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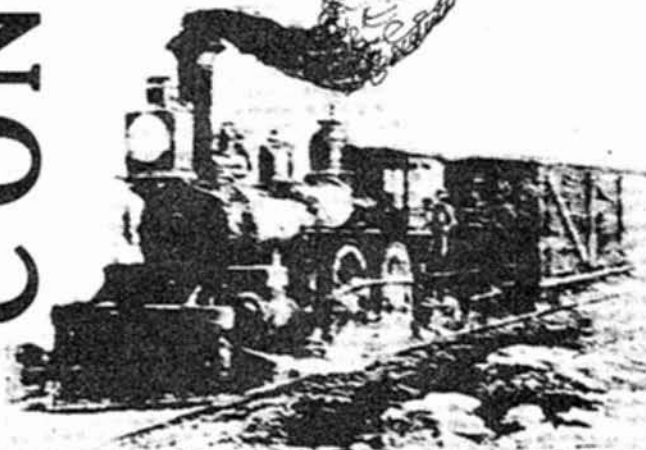
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HINTS FOR THE NUMISMATIC NEWCOMER

by E. A. Gordon

Maybe the title would have been better understood by the people concerned, if I had said hints for the beginner coin collector! Most people are unaware of the term Numismatics or Numismatists and are thrown for a curve immediately either of these two words crops up.

The dictionary defines Numismatic as: 1. of or relating to currency, 2. of or relating to Numismatics. Numismatics: the study or collection of coins, tokens and paper money, also sometimes related to objects such as medals or medallions.

Now that we know who or what we are, then let us see what is best for us: first of all, let us not rush into things blindly, buying anything and everything which takes our fancy. Let us decide what we should collect, if we are a junior, will it be pennies, nickels or dimes, etc.; will it be one of each year and, if so, where do we start.

The current Canadian coins carry the Queen's portrait on the obverse and have done so since 1953, although there was a design change in 1965: therefore a full year set of the Queen's reign would run from 1953 to date; but for someone on an extremely limited budget, a mini set from 1965 to date could be a starting point. For the person with a more liberal budget then we would have to consider whether we wish to amass a complete collection: this means from 1858 [Queen Victoria], and it would run into many thousands of dollars at today's catalogue prices.

To cut costs a little, Edward VII appeared from 1902 to 1910, George V reigned from 1911 to 1936, and finally George VI from 1937 to 1952.

Once we have decided what we will collect and from where we will start, the next thing is to know what grade of coin we want in our collection. Here again the budget will be the deciding factor. With so many grades to choose from; good (G), very good (VG), fine (F), very fine (VF), extra fine (EF), about uncirculated (AU), uncirculated (UNC), brilliant uncirculated (BU), gem uncirculated (BU GEM), and Proof, then the beginner must without any doubt obtain a good catalogue such as "Charltons" or "Coins of Canada" and learn as much as possible from it on grades and condition of coins, plus scarcity, etc., before buying.

When we stop to consider that a certain coin could vary from \$15.00 in V.G. to \$2200.00 in B.U., and note the extreme jumps in cost for each grade in between, then the cost of a catalogue is surely a very wise investment.

In addition to the coin catalogue, another book to be given consideration is the Canadian Grading Guide. Here again the cost is small compared to the savings on overgraded coins.

The next item to consider is the storing and protection of your coins. Never should loose coins be allowed to rub against each other or stored in a jar or box, as most pack-rat collectors do. The most popular method of protection is a 2" x 2" cardboard folder, with cutouts to suit the size

Hints [cont'd]

of coin, covered in a plastic film. The coin is inserted in the folder and stapled on three sides: these folders can then be inserted into what are known as 20 pocket plastic pages which in turn can be mounted in a three ring binder. There are many other ways of storing our coins, also - for instance, the Whitman Coin Folder, which is relatively inexpensive but only allows one side of the coin to be seen and of course touched. The Whitman Bookshelf Album type offers good protection to our coins, plus the advantage of being able to view both sides.

The Harco type album is also a good choice: it offers excellent protection, plus the feature of mixing coins of different sizes and shapes, on the same page, or placing different pages within the same album, which is not possible with the bookshelf type.

All of this, of course, is an individual's preference and you should check out all available supplies at local dealers and, maybe more importantly, with other collectors, to see how they store and display their coins.

This now leads us into clubs and what advantages one may gain from joining a club. Well, first of all there is the camaraderie of meeting regularly with others who share a common interest. Then there is the knowledge we can share with each other, plus the knowledge available from the club's library and bulletins which, in turn, saves the expense of purchasing all the extra books necessary to really get into the research of a coin, its history or geography, etc., which is the greatest reason, possibly, for pursuing this hobby, apart from the speculative side of it - the search for greater knowledge.

Also, the local club is an excellent source of supply to the beginner collector by means of the trading, buying and selling which goes on among the collectors and maybe even dealers present. Quite often there is also a club auction, which also allows for purchases or sales of duplicate coins.

Finally, I think we should touch on security. All too often we hear of a dealer's or collector's store or home being broken into and their collections taken. What can we do about this? Well, apart from the obvious, of making our doors and windows secure, there are three things which should be considered seriously. The three things are as follows:

- A. Insurance is a must, once our collection gets to a point where substantial losses would occur if stolen. This must be investigated at length to obtain the best coverage possible, as not all home insurance companies will cover coin collections.
- B. Safety deposit box at your local bank for storing your collections must also be considered; use of this facility could also reduce slightly the premium on the insurance. Yes, you still must have insurance on your collection, even if stored in a vault, because the banks do not insure the contents of your box, primarily because they have no knowledge of its contents.

- C. A mail box at the local post office is also to be considered, this for receipt of all mail offers and correspondence from dealers and clubs, etc., reducing the risk of unwanted mail to your personal address.

These hints for the newcomer have been offered for your consideration and have resulted from personal experience over the last ten years of organized collecting.

[part II next month]



Editor's Notebook

The June issue of the Ontario Numismatist is being mailed a couple of weeks early, in the hope that most members will receive it prior to the Ontario Numismatic Association's annual convention being held the first weekend in June. This issue is a special convention edition and contains additional information which may be of help to convention-going members: for example the floor-plan and the meeting schedule, among other items. This issue is also being aimed at the novice or casual visitor to the convention. The editor anticipates an overrun which will be given out to interested non-members at the convention.

Stanley Clute, Editor.

NEW MEMBERS

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

IMPORTANCE OF A LIBRARY

An important aspect of coin collecting, at all levels, is the availability of adequate reference material. It is well worth the time, effort and money of every serious collector to acquire a selection of books, catalogues and clippings related to his field(s) of interest. If one has both the money and the inclination to do so, a personal numismatic library can be expanded to include additional fields of numismatics, as well as varied background information. A library is important to a collector's interest in and satisfaction with this hobby continuing and growing through the years - for only by knowing about the coins, medals, banknotes or tokens that you collect can you fully appreciate them. Your personal numismatic reference library need not be large. It may consist of only a small handful of books pertaining to your field of interest. Or it can be just as large as you want to make it. While more detailed reference works can be found through coin club and association libraries, university and public libraries, etc., a personal selection of numismatic books provides a quick and handy reference, especially for those tidbits of information which slip from your mind just when you want them.

Editor.

O. N. A. CONVENTION PROGRAMME

Friday, June 1st:

- 8:30 A.M. Display and Bourse - Set Up.
 10:00 A.M. Bourse and Display Rooms Open to General Public
 11:00 A.M. Official Opening, by Hamilton Mayor John A. MacDonald:
 Ballroom.
 1:00 P.M. Tour of Royal Botanical Gardens - meet in Main Lobby:
 12:15 P.M. - Tour from 1:00 to 2:30 P.M.
 9:00 P.M. - 11:00 P.M. - Wine & Cheese Party: Connaught Square.

Saturday, June 2nd:

- 9:00 A.M. Bourse Room Open to Dealers Only.
 10:00 A.M. Bourse and Display Rooms Open to General Public
 10:00 A.M. O.N.A. General Membership Meeting: Connaught Square.
 10:00 A.M. Auction Material On View in the Security Room
 11:00 A.M. Seminar on Displaying, by Mr. Stephen R. Taylor:
 in the Dundurn Room
 1:00 P.M. Coin Auction: Connaught Square Room, One Session,
 Conducted by Charlton Auctions
 1:00 P.M. Seminar on Coin Grading, by Mr. James E. Charlton:
 in the Dundurn Room
 2:00 P.M. Tour of Andres Wine - meet in Main Lobby: 12:30 P.M.
 - Tour from 2:00 - 4:00 P.M.
 2:15 P.M. Seminar on Grading Paper Money, by Mr. Myer Price,
 President, and Mr. Al Bliman, Vice President, of
 the Canadian Paper Money Society.
 3:30 P.M. Seminar on the "Hows" and "Whys" of Collecting
 Ancient Greek and Roman Coins, by Mr. Stanley Clute,
 'Ancient Coins' Columnist of Canadian Coin News, in
 the Dundurn Room.
 4:00 P.M. Meeting of the Canadian Association of Wooden Money
 Collectors: Connaught Square Room.
 5:00 P.M. Registration Desk Will Be Closed
 6:00 P.M. Cocktails - Cash Bar - Connaught Square Room
 7:00 P.M. Banquet Dinner - Connaught Square Room - Hot & Cold
 Buffet: Guest Speaker, Mr. J. Douglas Ferguson,
 F.R.N.S., F.C.N.R.S.
 Exhibit and Other Awards.
 10:00 P.M. Bourse and Display Rooms Closed

Sunday, June 3rd:

- 9:00 A.M. Bourse Room Open to Dealers Only.
 9:00 A.M. Club Delegates Breakfast: Connaught Square Room
 - Guest Speaker, Mr. John G. Humphris, Teacher,
 Writer, Lecturer.
 10:00 A.M. Bourse and Display Rooms Open to General Public.
 5:00 P.M. Convention Closes.

CONVENTION DEALERS

The following is a list of the dealers who have booked bourse space at the Convention, as of the time this issue went to press:

<u>Table</u>	<u>Dealer</u>
1 & 2 -	Del Curtis, Hepworth, Ontario
3 & 4 -	Leslie M. Allen, Wiarton, Ontario
5 -	L. Macikunas, Hamilton, Ontario
6 -	Chas. Springborn, St. Clair, Michigan
7 -	J. & J. Coins, Marysville, Michigan
8 -	Sears Coins & Stamps, Hamilton, Ontario
9 -	Lloyd Rankin, Hepworth, Ontario
10 -	J. Lloyd Carney, Toronto, Ontario
11 -	John S. Queen, West Milton, Ohio
12 & 13 -	Dick Lockwood, Streetsville, Ontario
14 -	Wes Ham, Huntsville, Ontario
15 -	George Beach, Owosso, Michigan
16 -	Trafalgar Coins, Oakville, Ontario
17 -	George Shave, Wainfleet, Ontario
18 & 19 -	Beaver Coins & Stamps, Hamilton, Ontario
20 -	Bob Traynor, Hamilton, Ontario
21 & 22 -	Bob Armstrong, Owen Sound, Ontario
23 -	William J. Grant, Kitchener, Ontario
24 -	J. R. Kelly, Ottawa, Ontario
25 -	John Abbott Rare Coins, Detroit, Michigan
26 -	Frank Rose, Deerfield Beach, Florida
27 -	Karol Kamler, Hamilton, Ontario
28 -	Roger Coin & Stamp, Guelph, Ontario
29 -	Leslie's Coins & Stamps, Aurora, Ontario
30 -	Bob Rogers Coins, Holliston, Massachusetts
31 & 32 -	Provincial Coins, Hamilton, Ontario
33 -	Ian A. Marshall, Thornhill, Ontario
34 -	Paris Coin & Stamp, Paris, Ontario
42 -	John Humphris, Sidney, Ohio
43 -	Jack Dietrich, Markham, Ontario

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

As President of the Ontario Numismatic Association, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Executive and Convention Committee of the Hamilton Coin Club for their hard work in organizing this year's ONA Convention. I would also like to thank the participating bourse dealers, and exhibitors, as well as those people who have selflessly given of their time to conduct educational seminars at the Convention, for their contributions towards the success of the Convention.

I would also like to wish everyone an enjoyable time at the Ontario Numismatic Association's 1979 Convention. See you at the Royal Connaught.

Bruce R. Watt,
President.

- Oct. 7: Bluewater International Coin Show, sponsored by Sarnia Coin Club, at the Canterbury Inn, 1485 London Rd., Sarnia, from 10 A.M.- 6 P.M.
- Oct. 13: Richmond Hill Coin Club annual show, Hillcrest Mall, Yonge St. & Carrville Rd., Richmond Hill, Ont. Information: Richmond Hill Coin Club, P. O. Box 386, Richmond Hill, Ont., L4C 4Y6.

**An interesting mix-up interfered with the regular monthly meeting of the Champlain Coin Club in Orillia, in April. Someone in the church where the club meets got their dates mixed up: when members arrived, it was to find their usual meeting place in the hall and kitchen area freshly painted and still wet. Everyone crowded into the children's room, which was warm and bright. However, over 30 people plus tables and chairs crowded into a room that was much too small, plus the overwhelming odour of fresh paint, turned out to be just too much for most members, so the meeting was shorter than usual.

**On April 22, the Kent Coin Club held its a annual coin show at the Wheels Motor Inn, in Chatham. The show was, once again, a complete success, with 21 top dealers at their tables, along with a large number of excellent displays. Display winners were: Category "A" [Canadian Decimal Coins]: 1st Bill Payne, London; 2nd Bill Martin, Chatham; 3rd Al Caron, Chatham; "B" [Canadian Currency]: 1st Ray Gregory, Cookstown; 2nd Lou Wagenaer, Chatham; "C" [U. S. Decimal & Gold Coins]: 1st Tom Kostaluk, London; 2nd Lou Wagenaer; 3rd Brian Johnston; "D" [Medals & Tokens]: 1st Arthur Leff, London; 2nd Tom Kostaluk; 3rd Mrs. Ellen Smith, Chatham; "E" [Foreign]: 1st Bill Payne; 2nd Tom Kostaluk; 3rd Stan Clute, North York; "F" [Odd & Curious]: 1st Lou Wagenaer; 2nd Ted Oulds, Chatham; "H" [Ancient & Mediaeval]: 1st Bill Martin; "G" [Junior]: 1st Cindy Williamson, Sarnia; 2nd Cindy Williamson; 3rd Danny Petrosich, Chatham; Best of Show, Cindy Williamson; Best Club Member Display, Bill Martin.



Kent Coin Club president Lou Wagenaer gives 1st Place Junior Award to Cindy Williamson of Sarnia. Cindy also won the Best of Show Trophy at the show.

- **Guest speaker at the April meeting of the North York Coin Club was O.N.A. Editor Stanley Clute, who spoke about the O.N.A., its upcoming convention, and his experiences as Editor. C.N.A. Ontario Director Paul Johnson gave a report on the club's Coin Week Canada activities and their success.
- **Stratford Coin Club's annual Dinner Meeting will be held on June 11, at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Stratford. The speaker will be Mr. William K. Cross, President of Charlton Numismatics, who will speak on coins as an investment. The cost of the dinner will be \$4.00 per person for the country style roast beef dinner. Tickets are available from Ken Wilmot, c/o the club at P. O. Box 262, Stratford, Ont.
- **The April 9th meeting of the St. Thomas Numismatic Association heard club member George Connoy talk about the area's earliest residents, the "Neutral Indians".

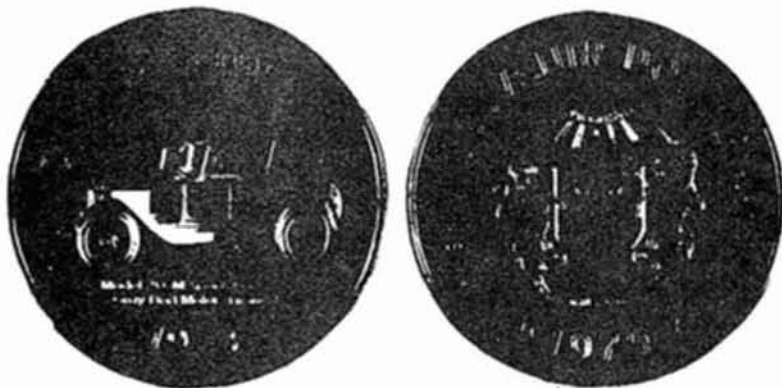
**Guest speaker at the May 8 meeting of the Thistletown Coin & Stamp Club; Rexdale, Ont., was O.N.A. Editor and Canadian Coin News columnist Stanley Clute, who delivered a slide presentation entitled "The Evolution of coinage - 2700 Years of Development". The presentation was well received and Stan was presented with an honorary membership in the club in appreciation. The club also voted to join the Canadian Numismatic Association.

**The April 16 meeting of the Toronto Coin Club heard C.N.A. president Jim Charlton deliver a report on the Coin Week Canada activities that were planned by clubs in the Toronto area. The guest speaker for the evening was Stan Clute, who gave a slide presentation on the collecting of wooden money, and exhibited hundreds of pieces of wooden money for members to view. Norm Wells, author of the book "Canadian Wooden Money, Tokens and Souvenirs", also contributed immensely to the evening's exchange of information. John Regitko, Dr. Marvin Kay, and club president Dan Bowyer also contributed to the evening's topic.

**The April 17th meeting of the Waterloo Coin Society heard president Don Robb deliver an excellent presentation entitled "The Tokens, Medals and Souvenirs of Expo '67". Special thanks were expressed by Don to Bill English, Agnes Whetham and Bill Gordon for joining him in placing displays in Scotia Bank in Waterloo Square for Coin Week Canada.

CHATHAM RELEASES FIFTH TRADE COIN:

The 1979 Chatham, Ontario, souvenir coin depicts the "Gray-Dort Model 20-M Sports Roadster" that was manufactured in Chatham in 1923. The automobile had a 115 inch wheel base and was powered by a 23.44 horsepower, six cylinder engine. The Model 20-M sold for \$1,495 and a total of 936 were built. The Gray-Dort proved highly popular in the prairie provinces, as over 5,000 were sold there between the years 1915 and 1925.



The 1979 edition of the Chatham trade coin concludes the five year series highlighting modes of transportation manufactured in Chatham during the past 100 years. The first coin, issued in 1975, shows the "Milner Carriage" built in Chatham approximately 100 years ago. The 1976 coin illustrates the "Chatham Wagon" built around 1890 and known as "the horses' friend". The 1977 coin portrays the "Chatham Automobile" built between 1906 and 1909. The 1978 trade dollar depicts the "International Harvester Canada Model 'S' Speed Truck" built in 1922.

All coins are still available, as well as a handsome gift box which holds all five pieces. Inquiries are welcome. Simply contact the Chatham & District Chamber of Commerce, 275 King Street West, Chatham, Ontario, N7M 1E9, or telephone 1-519-352-7540. Prices are as follows: 1975 - \$2.50; 1976 - \$1.75; 1977 - \$1.50; 1978 - \$1.25; 1979 - \$1.00; coin case + tax - \$3.75. Complete set (case + 5 trade coins) - \$11.75.
