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Possessions

Douglas Malloch

I'd rather have one honest friend,
Today, tomorrow, to the end,
Than all the crowd that may attend
The concourse of a king.

I'd rather have one little cot
That I can come to, rich or not,
Than all the castles he has got
Or wealth that rank could bring.

I'd rather have content of mind
Than all the gold that I could find,
And have the comfort of the kind,
Than counsel of the sad.

And since I have a coin or two,
A house like that, a friend like you,
I'm rather glad that all life thru
I've had just what I've had.

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MOTHER.

When all the World is dying,
 And all your dreams are dead,
 And all the music has been played,
 And all the books are read;

And the Sculptor's knife is broken,
 And the Moulder's clay is dry,
 And the Painter's canvas crumbles,
 In the darkness of the sky...

And all the po'ems are written,
 And yellow is the page,
 And the thrills of life are tainted,
 With the rust of pain and age;

And all the sunny days are gone,
 And life is near the end,
 I shall face the night with courage,
 If I have one true friend;

The knowledge that in time of need,
 I'll always find her near,
 To Laugh away a sorrow,
 Or Brush away a tear;

To smooth a splinter from my cross,
 And help me push the plough,
 And comfort me, in time of loss,
 And cool my fevered brow;

And I shall not mind the twi-light,
 Though the sun will cease to shine,
 For we'll walk into the sunset,
 With her firm hand, in mine.....

by Terry Roit.

Asst. Editor, Stratford Coin Club

I wrote this poem for my Mother a
 long time ago, she enjoyed it, I
 hope you will too.

ABOUT 1969P AND 1969S DOUBLED DIE CENTS

Edited by Bruce R. Watt
from the
April 25, 1982 issue of
ERROR TRENDS COIN MAGAZINE

In recent months we have heard murmurings and seen a few classified ads which ask open-ended questions about the possibility of the existence of some alleged 1969P doubled die cents which were allegedly made at Philadelphia. This kind of overture or prelude often heralds the start of some kind of promotion or advertising campaign which leads to a major offering by some dealers who will take advantage of any advance publicity incurred by such exposures. It is often a matter of implied hints and innuendo which made the reader believe that there is more to the story than really exists. Having lived through that era, and since we have a file that has quite a bit of pertinent data on the subject, including transcripts and reports from the U.S. Court of Appeals, we feel that we are in an ideal position to try and lay to rest some of these rumors, implications, and hints at things that do not exist. What follows is a brief but accurate account of matters which would relate to these alleged coins, to the best of our knowledge, and in keeping with promises made to certain individuals to maintain their privacy in these long past matters.

Back in 1969 ~~there was a trial.~~ At that trial, evidence was produced which indicated that approximately 2300 Lincoln Cents confiscated from the home of one of the defendants were found to be counterfeit. The coins involved were 1969P doubled die cents. The prosecution put technical personnel from the U.S. Mint on the stand who testified that the coins in question were all faked and that the Philadelphia Mint had never in fact, produced them.

During cross examination the defense tried to enter some 1969S doubled die cents into evidence to indicate that the type of error coin did indeed exist, and this could produce reasonable doubt that the same kind of accident could have happened in Philadelphia. The judge did not allow the evidence to be entered and later, the U.S. Court of Appeals held that this was not judicial error.

The 1969P cents were found to be faked, and all were confiscated and as far as we know, were destroyed by the U.S. Treasury as counterfeit. We know from an event which did occur years later, that the Treasury did retain a very few of the coins in a file for future reference.

At the time of the trial and shortly after, all such coins were labelled as confiscatable, and all known specimens were taken by the Secret Service. It is still unlawful to own or possess one of those 1969P doubled dies. At the same time, word went out that the 1969S doubled dies were also under a cloud of suspicion. They didn't say so in so many words, but the word went out that the 1969S doubled dies were also not collectible and would be taken by the Secret Service if they were shown or seen publically.

Much later, certain people in the hobby sent specimens of the 1969S doubled die to the Office of Technology of the U.S. Mint for their opinions. In a few individual mailings, the coins were returned to those who had sent them in, and no comments were made either way. However the very fact that they did not consider them to be confiscatable at that time. The implication therefore was that the Secret Service had erroneously labelled the coins as such to strengthen the case against the 1969P doubled die cents which were the subject of that trial.

Much later, in seperate incidents, both Error Trends Coin Magazine, and the Error Variety News received some specimens of the 1969S doubled die cent back from the Treasury with a letter which indicated that the coins were indeed genuine mint-made products. Photographs of those coins were run in both publications.

The determination that the 1969S doubled die cents are genuine mint errors only means that the cloud of suspicion surrounding that particular errorscoin is now dispelled. But it in no way has anything to do with the fact that in court, and in legal process, a batch of counterfeit 1969P doubled die cents were confiscated and never returned to the owner. It may very well be that prior to the trail, a few scattered pieces of that same batch were individually given to some people and never confiscated by the Secret Service. It may also be at this late date, 14 years later, that some individuals who have a few of these illegal pieces, are trying to stir up some advance publicity which will help to imply that there might be an aura of legitimacy to the pieces, in advance preparation of an offering for sale.

To the best of our knowledge, based upon facts in our files and the information which has come down through the years, and our involvement in the matter, there were no 1969P Lincoln cents made at the Philadelphia Mint which are known as doubled dies. This means that there are none which have the severe doubling and appearance of the acknowledged 1969S doubled die cent. One or two very minor 1969P doubled dies are known, and This is Not a Major Type.

Any campaign to "seek out the truth" and delve into the "mystery" of the hidden 1969P doubled dies made in Philadelphia is doomed to failure because of the legal attitudes and findings which have firmly stopped such conjecture. The fact is that there were no 1969P doubled dies made in the Philadelphia Mint of the types which were produced at the trial in question. Those entered in evidence were fake and were counterfeited, and confiscated. Any attempt to imply that this is not accurate and that a secret source of information is available which will prove the coins genuine, has to be viewed as self-serving and an overture for financial promotion of a less than ethical type.

We strongly advise our readers to avoid such promotions, should they appear and to rely on the dependable and known sources of accurate information on this subject of mint error coinage. If you see reports of such "astounding finds" and "suppressed until now" discoveries, we warn you to take them with a grain of salt and suspect them. Unless you see a firm report in John Wexler's Error Variety News, or in Error Trends Coin Magazine, you can be assured that such "news and finds" have not been checked or authenticated by responsible people in the error hobby. By responsible people, we would include such authenticators as Bill Fivaz, and the people at the ANACS. Unless you hear that they have firmly OK'd such a coin, you can pass it by as a less than ethical financial promotion which has only one goal...namely that of separating you from your money.

One more thing. To the best of our knowledge, if any 1969P doubled die cents (except the one listed by Wexler) is offered for sale openly, it is subject to confiscation by the U.S. Secret Service. To the best of our knowledge to date, there has been no lifting of that ruling, and all such coins found are immediately declared illegal to own and to use the legal phrase, "title may not pass". That means that they can not legally be sold.

Ottawa mints symbolic coin for constitution

OTTAWA (CP)

A \$1 coin commemorating the patriation of the constitution will be given to the Queen Elizabeth II Saturday March 17th, 1982 and will be in general public circulation by July 1st, 1982, Supply and Services Minister Jean - Jacques Blais says.

The coin "is intended to symbolize, in a tangible way, this historical moment for the Canadian populace," Blais said in a statement on Friday 16th, of April.

The front of the coin is a picture of the Queen. The reverse is a reproduction of a painting of the Fathers of Confederation with the inscription "1867 Confederation" and "Constitution 1982."

The coin is made of nickel. Bob Hunt, Vice-President of marketing for the Royal Canadian Mint, said the mint will probably produce about 10 million coins depending on public demand.



New Canadian \$1 coin, commemorating patriation of the constitution, shows the Queen on the obverse.



Reverse of commemorative coin shows Fathers of Confederation. It will go into circulation by July 1.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE CLUBS

ST. THOMAS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION C78

The March 8th, 1982 meeting of the St. Thomas Numismatic Association was held at the Central United Church, Wellington Street, St Thomas, at 8:00 P.M.

Don Cosens presented an illustrated talk on England. Which was enjoyed by everyone that was present.

A very active coin auction was conducted by George Connoy at the close of the business meeting followed a appetizing lunch provide by Mrs. Gloin.

NORTH YORK COIN CLUB C74

The March 23rd was chaired by President Harvey Farrow at 8:00 P.M. at the North York Memorial Community Hall 5090 Yonge Street, Willowdale, Ontario.

Both Harvey Farrow and F.C. Jewett gave a brief account of the O.N.A.'s 20th Anniversary Convention held on the weekend of March 12-14. A thanks was extended to the N.Y.C.C. members for their assistance in the show.

The guest lecturer was Mr. Verral Whitmore, who gave a talk on the debasement of Canadian coinage. He presented a basic history of Canadian coins with an emphasis on their metallic composition. The debasement was illustrated by reviewing the changes that have occurred in our currency, that is, pieces getting smaller in size and being made of less valuable metal. He explained step-by-step the debasement of our decimals from sterling silver to present day nickel. He concluded with the results of a study he did on political parties responsible for the debasement.

New members for last month include:- Mrs. Marilyn Giggie, Mrs. Terry O'Brien, Mr. Howard Richardson, Mr. Jose Talavera, Mr. Martin Talavera, and Mr. Harvey Brown.

The winners of the raffle for the March meeting were:- Russel Earl, Leon Saraga, Bill Van Laetnem, Mrs. Beattie, John Regitko, James Thorton, Mrs. Cruickshank and Verral Whitmore.

A light lunch was served at the close of the business meeting followed with a coin auction.

BRANTFORD NUMISMATIC SOCIETY C15

The March meeting was held in the Woodman Community Centre, 491 Grey Street, Brantford, Ontario, 8:00 P.M. There were 35 Members and 7 guest in attendance at this enjoyable evening.

Bill and Mrs Norma Cookney applied for membership to the club.

It was announced that there will be 2 different types of wooden money available at the upcoming coin show. Collectors wish to purchase a pair may do by sending for \$1.00 plus stamped addressed envelope.-

Brantford Numismatic Society
P.O. Box 953,
Brantford, Ontario

OSHAWA & DISTRICT COIN CLUB C35

The March meeting was held at the Valleyview Park Club House on Gladstone Ave, at 2:00 P.M., March 25, 1982.

The highlight of the meeting was the excellent talk given by the President of the C.N.A., John Regitko. He told of barter been used before the days of money. He show some of the material that was used at the beginning of civilization.

A report was given on the Coin Week Canada Coin Show at Oshawa Shopping Centre on March 24, 1982. It was very successful show, one dealer from Ohio has booked his table for the next show next year at the Centre.

The display winners are as follows-

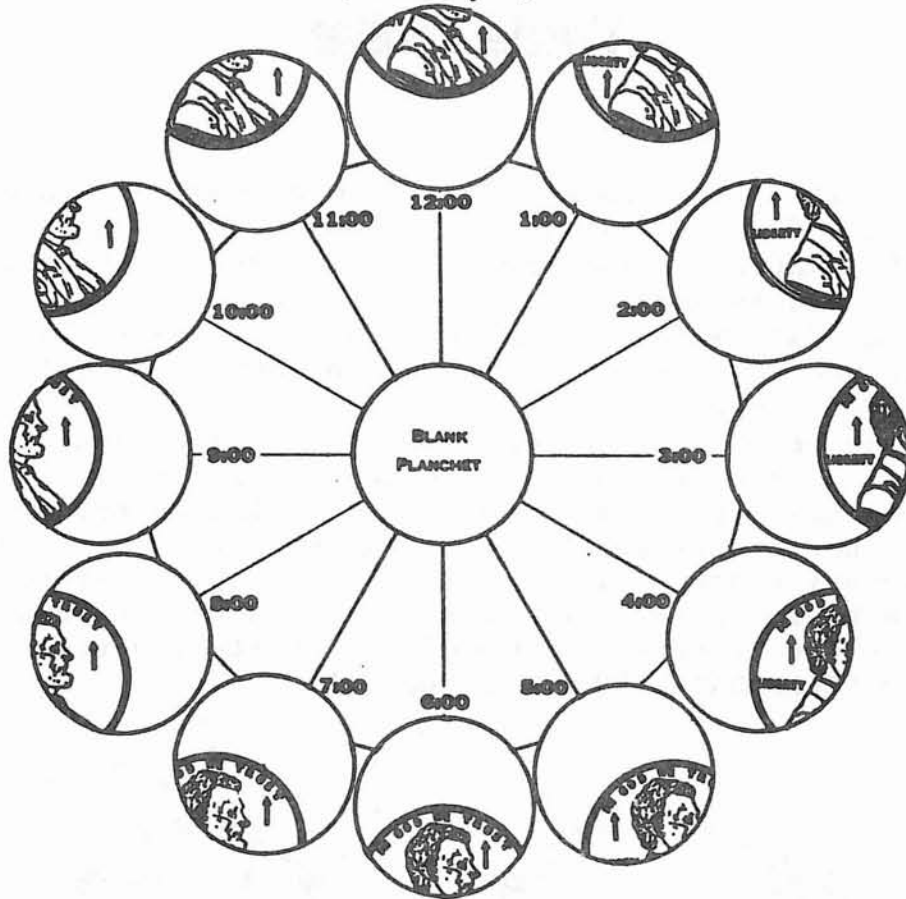
1st Prize Alex Majer, Oshawa, Ontario.
2nd Prize Alex Majer, Oshawa, Ontario
3rd Prize Art Joynt, Whitby, Ontario
1st Prize Jr, Christopher Burke, Oshawa, Ontario
2nd Prize Junior Loony Dyl, Oshawa, Ontario.

Next meeting will be held May 16th, 1982

Here's to the greatest gambler of all time-
Lady Gogiva.
She put everything she had on a horse.

What tangles some couples up is that they don't
know the ropes.

*The Off Center Coin
Position Gauge*



To measure off center struck coins of all denominations, align the obverse of the coin so that it is vertical, regardless of how it is struck. While holding the obverse design vertically, check the chart and watch the arrows on each diagram. Apply your off center struck coin to the chart and find the position which is closest to the orientation of your coin. Make sure that the blank or unstruck portion of your coin is oriented toward the center of the chart, regardless of the position it occupies. The hour of the clock will identify the orientation of your coin. Previous charts, now obsolete, used to use the 'K' positions. These are identical to the clock positions in this revised Off Center Coin Position Gauge.

City of Waterloo 125th Anniversary Trade Dollar

In 1805, Abraham Erb came from Pennsylvania and became Waterloo's first settler. An unknown surveyor had named the township 'Waterloo' to commemorate the British victory over Napoleon and Abraham chose to retain it.

In 1857, Waterloo was incorporated as a village. The village became a town in 1876 and on January 1st, 1948, Waterloo became a city.

The uptown area along with three major shopping malls and many neighbourhood convenience centres provide residents and tourists with a wide range of shopping opportunities. Many of the stores and banks in Waterloo will have the 125th Anniversary trade dollar available from April 1st to June 30th.

Waterloo has a rich heritage and a bright future, and the Waterloo Trade Dollar Committee invite you to help and come to "CELEBRATE OUR PROUD FOUNDATION".



- First ever trade dollar commemorating the founding of Waterloo
- Worth \$1.00 in commercial transactions
- Great gift
- Unique collector's item
- For information on silver, gold or gold-plated coins write to:

Waterloo Trade Dollar Committee
P.O. Box 908
Waterloo, Ontario
N2J 4C3

Sponsored by the Uptown Waterloo Business Improvement Area

Association News:

20th ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION MEDALS

Because of the late mailing of ~~March & April~~ issues of the Numistist the Convention Committee has extended the date of ordering the Medals to later part of May 1982.

The cost of the medals are as follows:-

Bronze.... \$10.00 plus O.S.T. .70¢ . . . \$10.70
Sterling Silver.. \$45.00 plus O.S.T. \$3.15...\$48.15.



Orders are to be sent to... O.N.A. 20th Anniversary
Convention Committee,
P.O. Box 792, Stn, A,
Toronto, Ontario,
M5W 1G3

FROM THE PRESIDENT

O.N.A. EXECUTIVES CHANGES

President F.C. Jewett has announce the following change in the Executives of the Ontario Numismatic Association as of April 18th, 1982.

Henry Burke appointed to 2nd. Vice President replacing Mel Fiske who has resigned because of poor health.

ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION



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ONTARIO NUMISMATIC 20th ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION
DRAW RESULTS

Las Vegas Extravaganza
 Won By Carol Allen,
 370 Westmount Ave.,
 Toronto, Ontario.

1/2 Ounce Gold Krugerrand or \$250.00 Cash
 Glen Springer,
 Tillsonburg, Ontario.

1st Consolation Prize
 Cameron Matthews,
 Brantford, Ontario.

2nd Consolation Prize
 Barbara Zavitski,
 Stratford, Ontario.

3rd Consolation Prize
 Jane MacLachlan,
 Kingston, Ontario.

"We wished everyone could have won but would
 take this opportunity to thank all who participated
 by selling or buying our Draw Tickets.

Thank You."

Ken Wilmot.

Ken Wilmot,
 Draw Chairman.

KW:im

O.N.A. CONVENTION DRAW CLUB SALES REBATES

<u>CLUB NO.</u>		<u>BOOKS SOLD</u>	<u>REBATE:</u>
1	Waterloo Coin Society	23	\$46.00
4	Cambridge Coin Club	2	4.00
7	Sarnia Numismatic Society	4	8.00
13	St. Catharines Coin Club	4	8.00
15	Brantford Numismatic Society		
17	Huronian Numismatic Association	1	2.00
19	City of Ottawa Coin Club	8	16.00
20	Stratford Coin Club	77	154.00
21	Champlain Coin Club	1	2.00
35	Oshawa & District Coin Club	13	26.00
39	Thistletown Coin & Stamp Club	3	6.00
48	Niagara Falls Coin Club	3	6.00
55	Nickle Belt Coin Club	4	8.00
59	Ingersoll Coin Club	60	120.00
62	Hamilton Coin Club	2	4.00
66	Richmond Hill Coin Club	6	12.00
68	Welland & District Coin Club		
69	Timmins Coin Club		
73	Canadian Numismatic Association	2	4.00
74	North York Coin Club	29	58.00
76	Windsor Coin Club		
78	St. Thomas Numismatic Association	1	2.00
79	Toronto Coin Club	18	36.00
81	Lakeshore Coin Club		
82	S.O.B. Numimatist		
83	Can. Association of Wooden Money Collectors	14	28.00
84	Kent Coin Club	1	2.00
85	Can. Large Cent Club		
86	Woodstock Coin Club	3	6.00
87	Peterborough Coin Club	2	4.00
88	Scarborough Coin Clb	9	18.00
90	Lake Superior Coin Club	5	10.00
91	Markham Village Coin Club	9	18.00
93	Central Coin Club	1	2.00
	Ontario Numismatic Association	<u>27</u>	<u>54.00</u>
		333	\$666.00

ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

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ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION'S 20th, ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION DRAW



RECEIPTS.

Ticket sales.	338 Books.....	\$3,382.00	
Bank interest.	28.61	\$3,410.61

Disbursements

Draw Tickets. (Printing)	\$ 186.61	
Puralator.	16.53	
License.	16.00	
Postage, Telephone, Bank Service Charge, Etc. ..	71.60	
Draw Prizes.	1,375.06	
Club Rebates.	666.00	\$2,331.80

DRAW PROFIT.		<u>\$1078.81</u>
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MEMBERSHIP

The applications for membership to the Ontario Numismatic Association, which appeared in the March 1982 issue of the Ontario Numismatist have been accepted.

The following applications have been received and if no written objections are received, the acceptance will be acknowledged in the June 1982 issue of the Ontario Numismatist.

- 1216 Eric Miller, Toronto, Ontario.
- 1217 Allan Davies, 23 Jansen Rd., Nepean, Ontario,
K2H 5W6
- 1218 Howard Richardson, 22 Sophia Dr., Scarborough, Ontario,
M1H 1Z4
- C93 Central Coin Club, P.O. Box 26, Oshawa, Ontario,
L1H 7K8.

: Bruce Raszmann
Membership Chairman

ATTENTION WOODEN MONEY COLLECTORS

The Chairman for National Coin Week, Les Winners, and Chairman of Coin Week Canada 1982 in Canada, L.H. "Scoop" Lewry, are pleased to announce the issue of a joint Chairman's Wood. The wood is now available to all collectors at two (2) for \$1.00 post paid. Collectors in the United States may order their woods from the National Coin Week Chairman, Les Winners, P.O. Box 212, Pineville, Louisiana, 71360. Collectors in Canada should order from Coin week Canada's Chairman, L.H. "Scoop" Lewry, 1161 3rd Avenue N.W., Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, S6H 3V1.



The Oshawa & District Coin Club has issued a special set of four (4) different colour wooden nickels to honour their Coin Week Canada Coin Show April 24th, 1982, at the Oshawa Centre, one of Canada's largest shopping centers.

Collectors may obtain the woods from the O.D.C.C. President, Wayne Goring, P.O. Box 212, Oshawa, Ontario, L1H 7L1, or Bruce R. Watt, 1153 Northridge Street, Oshawa, Ontario, L1G 3P3 for \$2.00 post paid.



Lindsay, Ontario 125th Anniversary Wood

Special Offer to Clubs or Groups

Price \$9.00 for 25 Woods POD

or .50¢ each SASE

Write.. Vernon W. Oconnor

14 Sunset Court,

Lindsay, Ontario, K9V 2S1

SHOW AND BOURSE DATES

MAY 8th, 1982

CANNINGTON, ONTARIO.....VICTORIA SIMCOE NUMISMATIC ASSOC.
Annual Coin Show & Banquet
Rebecca's Hall, Cannington, Ont.

MAY 15th, 1982

DOWNSVIEW, ONTARIO.....THISTLETOWN COIN & STAMP CLUB
Coin & Stamp Show
North York Sheridan Mall
Wilson Avenue Road.

MAY 16th, 1982

INGERSOLL, ONTARIO.....INGERSOLL COIN CLUB
2nd Mini-Show

For information...Tom Masters
823 Van Street, London, Ontario.

MAY 16th, 1982

WINDSOR, ONTARIO.....WINDSOR COIN CLUB
Spring Coin Show
Knights of Columbus Hall
1140 Goyeau St, Windsor

For information...Gary Stamcoff
1165 Lincoln Road, Windsor, Ont,
N8Y 2H6

MAY 29th, 1982

PETERBOROUGH, ONTARIO....PETERBOROUGH NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION
Annual Coin Show
Rockhaven Motor Hotel
Highway 28 South
Peterborough, Ontario.

For information...Jack Marchen
124B Hunter Street,
Peterborough, Ontario, K9H 2K6

JUNE 3rd, 1982
 ORILLIA, ONTARIO.....CHAMPLAIN COIN CLUB
 Buffet Dinner

For information... Mrs. Gord. Horne
 R.R.#1,
 Hawkestone, Ontario, L0L 1T0

JUNE 27th, 1982
 BRANTFORD, ONTARIO.....BRANTFORD NUMISMATIC SOCIETY
 22nd, Coin Show
 Auditorium B.D.C.C.
 Market Street, Brantford, Ontario.
 For information...Arnold Conrad, Show Chairman
 P.O. Box 953, Brantford, Ont.

JULY 15-18, 1982
 WINNIPEG, MANITOBA.....CANADIAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION
 ANNUAL CONVENTION

For information... Manitoba Coin Club
 Box 321, Main P.O.
 Winnipeg, Manitoba, R2C 2H6

AUGUST 14th, 1982
 COLLINGWOOD, ONTARIO.....COLLINGWOOD COIN & STAMP CLUB
 Annual Coin & Stamp Show
 Lion's Den, Hurontario Street,
 Collingwood, Ontario.
 For information,.. Box 565,
 Collingwood, Ontario, L9Y 4B2

SEPTEMBER 11th, 1982
 BARRIE, ONTARIO.....HURONIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION
 Annual Coin Show
 Bayfield Mall, Barrie.
 For information...P.O. Box 243,
 Barrie, Ontario, L4M 4T2.

SEPTEMBER 18th, 1982
 ST. CATHARINES, ONTARIO....ST. CATHARINES COIN CLUB
 Annual Coin Show & Banquet
 Club Heidelberg Inc,
 569 Lake Street, St. Catharines
 For information...P.O. Box 1492,
 St. Catharines, Ontario.

OCTOBER 31st, 1982

STRATFORD, ONTARIO.....STRATFORD COIN CLUB
 20th Consecutive Coin Show
 10 Bourse Dealers, Auction,
 Displays, Lunch Counter.
 "FREE ADMISSION"

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

TORONTO TRANSIT COMMISSION THROUGH THE AGES



Rare tokens: These 1968 TTC tokens are scarce, but still in circulation.

They're made at the mint, they jingle in your pocket or purse, and a half-million of us spend them every day. But they're not money.

They're TTC tokens, and here's all you ever wanted to know about them:

*There are 18 million tokens in circulation, and 3 million have been around since 1954 when the Yonge subway opened. They're the worn ones, stamped: "SUBWAY. GOOD FOR ONE FARE."

*The thicker, shinier ones come from a batch of 15 million slipped into the system from 1975 to 77. They're stamped "TORONTO TRANSIT COMMISSION" with symbols and crests.

*Scarcest are the 2,500 brass tokens issue to commemorate the 1968 openings of the Bloor subway extensions. These heavier tokens, bearing images of the Scarborough Bluffs and Etobicoke Canadian Indian symbol, are still dispensed from coin-operated vending machines at some stations.

*The TTC may reap \$30,000 a year from sale of tokens which are lost or never used. On a typical weekday, about 7 million are in the hands of the public, while 11 million are held by the TTC. Tokens are used by about one-third of all passengers, while another third use tickets. The rest use monthly passes or pay cash.

And that's the story on tokens - except that we may not be seeing them much longer. Seems the TTC has been testing a new, permanent magnetic ticket which will make them obsolete.