

Keeping an eye on our treasures

By Linda Kleindienst

TALLAHASSEE - She was two days out of Havana bound for home port in Old Spain.

The San Jose, a 326-ton Spanish merchant ship in a fleet under the command of Gen. Don Rodrigo de Torres, was laden with silver pesos, gold bullion and precious unworked metals. In her hold she also carried sugar and chocolate, indigo and tobacco, hides and ceramic ware.

While her 30 to 40 cannon were trained on the horizon, her crew remained ever watchful for the pirate ships that roamed the bluegreen waters of the Caribbean looking for treasure-laden prey.

The San Jose avoided the pirates, but on July 15, 1733, she and the 17 to 22 other ships that sailed with her fell victim to a hurricane.

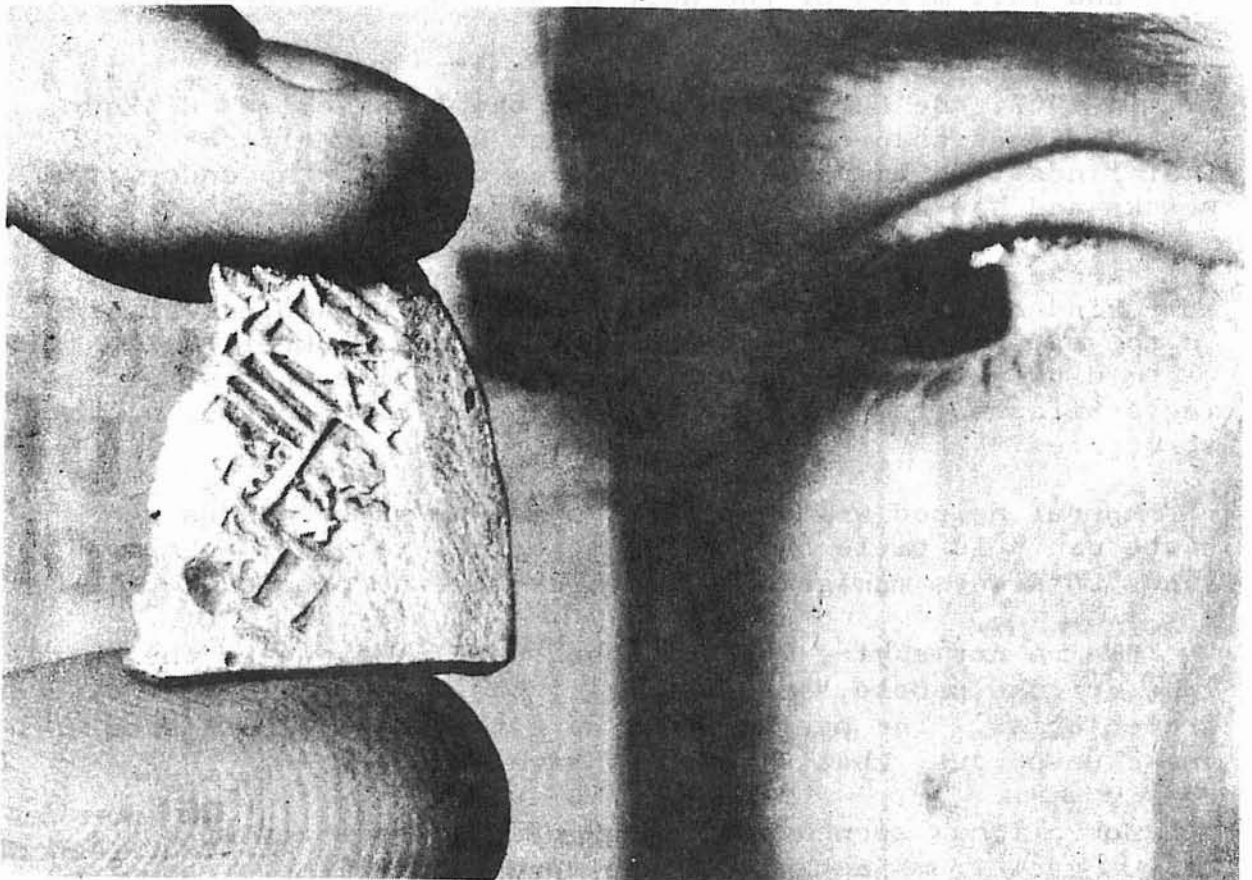
The Spanish began their own salvage of the lost fleet in 1734, recovering more than the 12.3 million silver pesos and 64,000 gold coins listed on the fleet's manifest, a sign the fleet probably carried considerable contraband in its holds. But even after the Spanish completed their work, more treasure still lay in the 30-foot waters off Tavernier Key, on Conch Reef.

Nearly 350 years after her hull was ripped apart by Florida's offshore coral reefs, some of the San Jose's treasure lies in a different hold. Pieces of her silver and gold, her cannon and wooden beams lie in glass cases and cleaning tanks at the Museum of Florida History in Tallahassee.

"The ribs of the ship were still in place and you could see her cannon lying in parallel rows," said Sonny Cockrell, Florida's underwater archeologist. "Divers could still swim through the eye of her anchor. But by the time the state could enact some controls (over salvage of the ship), the site was destroyed by treasure hunters."

The state managed to salvage some of the San Jose. Today, visitors can see one of her cannons on exhibit in the museum. Some of the silver coins she carried rest in cases alongside other coins made in the colonies, in mints established by royal decree.

Florida's submerged lands are a literal treasure chest. Gold and silver coins remain strewn among the offshore reefs where Spanish galleons of the Plata Fleet ("plata" means silver in Spanish) were caught off guard and ripped apart by hurricanes on their return voyage to Europe. But alongside those treasures also lies artifacts that can once again bring life to a bygone era: eating utensils of Spanish sailors, irreplaceable religious relics, bronze cannon, the remains of wooden flintlocks, priceless Chinese pottery that came from the Philippines on the Manila fleet, belt buckles and miniature ceramic toys.



Staff photo by MARK PRENDERGAST

Assistant curator Michael Levy examines a silver Spanish coin from a wreck off Fort Pierce.

"It's a time capsule of an incident in history," said Ross Morrell, director of the state's Division of Archives, History and Records Management. "But it's a non-regenerative resource. Once you go into that site, you destroy it. And once destroyed, it can never be replaced."

Cockrell compares a submerge archeological site to an ancient, irreplaceable manuscript.

"When you go in and dig at the site, you're ripping out the pages of that manuscript one by one," he said. "If we mine these sites as goods, we're destroying them. But if we use the right concepts, tools and professional training to carefully study them, we can come out and tell you firsthand the way these people lived."

There are an estimated 5,000 shipwrecks lying off the Florida coast. Some contain treasure from the wrecks of Spanish fleets that traveled from New Spain to Old Spain between 1537 and 1778. Most, including military vessels, coastal passenger steamers and shrimp boats, are virtually worthless to any but archeologist and the historian.

But to protect them the state has claimed ownership of anything that lies within three miles of the Atlantic coastline and 10.4 miles of the Gulf of Mexico coastline - a claim upheld by the courts.

In 1967, the Legislature passed the Archives and History Act, designed to preserve significant underwater archeological finds. The law specifically lays claim to the underwater wrecks and has become a model for many other coastal states.

"Archeologists began pleading with the lawmakers to pass some kind of law to protect the underwater archeological sites in the same way they treat the land sites," Cockrell said. "In the mid-60s, archeologists realized that while they were taking artifacts from these wrecks they were also tearing up the structures."

Morrell helped write the law, which he says ensures the state can hold title to the archeological value of submerged lands to "always manage that resource for the people."

"We're not saying it ours (the state), but we're the guardians for the people," said Morrell, the state's first underwater archeologist. "The people don't have the expertise to handle these resources. That's why they have us."

Morrell has seen his division of the Secretary of State's Office grow from just himself to more than 90 employees since 1965.



Staff photo by MARK PRENDERGAST

A pistol stock, a Majolica bowl, a pewter decanter, a silver bowl, a brass candlestick top, a silver belt hook for a dagger scabbard and 50 pieces of silver, all from Spanish wrecks.

In his division, Morrell also has one of only two labs in the country that specializes in treating objects brought from the sea floor through a process that removes the salt grains from the metal or wood. (The other is in Texas.)

Tanks filled with encrusted cannon balls, flintlocks, swords and cannon occupy part of the basement area in the museum building.

Under the watchful eye of Herb Bump, relics which have been in the sea for centuries are gradually restored to sometimes almost new condition. But the process is lengthy. Some objects remain in the tanks for nearly two years.

"The secret is to never let the object get dry," said Bump, chief of the preservation lab. "Salt takes up more space as it dries and as it crystallizes it pulls the metal apart. After a span of time you end up with no artifact left. The average Mr. Smith may go out and find something on the beach or ocean floor and then put it on his living room shelf. Pretty soon it'll fall to pieces.

Bump said an untreated cannonball taken from a wreck site may hold together for only a year after it is removed from the salt water.

To ensure preservation of the artifacts, the state has all objects immediately transported to its Tallahassee laboratory. In the lab they are put under an industrial X-ray machine to determine if they are made of iron, silver or gold, and to determine how much of the metal is left. Photographs and drawings are made of each object.

When restoration is completed, the state puts its 25 percent share of all finds on display in the museum. Glass cases are filled with gold and silver coins, gold jewelry and belt buckles, religious medallions, eating utensils and ships tools. And, too, there are examples of K'ang H'si porcelain, shipped via Canton and Nanking to the Philippines, where it was purchased by the Spanish, transported across the Pacific to the colonies by the Manila fleet and then sent on to Spain via the Plata fleet.

The remaining 75 percent goes to the private treasure salvagers who contract with the state to work a site.

"The whole 100 percent is state property," Cockrell said. "But what we are doing is paying the contractors for their services. It's not a case of finders keepers."

Cockrell said the state can first help locate the wrecks, mostly through written accounts, and then determine the area where materials from the illfated ships can be found. While the salvage company retrieves the artifacts, the state records the data for historical use.

Since the mid-60s the state has kept a strict watch over all salvage activities, which must be done through contracts with the state, and one of its agents oversees each underwater excavation.

While most salvage operations are conducted by private enterprise, the state allows for local archeological societies and universities to obtain research permits. The first such permit ever issued went to the Broward County Archeological Society, which has permission to inventory and research all wrecks off the county's coast.

After artifacts from an underwater work site are brought to the museum's lab, the state begins negotiating with the contractor to decide how the bounty is to be divided. Cockrell said often the state will opt for an artifact which in itself is not valuable.

As an example, the state once traded silver coins for an intact example of grapeshot, small egg-sized pieces of iron shot which were loaded into a cannon and then shot across the deck to kill enemy sailors.

"Sometimes we trade the treasure for the artifact," Cockrell said. "We analyze what has been found and we decide what the state needs for its collection. Then we negotiate with the contractor."

In at least one case, however, the state gave away an object that was later found to be an irreplaceable religious medallion.

But state officials were able to regain the gold artifact when it was learned the object was going on auction in California.

The piece was recovered in 1972 from a 1715 treasure wreck. The state had no funds to pay for the salvage work so the contractor selected the medallion as part of his 75 percent payment.

After some research, Cockrell learned it was a "sin pecado" ("without sin") pendant, a prized religious object in vogue between the 17th and 19th centuries in Spain.

The jeweled medallion, made of 22 or 24 carat gold and encrusted with semi-precious jewels, has an inscription which reads "Concebida sin pecado original" (conceived without original sin). It was worn by members of the Confraternity of the Virgin of the Immaculate Conception. Cockrell said the group was organized in the 1600s, during the Inquisition, when it was ordered that the term "immaculate" be removed in all reference to the Virgin Mary.

After learning of the medallion's historical significance, Cockrell asked the state to purchase it. The trade was made for \$12,500 in gold coins taken from another 1715 wreck.

Now the medallion sits in a glass case in the state's museum exhibit.

But not all of the treasures the state has are displayed in museum cases. Some are sitting in a vault waiting for the disposition of a court case between the state and treasure hunter Mel Fisher. Fisher is probably best known for his salvage work on a wreck he believes to be the Nuestra Senora de Atocha, a

heavily laden treasure ship that went down off the Dry Tortugas in a 1622 hurricane.

State officials entered into a contract with Fisher's company in 1971 to work on the site, with the traditional 75-25 split of recovered items. The contract was renewed three times, the last signed in 1974. But in 1975, the U.S. Supreme Court redefined Florida's underwater boundaries in an unrelated case. That decision placed the Atocha site outside the state's territorial limits and led Fisher's company to seek court action to get title to the wreck site and everything that had already been removed from it.

While several lower federal courts have agreed with Fisher's position, the state has taken the case to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Cockrell estimate the state has more than a million individual pieces from wreck sites in its collection. He said their worth is almost impossible to pinpoint, but estimates range from \$6 million to \$12 million.

Although the museum stores a significant collection now, it is also believed the state has lost millions of artifacts during this century before strict controls over the underwater sites were enacted and before a preservation lab was established in the state.

Now Morrell hopes that some of the wreck sites will remain untouched for future generations of archeologists who may have more sophisticated equipment which would make it unnecessary to destroy a site while excavating it.

We don't want to excavate them all now because once you pull the seal you start the deterioration process all over again," he said. "In the last few years we have altered to a truly conservative ethic."

Of those artifacts the state does have in its possession, many have traveled around the state for public viewings.

The division has also returned several cannons to counties where wrecks were found and in John Pennekamp Coral Reef Park on Key Largo, a cannon exhibit has been set up in shallow water for snorkelers to view. The 14 cannons were raised from wrecks that made up an 11 ship Spanish fleet lost off the coast of Fort Pierce during a 1715 hurricane.

"The bottom line here is accessibility," said Secretary of State George Firestone when the state park exhibition was completed. "It's not enough to recover the artifacts and put them in a vault. They belong to all Floridians, and now the public will have an opportunity to enjoy them."

There are other wrecks Cockrell would like to investigate, wrecks that have no treasure, no priceless silver pesos or gold bars. But without the promise of treasure, he said, it's impossible to attract private salvage companies and the state doesn't have the funds to back an expedition.



Staff photo by MARK PRENDERGAST

Michael Levy, assistant curator, in museum laboratory with swivel guns from the early 1700s.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE CLUBS

CITY of OTTAWA COIN CLUB C19

The 160th meeting of the City of Ottawa Coin Club was held at the War Museum, Sussex Dr; Ottawa, on August 24th, with 25 members and 4 guests attending. The 50/50 draw was won by treasurer Gerald Desmeules and Ed Ott won the door prize.

Len Fletcher gave notice that the next meeting he will move that a new revised constitution will be presented for adoption by members. All members will receive a copy of the revised constitution at least 7 days before the next meeting.

The regular meetings for November and December will be held at the Public Archives Building on Wellington Street, Ottawa. Len Fletcher's report on the facilities was the most suitable place he could find for the club's needs ie parking, on major bus routes, plenty of chairs and tables, a slide screen, etc.

Stan Shiff gave the members a most interesting talk entitled "Coins That Tell A Story". He exhibited some of his coins from his personal collection, such as, a gold-plated American 5¢ from the year 1883, known as the "Rackateer Nickel", a Roman Coin (Antonius), a Palestinian coin known as the Widow's Mite.

A 35 lots auction was conducted by Paul Nadin-Davis at the conclusion of the meeting.

CHAMPLAIN COIN CLUB C21

There were 21 members and guest present at the September meeting. Bill Gage welcomed everyone back from their summer break. Many new ideas were brought to the floor, some for the betterment of the club.

A motion was made that membership fees be raised as of January 1st; 1982 to cover the rising cost of managing the affairs of the club.

Mrs. Sally Tregenza donated three silver dollars to the club to be used as attendance prizes for the next three meetings.

NORTH YORK COIN CLUB C74
North York, Ontario.

The August 25th meeting was opened by President Harvey Farrow with his greetings to all members and guests.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and moved for adoption by acting secretary Jean Orr, seconded by John Regitko, carried.

Dan Bowyer presented a very interesting programme on Medals, and Glen Williams spoke on his collection of tokens. Harvey Farrow gave an account of his visit to the National Currency Museum in Ottawa and the Big Nickel Park in Sudbury. John Regitko spoke and showed slides of his visit to New Orleans.

Draw Winners were:: Ted Boxall, Walter Ciona, Albert Kasman, Aubrey Leslie, Frank Dennis, Ernest Genosko, Robert Porter, Mrs. Beatty, and Glen Williams.

An 28 pieces auction was conducted by Glen Williams assisted by Basil Latham.

STRATFORD COIN CLUB C20
Stratford, Ontario.

The September meeting of the Stratford Coin Club was chaired by the President Wilf Becker. He welcomed 32 members, 1 guest and 8 judo experts to the meeting.

Wm. Jarema won the membership draw.

At the conclusion of the business meeting the judo experts gave a demonstration on self defence. The evening was certainly a very entertaining evening. Dave Meldrum won the Major Draw and after a short break for coffee and goodies Ken Wilmot conducted a 40 lots auction.

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION of WOODEN MONEY COLLECTORS C83
Southern Ontario Chapter No 1

The Southern Ontario Chapter of the C.A.W.M.C. hold their monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at the lower room in the Dairy Queen Store, Richmond Hill at 8 P.M. Every one is welcome.

TORONTO COIN CLUB C79
Toronto, Ontario

The May 11th, 1981 meeting of the Toronto Coin Club was called to order by the President, Dr. Marvin Kay.

Jose Defreitas and William Maxwell were welcomed as new members of the club.

Dr. Kay gave a report on the O.N.A. Convention in Niagara Falls. He stated that he was pleased with the Delegates Breakfast Meeting.

Paul Johnson gave a report on the progress of the upcoming C.N.A. Convention that the Toronto Coin Club is hosting in July.

The main topic for the evening was Numismatic Books. The following members gave and showed their prize Numismatic Books they have in their possession, Robert Aaron, Brian Chinn, May Bunnett, John Regitko, Don MacIntyre, Paul Johnson, Don Bun-
evac, Sam Snider, Dr. John Wilkinson, Harvey Farrow, Louise Graham, Jack Veffer, George Fraser and Carol Gregory.

The door prizes were won by Harvey Farrow, Harvey Scheinman, Albert Kasman, Jose Defreitas, Sam Snider, George Dunn, David Marion, Don Bunjevac, George Fraser, Herg Bishop, Paul Johnson, Jay Flint, Retta Frampton, Louise Graham and May Bunnett.

CANADIAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION C73
Toronto, Ontario.

Canadian Numismatic Association has announced that the week of April 18-24, 1982 will be known as Coin Week Canada 1982. The theme is "COIN COLLECTING - THE HOBBY FOR ALL AGES!"

The National Chairman is again...

Mr. L.H. "Scoop" Lewry
1161 3rd Avenue N.W.,
Moose Jaw, Sask;
S6H 3V1.

HURONIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION C17

The September 17th; 1981 meeting was held at the Adult Rehabilitation Centre, 175 Bayfield St., Barrie at 8:00 P M. A very good attendace of members and guest was present at the first regular meeting since June.

A new C.N. A. slide series on Decimal Coins of Canada was shown.

A report on the September 12th show was given. It was noted that everyone had a good time at the display and bourse areas.

Linc Mueller has taken on the job of Assistant Treasurer and will assist Cec Sharpe at meetings.

The dates for the 1982 Coin Shows has been set, they are as follows ... Febuary 13th, 1982 and September 11th, 1982.

Association News:

MEMBERSHIP

NEW MEMBER

The Applications for membership to the Ontario Numismatic Association, which appeared in the June issue of the Ontario Numismatist have been accepted.

The following application has been received and if no written objections are received, the acceptance will be acknowledged in the November issue of the Ontario Numismatist.

1195 Ian Shaw, 4 Royal Wood Crt; Weston, Ontario, M9R 2T5.

Editorials? Be our guest

Ever read an editorial and thought "I could do better than that!"?

Well, here's your chance.

Each month, Ontario Numismatic Association's Numismatist will print editorials submitted by our members or readers. It's not simply an expanded letters-to-the-editor feature; the editorials should be original thinking on a subject of local, provincial or national numismatic interest.



The emphasis is on issues rather than personalities. If possible, submissions should be typed, doublespaced; if not, they should be clearly printed.

We'll be glad to clean up any spelling or grammar mistakes, but it's up to you to meet the editorialist's challenge- to make your readers think.

Send your material to-

Bruce R. Watt
O.N.A. Editor,
1153 Northridge Street,
Oshawa, Ontario,
L1G 3P3, Canada.



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ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR PERIOD JANUARY 1, 1980 to DECEMBER 31, 1980

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Petty Cash @ January 1, 1980	20.21	
Bank Balance @ January 1, 1980	994.77	
Bank Balance (Non Chequing) (Scholarship Fund)	375.84	
" " " (General Fund)	256.82	
" " " (Library)	16.17	
" " " (Virgil Hancock Award)	104.62	
" " " (Audio Visual)	71.55	\$1839.98
Transfer From Contingency Account		<u>1000.00</u>
		\$2839.98

RECEIPTS

Memberships (Regular, Junior & Club)	\$1731.00	
Medals & Retail Sales Tax	14.45	
O.N.A. Convention Draw	1192.50	
Club Ticket Rebate	46.00	
Bank Interest	168.83	
Bulletin Advertising	26.00	
Members Badge	5.00	
Premium U.S.A. Money	2.27	\$3186.05

EXPENSES

O.N.A. Publication "Ontario Numismatist"	\$1772.53	
Postage \$186.31 & Printing \$126.23	312.54	
Safety Deposit & P.O. Box Rental	76.00	
Honorariums	625.00	
O.N.A. Delegates Breakfast	184.62	
CNA & ANA Dues \$33.00 & O.N.A. Night \$5.00	38.00	
Office Supplies \$12.62 & Telephone \$79.35	91.97	
Executive Bars \$350.00 & Membership Badges \$427.34	777.34	
Hamilton Convention Loss	167.79	
Sign	49.25	
Insurance	341.00	
Typewriter Repairs	119.03	
Trophies & Engraving	58.29	
Award of Merit & Engraving	66.30	
Audio Visual \$25.00 & Tapes \$18.28	43.28	
Lottery Licence \$5.00 & Proof Like Set \$8.56	13.56	
Bank Service Charges	5.25	
Library	11.95	\$4753.70
Excess Expenses Over Receipts		\$-1567.65
Petty Cash @ December 31, 1980	\$ 31.93	
Bank Balance (Daily Interest) (Scholarship Fund)	375.84	
" " " (General Fund)	709.17	
" " " (Library)	4.22	
" " " (Virgil Hancock Award)	104.62	
" " " (Audio Visual)	46.55	\$ 1272.33

BANK RECONCILIATION

Bank Pass Book Balance @ December 31, 1980	\$1250.40
(1) Outstanding Cheque Totalling	<u>10.00</u>
Statement Bank Balance @ December 31, 1980	\$1240.40

ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR PERIOD January 1, 1980 TO DECEMBER 31, 1980

CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT

Bank Balance @ January 1, 1980 \$4312.16

RECEIPTS

Interest Guaranteed Investment Certificates	\$365.00	
Bank Interest	<u>506.94</u>	\$871.94

EXPENSES

Transferred to General Account	1000.00	
Excess Expenses over Receipts		<u>\$-128.06</u>
Bank Balance @ December 31, 1980		\$4184.10

LIFE MEMBERSHIP ACCOUNT

Bank Balance @ January 1, 1980 \$ 492.86

RECEIPTS

Life Memberships	\$300.00	
Interest Guaranteed Investment Certificates	223.02	
Guaranteed Investment Certificate (Matured)	900.00	
Bank Interest	80.22	\$1503.24

EXPENSES

Membership Dues (1980)	\$250.00	
Guaranteed Investment Certificate	<u>1000.00</u>	<u>1250.00</u>
Excess Receipts Over Expenses		\$ 253.24
Bank Balance @ December 31, 1980		<u>\$ 746.10</u>

CASH ASSET SUMMARY @ DECEMBER 31, 1980

Cash & Bank Balance - General Account	\$1272.33	
Bank Balance - Contingency Account	4184.10	
Guaranteed Investment Certificates - Contingency Account	4000.00	
Bank Balance - Life Membership Account	746.10	
Guaranteed Investment Certificates - Life Membership Account	<u>2350.00</u>	\$12552.53
Total Cash Assets 1979		<u>12895.00</u>
Decrease in Cash Assets		342.47

The Bank Accounts are Maintained at
The Canada Trust, Belmont Branch
Kitchener, Ontario

Treasurer Bruce H. Kaszmann

SHOW AND BOURSE DATES

OCTOBER 16-18, 1981

MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO..... THE FALL TOREX COLLECTORS
SHOW

International Centre,
6900 Airport Road,
Mississauga, Ontario.

OCTOBER 18, 1981

TILLSONBURG, ONTARIO..... TILLSONBURG COIN CLUB'S
COIN SHOW

Tillsonburg Community Centre,
Tillsonburg, Ontario.

For information...

Doug Mitchener
1 Mytle St;
Tillsonburg,
Ont; N4G 4G4.

OCTOBER 24th, 1981

ST. CATHARINES, ONTARIO.....ST. CATHARINES COIN CLUB'S
ANNUAL COIN SHOW & BANQUET

Westminster United Church
180 Queenston St;

St. Catharines, Ontario.

For Information...

St. Catharines Coin
Club

P.O. Box 1492,
St. Catharines, Ont.
L2R 7J9

OCTOBER 24th; 1981

TORONTO, ONTARIO.....CANADIAN ASSOCIATION of WOODEN
MONEY COLLECTOR'S

1st All Wooden Money Show
Holiday Inn Yorkdale,
Toronto, Ontario.

For Information...

Norm Belsten
37 Neames Cres;
Downsview, Ontario,

OCTOBER 25th; 1981

STRATFORD, ONTARIO. STRATFORD COIN CLUB'S
19th, Annual Coin Show
Kiwanis Centre,
Lakeside Drive,
Stratford, Ontario.
For information...
Stratford Coin Club
P O. Box 262,
Stratford, Ontario,

OCTOBER 31st; 1981

RICHMOND HILL, ONTARIO..... RICHMOND HILL COIN CLUB'S
Annual Coin Show
Hillcrest Mall
9350 Yonge Street,
Richmond Hill, Ontario.
For information...
Robert Porter
P.O. Box 1143, Station B,
Weston, Ontario,
M9L 2R8

NOVEMBER 5th; 1981

ORILLA, ONTARIO..... CHAMPLAIN COIN CLUB'S
Annual Banquet
St David's United Church
James Street, Orilla, Ont.

NOVEMBER 7th; 1981

OSHAWA, ONTARIO..... OSHAWA & DISTRICT COIN CLUB'S
19th, Annual Coin Show,
Midtown Mall, John Street,
Oshawa, Ontario.
For information...
Henry Burke
P.O. Box 212,
Oshawa, Ontario.

NOVEMBER 14th, - 15th, 1981
LONGUEUIL, QUEBEC.....

ASSOCIATO des NUMISMATFS et
PHILATELISTES de BOUCHERVILLE'S
Montreal South Shore Stamp and
Coin Show.

The Sheraton St-Laurent Hotel
2405 Ile Charron,
Longueuil, Quebec, Canada.
For information...

Serge Laramee
C.P. 111
Boucherville, Quebec,
J4B 5E6, Canada.

NOVEMBER 20th, - 22nd, 1981
TORONTO, ONTARIO.....

THE TORONTO INTERNATIONAL
COIN FAIR
and the
INTERNATIOAL NUMISMATIC
SOCIETY
Joint Convention
Rodeway Inn, 2000 Lakeshore
Blvd; West,
Toronto, Ontario.

For Information...
Mrs Leslie Moore
226 Queen Street, W;
Suite 200,
Toronto, Ontario.

NOVEMBER 20th, - 22nd, 1981
MONTREAL, QUEBEC.....

QUEBEC'S COIN & STAMP SHOW
Sheraton Mount-Royal Hotel
1455 Peel Street,
Montreal, Quebec.
For Informatio...

Guy Lestrade
P.O. Box 1144, Stn; B,
Montreal, Quebec,
H3B 3K9

FEBRUARY 13th, 1982

BARRIE, ONTARIO..... HURONIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION'S
Winter Coin Show
Bayfield Mall
Bayfield Street, North,
Barrie, Ontario.

SEPTEMBER 12th, 1982

BARRIE, ONTARIO..... HURONIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION'S
Fall Coin Show
Bayfield Mall
Bayfield Street, North,
Barrie, Ontario.
For information...
Huronian Numismatic Assoc;
P.O. Box 243,
Barrie, Ontario,
L4M 4T2.

*From the editor's
Scrapbook*

In August 1981 The Bank of Canada changed the lettering system on the ten dollar bills. There are now three letters at the beginning of every serial number. It's a move to help them extend the life of their numbering system.





ATTENTION CANADIAN COIN NEWS READERS

As of October 1st, 1981 the Canadian Coin News new address will be as follows.....

532 Industrial Mall
 Unit #1
 Muskoka Rd #4
 P.O. Box 12,000
 Bracebridge, Ont.
 POB 1C0

New telephone number... 1-705-645-7833

The Stratford Chamber of Commerce have agreed to an official kickoff of the Stratford Trade Dollar at the Stratford Coin Club's Annual Coin Show, Sunday, October 25th, 1981. The Stratford Coin Club will take delivery of 300 and sales of same will commence. If you wish to receive one of the first issued be at the show early. Trade Dollars purchased at the show will be one dollar. Clubs and individuals can order Trade Dollars by mail through the Stratfoed Coin Club for \$1.00 + .25¢ postage and handling. Stratford's first Trade Dollar commemorates its 150th Anniversary and depicts its Crest on one side with the Architect-ually Significant City Hall on the Reverse.

Mailing address is...

Stratford Coin Club
 P.O. Box 262,
 Stratford, Ontario,
 N5A 6T1, Canada.

MARKETPLACE.

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- AND -
- BANQUET -

GUEST -
- SPEAKER -

ROSS W. IRWIN
- GUELPH -

- WESTMINSTER CHURCH HALL -
- QUEENSTON STREET -

- BOURSE DEALERS - DISPLAYS -
- AUCTION - DRAWS -
- OCTOBER 24-81 -
- OPEN 10^{AM} - 5^{PM} -

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- FREE - ADMISSION -
- PARKING (REAR) -