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EDITORIAL COMMENT

As your editor, it has been my privilege to report to you, our members, the numismatic scene as I see it. The year is young, but already there has been a lot of activity in Numismatics. We have received a number of letters dealing with our front page article in the January, 1978 issue. Letterwriters were enthusiastic about Canada Coin Week '78, but one letter writer took issue with the way the last issue was published. Sometimes misinformation can take a wrong track as it did in this case, and ended with negative thinking. Copies of a story submitted for publication should be camera ready which means the original (or copy as the case may be) should be perfect in every detail. Sometimes this is impossible as the original may be from another photocopy. In a case like this, the printer can apply all the ink he wants to, but with very little results. The only other way around this situation would be to re-type the information thus creating more originals. But since time was of the essence, the story was submitted and the results did not turn out to well. But aside from this is the generosity of the members who took the time and trouble to send me the story so that you the reader could read it. So, no matter what your story looks like, we will gladly accept it.

Due to space limitations pictures that were to be included in this issue will be in the March issue.

Coin Week Canada '78 will shortly be here. What are you doing to promote the hobby? Exhibit and show your hobby at the forthcoming shows. Talk about numismatic to your friends. Increase participation by attending regularly the club of your choice. Help numismatics grow by taking an active part. YOU will be better for it.

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WHAT'S IN A NAME

by

Harry M. Eisenhauer

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The capital of the Province of Nova Scotia, Halifax acquired its name on July 18, 1749. The Indian name was "Chebookt" meaning, "Chief Harbour", or Great Long Harbour". Halifax was known as Chebucto up to the year 1749 when it was changed to "Halifax" in honour of Lord Halifax, then President of the English Board of Trade. Halifax was declared a free port in 1817 and was incorporated in the year 1841.

Old Halifax still contains the richest evidence of British heritage in North America. In 1749, Col. Edward Cornwallis arrived with 2576 settlers to found the first British settlement in Canada. As you stand on the water's edge, you can imagine the days of sailing ships, Schooners, sloops and clipper ships plied the harbour, and a forest of masts, bowsprits and jib booms bobbed the wharves along the waterfront. Later, great steamships joined the traffic in the harbour, bringing wealth to an enterprising Haligonian, Samuel Cunard.

For the collector of Canadian Paper Money, the City of Halifax provides an interesting challenge. This area of collecting falls within my deepest numismatic interest, and indeed fortunate is he who owns just one example of each of the currency issuing institutions. Almost all the issues are in the very rare category, particularly those of the Halifax Banking Company and the Union Bank of Halifax.

The Halifax Banking Company or Collins Bank was a private bank incorporated in 1872 and operated from 1825 to 1903 when it was absorbed by the Canadian Bank of Commerce. Built in 1823, this is the oldest bank structure in Canada. Although the bank was reputed to be impregnable, two robberies occurred, one in 1829 and one in 1849. The bank was established by Capt. Enos Collins, who had become wealthy from the proceeds of his privateer, the "Liverpool Packet" a converted slaver and pirate ship, which was legendary along the New England coast. With only \$4,597.18 in notes outstanding it is obvious that very few remain in the hands of collectors today.

The union Bank of Halifax was established in 1856 and operated successfully until 1910 when it was absorbed by the Royal Bank of Canada. Not much of the bank's history is known, although we do know that the note issues are very rare. My personal records indicate that only three issued notes are in private collections, but a few proof notes become available from time to time.

Other Halifax Banking institutions include the Peoples Bank of Halifax founded in 1864, Merchants Bank of Halifax established in 1869, Bank of Nova Scotia founded in 1832 and the Mercantile Banking Corporation.

The Bank of Nova Scotia opened its doors to the public on August 29, 1832 in rooms in John Roman's building at the corner of Granville and Duke Streets, Halifax. This served as the bank's headquarters until its own head office building was erected on Hollis Street in 1837. The bank's first issue of notes in August of 1832 are extremely rare and were issued in five denominations; 1/10/- (one pound, ten shillings), 2 pound, 2/10/- (Two pound ten shillings), 5 pound, and 10 pound. The 10 pound notes are of particular interest for the head and shoulder portrait appearing thereon is thought to be that of William Lawson, the bank's first president. It is also interesting to note that about 1820 William Lawson issued his own currency as did John Albro & Co., John H. Barry, H.H. Cogswell, A Cunard and Son, Adam Esson and quite possibly others.

I am of the personal opinion that all of this currency is extremely rare, grossly underpriced and bears searching for.

As mentioned earlier, Halifax was incorporated as a city in 1841. As a result of annexation carried out in 1969, the city increased its population by a third and quadrupled its size, making it the largest city in the Maritimes. With a population of over 120,000 Halifax is the centre of an area whose immediate population is rapidly approaching the population "plateau" of 250,000 people. Already the effects of this significant "plateau" are being realized as the market demands of the population are beginning to produce a self-regenerative economy.

In closing I might add that Nova Scotia is the only Province of Canada to possess through Royal Charter, a flag of its own. The flag of Nova Scotia traces its origin to the Charter of New Scotland granted in 1621 to Sir William Alexander by King James VI of Scotland and England.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Dear Bill

Hello there, long time no see, but yes I am still alive and kicking, also still pushing to start a Coin Club here.

To this end I am using the theme: "Canada Coin Week 1978" as an introduction to all interested in joining me in such an venture.

I have already laid the foundation for my start up to this week, by having the enclosed front page article, published in our local newspaper's weekly supplement.

As reported I have reserved space in the local library and will have on display

- A Storing & Keeping Collections
- B Type Collecting
- C Theme Collecting
- D Specialized Reference Material

The reason for this letter, is mainly for your reference, after reading the front page of January Bulletin, also to keep in touch with my old friends down East. I still retain my membership in the O.N.A., which is one thing Denise neglected to state in the article.

If you wish to utilize this article or any part of it, in the Numismatist please feel free, as I can use all the publicity I can get, no matter where it comes from.

Bye and good luck in Numismatics.

Signed, "Edward A. Gordon"  
(Tony)

"It is indeed a type of letter we all look forward to receiving, particularly from someone using his time and energy to further the cause of Numismatics. Ed)

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DAFFY DEFINITIONS: Treasurer: Lifts buildings and walks under them - Kicks locomotives off the tracks - catches speeding bullets in his mouth and eats them - freezes water with a single glance - He is God (Take a good look at your Treasurer next time and see if he fits the part, Ed) Next month - We have a definition for Secretaries - Watch for it.

SHOW NEWS:

Pat Lambert regrets to inform the membership that Mrs. Gaver has cancelled her participation in the auction that was to be conducted by Frank Rose. Fortunately and with a great deal of pride we wish to inform you that Charles D. Moore has taken over the auction. There will still be a Two Session auction, the first one to be on Friday, June 2 from 1 to 5 p.m, followed thereafter by a wine and cheese party. The second session will be on Saturday, June 3rd, from 1. to 5 p.m. On behalf of the executive and members of the Ontario Numismatic Association we feel honoured in having Charles D. Moore, conduct our auction.

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ACCOMMODATION: We are informed that accommodation at the Prudhommes Garden Centre is limited and you are advised to get your reservations in NOW. DO NOT SEND RESERVATIONS TO THE CLUB. All reservations are to be sent to the convention site with a \$15.00 deposit. Those pre-registering will get convention rates. For further details and the address to reserve your rooms: Mr. McMurray, Prudhommes Garden Center. Vineland, Station, Ontario.

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CONVENTION DRAWS: We have for you and your club wonderful news on how you can participate in these draws, but first let me tell you what the draws are:

FIRST PRIZE: A trip for two by HALCYON DAYS TRAVEL, Oshawa & Brantford

Second Prize: Canadian Mint Presentation Set

Third Prize: Canadian Mint Presentation Set.

Now, here is how your club can benefit. Tickets sell for .50¢ each or 3 for \$1.00. For each book sold, your club will receive 50¢. So the more books you and your sell, the more money the treasury of your club will receive. But, hurry. Time is fast approaching for the greatest convention in Numismatic Circles.

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YOUR ASSOCIATION:

President Bruce R. Watt has announced the "President's Personality Man of the Month as:

THOMAS MASTERS - 2nd Vice-President - Librarian  
and Director of Area #1

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AWARD OF MERIT: In 1968 no Award of Merit was announced at the Convention held in Kitchener. Very important items came out at this convention for it was here that the O.N.A. inaugurated Life Memberships.

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WATCH FOR NEXT MONTH'S BULLETIN when we will have exciting news for you on our forthcoming convention. Plan now to attend by booking early.

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## Association News:

### MEMBERSHIP

#### NEW MEMBERS:

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

- 1069 Victor Garber, 96 Riddelle Ave., Toronto, Ontario. M6B IJ6  
1070 Mrs. Kris Lefor, c/o Box 984, Windsor, Ontario  
1071 B.A. Walker, RR#1 Carlsbad Springs, Ontario KOA IK0  
1072 Fredk. P. Webb, 1202 Arlington Ave., Sarnia, Ontario. N7S 3T8  
J1073 Michel Surprenant, 628 Rue McGill, Hawkesbury, Ontario. K6A IR3  
J1074 Lee Ellison, 154 Cook Street, Barrie, Ontario  
J1075 Stuart Wilson, 28 Mallard Place, Chatham, Ontario. N7L 4A6  
1076 Larry Newton, P.O. Box 77, Clifford, Ontario. NOG IM0  
1077 Mrs. Larry DiMaria, C/O Larry's Coins, P.O. Box 1244, Kemptville, Ontario  
1078 Public Archives of Canada, Library Acquisitions, 395 Wellington St.,  
Ottawa, Ontario. KIA ON3  
1079 Ian A. Marshall, 2350 Dundas St., W., #1612, Toronto, Ontario M6P IC0  
1080 Mrs. Jean M. Taft, Box 1184, Bancroft, Ontario KOL IC0  
1081J Miss Tracey Voigt, 8 Talbot Street, Delhi, Ontario N4B IZ6

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

- LM 46 Robert Armstrong, Owen Sound, Ontario, N4K 5P5  
LM 47 William K. Cross, Toronto, Ontario  
LM 48 Ross Hartoon, Sarnia, Ontario  
LM 49 Richard Matte, Sudbury, Ontario.

Some of the above applications should have been published sooner, but due to my regular job which has required a lot of overtime, I have just never found hours enough in a day to get these names to your editor.

Your February, 1978 copy of the Ontario Numismatist likewise is late because I did not get the envelopes addressed, stamped and mailed to your editor until March 1st, 1978.

Bruce H. Raszmann,  
O.N.A. Treasurer & Membership Chairman

### *AUDIO VISUAL by Charles Laister*

Putting together a club program can be a cinch when you use the facilities of the Audio Visual Service. Drop Charles H. Laister a note to Highway 3, Tillsonburg, Ontario and asking him for a list of subject he has in his library. The audio visual service contains slides put together by numismatists who devote their time and energy to provide you and your club with visual knowledge of numismatics.

## **NEWS FROM AROUND THE CLUBS**

THE OSHAWA & DISTRICT COIN CLUB reports the 1978 executive in their February bulletin. President is, Edwin Keetch: Vice-President, Terry Campbell; Secretary, Sherry Bowman; Treasurer, Derek Gillette, Librarian, Alex Majers; Editor is Wayne Goring; Past President is Henry J. Burke. Directors are: Bob Porter, Mrs. B. Larmer, Mrs. Larrayne Pleau, Ray Pleau, Don McGregor, Mrs. Helen Majers and Glen Copp. New meeting location is in the Picadilly Room, Hotel Genosha, 70 King St., East, Oshawa. Doors open at 12:00 noon.

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Two guest speakers will highlight the February meeting of the Stratford Coin Club. Ross Armstrong and Peter Huxtable will explain the functions, programmes and services of the Federal Business Development Bank. The bulletin contained many useful tips to collectors, a quiz and a reminder that dues are due. Ken Wilmot, editor, reminds readers that only one essay has been received in their contest.

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Tom Kostaluk is bringing home Awards received at the Michigan State Numismatic Society Convention held thanksgiving week, so states the bulletin from the BRANTFORD NUMISMATIC SOCIETY. Tom took three awards: 1st, 2nd and 3rd. The 1st was a 16" Silver Tray. His exhibits were, "Polish Numismatic Commemorative Medals, Polish Bank-notes, and Alexander Graham Bell items. Canadian Numismatic Association's Ontario Director, Paul Johnson will be guest speaker.

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NORM Belsten, President of the Thistletown Coin Club gave a short talk to his club on the subject of "How to display coins" at shows. Shall we have a COIN SHOW in 1978, is the question posed by the editor, Bob Porter, to the members. Anyone wishing to attend meetings, the address is Etobicoke Public Library, on Albion Road, just west of Kipling Blvd. Meeting opens at 7:30p.m.

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DR. DOUGLAS D. HUNTER gave an outstanding talk and slide show on Canadian Tire money, which also included an history of the Company. The company started in business on Hamilton Street in Toronto as was known as the Hamilton Tire & Garage in 1922. Candian Tire coupons were first issued in 1958. A member of the North York Coin Club, Carl Anderson was recently appointed Chairman of the North York Hydro. Feb. 28, 1978 is the date for the coin show to be held in the same location.

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KEN PROPHET is to be congratulated on having another successful coin show to his credit. Both dealers and public expressed satisfaction with the show. Al Bliman donated \$10.00 to the Club. Audit report was completed by Bill Gage and read out to the meeting. The constitution reprints will be available soon. Two Chinese auctions were held, the proceeds going to the Simcoe Rescue Squad. Bud Horne is the club's representative for "Bowl for Millions" a yearly project of the club to raise funds for the handicapped.

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Save for a rainy day and a new tax comes along and soaks you - from the Stratford Coin Club bulletin.

NEWS FROM THE CLUBS - cont'd

THE CITY OF OTTAWA COIN CLUB featured an article by J. Douglas Ferguson, entitled, "Nova Scotia Baronet Badges Topic of Work". Mr. Ferguson points out that the illustrated 78 page book is heartily recommended for anyone interested in the early history of America and particularly those who collect and cherish Canadiana. The book can be ordered from the author, Ruth McQuade, 183 Island Park Drive, Ottawa, Ontario. K1Y 0A3. The price is \$4.95. Two speakers, Mr. Castledine, talking on collecting silver and gold coins as a hedge against inflation and Al Driega with a talk on interesting tips on presenting a coin display to the best advantage.

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CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODEN MONEY COLLECTORS elects a new executive. Victor B. Hall will serve as president, Don Robb, Vice-President, Bruce R. Watt, Secretary-Treasurer AND Gary Braunworth as Editor.

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THE INGERSOLL COIN CLUB BULLETIN featured a front page editorial by Barbara McNab. She praised the club and singled out Tom Masters and Stella Hodge for special attention in her absence. Stella Hodge was selected as winner of the Charles Laister Award for January. Tom Masters and Len Coles selected as Chairman and Co-Chairman for the April program with the Ingersoll Kiwanis Club to raise money for the Easter Seal and crippled children. Grant Monck will be the speaker for February. Mrs. Hodge spoke to the Woodstock Coin Club and was presented with a membership for 1978. Congrats. An interesting addition to the Ingersoll Bulletin is the story, "CIRCULATION FINDS" by Grant Monck wherein he keeps his readers acquainted with his finds during the month and gives his percentage of finds. Of the total coins examined, 2 per cent were 'wheat cents', 5 per cent were the square nicles, for e.g. those between 1942 and 1962 and 2 per cent were 1970 - ten cent pieces.

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A COIN SHOW LOOMS ON THE HORIZAN for the Orillia Champlain Coin Club. The date has been set for May 6, 1978 and will be held at the Orillia Square Mall, West Street, Orillia. Bourse chairman is Bill Gage, RR#1 Shanty Bay, Ontario, L0L 2L0. Tables are going fast. Price will be \$13.00 each of two for \$25.00. Make cheques payable to the club. Alma Gage and Russell Smart will audit the books and report back to the meeting. Dominion Store tapes are wanted. Proceeds will be used to purchase a kidney machine at the Soldier's Memorial Hospital in Orillia. All tapes received will be appreciated. It takes a lot of them to add up for the price of a machine. By the way. with nothing else to do, Bill Gage is editing the bulletin again!

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HARVEY FARROW was presented with A CITATION AND SPECIAL MEDAL, by the executive and members of the Toronto Coin Club. Due to space limitations, the wording on the citation will appear elsewhere in the bulletin. Harold Don Allen wrote an article entitled, COIN WEEK CANADA - 1978 NEWS which gave an in-depth look at what has occurred up to now in this important event in Canada's Numismatic history. There is an interesting article on, "THE MAN WHO STOLE PORTUGAL" which makes for some intriguing reading.

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## CITATION AWARDED TO HARVEY FARROW

At the Annual Meeting on January 16, the executive and members of the Toronto Coin Club presented Harvey Farrow with a Citation and a special medal. The wording of the Citation, reproduced below, is self-explanatory:

"This award is presented to you by the Executive and Members of the Toronto Coin Club in recognition of your outstanding service during the past two decades.

"Your honesty, integrity and loyalty to the Toronto Coin Club exemplify your 24 years of continuous membership. You were enrolled on February 8, 1954 as Member #35. In 1959, you accepted the appointment of librarian and since then, you have held virtually every elected office including that of President. As well, during the 1969 CNA Convention hosted by the Toronto Coin Club, you took on the responsibility of Treasurer. You have also given freely of your time to other clubs in many and varied positions.

"We know your involvement in the Toronto Coin Club is far from over. You have been elected Treasurer for 1978, continue as the Club's Archivist, and have accepted the important position of Chairman of the 1978 TCC Fall Show.

"We are proud to present you with this citation in recognition of your exemplary services to the Toronto Coin Club."

By way of introduction, Louise Graham, who had known the Farrow family for many years, gave a very moving speech which we also share with you:

"Harvey, I take you down Memory Lane tonight with both happy and sad memories, particularly as this award to you is also a tribute to your dear mother, Hazel Farrow, membership #134, who instilled in you at an early age the attributes mentioned in your Citation, and who also taught you well all the facets of handling registrations, cashiering, ticket sales, shows, etc., that has been an asset to this club. You joined Toronto Coin Club in 1954 by a series of coincidences. In the early 40's your mother and I met as co-workers for a local Association. We quickly became "best friends", and that memory I will always cherish. We had never even heard the Toronto Coin Club.

One Saturday morning, Doug Graham glanced at the function sheet for that day and read "Meeting, Toronto Coin Club, 2:00 P.M. York Room". He attended that meeting and joined as #20. It took several months for his enthusiasm to persuade me to join as #31. Our combined enthusiasm rubbed off on your mother and we three thought the hobby of "Coin Collecting" would be an excellent one for you to also pursue, so I, as Treasurer, enrolled you as member #35. Your activities went beyond TCC. In February, 1960, you and ten other members were part of the team of founding members of North York Coin Club. John Curtis, Past President of TCC became 1st Vice-President of NYCC.

In 1960, you and I shared the saddest days of our lives. On May 20, Doug Graham suddenly passed away - I lost my husband and you lost a friend. On December 24, your mother suddenly passed away - you lost your mother and I lost my best friend.

You and I were part of the team that organized TCC's 25th Anniversary Party, an event we still talk about. It was a big success in spite of the hotel strike. We again shared in the 35th Anniversary Party. You and I continue our loyalty to both the TCC and NYCC.

Harvey, I am honored to have been chosen to present this Citation to you. The Executive and Members of the Toronto Coin Club join me in wishing you well and hope that your loyalty to the Toronto Coin Club will always be in evidence."

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## PROPOSED COIN SHOWS

The following are the "ANNUAL COIN SHOWS" proposed for the next few months, that we 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 another show.

- April 16 - 22 - Canada Coin Week sponsored by the Canadian Numismatic Association. Let money speak out is the theme of the Canada-Wide event.
- April 23 - Kent Coin Club's annual show at the Wheels Motor Inn, Richmond St., and Keil Dr. Info from Lou Wagenaer, 27 Peter St., Chamtham, Ontario N7M 5B2
- April 27,28,29,30- Spring Torex'78 at the Westbury Hotel, 475 Yonge St., Toronto, Ontario
- May 6 Fredericton, N.B. Atlantic Provinces Numismatic Association and Canadian Paper Money Society joint convention at the Lord Beaverbrook Hotel Information: Harry Eisenhauer, Box 84, Oromocto, N.B. E2V 2G4
- May 7 Welland Coin Club's Annual Show at the Princess Elizabeth School auditorium, corner of Lincoln & Sheffield Sts. Info: Andre Guillemette, 208 East Main St., Welland, Ont.
- May 13 Peterborough Numismatic Association's annual coin show at the Holiday Inn. Info: Norm Wells, Box 943, Peterborough, Ontario. K9J 7A5
- May 27 Newmarket Numismatic Association's Annual Show. Write the club at: Box 142, Newmarket, Ontario L3Y 4W3
- May 27 and 28 City of Ottawa Coin Club's Annual Show at the RA Centre, Riverside Drive, Ottawa, Ontario. Enquiries welcome to Box 6094, Station "J", Ottawa, Canada K2A 1T2
- May 6 Orillia Champlain Coin Club at the Orillia Square Mall, West St., North Orillia, Ontario. Info: Write Bill Gage, RR#1 Shanty Bay, Ontario, L0L 2L0

## PERSONALITIES IN THE NEWS

STELLA HODGE

For active participation in a number of clubs - for proving that numismatics can be fun - and for showing that women have a place in the field of numismatics.