays in this competition will be competitive and none of these displays will be allowed to compete in any OTHER O.N.A. categories.



A WINNER

The club that has the best display will get the Laister Trophy till the next O.N.A. Annual Convention. At that time the Trophy has to come back to the O.N.A. Annual Convention for the next competition. While the winning Club has the Laister Trophy, it is to be put up for members monthly display competition providing they are in good standing. Point records are to be kept, say 10 points for first, 7 points for second, and 5 points for all displays that month. Records should be kept and posted so that the Club members will know who is leading in points each month. No displays should be shown a second time.

The winner of each months displays to get the privilege to take the Laister Trophy home with him or her till the next months meeting. When it is time for the next O.N.A. Annual Convention the Club will tally up the members points and the Club Member with the highest points will receive at the O.N.A. Annual Convention Banquet an inscribed Trophy to keep for him or her self. And so on until the Laister Trophy is withdrawn from Club Competition.

So start working on that Club display right now....

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Be proud of your Club... Make up a local display... you may win...

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## ONA CONVENTION

MAY 15 AND 16, 1976  
WESTBURY HOTEL, TORONTO

The North York Coin Club will be sponsoring the 1976 edition of the Ontario Numismatic Association's (ONA) convention. To be held at Toronto's famous Westbury Hotel located in the heart of the city at 475 Yonge Street, the gala 2-day event promises much activity and interest for virtually all numismatists, both the professional and the collector.

The Westbury Hotel has earned the reputation of the Numismatist's Hotel in the Toronto area, with a number of coin conventions planned for the Hotel by various groups during 1976. It is ideal for the walk-in trade, being next to the Yonge Street subway system, the Carlton/College Streets public transit system, main arteries such as the Don Valley Expressway and Gardner Expressway, and is easily reached by all other public transportation or road systems.

Activities to draw the general and coin-collecting public to the Convention consist of the Bourse area, competitive displays featuring trophies and award ribbons for the winners, educational programs, a banquet, hourly draws, a valuable major draw, plenty of fellowship and, last but not least, a major auction conducted by Frank Rose Enterprises that is guaranteed to be the talk of the numismatic fraternity for a long, long time to come.

The ONA Convention is being organized by the North York Coin Club under the able leadership of Louise Graham, well-known and respected in numismatic circles throughout North America, as its General Chairman. Assisting her are Fred Jewett as Deputy Chairman, John Regitko as Bourse Chairman, Paul Johnson as Display Chairman, Harvey Farrow as Registration Chairman, George Frazer as Treasurer, Ted Banning as Educational Programs Chairman, Norm Belsten in charge of Publicity, Frank Rose Enterprises as Auctioneers, and hundreds of other well-known numismatists who are serving on the various committees.

A limited number of eight-foot tables will be made available for bourse in the spacious Maple Leaf Ballroom on the main floor of the Westbury Hotel, on a first come, first served basis, for the low price of \$95.00 each. This bourse fee includes, other than the use of an 8' table identified with the dealer's name, a display case, night cloth, security throughout the convention, a well-guarded security room starting Friday afternoon and operating until Sunday evening, two bourse ribbons to identify the dealer and a helper, three tickets to the major draw, and the services of a "porter" (drawn from junior collectors) who will run errands for the dealer throughout the duration of the Convention (such as get meals from a choice of five restaurants in and around the Hotel). In addition, the organizers will have on stand-by for those dealers that require this service, responsible senior numismatists who are well-versed in both numismatics and public relations. They will man a bourse table for periods of up to about 30 minutes should the dealer wish to leave his bourse table for any reason. It is pointed out that the duties of these "helpers" primarily consists of assuring potential customers will return to negotiate a sale when the dealer returns and for security reasons, but not necessarily to sell coins on the dealer's behalf.

Persons interested in obtaining further information concerning the bourse are requested to contact the Bourse Chairman directly at ONA/NYCC Bourse, 29 Spruce Street, Toronto, Ontario, M5A 2H8.

Persons wishing information on displays or for any other reason are requested to write to: ONA CONVENTION 1976, P.O. Box 294, Willowdale, Ontario. ●



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- April 10 Orillia Champlain Coin Club are having a Mall Show at the Orillia Mall, Saturday April 10th, 1976.
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- June 5th Newmarket Numismatic Society's First Annual Coin Show. There will be Displays - Bourse Dealers - and a continuing film on Coin Collecting. The Show will be at the Upper Canada Mall from 9.30 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. Enquiries to P.O. Box 142, Newmarket, Ontario. L3Y 4W3
- July 8-10 The 1976 C.N.A. Convention and Show. Chateau Laurier Hotel in Ottawa. For more information write to ... Ottawa Coin Club, 183 Island Park Drive, Ottawa, Ont. K1Y 0A3
- Aug. 7th Collingwood & District Numismatic Association Second Annual Coin - Stamp - Hobby Show, at the Lion's Den, 10.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. Enquiries to P.O. Box 565, Collingwood, Ontario.
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# Membership

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The following members have been transferred from regular membership to Life Membership.

LM 34 Ron J. Dickinson, Toronto, Ontario.

LM 35 David Wm. Harper, Waterloo, Ontario.

LM 36 A.J. Pinkos, Toronto, Ontario. M6P 3J5

## Award of Merit

Nominations are still open for the O.N.A. Award of Merit. This is a prize highly thought of in numismatic circles. Any person that you feel has done much to improve our hobby, worked hard to promote its qualities and spread the word as to the merits of belonging to a club which specializes in making our hobby a healthy and worthwhile pastime, this is the person who should receive your individual consideration. Then take this name to your club for their support. Make sure that your nomination is signed by your Club President or a member of your club appointed by him.

All nominations for this Award should be mailed to : Chairman of Award Committee, W.E. Pat Lambert, P.O. Box 311, St. Catharines, Ont. L2R 6T7

Let's make it rough for the Chairman this year and give him some real opposition from which to choose the final Candidate for the Annual Award of Merit.



**THE DIVER \$5**

The graceful woman diver is shown passing through a time lapse sequence before completing her dive. As seen from the diving tower, light shimmers below her on the surface of the water.



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The three Olympic paddling events—rowing, canoeing and kayaking are symbolized by a single heroic figure pitted against time, pressure and fatigue. The fluid curve of the watercourse swirls around him.



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The refracted image of a swimmer in competition echoes the heaving turbulence of the water in this powerful design. For a few exhilarating moments, swimmer and water become one.



**SAILING \$10**

The coordinated teamwork vital in Olympic sailing events is symbolized by two intent figures—one at the tiller, the other straining to counterbalance the thrust of the wind. Distant sails glide on the horizon.

# ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION



## PROPOSED CHANGES IN ELECTION OF OFFICERS PROCEDURE

The following amendments to our Constitution and By-Laws are hereby respectfully submitted to the President and Executive for their discussion and approval :

### Article 7 - Officers - Election

Section 1 - No change proposed.

Section 2 - To be amended to read as follows "No member shall be eligible for or appointed to the office of President until he has served a full two year term as an elected or appointed officer of the executive ".

Section 3 - No change proposed.

Section 4 - In an election year, the President shall make a call for nominations of elected officers six months prior to the opening of the Annual General Meeting, in the official publication and at the same time shall appoint an election committee consisting of a Chairman and two members. Members of this committee shall not be seeking the office of President, First Vice-President or Second Vice-President.

Section 5 - ALL Nominations shall be made in writing, signed by a member in good standing or an officer of a member club which is in good standing. All Nominations must be accompanied by a written acceptance from the nominee or an assurance from the nominator that said nominee will stand for office, otherwise the nomination shall be declared invalid and nominator so advised.

Section 6 - Nominations shall close four months prior to the opening of the A.G.M. No member may be nominated to or stand for, more than one elected office.

Section 7 - The Chairman of the election Committee shall cause the names of all eligible nominees to be published in the official publication, three months prior to the opening of the A.G.M.

Section 8 - Amended to read "The Election Committee" shall cause the names of all nominees to be printed on the official ballots and shall mail one official ballot to each member in good standing sixty days prior to the opening of the A.G.M., together with an envelope addressed to the Chairman of the election committee.

Section 9 - The unopened envelopes containing the marked ballots shall be taken by the Chairman of the election committee to the A.G.M., where they shall be opened on the first day of the Convention by the Chairman, in the presence of at least one other member of the committee, and the ballots counted. This will take place prior to the commencement of the A.G.M. In the event of a tie

the matter shall be reported to the President, who shall then call for a vote from the floor at the A.G.M. to break the tie. The results of the election shall be announced by the Chairman of the election committee at the A.G.M. The President shall call for a motion from the floor "that the ballots may be destroyed".

Section IO - Any office for which no nominations have been received may be filled by the following procedures :

- (a) Nominations from the floor. Elections require by this section shall be the last item of new business at the A.G.M. with the election Chairman calling three times for nominations from the floor.
- (b) Vote of the elected and appointed officers at a regular executive meeting.

Sections II - I2 - I3 - No proposed changes.

Section I4 - The term of office of an elected president shall be limited to One elected two year term, but this in no way prevents retiring Presidents from standing for election to any other executive position. But in any case they can attend any O.N.A. Executive Meeting with voting privileges.

Section I5 - to be deleted, as this has been fully covered in the final paragraph of section 6.

The above-mentioned amendments are hereby presented to the Executive for inclusion in the agenda of the next Annual General Meeting.

## Did You Know

Another Counterfeit Detection Seminar is planned for Toronto for March 30,31, and April 1st. It will be held at Charlton Numismatics, 299 Queen Street West, Toronto, Ontario.

The basic fee for the three-day course is \$125.00. Hundreds of samples of counterfeit coins will be on hand for study under the stereo-zoom scopes provided.

The OIN teaching team will consist of Virgil Hancock of Bellaire, Texas and Ingrid Smith who is a fully accredited Instructor for OIN.

Application forms can be obtained from the Toronto Coin Club, P.O. Box 865, Adelaide St. P.O., Toronto. Ontario. M5C 2K1

# Today's Mail

Dear Mr. Editor :

May I be permitted to use a little of the precious space in your Bulletin ? What I have to say will be brief and to the point and effects every member of the O.N.A. I refer, of course, to the forthcoming O.N.A. Convention on May 14, 15, and 16th, to be held at the Westbury Hotel, 475 Yonge St., Toronto.

Upon reading this first paragraph you may think, Mr. Editor, that the writer is in error insofar that I have quoted three days for this year's Convention. However, not so, for we start our Convention with a bang-up Wine and Cheese Party, courtesy of the North York Coin Club Committee, to be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Fri. evening, May 14th. For a small nominal sum you may meet all your old friends in the numismatic world, and we hope make some new ones, and help you relax before joining the happy throng who will be attending the first of three auctions to be held by Frank Rose Enterprises Ltd.

Here let me think out loud as it were on this auction. First, I have had the pleasure over the years to see much of this material on competitive display throughout the Province. I recall for instance, a certain coin, which my wife has desired ever since she was permitted to hold same by John at a certain delegates luncheon some years ago. (Under threat of death or other severe penalty I am unable to identify the coin or the year because it happens to be the birth year of my wife). Needless to say this will be the prize and most exciting coin in the whole of this \$500,000.00 auction.

I also call to mind the choice 1858 coinage, the 1907 specimen set, etc., etc., etc. All this and much more awaits the buyers who, we are given to understand, will be coming from many distant parts of the world. To mention but a few, Great Britain, South Africa, Europe, Australia, United States and from all points of Canada. The second and third auctions are to be held on Saturday at 1.00 p.m. and 7.00 p.m. approximately.

Our banquet this year will be held at approximately 1.00 p.m. on Sunday the 16th of May, and we are looking forward to many of our distinguished collectors, buyers and visitors from all over to join with us in sharing a pleasant meal climaxed by a talk from our old friend, Major Sheldon Carroll. Thank you for your kind indulgence.



Yours sincerely,

Pat Lambert, Chairman,

O.N.A. Convention Committee.

Many thanks Pat, your letter was greatly appreciated.



What's an Irish Chauffer - driven limousine called?

The Paddy Wagon!!  
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Ray : Poor Mike's suffering from that old Irish disease called Alcoholic Rheumatism.

Mel : What in the saint's name is Alcoholic Rheumatism.

Ray : He gets stiff in all the joints!!!

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Dear Gerry :

I was interested in that article on the Canadian I9II silver dollar in The Ontario Numismatist of December.

You and your readers may be interested to know that it was offered for sale by B.A. Seaby Ltd., at the C.N.A. I960 Convention in Sherbrooke for \$I6,000.00.

It was not sold then, but changed hands later. Incidentally, the coin was not in the Farouk Collection, sold in Cairo in I954.

Although Seaby's will not disclose the name of the vendor from whom they obtained it, they do say it did not come from the King Farouk Collection, and one was not offered in that sale.

Yours Sincerely,

Jim Charlton.

Many thanks Jim and I hope you don't mind if I shared your interesting letter with the rest of our readers.

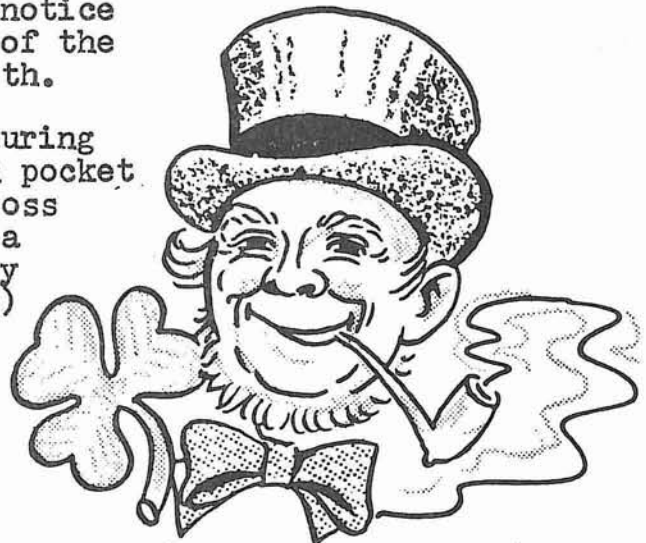
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The month of March signals St. Patrick's Day, and one doesn't have to look very far to notice the Irishman in our membership. "It's top of the morning", too, to anyone born on March I7th.

If your ancestors took off from Ireland during the potato famine and headed for an Irish pocket in the Gatineau Hills in Quebec, just across from Ottawa, you may be a good friend of a friend of mine. (His mothers name was Mary Murphy. Isn't that a beautiful Irish Name)

"Begorrah, Gerry, we really found a four-leaf clover when we moved to Sudbury!", is my friends favourite saying.

So to all who may be saving Irish Coins may a little treasure come your way.



# Stop... News Roundup

Well we tried to warn you last month that there would be some changes in the March Bulletin. There is going to be a few more. You see we are trying things as we go along, and if they don't look quite right this month we hope to improve again next month. We hope you will let us know how you feel about the new look.

The St. Catharines Coin Club informs us that their Coin Club will hold their April meeting on April 25th, 1976.

The Niagara Falls Coin Club informs us that they are expecting their two day Show on March 20th and 21st to exceed any previous Show in every aspect of Numismatics. There will be hourly draws, colorful displays, well known Bourse Dealers and Don Thomas will no doubt have an Outstanding Numismatic Message for all attending, so make plans to attend.

The London Numismatic Society deserves special congratulations this issue. The April 6th meeting will take the form of a Dinner Celebration to mark the 25th Anniversary of the London Numismatic Society. Five members who were present at the original meeting will be honoured at this meeting. I'm sure that all the members of the O.N.A. wish you well, and wish you continued success as one of the most progressive Clubs in Ontario.

Our thanks to Chas. B. Laister for an interesting letter. He pointed out a slight error in the February bulletin and I must say he was the only one that noticed it. (At least he was the only one who wrote about it). In the Feb. issue on the front page I typed a release from the North York Coin Club on the up coming Convention. It stated that the May 15th and 16th Convention would be the 13th, but this was wrong as Chas. pointed out. This will be our 14th Annual Convention.

I hope that the Clubs will also take note and have a display ready to enter the competition for the Chas. B. Laister trophy.

Plans have been finalized for the Sarnia Numismatic Society Annual Coin Show in October. The Show will be held at the Travel-Lodge on the Golden Mile, Hwy 7, on October 3rd, 1976. I apologize for not entering this in the Shows but it will be there in the April issue. For more information re Bourse write to Mr. Carl Williamson, 921 Greendale Ave., Sarnia, Ontario.

I apologize for not having a lot of educational material in this first revised bulletin, but if you bear with me, and after we get the required information re our annual convention printed, we are planning all kinds of new features with your help.

So make your plans NOW to attend the best O.N.A. Convention Ever. I've made my reservations already, have you?





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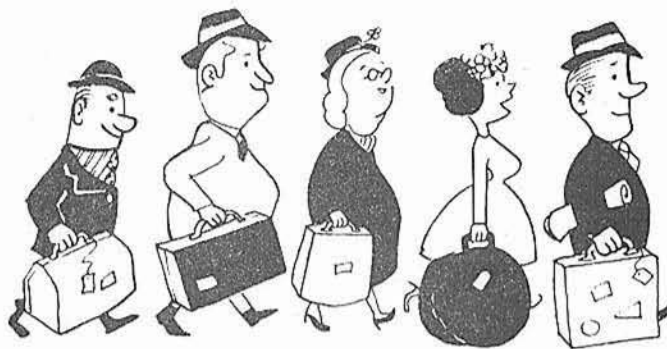
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Really are you going....



To the Best O.N.A. Convention Ever....

Well then read the following news release from Mr. Frank Rose very carefully.

The Ontario Numismatic Association annual convention at Toronto's Westbury Hotel, on May 13, 14, 15, and 16th, will feature a four session auction by Frank Rose Enterprises Ltd., offering the renowned Canadian and Foreign coin collection of :

Mr. John L. McKay-Clements of Haileybury, Ont.

The extensive collection includes the extremely rare 1911 silver dollar of Canada, one of only two in existence. The coin is considered unique to collectors, since the second specimen presently forms part of the numismatic collection of the Mint Museum, London, England.

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Remittances payable to the Ontario Numismatic Association, P.O. Box 33, c/o Mr. Bruce Raszmann, Waterloo, Ontario. N2J 3Z6.

Authorized second class mail by the Post Office Department, Ottawa, and for payment of postage in cash.

News Release continues.....

Also included in the half million dollar sale, at the O.N.A. Convention, is a brilliant uncirculated specimen of the King of Canadian Coins, the 1921 50¢ piece and a 1921 5¢ in a similar grade, a complete set of Canadian sovereigns, including the extremely rare 1916c issue, \$5 and \$10 gold coins of Canada dated 1912, 13 and 14 and a complete set of the \$2 gold coins of Newfoundland.

The rare British Columbia, 1862 gilt silver \$20 and \$10 patterns, that were, in the year of issue, banned by the Queen in Council, are also included in the sale. The two coins are from the Schulman sale of the Kuhn Estate.

The Extensive token collection, a life time endeavour of Mr. McKay-Clements, a civil engineer and the former Mayor of Haileybury, Ontario, includes the Count Ferrari specimen of Breton 501, the 1670 French Regime in Canada, silver 15 sols; a 5 Sol piece in silver, Br. 502; silver and copper Jetons issued for the French Colonies in North America; a complete collection of the Bout de l'Isle and Repentigny tokens; rare silver and copper Gesangverein tokens; Bank of Montreal sideview pennies and half pennies and practically every token struck for use in Canada, prior to the issuance of decimal coins in 1858.

Over 6,000 coins of other countries, including such rarities as the Waitangi Treaty crown of New Zealand, a proof Gothic crown of Great Britain and a horde of European, Asiatic, African, South American and Australasian coins in a variety of grades, will also be included in the sale.

About 1,300 Canadian bank notes, including issues by the Dominion of Canada, the Bank of Canada, Chartered (negotiable) and defunct Canadian Banks, will also be featured at this numismatic sale of the century. The notes, in a variety of grades, will undoubtedly tantalize the numismatic palates of collectors throughout the world. A selection of rare bank notes of other countries will also be offered.

A complete set of Canadian decimal coins will also be included in this gigantic auction sale. Gold, silver and bronze medals, commemorating various Canadian historical events, prized by collectors of Canadiana, will be included in the over 1,500 lot auction.

Collectors and dealers wishing to be part of this important auction sale, must request the free catalogue, which will be ready on or about April 10th., 1976, from the auctioneers, Frank Rose, Suite 1000, 347 Bay Street, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

The times of the Auctions will be as follows.....

Thurs.	May 13th...	6.00 p.m.	Preview of Auction Material.	7.00pm Auction
Fri.	May 14th...	6.00 p.m.	Preview of Auction Material.	7.00pm Auction
Sat.	May 15th...	12.00 noon	Preview of Auction Material.	1.00pm Auction
Sat.	May 15th...	6.00 p.m.	Preview of Auction Material.	7.00pm Auction.

THIS WILL BE CANADA'S MOST OUTSTANDING NUMISMATIC AUCTION.

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PROPOSED COIN SHOWS

The following are the Annual Coin Shows proposed for the next few months, that we have received notices for, or taken from Club Bulletins. We advise you to check this list as you debate the date of your Club's Show, to ensure that your date does not conflict with any other coin shows.

- April 10 Orillia Champlain Coin Club are having a Mall Show at the Orillia Mall, Saturday April 10th, 1976.
- April 11 The Kent Coin Club Annual Coin Show will be held at the Wheels Motor Inn, Richmond St., & Keil Dr., Chatham, Ont.
- May 14-16 O.N.A. Convention will be held at the Westbury Hotel, 475 Yonge St., Toronto. For information write- North York Coin Club, P.O.Box 294, Station "A", Willowdale, Ont., M2N 5P0.
- June 5 Newmarket Numismatic Society's first Annual Coin Show, to be held at the Upper Canada Mall from 9.30a.m. to 6.00p.m. Enquiries to P.O.Box 142 Newmarket, Ontario. L3Y 4W3.
- July 8-10 The 1976 C.N.A. Convention and Show will be held at the Chateau Laurier Hotel in Ottawa. For more information write to the Ottawa Coin Club, 183 Island Park Drive, Ottawa, Ontario. K1Y 0A3
- Aug. 7 Collingwood & District Numismatic Association second Annual Coin - Stamp - Hobby Show, at the Lion's Den, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Enquiries to P.O. Box 565 Collingwood, Ontario.
- Oct. 3 Sarnia Numismatic Society Annual Coin Show, at the Travel Lodge on the Golden Mile, Hwy. 7. Enquiries to D.W. Park, Show Chairman, 308 Savoy St., Sarnia, Ontario.
- Oct. 9 Richmond Hill Coin Club 12th Annual Coin Show. To be held at Hillcrest Mall (Yonge St.) Richmond Hill, Ontario.
- Oct. 16 Thistletown Coin & Stamp Club Annual Coin - Stamp Show. At the Public Library, Albion Rd., and Kipling Ave., across from the Shoppers World, Albion Mall.
- Oct. 23 St. Catharines Annual Coin Show and Banquet to be held at Westminster United Church, 180 Queenston St., St. Catharines. Send all enquiries to the Chairman S.L. Aaroe, 7 Rivercrest Drive, St. Catharines, Ontario.
- Oct. 31 Stratford's first Combined Coin & Stamp Show at the Stratford Legion Hall, corner of St. Patrick & Church Sts., 10a.m. to 7.00p.m. Enquiries to - Stratford Coin Club, Box 262, Stratford, Ontario. N5A 6T1

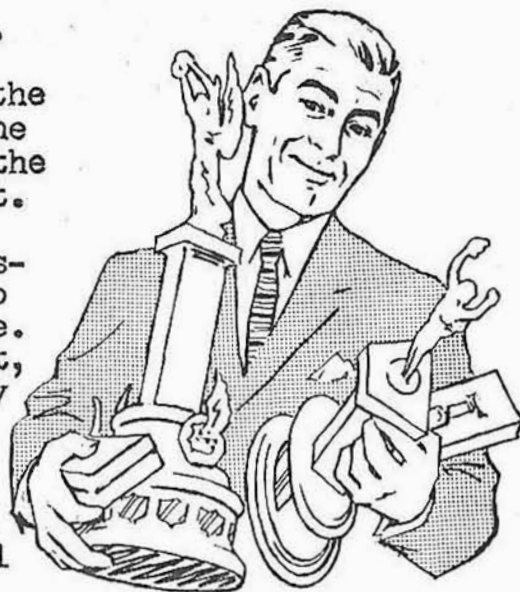
The "Chas. B. Laister Trophy" donated to the Ontario Numismatic Association for Annual Competition of O.N.A. Member Club Displays.

This trophy will be up for competition at the 14th Annual O.N.A. Convention, hosted by the North York Coin Club, May 14-16, 1976, at the Westbury Hotel, 475 Yonge St., Toronto, Ont.

The trophy will be awarded for the best display from any O.N.A. Member Club in Ontario that is in good standing at Convention time. The display can be put in as a club project, or by a member of an Ontario Club, but only in the name of the Club he or she are a member of.

Only one display will be allowed from each member club. The space or area allowed will be that of one, two or three O.N.A. cases. The category will be of any category that the Club wish to put in. But all displays in this competition will be competitive and none of these displays will be allowed to compete in any other O.N.A. categories.

The Club that has the best display will get the Laister Trophy till the next O.N.A. Annual Convention. At that time the Trophy has to come back to the O.N.A. Annual Convention for the next competition.



A WINNER



#### Award of Merit

Nominations are still open for the O.N.A. Award of Merit. This is a prize highly thought of in numismatic circles. Any person that you feel has done much to improve our hobby, worked hard to promote its qualities and spread the word as to the merits of belonging to a club which specializes in making our hobby a healthy and worthwhile pastime, this is the person who should receive your individual consideration. Then take this name to your Club for their support. Make sure that your nomination is signed by your Club President or a member of your Club appointed by him.

All nominations for this award should be mailed to :  
Chairman of Award Committee, W.E. Pat Lambert, Box 311, St. Catharines, Ontario. L2R 6T7.

Lets make it rough for the Chairman this year. Let's give him lots of names and make him work to choose the final Candidate, for the Annual Award of Merit.

# Membership

## New Members

Applications published in the March 1976 issue of the Ontario Numismatist have now been accepted. The following applications have been received and if no written objections are received, their acceptance will be acknowledged in the May issue of the Ontario Numismatist.

- J983 Tom Luckhart, Huron Road, Sebringville, Ontario. NOK IXO
- J984 Dan Saarony, 99 Greenwin Village Rd., Willowdale, Ont. M2R 2S4
- 985 David W. Bain, 10 Ferris Rd., Toronto, Ontario. M4B IE8
- 986 Mrs. Naomi Bain, 10 Ferris Rd., Toronto, Ontario. M4B IE8
- 987 Donald E. Leitch, 1527 Mardell Place, London, Ontario.
- 988 Mrs Marion A. Brightling, 937 Notre Dame Dr., London, Ontario.  
N6J 3C3
- J989 Jeffrey Paul Wenn, 623 Santa Monica Rd., London, Ont. N6H 3W2
- 990 J.R. Kelly, Ottawa Stamp & Coin Shop, P.O. Box 6006 Station "J"  
Ottawa, Ontario. K2A ITI.
- C79 Toronto Coin Club, P.O. Box 865, Adelaide St. P.O. Toronto, Ont.  
M5C 2K1

The following member has been transferred from regular membership to Life Membership.

- LM37 John Beresford, Toronto, Ontario. M4B 2N7

## Convention Publicity Release :

Chairman Louise Graham requests that all displays that are going to be entered in competition at the Ontario Numismatic Association Convention on May 15-16, 1976, be set up between 8.00 a.m. & 11.00 a.m. on Saturday May 15th. Display categories are as follows;

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| A. - Junior               | B. - Canadian Decimal Coins |
| C. - Canadian Paper Money | D. - Tokens and Medals.     |
| E. - World Coins          | F. - Topical.               |
| G. - World Currency       | H. - Miscellaneous.         |

Awards will consist of properly inscribed trophies and ribbons for 1st place in each of the above categories, including BEST OF SHOW for SENIOR, and BEST OF SHOW for JUNIOR. Deadlines for Entries accepted up to May 10th, 1976. Send completed registration form to Mr. Paul Johnson, Convention Exhibit Chairman, P.O. Box 294, Willowdale, Ontario. from R.N. Voaden, Publicity Chairman.



# a message from the President

Dear Fellow Collectors,

## Re Numismatic Goals

At a recent Coin Club Meeting, which I attended, a discussion ensued on the subject of what plans the O.N.A. had to provide a policy and a goal to which all coin clubs in Ontario, connected with the O.N.A., might aspire. It was pointed out to me that the O.N.A. should act as a "form of umbrella" for coin clubs and give a lead or be the pace-setter to ensure individual coin members receive the greatest benefit from coin collecting in the Ontario Numismatic Association.

Well fellow members, firstly the O.N.A. should learn if this is the general wish of the coin clubs, so perhaps those interested clubs will write to the O.N.A. and express their approval or otherwise. You can also let us know your thoughts at the O.N.A. Annual General Meeting in May at the Westbury Hotel.

It would be remiss to say that the O.N.A. has not performed this function in an informal manner to date by means of services, such as Audio Visuals, Speakers Circuit, Conventions, advice to those with problems and so on. But the idea is that we improve our lines of communications. There are so many fronts on which to move, to increase the tempo, so that we can all aspire to a preferred goal, and that something should be determined now.

Is there a groundswell in this direction? We need to know, so wont you inform us of your wishes. Two questions therefore:  
1) Do you wish the O.N.A. to provide you with a goal or aims?  
2) As a club or member, what do you think would help in this connection?

You know information and motivation is a two-way street and Clubs & Associations can only flourish when this is aspired to in a spirit of goodwill. So please provide input so it can be rearranged with that of others for the promotion of and the increase of educational knowledge, to provide us all with the greatest enjoyment in coin collecting.

I think many of you would like a short note in the Numismatist or a special letter to each coin club telling you of how we are planning ahead in the executive meetings. Being armed with this information, your clubs could then ensure participation and help carry the load as we move forward together.... Would you like the O.N.A. to keep you more informed of its plans?

In conclusion please know, the O.N.A. has reorganised itself internally during the past year. We now have localised sub-committees on various headings to plan their individual activities and a policy committee to help out in these matters.

So you see, the outlook is bright. The need also exists for continued loyalty and new members to provide strength and growth in the years ahead.

Thank you for reading this letter and now wont you resolve to speak up, write and be heard regarding your wishes. The O.N.A. will do the same.

Yours sincerely,  
Elliott Jephson.  
President, O.N.A.

Our President has taken the time to write us quite a letter, won't you help him by writting him a few of your ideas.... Remember a person will get something out of coin collecting only in proportion to what he puts into it.....

## *Have I Got News for You*

14th Annual Convention Medal to be struck by the North York Coin Club.

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Word has just been received that the Convention Committee for the 14th Annual Convention has arranged to strike a medal for our convention to be held May 14-16th in Toronto.

Obverse of the 1½" medal will show the O.N.A. crest surrounded by the inscription "14th Annual Convention Hosted by the North York Coin Club, Toronto, May 15-16, 1976. The reverse will bear the North York Coin Club "Lesslie Tuppence" insigna.

Advance orders for the Medal should be sent Now to the North York Coin Club, P.O. Box 294, Willowdale, Ontario. M2n 5P0

The prices are... Bronze \$10.00 ... Silver \$25.00 There will be a limit of one Silver Medal per member. Ontario residents add sales taxes of .70¢ and \$1.75 respectively.

The initial striking is to be 150 Bronze and 40 silver. An increase in the quantity will only be made to fill orders received by April 20th deadline.

The above News Release was just received by telephone from Mr. Fred Jewett and I can see where a lot of hard work has gone into this project so that we may have a continuance of the ONA Medal series.

I would respectfully suggest that if you want a silver or a bronze medal, send your orders in Now. Remember April 20th is the deadline.

CONVENTION MEDAL - 1976 .... CONVENTION MEDAL - 1976 .... ORDER FROM

North York Coin Club, P.O. Box 294, Willowdale, Ontario. M2N 5P0

## letters to the editor

As Chairman of the Speakers Circuit for the Association I would be pleased if you would have the following published in the next issue of the Numismatist.

HELP ! HELP !!  
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Dear Fellow Members and Club Officers. It is now growing very close to our Annual Meeting and I am having my annual problem.

From the mail I have received (NIL) I must suggest that it has been a very dry year for Speakers in our member clubs. At a recent meeting of your Executive Officers I mentioned that I had received no acknowledgements from Clubs re any Speakers. One Officer then advised me that he had spoken 18 different times, another advised me a list of six clubs he had spoken to. In looking over back issues of the Numismatist, the C.N.A. Journal and the C.S.A.N. I had picked up two talks for the one person and none for the others.

It is not you - the club - we are trying to thank for giving these talks - it is the people that are doing them. They deserve the credit for, as we all know, they sure don't get the pay. Don't get me wrong - they don't look for the pay either but they do deserve the THANKS. If you are too busy to drop me a line how about putting me on your bulletin mailing list like some clubs do. This will at least let me record their talk.

Many clubs use people for speakers that are not members of the O.N.A. This doesn't matter. If they spoke let me know. After three talks in one year, I'll make them up a diploma and after that they get a seal for every three talks in one year. If I know a person is a good talker and lives in North Bay maybe I can get him to talk in Orillia sometime if he is coming this way. I can't do anything of course if you don't tell me about him in the first place.

In order that I can prepare the certificates and seals for the Annual Convention please take a few minutes of your valuable time and drop me a note of who spoke and when. This is all I need. May I also ask each and every member to ask his Club Secretary if he has advised me the names of the Speakers for the past year. Maybe this will prode them along a bit. Here's hoping.

Yours sincerely,  
Ken Prophet,  
Speaker Circuit Chmm.

A golfer teed off and accidentally hit a bystander on the head. After regaining consciousness, the victim announced that he would sue for five thousand dollars. "I said FORE!" the golfer protested. "Okay," came the reply, "I'll take it !"

An Easter Song :

(To be sung by the Directors at the next meeting to the tune of ....  
"Put on your Easter Bonnet")

Ring Easter Bells, ring merrily  
a welcome to the spring,  
And let the joyfull Coin Clubs  
their usual numbers sing.  
Fill the meetings with music  
let the Presidents gaily trill  
And Pat with his silver notes  
vie with Richard at will.



**ANNUAL  
GET TOGETHER**

Ring, Easter Bells, ring cheerily  
a welcome to our members,  
That peep their heads so shyly  
to avoid the big spenders.  
Call forth the sleeping members  
when winter's snows have lain  
Ring, Easter Bells, ring cheerily,  
The O.N.A. Convention has come again.

Ring, Easter bells, ring joyfully  
the message soft and clear  
Tell that the club is born anew  
and filled with hope and cheer.  
Show times and Convention times,  
The dealers say buy it or sell it.  
But ring Easter Bells, from far and near  
To please our President Elliott.



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Tough Luck, said the egg in the monastery.

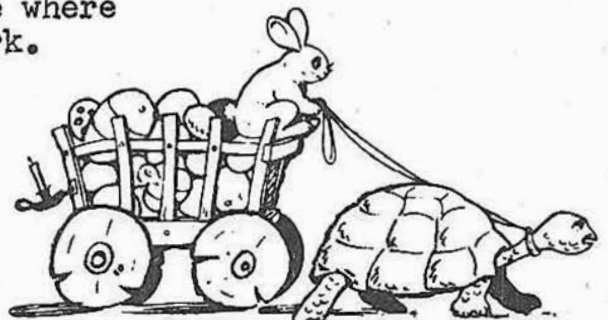
Out of the frying pan into the Friar.

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The dictionary is the only place where  
you will find success before work.

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Did you hear about the Newfy  
who moved his house three feet  
in order to tighten the  
clothes line ????



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*Easter Greetings*



Yes you, Mr. Bulletin Editor.

"The New Look" on the Bulletin is certainly refreshing and very attractive. I like the short jokes, it leaves you with a smile on your face when you come to the last page.

You are to be commended on your new approach of the bulletin.

Now I hope this will encourage the Executive with New Ideas, New Members, more concrete planning to make it a far better O.N.A. than it ever has been.

You should receive a good response from other clubs after they have read the bulletin. It has a powerful impact !

Signed... O.N.A. Secretary, Stella Hodge.

The above is but one of the many letters received this month, and I must say that they were appreciated. Keep the comments coming.

Ye Ed.

A reminder once again to get your entry forms in for your competitive displays at the Conventions.

Also, to get your orders in right now for the ONA Medals, remember the deadline date to order is April 20th.

The Chasles B. Laister Trophy for the best Club Entry will enable the winning Club to use the trophy for a full year for it's own competitions.

There is little doubt in my mind that this years O.N.A. Convention will be well worth attending, and will be the best Convention to attend in Canada this year.

We will be printing once again a list, updated, of the O.N.A. Audio-Visuals available to member clubs. We are planing a new front page again in June and we are hoping to have the Audio-Visual list as a permanent page on the back of it.

We will also have very shortly a list of what the O.N.A. have available from our Library.

We would like to ask your co-operation for any change of addresses. Could you please give us a minimum of 30 days advance notice wherever possible.

I see where the Annual A.N.A. Convention will be in New York this year from August 24th to August 29th.

I understand that the date of release for the new U.S. \$2.00 note will be April 13, 1976.

Many collectors and Ladies are arriving on Thursday May 13th, 1976, to attend the BEST ONA Convention Ever. ARE YOU. Now, should you turn your back on this 14th Annual Convention, the penalty is pretty rough. A life sentence of regrets. Of course, even providing you do come, theres a danger. You'll have such a good time enjoying yourself and your Convention, you might be tempted to stay over till the C.N.A. Convention.



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The true test of many things, is time.

The field of numismatics is vast and complex. It covers a span of time dating back to the earliest recorded history. It has affected every culture, every society, every nation.

The Ontario Numismatic Association was formed "Fourteen Years Ago" for the purposes of being beneficial to collectors and bringing a convention to those who could not attend a national one. In doing so, all facets of a national convention were and are still provided to the O.N.A. Members.

TIME would tell! Fourteen years later, the O.N.A. is still instrumental in providing a meeting place for hundreds of Ontario collectors and this year....a truly national convention has come to us.

With fourteen years behind us, and the accumulation of astute and knowledgeable members, the goals we have set for the O.N.A. in the next fourteen years should at least be within our grasp.

TIME will be the final judge.

The Ontario Numismatic Association is looking for new members. The more members we have in the association, the more we can promote this wonderful hobby. We need to recall our motto, "Vires Acquirit Eundo", "As it grows, it gathers strength." So wont you join us.

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# ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION CONVENTION PROGRAM

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Hosted by the North York Coin Club, General Chairman, Louise Graham.

## May 13, Thurs.

- 11.00 a.m. - Auction Preview (Cavalier Room)
- 7.00 p.m. - Auction -First Session- (Cavalier Room)

## May 14, Friday

- 11.00 a.m. - Auction Preview (Cavalier Room)
- 2.00 p.m. Registration opens (Convention Lobby)
- 4.00 p.m. - Wine & Cheese Party, courtesy of Frank Rose Enterprises (Cavalier Room)
- 7.00 p.m. - Auction 2nd Session (Cavalier Room)

## May 15th. Sat.

- 8.00 a.m. - Display Area opens to participating exhibitors (Salon "A")
- 9.00 a.m. - O.N.A. Annual Meeting (Cavalier Room)
- 9.00 a.m. - Auction Preview (Cavalier Room)
- 10.00 a.m. - Bourse Room and Display Area open to Public
- 11.00 a.m. - Official Opening Ceremonies
- 12.00 noon - Auction, 3rd Session (Cavalier Room)
- 6.00 p.m. - Auction Preview (Cavalier Room)
- 7.00 p.m. - Auction, 4th Session (Cavalier Room)
- 7.00 p.m. - Ladies Program - details from the O.N.A. registration desk.
- 10.00 p.m. - Bourse Room and Display Area closing.

## May 16th, Sun.

- 8.30 a.m. - Club Delegates Breakfast (Cavalier Room)
- 9.00 a.m. - Bourse Room opens to participating dealers only
- 10.00 a.m. - Bourse Room and Display Area opens to Public
- 12.00 noon - Presidents Lunch
  - Speaker: Major Sheldon S. Carroll, Bank of Canada, Ottawa
  - Display Awards
  - O.N.A. Award of Merit
- 3.00 p.m. - Educational Program - Bob Willey, Espanola, Ont.  
Early Canadian Mediums of Exchange (Cavalier Room)
- 5.00 p.m. - Raffle Draw (Convention Floor)
- 6.00 p.m. - Security Room Opens
- 10.00 P.M. - Security Room Closes



All bourse tables for the O.N.A.'s 1976 Convention, 55 in total, have been sold, reports the Convention's Bourse Chairman, John Regitko.

A variety of material for sale is promised by the dealers -- and something for everyone promises the Convention Committee.

The Convention promises to be an event long remembered by everyone!

United States Colonial and Continental Paper Money

By W.E. Pat Lambert

Here is a subject well worth the effort to dig for information. I know, because having been a paper money collector for some years, I have found that the scarcer or less known types of bills are somewhat difficult to get information on, in particular early U.S. paper currency.

What started this whole business was about a year ago a fellow collector from Niagara Falls, New York, showed me a New Hampshire 6 Penny bill in about good condition. This started my hunt for papers and/or articles written on these bills. My appetite therefore being whetted and digging up some old (1930-1952 American coin catalogues I came across the following facts (at least I hope they are factual). I find for instance, that the Province of Connecticut issued notes in values from 2 pence to 3 pounds between the years 1709-1791, (incidentally it is worth noting that varieties were abundant in those days as I find there was something like 100 varieties in this period); as late as 1863 notes were placed in circulation and to-day I am told command a really high premium, particularly those in fine or better condition.

Our border State of New York also issued notes dating from 1724-1786; it should be noted here that their values range from a fractional value 1/16 of a pound (15 pence ) to 10 pounds. The rare dates are those issued prior to 1756. These are real collectors items and bring high premiums.

New Hampshire issued their own bills, ranging from 3 pence to \$20.00, all these bills are very rare, especially those prior to 1776. I noted in particular how decorative these bills were, corresponding in likeness somewhat to the charter of a corporation of modern times; the one I saw dated 1743 was issued at Portsmouth, Province of New Hampshire, and states as follows "This bill of 6 pence due to ye peoples of New Hampshire shall be equal to one penny weight and 12 grains of coined silver Troyns of sterling alloy or gold coin at your rate of four pounds 18 shillings per ounce and shall be accepted in all payments and ye treasury Portsmouth, April 3, 1742 by order of Gen. Try. or Assembly ". This bill, being in poor condition, it was rather difficult to decipher, so please do not take my translation too literally; at least the British pound sterling was still the basic currency at that time.

I have only touched on the fringe of these early bills, I believe some 14 states issued them from as early as 1690 (in Massachusetts) to 1775 when the U.S. issued their Continental Currency issued only at Philadelphia and Yorktown.

Any help with this project of mine from our readers will be appreciated, in particular reference books of a reliable nature. Please drop me a line % the Editor, with any ideas, etc., that you may have. I trust you have as much pleasure in reading this short article as I have had in digging up these few facts about a subject that should be researched at much greater length.

Recently I received a short letter from Jim Charlton and with it he enclosed a short story. I hope you enjoy it as much as I did when I read it. Thanks Jim.



By J.E.Charlton.

Soon after I arrived in Sudbury in 1933, the local newspaper reported that a resident of the community had found an old token. I believe it was a Bank of Upper Canada penny. As this was considered to be of some significance, I thought the editor would be interested in seeing some older money, so I visited the Sudbury Star office with my modest collection of early Canadian & American coins and tokens. A description of these appeared a few days later in the newspaper.

The early Canadian tokens were of particular interest to me as a young collector, because they were old, historical and inexpensive. For the same reasons I feel they should be a good starting point for young collectors today.

In 1935 the first Canadian silver dollars released to the public were available in Sudbury, and I obtained one for my collection.

The hungry thirties was not the time for collecting coins by rolls and bags for most of us. Paydays always seemed to be too infrequent, and a silver dollar was like a credit card with a friendly storekeeper. The merchant would accept the coin in payment for a small purchase and let you redeem it on pay day.

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**CHEER  
UP!**

I really don't know who wrote the following story. But it is worth repeating because there is an important message in it.

The Man Who Sold Hot Dogs

There was a man who lived by the side of the road and sold hot dogs. He was hard of hearing so he had no radio. He had trouble with his eyes so he read no newspaper. But he sold good hot dogs.

He put up signs on the highway telling how good they were. He stood on the side of the road and cried: "Buy a hot dog, Mister?" And people bought.

He increased his meat and bun orders. He bought a bigger stove to take care of his trade. He finally got his son home from college to help him out.

But then something happened. His son said, "Father, haven't you been listening to the radio? Haven't you been reading the newspapers? There's a big depression. The European situation is terrible. The domestic situation is worse." Whereupon the father thought, "Well, my son's been to college, he reads the papers and he listens to the radio, and he ought to know."

So the father cut down on his meat and bun orders, took down his advertising signs, and no longer bothered to stand out on the highway to sell his hot dogs. And his hot dog sales fell almost overnight. "You're right son," the father said to the boy. "We certainly are in the middle of a great depression."

The Counterfeit Medal Act of 1883 by R.W. Irwin.

Hanoverian medals were common in Great Britain in the 1870's and were designed in size and style to pass as sovereigns and half sovereigns to the casual observer. During the decade 1868 to 1878 about 10 percent of the prosecutions for uttering bad coin was in respect to these medals and their use had increased in 1878. The Deputy Master of the Royal Mint (12th Report) stated that the present law couldn't touch the people who made them. He points out that there had been 30 prosecutions for uttering (defraud) these but doubted if the statute then in force makes it illegal to make or sell them. He stated that it would "appear desirable that an Act should be passed, expressly prohibiting both the manufacture and sale."

The Hanoverian Medals bore the Queen on one side and an equestrian figure on the other and bore the inscription TO HANOVER.

The Counterfeit Medal Act was finally passed in August 1883 against substantial opposition in the House of Commons. The debates are lengthy and give an interesting background to the British coinage and tokens of the day. The Act is lengthy and only the most important section is presented here:

(2) If any person without due authority or excuse (the proofs whereof shall lie on the person accused) makes or has in his possession for sale, or offers for sale, or sells.

Any medal, cast, coin or any other like thing made wholly or partially of metal or any metallic combination and resembling in size, figure, and colour any of the Queen's current gold or silver coin, or being so formed that it can by gilding, silvering, colouring or washing, or other like process, be so dealt with as to resemble any of the Queen's current gold or silver coins.

He shall be guilty, in England and Ireland of a misdemeanor, and in Scotland of a crime and offence, and on being convicted, shall be liable to be imprisoned for any term not exceeding one year, with or without hard labour."

Ye Ed - Thanks for an interesting article, and I hope we can hear from you again very shortly.

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SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT Reprinted from the April Bulletin received from the Orillia Champlain Coin Club.

Here is what is said about silver recently - " - the final 1975 figures will reveal worldwide consumption down 15% to 20% because of general decreased industrial uses - - total world new silver production down 10% to 15% because of widespread decline in worldwide mining activity. Thus raw production-consumption deficit will be nearly 200 million ounces similar to last year (1974) -- U.S. coin melt was 15.9 million ounces of a world coin melt of 35 million ounces in '74 has supplied only 5.94 million ounces through the first three quarters of 1975. A similar performance in other countries implies a huge decline from that source - - successful development of a new all-solid battery contains a dry silver compound.

- new uses for silver underlies the undeniable fact that unless some mammoth new silver mines are soon found, the world will be faced with critical physical shortages over the years ahead.

## letters to the editor



ONTARIO

Ontario Numismatic Association,  
c/o Editor, Gerald Albert,  
158 Dunvegan Court, Sudbury, Ont.

Dear Gerry:

What a surprise you gave me when I opened my recent copy of The Ontario Numismatist. I did not think it possible that the old staid Numismatist would ever change, but - Presto - it has come out with a whole new look and a whole new approach. Just like a spring day in May - - all bouncy and full of hope.

With the new look in the Ontario Numismatist and a new convention coming up, it looks like full steam ahead for the O.N.A. And I think it is about time for this may be just what the O.N.A. needs to put itself back on the map, so to speak, and again be a voice of numismatics in Ontario.

The most important aspect of any organization is the newsletter, for through it members are informed, amused and read about numismatics, news of Clubs in and around Ontario and elsewhere in the field of Numismatics.

As you know Gerry, no organization can sit back and rest on past laurels. Change must come about and while a lot of us don't appreciate changes, it still has to come to keep not only the O.N.A. alive but all aspects of the hobby as well. This change in the format of the Numismatist may hearken other changes that will again spark the interest and kindle the fire of hope in Numismatists in Ontario.

I would like to take this moment, Gerry, to extend to you my hearty congratulations for a job well done. It is a thankless job always meeting deadlines, but you are in the favourable position possible of keeping us, the members, acquainted as to what goes on in the world of numismatics.

Yours numismatically,

William R. Gage,  
RR# I Shanty Bay, Ontario.

The above is again but one of the many letters received this month. It makes one feel that the work involved is appreciated. Many thanks Bill for a lot of your comments, because they explain what I've been trying to do, right to a T. The principle purpose of this bulletin is to keep you informed of the exciting things happening NOW. Ye Ed.

# CONVENTION

# CALENDAR

## Proposed Coin Shows

The following are the Annual Coin Shows proposed for the next few months, that we have received notices for, or taken from Club bulletins. We advise you to check this list as you debate the date of your own Club's Show, to ensure that your date does not conflict with any other coin Shows.

- May 14-16 The Annual O.N.A. Convention at the Westbury Hotel, 475 Yonge St., Toronto. Be sure to attend.
- June 5 Newmarket Numismatic Society's first Annual Coin Show, to be held at the Upper Canada Mall from 9.30am to 6.00 pm. Enquiries to P.O.Box 142, Newmarket, Ontario. L3Y 4W3
- June 6 Welland Coin Club, 5th Annual Coin Show, to be held at Princess Elizabeth School, Schofield and Lincoln Streets, Welland, Ontario. Chairman - Claude Trudel, 72 Wellington.
- July 8-10 The 1976 C.N.A. Convention will be held at the Chateau Laurier Hotel in Ottawa. For information write- Ottawa Coin Club, 183 Island Park Drive, Ottawa, Ontario. K1Y 0A3
- Aug. 7 Collingwood & District Numismatic Association Second Annual Coin-Stamp-Hobby Show, at the Lion's Den, 10 am. to 6 pm. Enquiries to P.O. Box 565 Collingwood, Ontario.
- Sept. 19 Waterloo Coin Society Annual Coin Show, to be held at the Waterloo Knights of Columbus Hall, 105 University Ave. E., Waterloo, Ontario. Time - 10 am to 6 pm.
- Oct. 3 Sarnia Numismatic Society Annual Coin Show, at the Travel Lodge on the Golden Mile, Hwy.7. Enquiries to D.W. Park, Show Chairman, 308 Savoy St., Sarnia, Ontario.
- Oct. 9 Richmond Hill Coin Club 12th Annual Coin Show, to be held at Hillcrest Mall (Yonge St.) Richmond Hill, Ontario.
- Oct. 16 Thistletown Coin & Stamp Club Annual Coin-Stamp Show. To be held at the Public Library, Albion Rd. and Kipling Ave. across from the Shoppers World, Albion Mall.
- Oct. 23 St. Catharines Annual Coin Show, at the Westminster United Church, 180 Queenston St., St. Catharines. Enquiries to Chairman S.L. Aaroe, 7 Rivercrest Dr., St. Catharines, Ont.
- Oct. 31 Stratford's 1st. Combined Coin & Stamp Show, at Stratford's Legion Hall, corner St. Patrick & Church Sts., 10am to 7pm. Enquire- Stratford Coin Club, Box 262, Stratford, Ont. N5A6T1

# Membership

## NEW MEMBERS

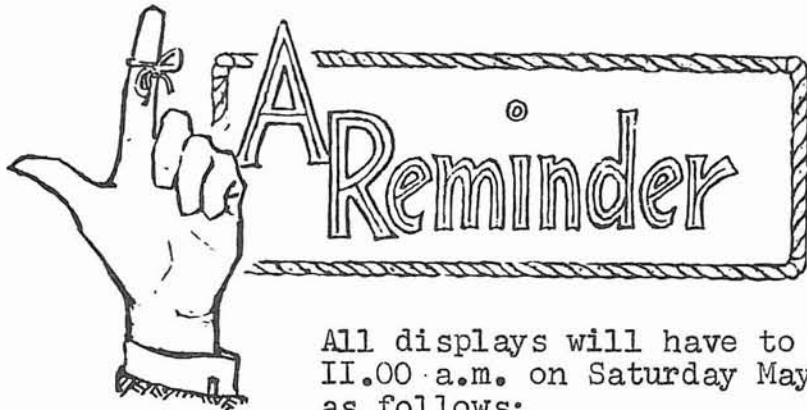
The applications published in the April 1976 issue of the ONTARIO NUMISMATIST have now been accepted.

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Deadline Date to enter all displays in competition at the O.N.A. Convention will be May 10th, 1976. Send completed registration form to Mr. Paul Johnson, Exhibit Chairman, P.O. Box 294, Willowdale, Ontario.

All displays will have to be set up between 8.00 a.m. and 11.00 a.m. on Saturday May 15th. Display Categories are as follows:

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| A. - Junior               | B. - Canadian Decimal Coins |
| C. - Canadian Paper Money | D. - Tokens and Medals      |
| E. - World Coins          | F. - Topical                |
| G. - World Currency       | H. - Miscellaneous          |

Awards will consist of properly inscribed trophies and ribbons for 1st place in each of the above categories, including BEST OF THE SHOW for Senior, and BEST OF THE SHOW for Juniors.

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THE ONA 1976 AUCTION CATALOGUES for the McKay-Clements Numismatic Collection, to be auctioned at the O.N.A. Convention, is enclosed with this month's Bulletin to every member of the O.N.A. courtesy of Frank Rose Enterprises Ltd., Suite 1000, 347 Bay St., Toronto.

The catalogue is a relatively massive 150-page volume which features the 1911 Canadian Silver Dollar. More than 5 pages are devoted to this coin alone, and the 1911 dollar is called the "Emperor of Canadian Coins", and is described along with its numismatic history. This is not, however, the only recommendation of this catalogue. The auction also includes the Canadian 1921 fifty cent piece and the British Columbia \$10 and \$20 silver gilt patterns.

Along with the usual Canadian "colonials", decimal coin, tokens, and paper money, the auction includes a selection of foreign coins unusually large for a Canadian sale. In the introduction of the catalogue it is stated that "John's goal of collecting every token listed by Breton and every coin listed by Yeoman's Modern World Coins, has practically been achieved." Notable among these are the Austrian 1958 proof 25 schilling, New Zealand 1935 proof set, Hawaiian 1883 EF dollar, Peruvian 1952 gold set, and a Russian 1912 EF memorial rouble.

The above was taken from the North York Coin Club bulletin with my thanks.



O.N.A. Convention  
Raffle Offers  
Valuable Prizes.

One of the many  
highlights of the ONA  
Convention will be a draw offering  
valuable numismatic prizes. The tickets are  
sold on a Pay-What-You-Pull basis, with amounts ranging from Free to  
40¢ per ticket, for a total of \$5.00 per book of 25 tickets.

The draw to be held on the Convention Floor at 5.00 pm  
on Sunday May 16th, will offer an Olympic \$100 gold coin as first  
prize, a twenty-ounce silver bar as second prize, and an Elizabeth II  
gold sovereign as third prize.

O.N.A. Member Clubs have been given the opportunity to  
participate in the draw.

Did you hear about the Club last year who sold all their  
tickets and left the stubs at home? This could happen to you. May I  
remind you all, O.N.A. Member Clubs, who have draw tickets to please  
make sure that you sell all your tickets, get your money and bring  
the stubs to the ONA Convention with you.

Another Convention is almost upon us and I feel I should  
invite everyone who has an interest in our hobby to come along and  
join with us in this very important event.

I am looking forward to meeting many of you members in  
person, and please make yourself known to me, I will be very prominent.  
I certainly would like to discuss with each and every one what you  
would like to see me do in this our bulletin.

I plan to attend the General Annual Meeting and I am  
looking forward to a lively discussion on many items including the  
bulletin. The Delegates Meeting is looking great at this time.  
LET'S HEAR FROM YOU at these MEETINGS.

A Convention thought as you enjoy the best O.N.A. CONVENTION EVER.

#### GREATNESS

A man is as great as the dreams he dreams,  
As great as the love he bears,  
As great as the values he redeems,  
As the happiness he shares.

A man is as great as the thoughts he thinks,  
As the worth he has attained,  
As the fountains at which his spirit drinks,  
As the insight he has gained.

A man is as great as the truth he speaks,  
As great as the help he gives,  
As great as the destiny he seeks,  
As great as the life he lives.

Sincerely Ye Ed.



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## letters to the editor

Dear Editor:

Now that the great McKay-Clements collection sale is a thing of the past, and the dust has settled once again on our numismatic fraternity, a time for reflection is upon us.

Despite the tremendous amount of publicity accorded the fact that, one of only two known specimens of the 1911 pattern silver dollar would be up for sale, (the other, of course, being in England), neither our great Canadian Government or the Bank of Canada saw fit to either jointly or singularly make any effort to save this valuable heirloom of Canadian numismatics from escaping our shores.

In point of fact, not one bid was made officially by either party, and the final two bidders were William Duffin of Casino Coins in Mississauga, and, of course, Doug Robins of Oregon, the successful bidder at \$110,000.

This, to me, does not seem too high a price for such an item; one that could have been retained within our own confines and placed on permanent view in the Bank of Canada Museum, when it opens next year.

Mr. Andrews' letter in May 22ND issue of CSA-News does more to show why

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this coin should remain in Canada then I can hope to do, but as his appeal to the Secretary of State, The Hon. Hugh Faulkner, M.P., seems to have fallen on deaf ears, then I have one further suggestion to make.

I would like to appeal to the CNA, ONA and all the other provincial organizations, then on down to each and every coin club, regardless of size, every full and part-time coin dealer and, finally, every collector, to make a pledge and forward a sum of money to a fund, which could be set up by Maj. Sheldon Carroll, for the specific purpose of bringing this coin back to Canada.

Mr. Robins has publically stated he would like to see this happen, but lets face it, he is primarily a businessman and not a good samaritan, so should he get an offer of \$135,000, I am sure he would wish to consider it.

So let us not let this be a total loss, let's get with it and show the Government that the numismatic fraternity at large can help themselves, when government refuses to do so. Let us dig down and buy this coin back before it is too late.

Yours Sincerely,

Tony Gordon, ONA #877, CNA # 12459, &ANA.

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Dear Editor:

After many delays and excuses I have decided to sit down and write you a letter.

Congratulations on the O.N.A. News Bulletin, you are doing an excellent job.

I would like to commend those who worked so hard to make the O.N.A. Show the success that it was. Isn't it a pity that the Canadian Government who spent millions on Art, Canada's Heritage-Foundations, couldn't come up with the \$115,000.00 give or take a few thousand, for one of Canada's rarest coins.

I would like to congratulate the government for sending that beautiful Bi-Centennial gift to the American Government, plus the sending of our only 1911 Canadian Silver Dollar to the United States.

Yours Sincerely,

Richard L Matte. ONA Member.

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Does the fact that the 1911 Silver Dollar left the country annoy you??? Well from the comments and the letters received, as above, it has bothered a lot of people. Many ideas have been put forward, from public subscriptions to Wintario Lottery profits, to keep it in Canada.

When one also considers the added fact that we are the ones paying Retail Sales Tax time after time on the coins Auctioned, and with approximately \$35,000.00 of R.S.T. collected at the ONA Auction, one of our Governments could very easily have financed this coin.

Ye Editor.

# Membership

## New Members

The following applications have been received and if no written objections are received, their acceptance will be acknowledged in the July-August issue of the Ontario Numismatist.

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- 993 Francis Maxine Mandeville, P.O.Box 103, Meath Park, Sask. SOJ ITO
- J994 Grant Monck, 100 Maxwell Court, London, Ontario. N5X IZ3
- 995 E.F. Collison, Paramount Numismatics Ltd., 1723 St. Laurent Blvd.  
Ottawa, Ontario. K1G 3V4
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- J997 Bill Ballentine, 125 Inglewood Dr., Toronto, Ontario. M4T IA6
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R A F F L E

T I C K E T

W I N N E R S

The draw was held May 16th, 1976 at the Convention Registration Desk at 5.00 p.m.

1st PRIZE \$100.00 gold Olympic coin won by Jack Dietrich, Markham, Ontario. Ticket # 5538

2nd Prize 20 oz. Silver Bar won by Olive Stanwick, Willowdale, Ontario. Ticket # III76

3rd Prize Queen Elizabeth II Gold Sovereign won by Joanne Lavell, Mississauga, Ont. Ticket # 5850.

Congratulations to the winners and many thanks to all who helped to make this raffle a success.

A special mention should go, at this time, to the Oshawa Club for the amount of tickets they sold. Twenty five books were sent to Bruce Watt, and they sold out, Louise Graham then drove out to Oshawa with more and they ended up by selling 56 books of raffle tickets. Nice going, you are the Champs till the next Convention.

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1976 Convention Medal Report



The North York Coin Club, Hosts for the ONA's 14th Convention reports on the 1 1/2" medals struck for the occasion.

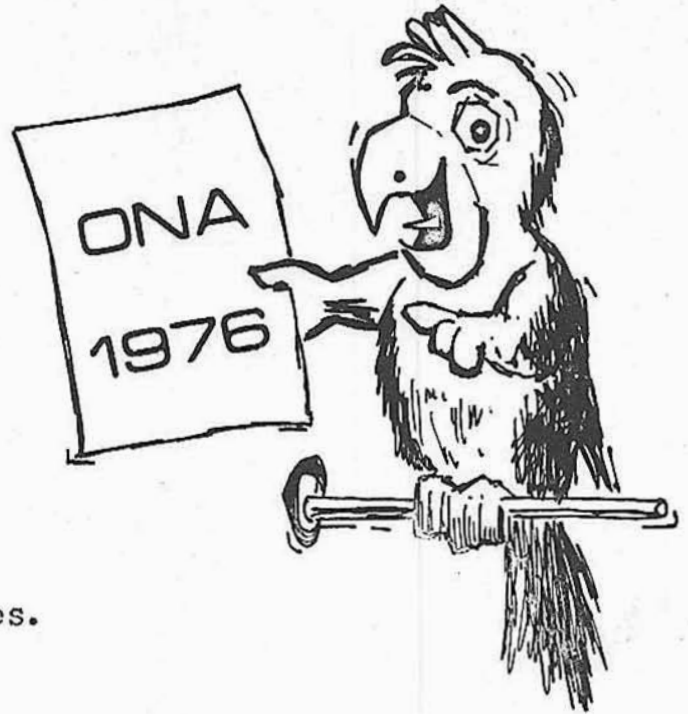
At the time of going to press, there are 9 silver and 54 bronze specimens of the regular striking available. Members have until June 30th, 1976 to order their requirements. (Prices - Bronze \$10. Silver \$25. \* plus Ontario Sales tax if applicable). Any medals then remaining will be disposed of by the Club.

Members wishing to purchase specimens in 24kt gold, \$400. plus OST must forward their order to reach the club by June 30th with payment in full.

North York Coin Club, P.O. Box 294, Station "A", Willowdale, Ontario. M2N 5P0

1976 Exhibit Winners

ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION



A. JUNIOR \*

1st Colin Caldwell, Peterborough  
 2nd David Ruch, Whitby  
 3rd Tom Beckett, Toronto

B. Canadian Decimal -

1st William Aaroe, St. Catharines.  
 2nd Don Cole, Whitby.  
 3rd Gord Culbert, Stayner.

C. Canadian Paper - 1st Tony Gordon, Toronto.  
 2nd George Fraser, Toronto.  
 3rd No Prize.

D. Tokens & Medals - 1st Gord Culbert, Stayner.  
 2nd Ralph Bagnall, Mississauga.  
 3rd Shiela Ruch, Whitby.

E. World Coins - 1st Gord Culbert, Stayner.  
 2nd Ted Banning, Grafton.  
 3rd William Payne, London.

F. Topical - 1st Stan Clute, Willowdale  
 2nd Tom Kostaluk, London  
 3rd Ray Gregory, Newmarket.

G. World Currency - 1st No Prize  
 2nd Norm Wells, Peterborough.  
 3rd Tom Kostaluk, London.

H. Miscellaneous - 1st Shiela Ruch, Whitby  
 2nd Jan Nielsen, St. Catharines.  
 3rd Don Cole, Whitby.

Best Club Display - 1st Collingwood & District Coin Club  
 2nd Nickel Belt Coin Club  
 3rd St. Catharines Coin Club

Best of Show Senior - Shiela Ruch, Whitby.

Best of Show Junior - Colin Caldwell, Peterborough

Special thanks to the Bank of Canada for their fine 3 cases non-competitive exhibit.

Exhibit Chairman - Paul Johnson, Toronto.

Head Judge - Bob Porter, Rexdale.

# CONVENTION

# CALENDAR

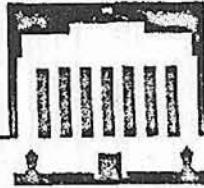
## Proposed Coin Shows

The following are the Annual Coin Shows proposed for the next few months, that we have received notices for, or taken from Club bulletins. We advise you to check this list as you debate the date of your own Club's Show, to ensure that your date does not conflict with any other coin Shows.

- June 6 Welland Coin Club, 5th Annual Coin Show, to be held at Princess Elizabeth School, Schofield and Lincoln Streets, Welland, Ontario. Chairman - Claude Trudel, 72 Wellington.
- June 19 Simcoe & District Numismatic Association Annual Show, Woodville, Ontario. Guest Speaker - Ken Prophet, CNA Secr.
- July 8-10 The 1976 C.N.A. Convention will be held at the Chateau Laurier Hotel in Ottawa. For information write- Ottawa Coin Club, 183 Island Park Drive, Ottawa, Ontario. KIY 0A3
- Aug. 7 Collingwood & District Numismatic Association Second Annual Coin-Stamp-Hobby Show, at the Lion's Den, 10 am. to 6 pm. Enquiries to P.O. Box 565 Collingwood, Ontario.
- Sept. 11 Huronia Numismatic Association 16th Annual Coin Show. Bayfield Mall, Bayfield St., Barrie, Ontario. Enquiries to P.O. Box 243, Barrie, Ontario.
- Sept. 19 Waterloo Coin Society Annual Coin Show, to be held at the Waterloo Knights of Columbus Hall, 105 University Ave. E., Waterloo, Ontario. Time - 10 am to 6 pm.
- Oct. 2nd London Numismatic Society - Coin Show and Bourse - at St. Georges Presbyterian Church Hall, 1475 Dundas St. Enquiries to Box 6221, Station "D" London, Ont. N5V 2Y8
- Oct. 3 Sarnia Numismatic Society Annual Coin Show, at the Travel Lodge on the Golden Mile, Hwy.7. Enquiries to D.W. Park, Show Chairman, 308 Savoy St., Sarnia, Ontario.
- Oct. 9 Richmond Hill Coin Club 12th Annual Coin Show, to be held at Hillcrest Mall (Yonge St.) Richmond Hill, Ontario.
- Oct. 16 Thistletown Coin & Stamp Club Annual Coin-Stamp Show. To be held at the Public Library, Albion Rd. and Kipling Ave. across from the Shoppers World, Albion Mall.
- Oct. 23 St. Catharines Annual Coin Show, at the Westminster United Church, 180 Queenston St., St. Catharines. Enquiries to Chairman S.L. Aaroe, 7 Rivercrest Dr., St. Catharines, Ont.
- Oct. 31 Stratford's Ist. Combined Coin & Stamp Show, at Stratford's Legion Hall, corner St. Patrick & Church Sts., 10am to 7pm. Enquire- Stratford Coin Club, Box 262, Stratford, Ont. N5A6T1

BANK OF CANADA

press statement



BANQUE DU CANADA

communiqué

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

OTTAWA, April 29th, 1976. The seventh in the new series of Canada's currency - the one hundred dollar denomination - will be released to chartered banks at Bank of Canada Agencies across the country on May 3rd, 1976. The new note will become available in most chartered bank branches shortly thereafter.

As was announced when the new series of notes was initiated, the design of the new \$100 note includes an engraved portrait of Sir Robert Borden. The scene on the back shows three sailing ships at dockside. The dominant colour of the new note is brown.

Other features of the new \$100 note are similar to those of the \$50, \$20, \$10, \$5, \$2 and \$1 bank notes already issued, including the Canadian coat-of-arms in colour, the more extensive use of colour and the higher relief of the engraved areas than in notes of the 1954 series.

As there has been some counterfeiting of the outstanding \$100 notes, it is desirable that they be replaced by the new series as soon as possible. Banks are therefore being asked not to re-issue \$100 notes of the 1954 series but to withdraw them from circulation regardless of their condition.

The printing or publishing of likenesses of current bank notes is prohibited by Section 415 of the Criminal Code of Canada.



From  
The Editor's Chair

"Well the 1976 O.N.A. Convention is behind us now and we're all very happy, no trouble, no thefts, no room or bourse robberies, and believe me we are relieved." These were the words of Louise Graham, Chairman of The Convention, in a recent letter to me.

Louise, I for one must say, we're very proud of you and your committee. You were a tribute to the organization. How can we ever thank you and your committee for the many many hours of hard work, for your complete dedication, and for a wonderful and complete convention. You certainly lived up to our motto "Vires Acquirit Eundo", "As it grows, it gathers strength."

Also, Louise, many thanks for the personal comments in your letter, I will be in touch very shortly.

From Paul Johnson, the 1976 ONA Exhibit Chairman, I received the complete summary of winners as printed on page 54, and he also stated in his letter, "The exhibits this year were good quality and numbered around 70 cases in total. I don't think the room could have held many more displays. Many people commented on the displays and I only hope that this is a good sign for the future. I think the Convention could be termed a "big success" and everyone benefitted in some way by attending."

Paul, the convention was a success, because of people like you and all the other committee chairmen and members, who did their jobs to the best of their ability, and it showed in the results.

Thanks to Major Sheldon S. Carroll for sending me a copy of his very interesting speech given at the ONA Convention dinner. I will have this story in the July-August bulletin for all those who were not in attendance.

To Trudy Lambert, I hope the operation was a complete success, we're all looking forward to seeing you this summer completely recovered.

Now that the 1976 convention is over we have to finalize the locale for next years convention and are looking for sites for the next 2 years. If you have any ideas or would like to see the convention in your city, let us know as soon as possible.

The C.N.A. Convention will soon be with us, on July 8-9-10, 1976, at the Chateau Laurier Hotel in Ottawa. If you haven't made your reservations yet, you should. Remember the show is only one week before the Olympic Games, so why not combine the two. I hope to see you all at this most important National Convention. It promises to be a real winner this year.

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TREASURER'S REPORT  
FOR PERIOD JANUARY 1, 1975 TO DECEMBER 31, 1975

GENERAL ACCOUNT

PETTY CASH @ JANUARY 1, 1975.....	\$ 9.37	
PETTY CASH (PAT LAMBERT).....	25.00	
BANK BALANCE @ JANUARY 1, 1975.....	<u>1192.35</u>	\$1226.72
 TRANSFER FROM CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT		 <u>\$1000.00</u> \$2226.72

RECEIPTS

MEMBERSHIPS (REGULAR, JUNIOR & CLUB)...	\$1358.00	
MEDALS & RETAIL SALES TAX.....	802.06	
LAPEL PINS.....	27.50	
SALE OF DISPLAY CASES.....	400.00	
O.N.A. SHARE OF NET PROFIT (S.C.C.)....	532.89	
O.N.A. TOREX RECEIPTS.....	250.00	
BANK INTEREST.....	7.43	
O.N.A. RAFFELS.....	16.32	
SUNDRIES.....	<u>.14</u>	\$3394.34

EXPENSES

ONA PUBLICATION "ONTARIO NUMISMATIST"...	\$1010.71	
MEDALS.....	2424.00	
POSTAGE.....	81.09	
SAFETY DEPOSIT & P.O. BOX RENTAL.....	44.00	
BOOKBINDING.....	14.11	
PRINTING.....	38.09	
HONORARIUMS.....	250.00	
RETAIL SALES TAX.....	40.40	
C.N.A.; A.N.A. DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS....	56.43	
OFFICE SUPPLIES.....	73.23	
TELEPHONE.....	63.60	
ADVERTISING.....	33.00	
RENT.....	90.00	
EXECUTIVE BARS.....	263.55	
ENGRAVING.....	9.45	
AWARD OF MERIT & ENGRAVING.....	13.75	
GRATUITY.....	10.80	
SUNDRIES.....	<u>9.73</u>	\$4525.94
 EXCESS EXPENSES OVER RECEIPTS.....		 \$-1131.60
PETTY CASH @ DECEMBER 31, 1975.....	20.13	
BANK BALANCE @ DECEMBER 31, 1975.....	<u>1074.99</u>	\$1095.12

BANK RECONCILIATION

BANK PASS BOOK BALANCE @ DECEMBER 31, 1975.....	\$1152.88	
OUTSTANDING CHEQUES.....	77.89	
STATEMENT BANK BALANCE @ DECEMBER 31, 1975.....	<u>\$1074.99</u>	

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TREASURER'S REPORT  
FOR PERIOD JANUARY 1, 1975 TO DECEMBER 31, 1975CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT

BANK BALANCE @ JANUARY 1, 1975..... \$ 636.00

RECEIPTS

INTEREST ON GUARANTEED INVESTMENT CERTIFICATE..	\$ 170.00	
INTEREST ON CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT.....	69.12	
BANK INTEREST.....	180.84	
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT.....	<u>2800.00</u>	\$3219.96

EXPENSES

TRANSFER TO GENERAL ACCOUNT.....		<u>\$1000.00</u>	
EXCESS RECEIPTS OVER EXPENSES.....			\$2219.96
BANK BALANCE @ DECEMBER 31, 1975.....			<u>\$2855.96</u>

LIFE MEMBERSHIP ACCOUNT

BANK BALANCE @ JANUARY 1, 1975..... \$ 130.85

RECEIPTS

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS.....	\$ 400.00	
INTEREST ON GUARANTEED INVESTMENT CERTIFICATES.	88.56	
BANK INTEREST.....	31.01	
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT.....	<u>200.00</u>	\$ 719.57

EXPENSES

GUARANTEED INVESTMENT CERTIFICATE.....	600.00		
MEMBERSHIP DUES (1975).....	<u>145.00</u>	\$ 745.00	
EXCESS EXPENSES OVER RECEIPTS.....			\$ -25.43
BANK BALANCE @ DECEMBER 31, 1975.....			<u>\$ 105.42</u>

CASH ASSET SUMMARY @ DECEMBER 31, 1975

CASH & BANK BALANCE - GENERAL ACCOUNT.....	\$1095.12	
BANK BALANCE - CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT.....	2855.96	
GUARANTEED INVESTMENT CERTIFICATE - CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT..	2000.00	
BANK BALANCE - LIFE MEMBERSHIP ACCOUNT.....	105.42	
GUARANTEED INVESTMENT CERTIFICATES - LIFE MEMBERSHIP ACCOUNT.....	<u>1600.00</u>	\$7656.50
TOTAL ASSETS 1974.....		<u>\$7993.57</u>
DECREASE IN CASH ASSETS.....		\$ 337.07

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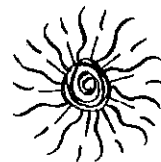
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PRESENTED TO THE

O.N.A. CONVENTION, TORONTO, ANNUAL BANQUET MAY 16, 1976.

by Major Sheldon S. Carroll, Chief Curator, Bank of Canada, Ottawa.

It is a great pleasure to be here to-day as your luncheon speaker and to bring you greetings from the National Currency Collection and the Bank of Canada. When Pat Lambert invited me last fall to speak to-day I accepted without hesitation as it is both a privilege and an honour to be invited to address the largest and most active regional numismatic organization in Canada.

This is the second time that I have been the speaker at your annual banquet. The last time was at the 1967 convention in Kitchener, just nine years ago. A great deal has happened during those nine years both to the O.N.A. and to numismatics in general. The O.N.A. has gone steadily ahead while numismatics has had its ups and downs but by and large progress has been positive. One of the negative aspects is the great increase in counterfeiting. Now counterfeiting is not a new disease, it has been with us for many centuries. As a matter of fact, it was probably invented the day after the first coin was made. Its effects can vary all the way from being just a nuisance to collectors to creating such serious economic consequences that it has resulted in the fall of governments. Examples of the counterfeit coins and counterfeit paper money from past generations have survived to bedevil collectors and to keep them alert and on their toes. Collecting these early historical counterfeits can even be an interesting side-line to our hobby.

A few weeks ago I was in Frankfurt in West Germany visiting the magnificent currency collection of the Deutsche Bundesbank. They showed me their counterfeiting museum which fills a large exhibition room in their head office building. I saw hundreds and hundreds of counterfeit coins and of counterfeit bank notes, some so crude that you wonder how they could have fooled anyone and others so good that only experts with elaborate laboratory equipment could prove that they were not genuine. In addition, they had cases and cases of counterfeiting equipment which had been seized over the years by the German authorities.

To-day the counterfeiting of coins is not of such great concern to governments but it is of very great concern to numismatists because during the last few years it has become a very serious threat to our hobby. Not only are gold coins being counterfeited in great quantities to plague collectors, hoarders and speculators but coins of numismatic rarity and value are being counterfeited to the consternation of numismatists, collectors and investors. Anyone who buys a rare or expensive coin to-day without first having it authenticated is very foolish. It has been estimated, by people who know, that almost one-third of the gold coins in the hands of collectors and dealers to-day are not genuine. The term "dealers" includes not only numismatic dealers but dealers in precious metals and foreign exchange, including some chartered banks. Very few of these dealers have anyone on their staff who can tell a good

coin from a bad one. The subject of counterfeiting and how to cure it is far too big and complicated to cover in a talk of this kind. Instead I'm going to tell you a story, a true story about a great Canadian whose very name struck fear into counterfeiters about a century ago.

His name was John Wilson Murray. No radio or television programmes have been produced about him, as far as I know, but at least one book has been written about his life and career. It is called "Memoirs of a Great Detective" by Victor Speer, published in Toronto in 1905. The author writes of him as follows: "John Wilson Murray, Inspector of the Department of Criminal Investigation of the Department of Justice, Toronto, was Inspector for almost thirty years, and, in that time, murders by the dozen, burglaries by the score, crimes of all kinds, totalling thousands, were solved by him, and the perpetrators apprehended. His career was a record of events outrivalling the detective tales of fiction. The cases he solved ranged through every variety of crime known to the police records of the world. He ran down counterfeiters of \$1,000,000.00 and more; he unravelled the mysteries of murder where life was taken for as little as eighty cents."

John Wilson Murray was born in Edinburgh, Scotland in 1840. His father was a well-to-do sea captain. When young Murray was five years old the family moved to New York. Six years later his mother returned to Scotland because of ill health and took her son with her, placing him in a private school in Edinburgh which he disliked intensely. At the age of thirteen he ran away to sea but was brought back after a short voyage to Liverpool. His mother returned with him to the United States and he was enrolled in the Georgetown Academy in Washington. He stayed for two years and then decided to run away again to sea. He shipped aboard a freighter carrying fruit from the West Indies for a few months and then served on two sailing ships, making one voyage around Cape Horn. His father finally caught up with him and took him back to school. In 1857, at the age of seventeen he ran away again for the third and last time. This time he enlisted as a seaman in the U.S. Navy and served on the Great Lakes on the U.S.S. Michigan until the American Civil War broke out in 1861. He was sent to the officers training school in Washington, did well and was commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Navy. He served throughout the Civil War, saw plenty of action and also got his first experience working as an undercover man.

When the war was over he resigned from the Navy and entered the U.S. Secret Service where he served as a special agent to the Navy Department for two years. It was this experience that decided Murray that he should make a life-time career as a detective. In 1868, at the age of 28 he joined the police force in Erie, Pennsylvania as a detective. His work there soon brought him to the attention of officials of the Pennsylvania Central Railroad. He shortly became acquainted with William L. Scott, the railroad magnate, who built the Canada Southern Railroad, now known as the Michigan Central Railroad running through Southern Ontario from Detroit and Windsor to Fort Erie. In 1873 Murray was appointed head of detectives of the Canadian Southern Railroad. He was so successful in solving crimes associated with the railroad that two years later he was invited by Sir Oliver Mowat, who was then the Attorney-General of Ontario, to become the Inspector of Criminal Investigation of the Department of Justice. At that time there was no Provincial Police Force and so for over 30 years Murray was practically a one-man Provincial Police Force.

It is of interest to us that the first case which Murray undertook as an employee of the Ontario Department of Justice dealt with counterfeiting. For a long time counterfeiters had been known to be at work in the Owen Sound and vicinity. They had grown wealthy and had influential connections. Murray quietly went to the area and shortly became acquainted with some of the men who were passing the counterfeit money, bonds and mortgages. He was soon able to arrest the leaders of the gang who included some of the most respectable men in the community.

In 1875 Murray handled an investigation, involving a Mr. Pettit, a prosperous farmer who distrusted banks and who kept all his money in his home in the form of gold coins. One night four armed men broke into his home and stole his fortune which consisted of \$10,500 in gold coins. Murray was called in and set out on the trail. He found that the gang had rented a wagon in Hamilton then driven to Brantford where they split up the gold. By tracing the gold in the places where it turned up Murray learned that the ring leader was Charles Mills, of Hamilton. Mills fled to Texas but with the help of one of Mills former girl friends Murray was able to lure him back to Canada where he was promptly arrested. Mills was tried, convicted and sentenced to five years in prison.

The longest chase of a criminal ever undertaken by Murray involved a private banker by the name of Henry Charles Aitken. Aitken came of a prominent Hamilton family and had for a number of years worked at the head office of the Bank of Hamilton. Later he was appointed manager of the branch at Tottenham, Ontario. When the bank decided to close the branch, Aitken took over the business and opened a private bank. He built up a thriving business and was highly respected in the community. His one weakness was playing the stock market in which he was not successful. Finally he ran into serious financial difficulties so he cleaned out his vault of all his depositors funds and fled the country. Bank inspectors found that he had fled with roughly \$90,000 in cash and negotiable securities. Murray was called in and took up the chase. He followed Aitken to Mexico, across the isthmus of Panama, down the west coast of South America, through Ecuador, Bolivia, Peru, Chile across the Andes on mule-back, through Argentina, down the Rio Plata to Montevideo and thence to Rio de Janeiro. Did he catch the fleeing banker? No! Aitken died in Rio de Janeiro of yellow fever.

Another case involved a private banking firm and this time rare coins added spice to the story. In November, 1894 an armed gang broke into the banking house of Hartman and Wilgress, in Clarksburg, near Thornbury, Ontario. The thieves were unable to open the main vault but they did manage to break into the outer vault. In it was stored a large quantity of valuable silver ware, the wedding presents of Mr. and Mrs. Wilgress and a number of "exceedingly rare and high-priced coins" owned by Mr. Hartman. Inspector Murray traced the gang to Toronto. He found that the wedding presents had been melted down into an ingot and sold to a Toronto jeweller but it was the rare coins which gave the thieves away. The leader of the gang showed one of the rare coins to a bar-tender and later gave it to him. The bar-tender was able to identify the man and Murray arrested him.

The last case I will tell you about is Murray's most famous case concerning counterfeiting. It was known as the Case of the Million Dollar Counterfeiters. In the spring of 1880 Canada was flooded with

the most dangerous counterfeit bills ever put into circulation up to that time. Banks took the bogus banknotes over their own counters and could not tell they were not genuine. Officials whose signatures were forged could not tell the forged signatures from their own genuine signatures. Good and bad bills were laid side by side and experts had to resort to scientific methods to tell which was which. The bills appeared all over Canada and it was determined eventually that bills with a face value of \$1,000,000 were put into circulation. That was a very, very large sum in those days. It was also learned later that \$2000,000 of the counterfeit bills were sent to northwest Canada in payment for furs. Twenty-five years later these counterfeit notes were still turning up and were being accepted as genuine. The notes that were being counterfeited were the following:

Canadian Bank of Commerce, \$5 and \$10 notes of 1871  
Bank of British North America, \$5 note of 1875  
Ontario Bank, \$10 note of 1870  
Dominion Bank, \$4 note of 1871  
Dominion of Canada, \$1 note of 1870

At the same time Treasury officials in the United States discovered that counterfeits of their \$5 note of the 1875 series were appearing all over the U.S.A. and some in Canada. This note was of the same high quality and seemed to be coming from the same source as the Canadian counterfeits. Both the Canadian Government and the Canadian banks were greatly concerned and Murray was immediately put to work on the case. It was important not only to apprehend the counterfeiters but also to seize the very dangerous printing plates that were being used. Murray immediately went to Washington in order to co-ordinate his search with that of the U.S. Secret Service. Then he visited New York, Philadelphia and Chicago taking with him examples of all the counterfeit notes. He met with several former counterfeiters and showed them the bills. Counterfeiters could frequently recognize the work of other experts in their trade. Finally by a process of elimination they agreed that the only man who could have engraved the plates was Edwin Johnson, a master engraver.

Johnson was an Englishman by birth, an educated man who had married an educated Englishwoman. He learned the trade of engraver and then the young couple moved to the United States. He worked at his trade and was believed to be honest but during the American Civil War some one made a fortune out of counterfeit \$20, \$50 and \$100 bank-notes and Johnson was believed to have been involved. Through an ex-counterfeiter in Chicago Murray learned that the Johnson's had been last heard of in Indianapolis. Murray went to Indianapolis and found that the Johnson's had lived there until six years previously, in a large house with horses, carriages, a coachman, a footman and a retinue of servants. They now had a family of two beautiful girls and five boys. The Johnsons spent money lavishly and Mr. Johnson built up a reputation as a heavy drinker. Finally word got around Indianapolis that the Johnsons were involved in counterfeiting and they suddenly left town. Murray traced the family to Cincinnati, to Kentucky, to Connecticut to Massachusetts. There he lost the trail. After giving the matter long thought he decided that there was a possibility that the Johnsons might be in Toronto directing the distribution of their excellent counterfeits. He took the train to Toronto arriving in the evening dead tired. He walked across

the street to a saloon to have a drink before going home. To his great amazement the first figure he saw at the bar was Johnny Johnson, one of the Johnson boys. Fortunately Johnny didn't see Murray. When he left Murray followed him down Bay Street, north on Bloor Street to Avenue Road and finally to a large brick house on Hazelton Avenue. Murray made arrangements with the occupants of an adjacent house so that he could stay there and keep the Johnson house under surveillance. Finally after many days Edwin Johnson, the king of counterfeiters, came out. Murray trailed him from saloon to saloon but each time Johnson paid for his drinks with good money. Then he went to the railroad station and bought a ticket to Markham. Murray followed him. On arriving in Markham, Johnson went into a saloon. He paid for his drink with a \$1 bill. When he left Murray bought the bill from the bar-tender and it was a counterfeit Dominion of Canada \$1 note of 1870. He had his man. Johnson visited many places in Markham making small purchases and each time tendering a counterfeit note in payment. In one store he bought a necktie with a counterfeit Dominion Bank, \$4 note of 1871. In the evening he returned to Toronto with Murray following him. When they arrived in Toronto Murray arrested him. When he was searched more counterfeit money was found in his wallet. Drink had been his downfall. Johnson did not normally pass any of his own counterfeits. The shovers or passers and the middlemen did not know him at all. He dealt only with the wholesalers. Only when he was drinking was he so indiscreet as to pass any of his own counterfeits. Johnson tried to buy Murray off, he told him to name his own price and he would pay it - in good money, Murray would have none of it. After several days in jail Johnson finally agreed to hand over the plates. They hired a cab and drove to a woods just north of Toronto where the plates were dug up. They were in two packages the size of two bricks - remember that it took fourteen steel plates to print seven notes. The plates were wrapped in oiled cloth covered with beeswax. Johnson said that they had cost over forty thousand dollars to make. The plates were taken to the office of the Attorney General where each plate was defaced by having diagonal lines scored across its face. The plates were still in existence in 1905 when this book was published. Impressions from five of the plates were included as an appendix to the book. Johnson revealed that although he had engraved the plates it was his two daughters who had forged the signatures. They had been trained in forging signatures since childhood. They would spend hours a day duplicating a single signature and would work at the one name for months, writing it countless thousands of times. Edwin Johnson and his daughters were tried and convicted in Toronto in 1880 and then sent to the United States to face further charges there. Eventually the entire family served penitentiary terms for this and subsequent counterfeiting crimes. They were never able to enjoy the results of their genius. We have in our collection of old historical counterfeit notes quite a number which were the work of Edwin Johnson, the king of counterfeiters, and his family. I think that it would be fitting if the Canadian Paper Money Society were to make Edwin Johnson, an Honorary Member. Don't you agree ?

Editors Note : I would at this time like to thank Major Sheldon S. Carroll for a most interesting article, for allowing us to use it, and for giving us permission to edit same. I hope you all enjoy it as much as I did.

Ye Ed.

# Membership

## New Members

Applications published in the June 1976 issue of the Ontario Numismatist have now been accepted. The following applications have been received and if nowritten objections are received, their acceptance will be acknowledged in the September issue of the Ontario Numismatist.

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- IO27 Miss Eleanor T. Rattenbury, IO10 - 5170 Lakeshore Rd., Burlington, Ontario. L7L IC4
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# CHEER UP!

A man walked into a plush hotel, crossed the lobby and went up to the desk clerk. He picked up a pen and asked: "What have you got for \$20.00?" "You're holding it," the clerk replied.

"You look tired." "I am. I've been all over town trying to get something for my husband." "Had any offers."

Some people's finances are in such a mess, you'd think they were getting advice from the government.

A wife was telling her neighbor about her fishing trip with her husband. "I did everything wrong on the trip. I talked too loud, I made too much noise, I used the wrong bait, I reeled in too soon, and I caught more fish than he did."

While money still talks, it appears to be becoming increasingly incoherent.

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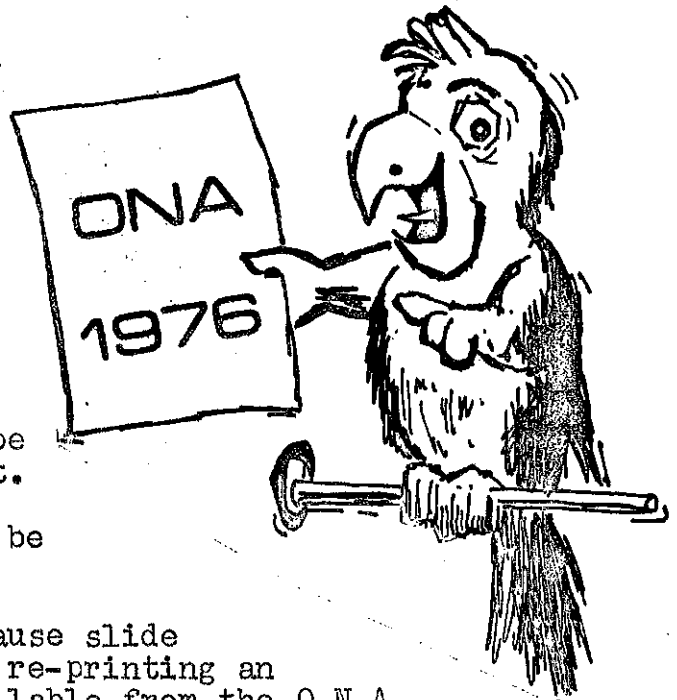
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Presenting a new and different program at each club meeting is very important to the running of a coin club. A program chairperson should be appointed by the executive. Different members should be challenged to provide a program that is original. Meeting programs should be varied, not the same year in, year out. Programs should be entertaining and educational, so that all members will be interested.



For these reasons and because slide programs are always enjoyable, we are re-printing an updated copy of the Slide Programs available from the O.N.A. Audio Visual Chairman.

It's not too early to plan your fall and winter programs now. If you do send for a slide program, just enclose \$1.00 (to cover the cost of mailing) for each set to Mr. Chas. B. Laister, No. 3 Highway, Tillsonburg, Ontario. N4G 3J1

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I've really enjoyed writing this portion of the bulletin each month for the past year..... Imagine It's already been a year since I took over as your Editor.... There has been a few changes and there will be a few more before the New Editor takes over.

Yes when I took over the job as Editor of the Ontario Numismatist, I committed myself for 2 years or until I became Governor in Lions. Well the time has just flown and by April 1977, I will be holding that position. There is now way possible that I can do both at the same time. I have informed the Executive of the O.N.A. that the April 1977 issue will be last issue I will produce, and this information is just to see if one of our good members might seriously consider taking over YeEds job at that time.... More on this later.

THE DAYS OF SUMMER Each Summer, there are beautiful sunny and warm days in which we can enjoy soaking up the sun, swimming, water-skiing, and outside picnics.... Some days are windy and cloudy which are good for sailing, picking blueberries and so on....

But some days are rainy and dull - how about making those dull days enjoyable too - plan little projects like researching a numismatic item - or how about writing an article or a short story for the fall issues of the Numismatist. Lets make those dull days bright & profitable.



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We are now entering another season. Many of you, hopefully, will have had a good summer vacation, and are now looking forward to settling down and finding more time to involve yourself in Numismatic Endeavours.

Many 1976 Summer events are now history. The Olympics are over and olympic coins are still available. The C.N.A. Convention in Ottawa was a tremendous success. JIM CHARLTON'S 25th Anniversary Edition is now available and is bigger and better. The price of GOLD ... where will it go ... up or down.

The field of Numismatics is vast and complex. In our Numismatic Associations there are many astute and knowledgeable members. What will they contribute to and for our newer members this coming year? What will you contribute?

I would really appreciate if members who have the promotion of our hobby at heart would lend a hand, contribute short articles, bearing in mind that you learn by doing.

I'm really looking forward to an exciting and profitable year Numismatically.

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- Nov. 6 Oshawa and District Coin Club 16th Annual Coin-A-Rama, will be held at the Midtown Mall, Oshawa, Ontario. The Show Chairman is Henry Burke, P.O. Box 212, Oshawa, Ontario.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1977-1979

In accordance with our By-Laws and Amendments passed at the Annual General Meeting, May 1976, article 7, section 4, we quote; "In an election year, the President shall make a call for nominations of elected officers six months prior to the opening of the Annual General Meeting in the official publication and at the same time shall appoint an election committee, consisting of a chairman and two members". This year's election committee is made up of Chairman - W. E. (Pat) Lambert, who will complete his committee in the near future. Also we quote; "All nominations shall be made in writing, signed by two members in good standing and sent to the Chairman of the Election Committee". Mr. Lamberts address is:

Mr. W. E. Lambert, P. O. Box 311, St. Catherines, Ontario. L2R 6T7

Use the following form to send in your nominations:

- President -----
- First Vice-President -----
- Second Vice-President -----
- Secretary -----
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Name -----

Address -----

Please list the reasons for your nomination for the 1977 Award of Merit of the Ontario Numismatic Association on a separate sheet and sign the name of the person or organization making the nomination.

(List achievements, Special services, Writing, Research, Advancement of numismatics, etc.)

MINUTES OF THE O.N.A. GENERAL MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY MAY 15, 1976,  
at the Westbury Hotel, Toronto, Ontario.

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The General Meeting was opened with the President, Elliott Jephson, in the chair with a quorum present.

The minutes of last years meeting were discussed and adopted. Bruce Raszmann presented the Treasurer's Report in the form of a Financial Statement which was gone over and accepted as presented. Each of the Area Directors present was then asked to present a report. The Editor then asked for comments on the Bulletin, either critical or constructive. As none were forthcoming he reminded the members that he required articles and material to keep it up. Also a resume of Club reports should be sent to the Editor instead of, or with the Club Bulletins.

Library Questions were raised re the library. The general feeling was that it was not being used. It was suggested that an updated list be made available to the Editor and that it be printed as soon as possible, in the NUMISMATIST.

Amendments to the Constitution were then presented. The following amendments were made and accepted.

- Article 7 - Section I - No Change.  
Section 2 - No member shall be eligible for or appointed to the office of President until he has served a full two year term as an elected or appointed officer of the executive.  
Section 3 - No change.  
Section 4 - add the following: "Members of the Committee shall not be seeking the office of President, Ist Vice-President, or 2nd Vice-President."  
Section 5 - All nominations shall be made in writing, signed by a member in good standing and sent to the Chairman of the Election Committee. All nominations must be accompanied by a written acceptance from the nominee, or an assurance of the nominee stating that the nominee shall stand for office. Failure to do this the nomination shall be invalid and the nominee shall be so advised.  
Section 6 - Add: "No member may be nominated to or stand for more than one elected office."  
Section 7 - No change.  
Section 8 - "The Secretary" shall be deleted and replaced with "The Election Committee."  
Section 9 - Amendments defeated. - No Change.  
Section 10- Any office for which no nominations have been received shall be filled by the following,-  
Nominations from the floor at the General Meeting, then voted upon by the elected officers at a regular meeting.  
Sections II, I2, I3, - No change.

Section 14 - The term of office of an elected President shall not be limited to two year term. However he may seek a mandate for another two years if he so desires to remain in office, but shall be limited to two consecutive terms. Any Past-President may be eligible for this office.

Section 15 - No change

Article 6 -

Section 2 - Delete entirely to be replaced by Article 7, Section 14.

Section 4 - Add the following: "The Past President may assist and guide at any regularly called meeting provided he has attended fifty percent of the meetings."

Section 5(b) Delete entirely.

The amendments were accepted.

A motion was then passed thanking Ken Prophet and his Committee for the effort put into this project.

A resolution was amended and passed to read as follows: - A resolution on O.N.A. Displays comencing with the 1977 O.N.A. Convention, only duly paid members of the O.N.A. will be allowed to provincial competition for O.N.A. trophies and ribbons in regular categories.

Junior displays remain the same as at present with first, second and third award for best of show, this award not to have already taken place.

Education and communications between Clubs was then discussed.

Honorariums were given out.

A motion passed that "At future O.N.A. Conventions, members of the O.N.A. Executive Committee of all parties involved should not have to pay admission to the O.N.A. Convention.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Editors Note :

Pages 72, 73 and the above have been printed here at the request of our President. He wrote me a letter and stated.... "Whereas next year is election year, would you please make sure to publish in the September Numismatist, the enclosed for the edification of all interested members and clubs."

Kind regards, Elliott Jephson.

P.S. I would also like to point out that there has been some changes in the O.N.A. Executive and a complete list will be updated and available on the front page of your October Bulletin. Ye Ed.

Smile :

They're building an addition to the poor house. It's called the "Credit Card Annex."

Why is it that the guy in the third car back is always the first to see the light change?

CONVENTION EXHIBITING - Numismatics or Nuisance by W.H. McDonald, N.L.G.  
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In order to understand the fundamentals of convention exhibiting a brief review of the circumstances under which most collectors display or exhibit numismatic items might be helpful. It should be observed, however, this subject will be discussed only within the context of larger national or regional conventions which provide the main forums for displaying or exhibiting. It excludes the junior collectors who recently have been producing some excellent displays that shame the adults! Dealer-sponsored "shows" tend generally to be local in character with limited exhibitions and are also not within the scope of these remarks.

National or regional conventions in Canada have three main components - meetings of organizations and social activities are perhaps the most important although the second activity, the buying and selling at the bourse, because of the high profile of such activity, seems sometimes to overshadow everything else. At the numismatic organizations' meetings and during the social activities much of the educational and fraternal activity take place. The public is attracted to many of the meetings, often by the thirst for knowledge and information.

The second component is the bourse, at which the buying and selling of collectors' items takes place. Included in this activity, although physically separated from it, is the auction sales that are a normal part of most conventions. The auctions are also mail bid sales and they do not always attract large numbers; the evidence is that they are a limited drawing card for the public, other than on a curiosity basis, in the majority of cases.

The third main area of activity is the exhibits which have an educational value both to collectors and the public. From time to time they have very good public relations value as the media is often attracted to exhibits of an unusual or rare nature.

A close look at conventions in the last few years will show that many of their characteristics have changed, some of which are subtle and some not so subtle. Bourse activity has become very prominent and has been emphasized to a point where it has begun to dominate conventions. One has only to look at the relative prominence of the bourse and the exhibit rooms in several recent conventions, including the size of space apportioned to each, and the message becomes crystal clear. One wonders who does all the buying at the bourse, and the conclusion is inescapable that dealers and collectors who do much of it do not really need a convention, but could buy with very little inconvenience throughout the year. The public may do some buying but the importance of this has not been quantified and may be overstated.

The meetings that take place at conventions and the social activities are good and healthy and it is pleasing to see so much of this activity that the conventions must be lengthened. An alternative for CNA that should first be tried, however, is that commercial activities such as auctions could be shortened and also the time now being used for auction sessions could be used for other activities to take place at the same time.

The result of much of the change mentioned has been devastating on the exhibition that once formed a very important part of conventions. These have been steadily downgraded, space has been cut off there has been available only poor space, often ill-lit and out of the way. Exhibition committee chairmen have not been given the support they should have and they have not been considered very high in priority. Little time and less money has been spent for advertising or public relations except the odd case when certain "unusual" exhibits have been the catalyst for media attention. Judging may have been a fault at one time in the past, but it has not been for the past few years. The quantity and quality of exhibits has been reducing at a significant rate.

It is difficult to categorize all the reasons why people will not now exhibit. Some of these are interdependent and with most it is difficult to attach a priority: I) Lack of interest or laziness.

- 2) Lack of confidence in oneself -- or this could be described as lack of confidence in the quality of one's collection.
- 3) Fear of robbery once a reputation as an exhibitor becomes known.
- 4) Not enough of a challenge. This is a difficult one to evaluate but it would appear that as the number and quality of exhibits gradually reduces the better people withdraw.
- 5) Not enough competition, similar to Item No. 4.
- 6) Not enough incentive or reward. Everyone does not need incentives, but for many it is the spice that makes it worthwhile.
- 7) Too much effort required for the benefit derived. This is not necessarily laziness, but for busy people there must be a quid pro quo for time spent. The benefits that they are looking for, of course, are not necessarily material.
- 8) Too little prestige placed on exhibits. In other words when one sees poor lighting, no priority attached to the exhibits, no advertising and other things which make it difficult they just react "Why bother, who cares?".
- 9) Lack of confidence in the judges (I don't think this is much of a reason any more).
- 10) Dislike rules and a stereotyped judging system.
- II) Security is inadequate in the exhibit room.
- 12) Not enough space or cases for an adequate exhibit. For instance if you allow only three to five cases you only get 3 - 5 case exhibits whereas there are many exhibits, outstanding ones, that could be entered if 5 - 7, 7 - 9, 9 - 11, etc. cases are available.
- 13) There is a lowest common denominator effect. If you apply rigid rules, close standards, small sizes and stereotyped judging procedures these tend to reduce the initiative and imagination and the total range of possible alternatives is, therefore, limited. The result can be sterile, uninteresting, or as is increasingly evident gaudy, superficial exhibits where the main competitive aspects are on colour, flamboyance and so-called novel presentation.

To summarize, it can be stated simply that (a) people today aren't exhibiting, and (b) the present system, therefore, isn't working.

It would be too superficial to attach all the blame to judges, exhibit committees or the types of categories for the exhibit and the other rules, although all have some effect and many tend to be negative in their result. But something more fundamental needs to be discussed first, and to do this it is necessary to analyze what the subject is all about:

- (a) Do we want exhibits? If we look at the evidence of the past few years it is easy to conclude that we don't. As mentioned, exhibitions have been given no priority, very little space, not enough cases, very little time and attention in the planning and execution.
- (b) If we don't want exhibits let's forget about the whole thing; however I believe its too soon to write them off. But if we want to improve the situation we will not do so by picking away at the periphery or just by changing the rules, designing more judges sheets or having more judge briefing seminars, etc. etc.
- (c) Something fundamental needs to be done. Something that is new and different and even experimental. After all we shouldn't be afraid to try something different. If it doesn't work what have we got to lose because it is difficult not to believe that we are now just scraping the bottom of the barrel.
- (d) If we do propose to carry on and try something new it should be approached the right way. We should establish a new format and not expect everyone to agree with it. The traditionalists always die hard. New innovations are not always readily seen, therefore, they need to be promoted or sold. They need to be given a fair trial and then evaluated. The parts that are successful should be adopted and those that don't work should be discarded, but just because one thing doesn't work is no reason to assume that the whole thing is no good. It must be approached objectively.

The following represents a proposal for consideration by the responsible organizations such as the Canadian Numismatic Association, Canadian Paper Money Society and the Regional Numismatic Groups. Hopefully the suggestions will be the basis for developing a new look in this important matter.

#### PROPOSAL

- I. The priority of exhibitions should be raised:
  - a) More space needs to be made available. If necessary some of the bourse space should be sacrificed. In most conventions there are already too many bourse tables and it would be a real asset to reduce them. The lost income could be recaptured by charging an increased fee to all bourse tables. By having fewer dealers those present would sell more. Collectors would have more time as less would be spent searching through the many dealers tables, many just a repetition, anyhow.
  - b) More cases need to be made available. They should be bought if necessary.
  - c) Better space is required. It should include proper lighting and always contain lounge areas or meeting areas where exhibitors, collectors and others could browse, chat and generally enjoy the exhibits. The exhibit area should be the focal point of the whole convention. If possible, it should contain a bar, or be located near one. Security should be beyond question.
  - d) More advertising and public relations is required. At least 33-1/3%, and maybe more, of the total advertising and public relations budget for each convention should be devoted to the exhibition. Special press releases should be issued to the media and other ways found to attract attention. How about a "Meet-the-Exhibitors-and-let-them-explain-their-exhibits" party?

e) There should be better awards. They should not be gaudy or resemble bowling alley trophies, medals are preferred but cups (simple ones), plaques, trays and certificates that look tasteful are acceptable. More attention and greater priority should be given to the presentation. It should always be a responsibility of the exhibition committee to issue press releases, to arrange for photographers and to have all winners photographed and adequate publicity placed in all the Associations' Journals and the media.

(If the suggestions in the next paragraph are followed, there would be fewer awards, therefore, taking less time but they should be made to attract more attention.)

## PROPOSAL II

The whole subject of exhibition categories and judging should be simplified by effecting certain changes:

- a) Competitive exhibit categories with good awards for each (whats WRONG with a small engraved sterling silver cup?) should be as follows:
  - I) Canadian, media of exchange.
  - II) Canadian medals and other non-media of exchange numismatica.
  - III) Non-Canadian, media of exchange
  - IV) Non-Canadian medals and other non-media of exchange numismatica.  
(Special Junior and Juvenile awards would be given in above categories.)
- b) Over the years, collectors have built many divisions within the total hobby which may be meaningful to them but have little relevance or understanding to the general public for whose benefit, after all, the educational aspects of exhibiting are largely being aimed. The "Best of Show" award should be something quite special, and can be made even more interesting because of the suspense associated with it.
- c) Judging can also be simplified, stereotyped point systems can be discarded, but it is recognized that under these conditions the quality of judges available must be fairly high. This would not appear to be a problem. Recent observations has indicated the judges have much greater ability and have even been more numerous than the exhibitors, but are being given very little discretion.
- d) As a safety valve, non-competitive exhibits should form a more important part of the exhibition:
  - I) This will ensure a balanced exhibition as the committee can seek out the types of exhibits which it wishes to feature.
  - II) Quality and quantity will be guaranteed even if the competitive part of the exhibition is weak.
  - III) This will also solve the problem of people who won't exhibit competitively because for whatever reason they have become discouraged. Most will be pleased to be asked to exhibit non-competitively particularly if they are given suitable recognition - perhaps they might even start exhibiting competitively again when they see the whole subject has been rejuvenated.
- e) Guarantee anonymity if requested. It is recognized that this might be difficult to do because it detracts from the ability to up-grade the presentation of awards. However, in the final analysis it is the exhibit itself that has won the award and an owner who wishes to remain anonymous could use a non-de-

plume. The people who are close friends or acquaintances and know instinctively who the owner of the winning exhibits is will be aware of the award and will understand. The general public who do not know the collection anyway, don't care.

The foregoing are the bare bones of the proposal - obviously much detail needs to be worked out once the principles are accepted.

Most important, the Canadian Numismatic Association, the Canadian Paper Money Society and other responsible regional organizations need to accept responsibility for the exhibitions. They should establish standard rules (keeping them simple as possible), give guidance based on previous (successful) exhibitions elsewhere and furnish financial support. Local committees need to be backed up with some 'muscle' and the entire convention would then have as its focal point THE EXHIBITION.

### Author's Postscript

The foregoing was written prior to the 1976 CNA Convention. Only one or two minor items could be revised as a result of this years exhibition; however, the CNA Exhibition and Display Committee, meeting in Ottawa, defined four categories of exhibits and those referred to herein are based on such definitions. The author had previously tried for three categories but the Committee's categories are better.

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### MEMBERSHIP

#### NEW MEMBERS

The applications published in the July - August 1976 issue of the ONTARIO NUMISMATIST have now been accepted.

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*From  
The Editor's Chair*

This months issue of the Ontario Numismatist is going out a little bit early so that we can save a few dollars on postage. As you know we will have an increase on September 1st.

Pat Lambert has finalized and sent me a copy of THE WHO, WHAT and WHY of the O.N.A. I hope to reprint some of the information it contains in future issues but in this issue I would like to give you one of the items it contains.

#### PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

1. Develop new ideas of interest and help individual collectors enjoy their own hobby more.
2. Include new articles and services of a greater interest to all in the Bulletin.
3. Continue to encourage Club and Member participation in the O.N.A.
4. Hold O.N.A. Conventions in New Cities across Ontario.
5. Develop the use of the library of the O.N.A. and Audio-Visual Series.



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In my travels, during the past few months, many collectors have asked me.... "Do you expect these coin prices to stay where they are now, or will they drop, or will they go much higher?"

The question, quite frankly, in my own opinion is a very easy one to answer. I believe that today's market is so widely spread among many many collectors, that the growth possibilities for our hobby is just starting.

The increases that we have seen during the past few years are the direct results of the overwhelming demands of the many new collectors who have entered into our hobby.

The investors are just now recognizing that the prices for rare coins when compared to other investments have been grossly overlooked.

The common date silver coins have been selling for two and three times face value just for their silver content, and as a result, have just about disappeared from circulation. Many of these silver coins are gone forever.

For these reasons and many more, I feel that coin prices will not only remain high, they will go higher, and the demand will be greater in the years ahead.

I'm really looking forward to an exciting future in numismatics.

Ye-Ed

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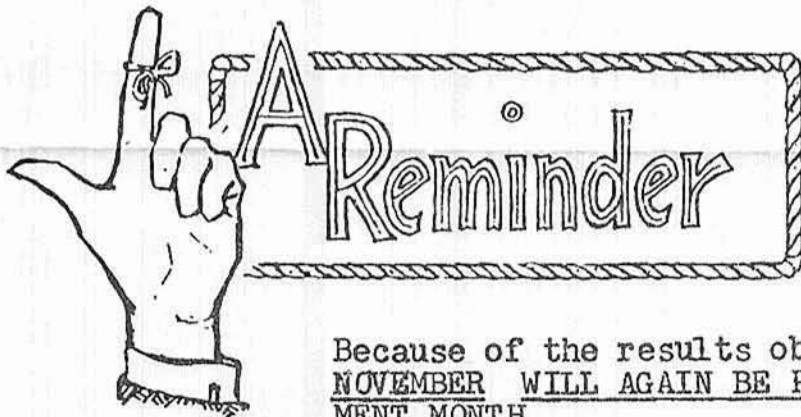
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### A Repeat Offer

THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER is  
MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT MONTH

### Will You Help

Because of the results obtained last year, the MONTH OF NOVEMBER WILL AGAIN BE PROCLAIMED as MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT MONTH.

To keep Numismatics progressing, and the No. 1 Hobby, let us once again extend the hand of opportunity to someone else who likes to collect coins. During the next two months I hope that every member of the O.N.A. will seriously consider asking a friend to join the O.N.A., as it is only through our individual efforts that numismatics in general, and our own Clubs in particular, can progress. As a bonus, all new members will receive membership for 14 months, to December 31st, 1977.

Over the years, members have requested up-dated information regarding the O.N.A. It is our pleasure this month to enclose the WHO, WHAT and WHY of the O.N.A. We hope you enjoy reading it as much as we did.

Special Note : The back page of this booklet has a Membership Application Form. Would you consider passing this on to a prospective New Member, to help us achieve our goals in the November Development Month. It is a very handy form for New Members.

Please drop us a line if more forms are required. Many thanks.

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PROPOSED COIN SHOWS

The following are the Annual Coin Shows proposed for the next few months, that we have received notices for, or taken from Club Bulletins. We advise you to check this list as you debate the date of your own Club's Show, to ensure that your date does not conflict with any other Coin Show.

- Oct. 9 Richmond Hill Coin Club 12th Annual Coin Show, to be held at the Hillcrest Mall (Yonge St.) Richmond Hill, Ontario.
- Oct. 16 Thistletown Coin & Stamp Club Annual Coin-Stamp Show. To be held at the Public Library, Albion Rd., and Kipling Ave., across from the Shoppers World, Albion Mall.
- Oct. 23 St. Catharines Annual Coin Show, to be held at the Westminster United Church, 180 Queenston St., St. Catharines. Enquiries to Chairman S.L. Aaroe, 7 Rivercrest Dr., St. Catharines, Ontario.
- Oct. 31 Stratford's Ist. Combined Coin & Stamp Show, to be held at Stratford's Legion Hall, corner of St. Patrick & Church Sts., 10.00 am to 7.00 p.m. Enquiries to the Stratford Coin Club, P.O. Box 262 Stratford, Ontario. N5A 6T1
- Nov. 4 Orillia - Champlain Coin Club Annual Banquet and Auction to be held at St. David's Church, Regent St., Orillia, Ontario.
- Nov. 6 Oshawa and District Coin Club 16th Annual Coin-A-Rama, will be held at the Midtown Mall, Oshawa, Ontario. The Show Chairman is Henry Burke, P.O. Box 212, Oshawa, Ontario.
- Nov. 11, 12, 13, 14. Torex '76 to be held at the Westbury Hotel, 475 Yonge St., Toronto, Ontario. For enquiries write Torex'76, 347 Bay St., Suite 1000, Toronto, Ontario. M5H 2R7

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Coin Inscription .....

The tombac 1943 five-cent coins of Canada bore an inscription on the edge in Morse Code which read, "We win when we work willingly."

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Smile Time ...

The word "budget" comes from the French word "bougette". It means a small bag -- which is what the taxpayer is left holding.

One office secretary to another: "We call him the office locomotive. All he does is run back and forth, smoke and whistle."

## letters to the editor



ONTARIO

To the Editor of the Ontario Numismatist :

Dear Sir :

I am writing in response to an article in the September Numismatist. (Convention Exhibiting - Numismatics or nuisance by W.H. McDonald). As I am an exhibitor, I have decided to comment on this article and give my opinion of exhibits in coin shows.

On page 76 of the Numismatist, Mr. McDonald gives several reasons why people will not exhibit. The first reason, lack of interest or laziness is one I totally agree with, but his second reason, "lack of confidence in oneself -- or this could describe as lack of confidence in one's collection" is not a reason at all. The quality of a collection does not matter as much as how you present it.

Reason #1 - "not enough of a challenge" is also not a good reason. I think that for most people, there is a great challenge.

Reason #5 - "not enough competition" is true in some categories and a better system of categories should be developed.

Reason #8 - "not enough prestige placed on exhibits" is very good and possibly a major factor in loss of interest in exhibits.

Reason # 11 - From what I have seen, I would not say there was a lack of security in the exhibit room.

Reason # 12 - "not enough cases for an adequate exhibit" is true in many cases including myself. Although you can enter as many cases as you wish, you can only borrow two.

On the subject of awards, the system in many cases is poor, and the O.N.A. has one of the poorest. Take the 1976 Convention display awards, for the Junior Categories. The winner of "Best of Show - Junior" got 3 trophies, 1 plaque (plaque kept for 1 year) and 2 ribbons. Second Place got 1 plaque and 1 ribbon. Third place got only a ribbon. This should be balanced out. For example -

First - 1 trophy, 1 plaque, 1 ribbon.

Second - 1 trophy, 1 ribbon.

Third - 1 plaque, 1 ribbon.

In the case of the more popular categories a ribbon may be added for Fourth Place.

I agree with Mr. McDonald that the priority of exhibits should be raised. Also, the poor lighting of exhibit rooms needs to be improved. Displays look better under light.

The categories outlined by Mr. McDonald are just not acceptable. Categories should run as follows. I. Canadian Decimal.  
II. World Coins. III. Token & Medals (Includes Misc. Coins)  
IV. Paper Money. V. Junior.

Junior must be a separate category because of the amount and quality of junior displays. A junior display should be eligible for "Best of Show".

Paper Money should be a separate category because it is not at all like coins, and should not be judged with them.

As a final word of closing, I would like to say that with better lighting, more space and more priority, the exhibits could become a very important part of the coin show.

Bill Ballentine,  
O.N.A. J997 - Toronto.

Dear Sir:

In your last bulletin you mentioned that any information on coins would be of assistance. Well I have enclosed three pages of history about coins in various countries. I don't know if it will be of any use to you, but I thought it might. If it isn't you may keep it anyhow for reference.

I received the information from a friend of mine, Arthur Haley. I think he belongs to the O.N.A.

If you know of any books in particular on coin prices of old coins from around the world, I would appreciate it if you could let me know what they are. My collection is just getting off to a start. Any information I get would be of assistance to me.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

Yours sincerely,

J1008 James Baskey,

R R # I Millgrave, Ontario. LOR IVO

Editors Note :

I think that the best book available for world coin prices is "The Standard Catalog of World Coins" by Chester L Krause. This book is fairly expensive but you might be able to borrow a copy from your own Coin Club's Library or at the Public Library. Another good source would be the book "Current Coins of the World" by R.S. Yeoman available from most coin dealers or at Coles Book Stores, but as the title states this book deals mainly in current world coins. Maybe some of the other members of the O.N.A. will drop you a line or maybe someone has an outdated copy that they might send you. I wish you continued success in your collecting endeavours.

Odds and Curious by Mort Reed.

Kissing your Money Goodbye - Many personal items were used as money prior to World War II in Asiatic communities occupied by the Japanese. The most popular of these items was lipstick. A single stick or bundles of five sticks passed as a unit of measure in and around French Indo-China.

One Way to Kick the Habit - The cigarette has been the unit of account in many countries. In Germany, Italy, Sicily, and France the cigarette served a monetary purpose because of the great demand. The unit was based on the pack which in turn could be opened to make change.

A Cashiers Nightmare - A real status symbol for the big cheque flasher. A cheque made of steel and measuring 10" by 24" was cashed by a Cleveland Ohio Bank and cancelled with a machine gun by one of the bank guards. The printing on the cheque was a welding bead. The value of the cheque was \$7,500.00.

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Hear Ye! - Gambling Tokens were acceptable as small change to the store owners in Siam and were honored by all merchants. When a crier with a gong called for certain tokens to be cashed in, the holders of these particular pieces had three days in which to cash them in.

"Collectors are Being Bilked by Mail-Order Sales of Metal Ingots and Special Coins" by Edward B. Camlin.

People who buy decorated ingots of rare metals, special foreign coins or medals advertised as "collector's items" are being ripped off, warn experts. "Many are being bilked", reports Luis Vigdor, one of New York's leading authorities on gold and silver.

"You're paying up to four times the value of the metal in them", he explained. "And when you try to sell them you can't get more than melt value" - that is, the value of the metal in them when they're melted down.

Said professional coin dealer Irving Rosen of Miami, Fla.: "People who buy this garbage expect it to have value, but it doesn't have any collectors' value. Decorated ingots - small bars of precious metal stamped with a special design - are a very poor investment, Rosen declared. He exhibited a set of 50 silver ingots, stamped with a design from a bank in each state of the union and sold by the Franklin Mint, a commercial company. "The set cost the buyer \$570. with a fancy case", Rosen said. "I've been buying them for \$360. to \$400. depending on the price of silver. When ingots come in fancy cases, like these, they're a rip-off. If you spend \$1,000. on the ingots in fancy cases you see advertised, they'll probably bring you \$650. to \$675. when you sell them".

Special issues of foreign coins from some Caribbean and island nations are a trap for the unwary too, the experts said. For Example, a 1976 Bahamas "\$100 gold coin" offered in the U.S. for \$140. "with presentation case" actually contains \$27. worth of gold at current prices. "And it's worthless for anything but its metallic value", said Rosen. "If you take that type of coin to the Bahamas and try to buy something with it, they'll laugh at you".

Similarly, a 1975 Bermuda "\$100. gold piece" contains \$27. worth of gold. A 1975 Jamaica \$100. gold coin has gold in it worth \$28. A 1975 "\$100. gold piece" issued by Belize, formerly British Honduras, has exactly \$12.50 worth of gold in it. And none can be used as currency in these countries since the coins are sold as special issues to foreigners.

"As for medals, only a complete fool would invest his hard-earned money on that trash", Rosen scoffed. Vigdor agreed, citing Canadian medallions celebrating the summer Olympic games this year, selling for \$60. each and worth only a fraction of the amount.

"Canada really overdid it", Vigdor remarked. "They became totally commercial"- putting out so many medallions that their collector's value is practically nothing.

Said Rosen : "Its the same with the Bicentennial medals. They're worth only one-third to one-fourth of what you pay for them."

A spokesman for The Franklin Mint in Franklin Centre, Pa., which makes many of the ingot sets, coins and medals being advertised and sold through the mail, surprisingly agreed that its products should not be bought as investments.

"People are buying our products because of the aesthetic value- the appreciation of art", said the spokesman. "We do not emphasize the investment aspect of our productions".

"Naturally, snorted Rosen. "If the ad said, Our precious, once-in-a-lifetime medal contains only \$4. worth of silver but it will cost you \$18. who would buy it"?

THE ABOVE ARTICLE APPEARED IN THE NATIONAL ENQUIRER, in July 1976.

and my thanks to the Huronia Numismatic Association September Bulletin where I got it from.

GOLD - Its disappearance and use.

by R.W. Irwin

The following extract from the Horological Journal of 1890 points out that there were about 15,000 jewelers in the Birmingham area and that the consumption of gold was 750,000 pounds and that of silver 350,000 pounds sterling. The article goes on to say "Sovereigns are still extensively used for melting up instead of grain gold, and the question is frequently put by the uninitiated, "Wherefor is the waste?" John Bragg, who is good authority on the subject says the cost of minting is so small, that against the other advantages attached to the practice it is of no account. The grain gold of commerce cannot be relied upon for absolute freedom from accidental or superfluous alloy. By the use of the coin, uniform hardness, tenacity and ductibility, which are of the most importance to some branches of the trade, are absolutely guaranteed.

The metallurgical science and technical skill of the national assayers and smelters at the mint are therefore freely used by the jewelers to enable them to alloy with the utmost nicety, and with the certainty that their goods, when made, will pass the Hall."

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The 1883 Gold Plated Racketeer Nickel

by Frank Jones, and reprinted from the Orillia Champlain Coin Club Sept. Bulletin.

In 1883, the United States produced a nickel coin, commonly called today, a Liberty or "V" Nickel. A man named Josh Tatum, while in Boston, noticed this nickel and the U.S.A. gold coin looked almost the same. He and a jeweller friend purchased \$50.00 worth, and gold plated each one.

Josh would go into a store, buy something for 5 cents, drop his gold plated nickel on the counter without saying anything. Nearly every time, the store clerks gave him \$4.95 in change. He and his friend, plated thousands more and did very well until the law finally caught up to them.

His case was dismissed, as the court could not prove that he was trying to cheat anyone. Each witness was asked if Josh ever asked for change, after dropping the plated nickel on the counter. All answered, "NO". It was no wonder, as Josh Tatum was both deaf and dumb. Later in the same year 1883, the United States mint produced nickels with the word CENTS, at the bottom.

The ones Josh plated did NOT have the word CENTS on them and today they are now called the "Rackateer Nickel" and sell for around \$8.00 to \$10.00 each.

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Time to Smile :

Husband : "Is my wife a good cook? Why, she's the quickest thaw in the West!"

A computer is an electronic wonder that performs complex mathematical calculations and intricate accounting tabulations in one ten-thousandth of a second-and then mails out statements ten days late.

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The St. Catharines Coin Club held their 174th meeting on September 19th, 1976. The guest speaker Jim Charlton, 1st Vice-President of the C.N.A. was introduced by Past President Vic Snell.

In his address Jim Charlton said that when he started collecting coins, men were the only collectors at that time. He said, "it was good to see women involved in the hobby

and how pleased he was to see so many young people also becoming involved in the hobby."

Jim said that the first coin he had was an 1863 Indian Head cent. He said that collectors derive a great deal of benefit from belonging to a Coin Club, as well as organizations like the Ontario Numismatic Association and the Canadian Numismatic Association.

Jim then showed the Club his first price catalogue of 1949, and it certainly was interesting in comparing it with to-days prices. In 1950 when the C.N.A. was formed it stimulated a great deal of interest in the hobby of Numismatics. Education is becoming a very important facet of the hobby to-day.

Past President Pat Lambert thanked Jim and presented him with a small token of the Clubs appreciation.

The above was sent in by R.N. Voaden, secretary of the St. Catharines Coin Club and its a pleasure to receive a news item that does not require editing. I hope other secretaries will follow suit. Many thanks Bob, your efforts are appreciated.

Also, please note, I feel that more clubs should take advantage of the chance to invite Mr. Jim Charlton as guest speaker. Even though he is very busy he also enjoys being with the new members.

The St. Catharines Coin Club now meets at, Westpark High School, 130 Louth Street, St. Catharines, Ontario.

Did You Know - that in 1975, sixty-seven of the world's nations issued 161 types of silver coins, using 33.4 million troy ounces of silver? And did you know that of all the sources that silver is used, only 15,000 ounces came from melted coins.

**NOTES**  
and  
**NEWS**

In collecting trade tokens of Great Britain, it is important to note that they fall into the following categories: Innkeepers - Coffee Houses - Town pieces - Shopkeepers - Craftsmen's - Transport and Tokens of the Industrial Revolution.

Your Editor is taking off again on a trip and will be in Nassau and Bermuda on a Cruise and hopefully will be bringing back some coin stories as he did last year from Yugoslavia.

The Bulletin this month is only 8 pages so that we can include the WHO, WHAT and WHY of the O.N.A. With 2 pages less the weight for mailing should be the same. So till next month enjoy your hobby and if you can think of a story that we might enjoy, drop it off to us.



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## O.N.A. 1977 CONVENTION

The location of the 1977 O.N.A. Convention has just been finalized. I have just been informed by our first Vice-President, Bruce Watt, that arrangements are now final and the 1977 O.N.A. Convention will be held at the Holiday Inn in Oshawa on May 13th, 14th and 15th, 1977.

Plans for an excellent program are in progress. A few Bourse Tables have already been sold and the program will be published as soon as it becomes available. Enquiries should be mailed to P.O. Box 212, Oshawa, Ontario.

## AUCTION TENDERS INVITED

To all interested Auctioneers, professional and amateur, the Executive of the O.N.A. are inviting you to tender for the 1977 Convention Auction, which is to be held on May 14th and 15th in Oshawa, at the Holiday Inn. The Oshawa Coin Club will host this Convention.

The Auction will be one session, on Saturday May 14th from 1.00 P.M. until no later than 6.00 p.m. with a maximum of 600 lots. The deadline date for Bids is December 1st, 1976.

Submit Tenders to the O.N.A. Executive, Attention Mr. Elliott Jephson, Box 33, Waterloo, Ontario. N2J 3Z6. Please mark on the outside envelope AUCTION TENDER.

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UNITED STATES FRACTIONAL CURRENCY

( 1862 - 1876 )

Researched by Gertrude Scott and reprinted from the Sarnia Numismatic Society News, December 1975 Issue.

The general public is usually surprised to know that Americans used paper for such small amounts as 3¢, 5¢ and 10¢, and that it is still redeemable at full face value today.

In the fourteen years of issue about 369 million dollars of Fractional Currency was printed, yet very little exists today and the average person has never seen any of it. It is estimated that 1.8 million is now in existence.

Fractional Currency is a most important and vital part of Numismatics a bridge between the all metal "hard money" period before 1861 and the metal and paper money combination period after 1862. It is an interesting series to collect because it is the product of a period of history full of important events -- the years 1862 to 1876.

It Exemplifies the need for small change, the "Necessity" money born of the scarcity of hard money in these troubled times.

SOME HISTORY - On the Eve of the Civil War in 1861, trade and commerce seemed to be coming to a sudden stop; for almost overnight all the gold, silver and copper money in the United States had disappeared.

The prospect of a long struggle between the North and South caused the hoarding of coins. Large amounts of silver coins were sent to Canada, and a premium of from 10 to 12 percent was offered by businessmen for them. It was reported that one building in New York had so many copper coins stored in it that the floors collapsed.

Even the heavy discounting of the "wild cat" notes, and the State Bank notes then in circulation, failed to bring the coins out of their hiding places. Throughout the country it was a serious problem to make change. In fact, if a person had a five-dollar gold piece, he would probably have had to take change for a purchase in potatoes, corn or some other commodity.

Merchants' "tickets", metal tokens or anything having any apparent value were pressed into service to make change. Many firms and individual merchants issued their own notes of small value, generally less than one dollar, redeemable at their place of business. These were often called "shinplasters", a term said to have originated during the Revolutionary War when Continental Currency became almost worthless. (These bills were used in the absence of bandages to protect minor cuts and bruises on the shins. The name came into early use in the United States for notes without legal security.)

Private notes were practically worthless to most people because they could be redeemed only by the firm or person that issued them. They were prohibited by law on July 17, 1862, but were nevertheless issued as the need arose through 1863.

Postage stamps were next turned to as a form of relief from the severe dearth of small coins. Some firms put various amounts of stamps

in small envelopes and issued them as change. The stamps soon stuck to each other inside the envelopes and the envelopes themselves became torn, so this substitute for coins proved unsatisfactory. Stamps were also enclosed in brass holders with mica fronts. Since this was a relatively expensive undertaking, plus the fact that the mica front was easily cracked, the encased postage stamps did not see very wide circulation.

Out of this confusion was born one of the most interesting types of paper money - United States Fractional Currency.

These beautiful little bills, ranging in denominations from 3¢ to 50¢, played their part to help carry on commerce during and after the Civil War.

The first of the five issues was known as "Postage Currency", and was issued in 1862 and 1863. The next four issues, 1863 to 1876, were called "Fractional Currency."

First General Issue - Denominations : 5¢, 10¢, 25¢, 50¢, and this issue was called Postage Currency.

The country was really hard put to carry on even the simplest commercial activities by early 1861. On July 14 of that year, Secretary of the Treasury, Salmon P. Chase, finally got around to suggesting two alternative proposals to Congress. The first outlined a plan for the reduction in size of silver coins, and the second asked for authority to issue and use ordinary postage stamps as circulatory change. Incredibly enough, Chase himself favoured the proposal that would legalize the circulation of small squares of gummed paper as a national medium of exchange.

Congress adopted the postage stamp idea, and it actually became law when President Lincoln signed it on July 17, 1862.

The immediate effect of the law was a run on stamps at the post offices but almost immediately after they were in circulation they became a crumpled, sticky mess.

A special issue of ordinary stamps was agreed upon by Boutwell and Blair to be distributed by the Treasury. This was in accordance with the law of July 17. Just before their manufacture, it was happily decided to issue them in sizes more convenient to handle than the diminutive postage stamps, and the backs were to be left ungummed. Thus they ceased to be stamps altogether, for in this form they were no less than fractional Federal Promissory Notes. They bore the authorization date of July 17, 1862 but this was not true. That law referred only to stamps and not to notes; therefore, these small notes were made and issued without any legal authorization whatsoever! (It was not until the law of March 3, 1863 which provided for the government to print fractional notes that the Postage Currency already in use was legally recognized and sanctioned.

The National Currency Bureau was a new department of the government when the first issue appeared on August 21, 1862. There are no

signatures and no Treasury Seals on the First Issue. A few sheets made for the government were stamped "Treasury Dept." on the upper right hand corner of the obverse.

Second General Issue : Denominations - 5¢, 10¢, 25¢, 50¢.  
The Second Issue was authorized by Congress on March 3, 1863 and the name was officially changed to "Fractional Currency". The many counterfeits that had so quickly appeared dictated changes in the design, size and paper. In line with the suggestion made by Mr. S. M. Clark, Superintendent of the National Currency Bureau, all notes of this issue have the same design, the head of Washington in a bronze oval frame, and each denomination has a different colour on the reverse. This bronze overprint sometimes turns green with age making the notes less valuable than bright ones. This issue was printed in sheets of twenty notes. There are no signatures on notes of the Second Issue.

Third General Issue - Denominations : 3¢, 5¢, 10¢, 25¢, 50¢.  
The Third Issue includes the first three-cent notes. The designs of this issue are different for each denomination. They are more intricate than the first two issues. The five-cent notes and higher denominations have the signatures of the Register and the Treasurer, and also have sheet position check letters and numbers. Those with green reverses have printed signatures but the red reverse notes of ten, fifteen and fifty cents have both printed and autographed signatures. This is one of the rare instances of autographed signatures appearing on United States regular issue notes.

Though the larger U.S. notes carried some form of signature from their inception in 1861, it was not until the Third Issue of Fractional Currency that signatures were placed on the smaller notes.

Fourth General Issue - Denominations : 10¢, 15¢, 25¢, 50¢.  
Each of the notes of this issue is of a different design. The United States Treasury Seal was added to the obverses for the first time. A new improved type of bank note paper containing silk fibres was used.

Some notes were issued without the seal, through error. Some notes of this issue come with a bright pink colour over the entire obverse.

Fifth General Issue - Denominations : 10¢, 25¢, 50¢.

The Fifth and last General Issue was the simplest. Appropriations to print more were about exhausted, and an Act of Congress April 17, 1876 called for the issuance of fractional silver coins to redeem Fractional Currency.

The few varieties include the green seal ten cents, and the "long key" and "short key" ten and twenty-five cent notes.

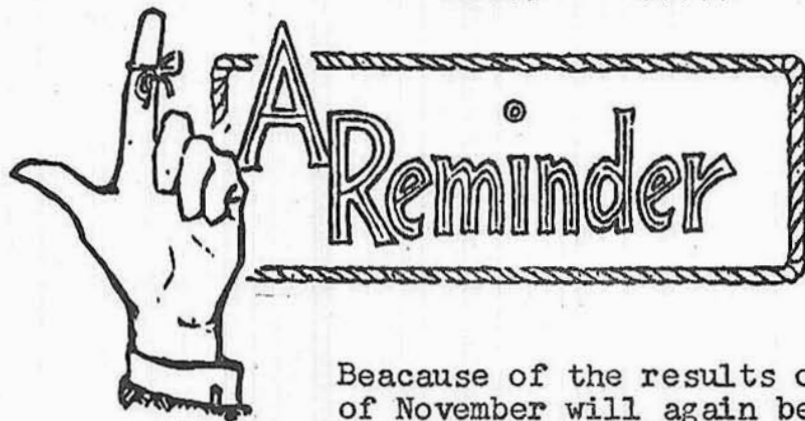
The retirement of Fractional Currency has been carried on since 1876. It is estimated that less than one-half of one percent of the total amount issued of all series is outstanding.

# Membership

## New Members

The applications published in the October 1976 issue of the Ontario Numismatist have now been accepted.

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## A Repeat Offer

The Month of November is

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT MONTH

Will you help

Beacause of the results obtained last year, the Month of November will again be proclaimed as MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT MONTH

To keep Numismatics progressing, and the No. 1 Hobby, let us once again extend the hand of opportunity to someone else who likes to collect coins. Before the end of December, I hope that every member of the O.N.A. will seriously consider asking a friend to join the O.N.A., as it is only through our individual efforts that numismatics in general, and our own Clubs in particular, can progress. As a Bonus all new members will receive membership for 14 months, to Dec. 31/77.

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# CHEER UP!

She : "After were married I'll share all your troubles and sorrows"

He : "But I have no troubles and sorrows"

She : "Well, after we're married you will have".

Nurse, talking to patient on the telephone :  
"Yes, the doctor will consider a house call.  
What time can you be at his house ?"

A veterinarian quit his practice and successfully ran for member of parliament. One day in the middle of a heated debate, his opponent asked with a sneer : "Is it true that you're an animal doctor?" "Indeed it is," replied the veterinarian. "Are you ill?"

A rookie policeman was asked in an examination what he would do to break up a crowd. His answer indicated a deep knowledge of human nature. He wrote, "Id take up a collection."

An old timer is one who remembers when a dish washer had to be married - not bought.

What the country really needs is a credit card that will fit in a vending machine.

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PROPOSED COIN SHOWS

The following are the Annual Coin Shows proposed for the next few months, that we have received notices for, or taken from Club Bulletins. We advise you to check this list as you debate the date of your own Club's Show, to ensure that your date does not conflict with any other Coin Show.

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Nov. 11, 12, 13, 14. Torex '76 to be held at the Westbury Hotel, 475 Yonge St., Toronto, Ontario. For enquiries write Torex, 347 Bay St., Suite 1000, Toronto, Ontario. M5H 2R7.

Nov. 14 - Niagara Falls Display Day - Bourse Dealers - Auction. From 12 noon to 6.00 p.m. to be held at the Stamford Lions Hall, Stamford Centre, Niagara Falls, Ontario.

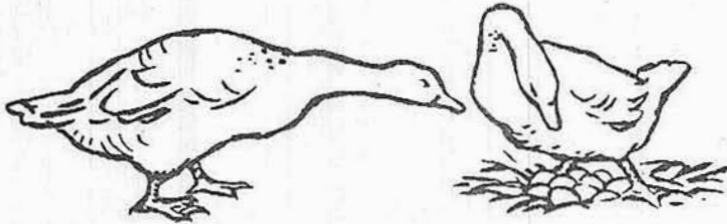
Nov. 20 - A conference on Ancient Numismatics sponsored by the Department of Classics, McMaster University, in cooperation with the Ancient Coin Society will be held at McMaster University Hamilton, Ontario, Togo Salmon Hall, Basement Room b 105, from 9.30 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. A registration fee of \$1. and a reservation fee for the luncheon of \$4. are payable to Mr. A.G. McKay and are requested by Wednesday, November 10th, 1976. Send cheque to The Secretary, Department of Classics, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario.

May 13-14-15, 1977. The Ontario Numismatic Association Convention for 1977 will be held at the Holiday Inn in Oshawa. People interested in submitting tenders for the Auction should submit them no later than December 1st, 1976, to The O.N.A. Executive, % Mr. Elliott Jephson, Box 33 Waterloo, Ont. N2J 3Z6. All other enquiries re Bourse etc., should be sent to Oshawa Coin Club, P.O. Box 212, Oshawa, Ontario. More details will be available in our next bulletin.

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Did you Know that.... The ten-cent piece still has the greatest velocity of circulation of any Canadian Coin. In Victorian times, so many things could be bought for ten cents that ten-cent pieces were paid out again as quickly as they were received. Today they still are, though many small things and services cost twenty cents or more.

...that because of the lack of press and radio, Roman rulers advertised their likenesses on coins to advertise their achievements and intentions. The results were startling, varied and often beautiful. This was the only way some people in those days ever saw even a likeness of their ruler.



## LOOKING *for* SOMETHING NEW?

Reprinted from  
the

Upper Canada Token  
and Medal Society  
Gazette

October 1976 Issue

NUMISMATICALLY SPEAKING : In a recent letter from a reader of the Gazette, the writer asks a very simple question, however the answer to it is not quite so easy. The question was, "how do I become a Token Collector?"

Thousands of answers are possible and they could all be correct but still not even begin to be the total answer. The question can best be answered in the words of an old gentleman I met one night long ago at a coin club meeting.

"On the day I retired from the office, I was walking home contemplating what to do besides going fishing and taking care of my prized flowers or making a nuisance of myself around the house. I realized if I wanted to live long and happy, I would have to keep busy both mentally and physically. As I neared my home, I saw for the first time a coin shop and stopped to gaze at the display in the window. My attention was attracted to an odd shaped metallic object and decided to find out what it was. Inside the store the man behind the counter reached in and brought out the object and it turned out to be a watch fob, the kind men wore long ago on the end of their watches. It was the train on the front of the fob that held my attention for it was one of those old steam types that use to come charging into our local station. On the back of the fob were the words, Grand Trunk Railway. The die for my future was cast. The train held me spellbound.

I asked the owner of the coin shop if he had anything else with trains on them and he showed me a small assortment of coins, tokens and medals all with different locomotives on them. With my prize in my pocket I hurried home so that I could show them to my wife.

Since that day I have been looking over and looking for metallic objects with trains on them for the past 12 years and am I having a ball. My wife is having as much fun as I am for she buys me all the books she finds that is written on trains to help me with my identification."

It is impossible to tell anyone what to collect or how to collect. But by showing them enough material it is possible that something will arouse that person's attention enough to want him to take the first step. Once he takes the first step he is on his way to becoming a collector and somewhere along the way, even without knowing how or why, he will begin to specialize. At this time he will no longer be a collector but a numismatist and he will take his place along with the giants of the hobby.

# MOMENTS RECALLED

NOT THE BILL IT USE TO BE : A minor milestone in the history of the United States was the reissuance this year of the \$2 bill, something not printed south of the border for nearly ten years. Rather than being an inflationary move (the penchant of governments to keep churning out new money) this one is designed to save money, since it is intended to replace several million \$1 bills that will thereby not have to be printed.

Although the last previous batch of U.S. \$2 bills came off the press in August, 1966, such bills had been pretty well shunned by the American public for many long years before that. It is highly likely that many Canadians do not ever remember seeing one.

Whether our neighbours will come to accept the new bills as Canadians do their \$2 bills remains to be seen. A cautionary word issued to accompany the new printing states: "The bills may be a novelty at first, but as time goes on, they may be confused with other denominations similar in appearance."

There seems to be a slight admittance of a lack of planning or designing in those few words, but it is safe to say that Americans will notice one big difference between the new \$2 bill and its unloved predecessors. That will happen when they go shopping.

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Numismatic Jottings by Bill Gage - Reprinted from the Orillia Champlain Coin Club Bulletin, November, 1976 Issue.

Baseball, Football and Hockey Clubs sometimes makes trades that come back to haunt them. Britain made a trade October 18, 1748, that proved to be very costly. Under the Treaty of Aix-La-Chapelle, Britain and France agreed to return to each other territory taken during the war that began in 1744. This meant that Britain gave Louisbourg, Cape Breton, back to France in exchange for Madras, India.

Madras was a city of perhaps four million people while the population of Louisbourg was about four thousand, but it was a bad trade because Britain had to send a huge force across the Atlantic to recapture Louisbourg in 1758. The powerful French fortress had to be destroyed before Britain could send troops up the St. Lawrence to attack Quebec and capture Canada.

The trade also annoyed the American colonists who were still British subjects. The Americans had provided the land force when Louisbourg was captured from the French in 1745. Their money and men had been wasted. It was the Americans most of all who wanted to get rid of the French menace in what is now Canada.

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SMILE:

The thunder god went for a ride on his favourite horse. "I'm Thor," he cried. The horse replied, "You forgot your thaddle, thilly!"

NOTES OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA : 25¢ Fractional Currency (Shinplasters)

Many attribute the expression "shinplaster" to the use of fractional value U.S. bills by soldiers of the Revolutionary War period as a lining to prevent their shoes from chafing. Regardless of the origin of the term, in Canada it refers to the series of 25¢ Dominion of Canada notes first issued in 1870.



The issue of 1870 appears to have been in the nature of an emergency issue. Both the silver coinage at that time circulating in Canada, in default of any adequate supply of regnal coins. Their worry arose from the fact that the U.S. dollar was at the time worth just eighty cents in Canada, with the result that those trusting individuals who had accepted U.S. silver at face found, when they came to bank it, that they were faced with a 20% loss. The government therefore decided to take steps to call in the U.S. silver and to replace it by an issue of Canadian coins. As some time was bound to elapse before these coins would be available, and as it was desired to withdraw the U.S. coins without further delay, it was decided to meet the inevitable shortage of small change that was bound to ensue by issuing the twenty-five cent notes. It seems clear that the issue was never intended to be more than temporary in nature, but evidently the small notes were found useful in many ways and, so far from their being systematically withdrawn, the government was compelled to make further issues in 1900 and 1923.



More than 5 million of these notes were in circulation in 1929, but since then the number has steadily declined. In 1935 the Bank of Canada decided to recall all "shinplasters" from circulation, and as a result, these interesting souvenirs of bygone days are now seldom seen. Some are in the hands of Numismatists, others are treasured family keepsakes. The 25¢ notes were frequently given to children as souvenirs. They were used to a great extent by godparents, especially in the Province of Quebec, as gifts to their godchildren. In the days when facilities for sending small amounts by mail were not as efficient as they are today, they were frequently enclosed in letters.

Editors Note : Did you find the above story interesting? Would you like more of the same? There are many hundreds more where this one came from....and they are all available to you....if you like to read...Can you guess where the above story came from.... It came from page I39 of the 1977 Standard Catalogue of Canadian Coins, Tokens and Paper Money by J.E. Charlton. My thanks to the editors of this catalogue.... and the above was written here to illustrate the fact to many of you, that you do not read what is available to to one and all.

Little Heart Seas,  
Newfoundland.

Letter to The Editor:

Dear Bull. Ed.

I am sick and tired of you telling us those newfy jokes. They're sick! I am proud of the tradition of this great land and the pretty solid grounding we have here - mostly rock! I'll have you know that we were the first part to be discovered in this country, and it's just too bad that you westerners were ever able to cross the mote which surrounds us. It has been said around here that a chip on the shoulder indicates SMALLWOOD above. Well, we've got chips on our shoulders, and toothaches, as well, since we were made to join the UPPERS and LOWERS of Canada! When Joey made that big deal with the rest of Canada, we thought we were going places, not just being taken.

With things happening in our country as they are now, what we need more than ever is a new declaration of interdependence. And this is where NUMISMATICS INTERNATIONAL comes in. It's about all we can do to recognize that new flag, let alone the silliness of having those 2 tracks running all across the continent. Why, my friend Doug went hunting there one time, and while following one of the tracks he was killed by a train.



Yours in Numismatics,  
Joey Knuff.

Dear Joey Knuff:

I note that you are from Little Heart Seas. I am sure that Little Heart Seas is a great little port in any old storm.

I went ice fishing there one time and came home with two tons of ice. My wife made me return my ski-doo suit when I returned, as well, because it didn't fit the ski-doo.

Please, no offense was meant in any of the Newfy jokes. In fact, we're proud to have Newfoundland as part of our great country. We in the west think that the sun rises on you.

Keep smiling,  
Just Plain Bull. Ed.

This is what happens when we receive no mail and hardly any bulletins at all.... we have no news to report.... Is it because postage has gone up or is it that we were just forgotten this month. We only received 7 bulletins this month and no letters at all, so we have to make up stories, so try a little harder to make your editor happy for Christmas. Keep smiling. Ye Ed.



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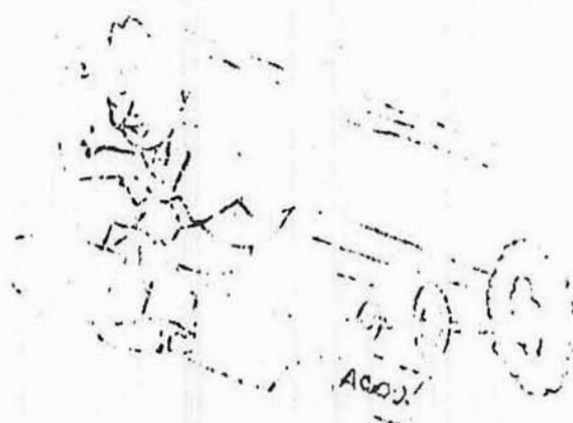


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# Today's Mail

Dear Mr. Editor :

I have just completed reading your most recent issue of the Bulletin, and I note that you are being darned neglected by your many readers, it is with this in mind that I take this my wife's typewriter and try to give some thoughts to our forthcoming Convention 1977.



Firstly, it will be noted that the City of Oshawa have taken the plunge and offered to Host the 15th. O.N.A. Convention. This is a giant step for the Oshawa & District Coin Club to make, they are to be congratulated, and as an added gesture all O.N.A. Members in and around the City of Oshawa should offer to help in whatever capacity they can, to make this one of the most memorable conventions to date.

Secondly, all Clubs, with member participation, should get together and discuss the forthcoming election of Officers, check your Bulletin for the list of Officers who are standing for Office, then send me your Ballots for next May's election; also where are the nominations for the Award of Merit for 1977 ??? I received one, but as it only had one signature I had to return it for the added signature, will the writer please amend same and return to me, please?

Thirdly, at the risk of sounding like the "Voice in the Wilderness," will all our readers get behing the Oshawa & District Coin Club and give a BOOST FOR THE EXHIBITS campaign which we started some months ago??? If you cannot persuade someone else to make up an exhibit, then BROTHER your stuck with it, DO IT YOURSELF !!!!!

Lastly, I would suggest that those of our members, young and old, give some thought to "passing on" to your fellow members some of the "Know How" you have accumulated over the years, to the readers of this excellent medium of disseminating such knowledge, by way of articles to "YE ED", come on you guys & Dolls, lets get with it.

"Merry Christmas to One and All."

Sincerely,

Pat Lambert,  
Box 311, St. Catharines, Ont.  
L2R 6T7



Many thanks Pat, your letters are always very much appreciated, and enjoyable.

THE NORTHWEST CANADA MEDAL

BY Paul R. Johnson  
O. N. A. #772.

This classic Canadian medal was awarded to all the men who helped quell the Northwest Rebellion of 1885. The medal is silver, circular in shape and measures 1.4 inches in diameter. On the obverse it bears the legend "Victoria Regina Et Imperatrix", surrounding the diademed head of Victoria with a veil. The reverse has the wording "North West Canada" in the centre, In between "North West" and "Canada" is the date 1885. This is surrounded by a wreath of maple leaves. The ribbon is 1¼ inches wide, being bluegrey in colour, with a quarter inch red stripe set one-sixteenth of an inch from the edge. The only bar issued is plain and square bearing the word "Saskatchewan".

To fully understand and appreciate this beautiful medal, you must know the history of the rebellion itself.

When the Canadian government decided to settle in Saskatchewan, the Indians and Metis' (half-breeds) way of life was threatened. Led by Louis Riel, a fiery Metis, they revolted. Riel had been summoned from the United States where he had fled, following the failure of an earlier rebellion. In 1885 Riel and his rebels set up a provisional government at Batoche.

The Canadian government hastily mobilized it's troops, and in April, sent them west under General Middleton. The following engagements brought into history such names as Cut Knife Hill, Frenchman's Butte, Saskatchewan River, Fish Creek and Batoche. The medal was issued to personnel taking part in any of the last three battles. On May 28, the outnumbered rebels surrendered at Batoche. Riel was captured and was later hung for the execution of nine British officers. All the troops employed were Canadian and it can be said that this unique medal is one of the few that is truly Canadian.

The unnamed medals were issued in an unknown quantity. Most of the recipients had their names engraved at their own expense. The award was granted on September 18, 1885.

Through protests over the issue of the North West Canada Medal, the Canada General Service Medal was issued in 1899, for all veterans of the Fenian Raids in 1866.

The value of the North West Canada Medal is rapidly increasing due to the interest in Canada's history. A medal with a bar is worth far more than one without, but all are intriguing and valuable collector's items.

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# Membership

NEW MEMBERS :

The following applications have been received and if no written objections are received, their acceptance will be acknowledged in the January issue of the Ontario Numismatist.

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- J1038 James Flach, Sebringville, Ontario. NOK 1x0
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- I040 Peter Kostyk, 7581 Dorchester Rd., Niagara Falls, Ontario.
- I041 William A. Johnson, 58 Acadia Cr., St. Catharines, Ont., L2S 1K

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- LM 39 Arthur Leff, London, Ontario. N5Y 3H7
- LM 40 H. Elliott Jephson, London, Ontario. N6G 1S8
- LM 41 Ross H. Wilby, Burlington, Ontario. L7T 2GI
- LM 42 Steven Forten, Hamilton, Ontario. L8L 7V7
- LM 43 H.F. Bardwell, P.O. Box 62 Sarnia, Ontario. N7T 7H8

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The January issue of the Ontario Numismatist will be the last issue that will be mailed for those who have not paid 1977 DUES by the end of January. So do mail that cheque as soon as possible to P.C. Box 33, Waterloo, Ontario.

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Smile : Hobo on the street to a well-dressed man : "It's just a one shot contribution, buddy. No follow-up phone calls, no getting your name on a mailing list, no monthly pledges to meet...."



TEST SHOWS OLYMPIC COINS ARE WORTH THEIR FACE VALUE

Reprinted from the St. Thomas Numismatic Association Bulletin # 10, November 8, 1976.

The law may say that Canadian Olympic coins are current legal tender, but does the public believe it? To find out the answer to these questions, someone recently purchased five Canadian Olympic coins to spend at face value. Four were encapsulated silver coins, of different series, costing \$47.50 for two \$5 and two \$10 coins. The fifth coin was an uncirculated \$100 gold piece purchased for \$105.

Before the coins were spent, their plastic capsules were removed, with more than a little difficulty. The coins were tendered in payment in ordinary commercial transactions, and no unusual discussion was entered into during the exchanges.

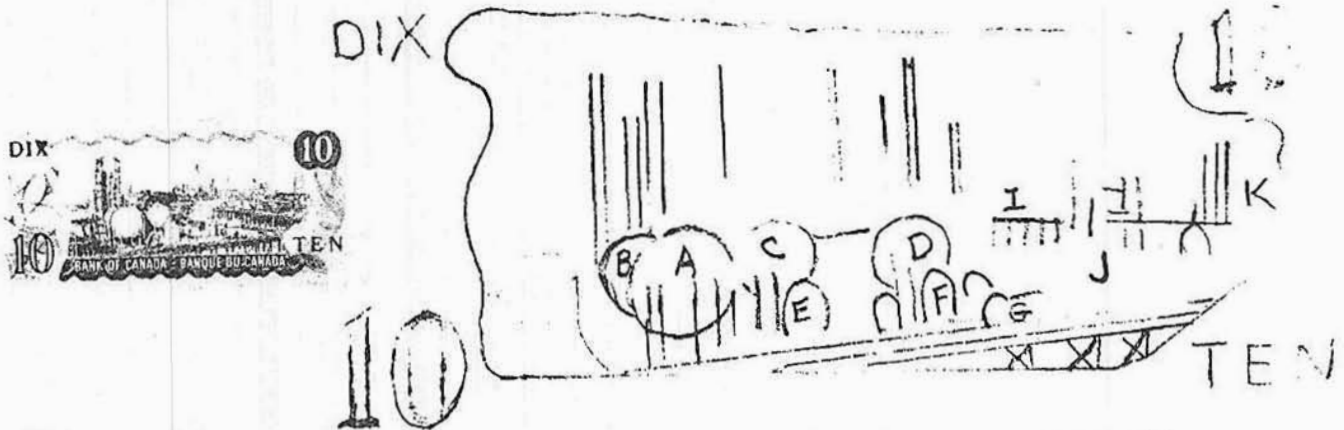
The first \$5 Olympic coin was offered in payment of a lunch bill at a Grill one day last month. The cashier, with little hesitation, asked "What is it, a five?" and cheerfully returned the change in more common coins. A \$10 coin was spent at a subway station to purchase a \$6 envelope of tokens. The ticket-taker examined the coin very carefully, declared he had never seen one before, and after some delay, finally produced the tokens and \$4 change without further comment. A teller at the Canadian Tire gas bar accepted a \$10 Olympic coin without question or hesitation. She apparently recognized its premium value immediately, and was seen looking in her purse for a \$10 bill to substitute for the coin.

Even the Canadian government will accept Olympic coins at face value. A \$5 piece offered in payment for postage stamps at the postoffice was accepted with some hesitation and the question "That's a five, Isn't it?". After the purchase the coin was proudly shown to a few of the other tellers.

More difficulty was encountered with the \$100 gold piece at the Food Mart. The cashier refused to accept it and referred the coin to the information desk. A clerk took it to the manager's office. After several minutes' delay, the clerk returned with five \$20 bills and announced that the customer would have to leave his name and phone number. "It's not normally our policy to accept these," he said, "but someone in the office wants it."



Polysar Plant Featured on the New Ten-Dollar Bill (Extract From the Sarnia Observer, Sat. April 24th, 1976) and reprinted from the Sarnia Numismatic Society News Bulletin.



This outline, taken from the back of the "new" ten-dollar bill, shows that Polysar is the subject of the picture. Originally taken from the now-extinct coal-pile, the view looks north-east through the Petrochemicals Units. The areas identified in the outline are as follows: A - sphere No 1. B - Sphere No 10. C - Sphere No 3. D - Sphere No 2. E - Oil Tankage. F - Caustic and Acid storage tanks. G - Hydrocarbon storage drums. H - B.C. Unit Towers. I - Dehydro Unit oil tankage. J - Dehydro Unit furnaces. K - B.E. No.2 Unit towers.

It's the kind of publicity money can't buy. Mainly because it is money. But the question is how many people realize it.

When a \$10 bill passes hands few people stop to examine it, but if you look on the back you'll see a picture of one of Sarnia's major industries.

Polysar provides the back-drop above the Bank of Canada indication on the bill. There is no indication that the Sarnia firm is pictured, but connoisseurs of the Chemical Valley quickly recognize the purple and white picture.

The picture is a scene of the industrial complex looking north with the city in the background. The photo, an aerial view, was taken from the top of a 75 foot light tower which is no longer located at the site.

Polysar officials say they have no idea why the picture was used, but are "quite honored and pleased" over the \$10 bill.

Bank of Canada officials say they never identify the exact location of any picture used on bills, but would say it was a chemical plant located in Central Canada.

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*From  
The Editor's Chair*

Imagine another  
Christmas is with  
us once again....

The year 1976 was a  
year of CHALLENGE.....

We had more member participation.

We had the greatest O.N.A. Convention ever last  
May.... the Bulletin has had quite a few changes this year.... "A New  
Look" ... a New Format.... started last March and here are just a few  
remarks from our readers.... a whole new approach; just like a spring  
day in May; all bouncy and full of hope; refreshin; attractive;  
a powerfull impact; it leaves you with a smile on your face when you  
come to the last page. My personal thanks for all those wonderfull  
remarks, but you the members of our association make it all happen.

Some of our Executive have changed, some have moved, which  
reminds me - Mr. Henry Burke, 181 Albert St., Oshawa, has been named  
a Director for Area 8. My congratulations Henry, and welcome aboard.

The WHO, WHAT and WHY of the O.N.A. with some up-dated  
information regarding our Association, was mailed out with the October  
Numismatist and to date I have not received one word about it. Was it  
worth the printing??? Did we help anyone in our organization??? Were  
the facts enclosed helpful??? We would certainly appreciate your  
coments.

Our first Vice-President, Bruce Watt, sent me a short note  
recently and in it he enclosed a report regarding his trip to the  
A.N.A. Convention in New York. Here are some of his words.....

There were 197 Bourse Dealers, two from Canada who were  
Lloyd Carney and Frank Rose, and many from Great Britain and the U.S.

The room would get very crowded during peak hours.

There were 200 exhibitors and a total of 600 display cases.

Two Canadians received awards, Paul Johnson of Toronto who  
won the John J. Pittman Sr. Award for Canadian Coins and Currency. Fred  
C. Bowman of Montreal, was awarded the Farren Lerbe Award in recognition  
of his lifetime service to Canadian Numismatics.

There were 808 registered guests who attended the Banquet  
and the Head Table seated 50 A.N.A. Officers, Governors and Guests.

The Auction was held by Stack's of New York which broke an  
all time record that grossed over \$4,000,000.00

If you have the chance to attend next year's Convention in  
Atlanta, Georgia, don't miss it, you'll really enjoy it. I sure plan on  
being there. (Many thanks for your coments Bruce)

It's been a good year with many excellent articles from  
many contributors, who give of their time and knowledge in order to  
help us learn more about our hobby. To these wonderful people, to the  
secretaries, to the bulletin editors who also serve their clubs and  
the hobby, we would like to say a very special "Happy Festive Season"  
to you all, may your stockings be filled full of the good things of  
life. To all our readers we wish you joy and happiness over the  
"Yuletide".

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Ye Ed.