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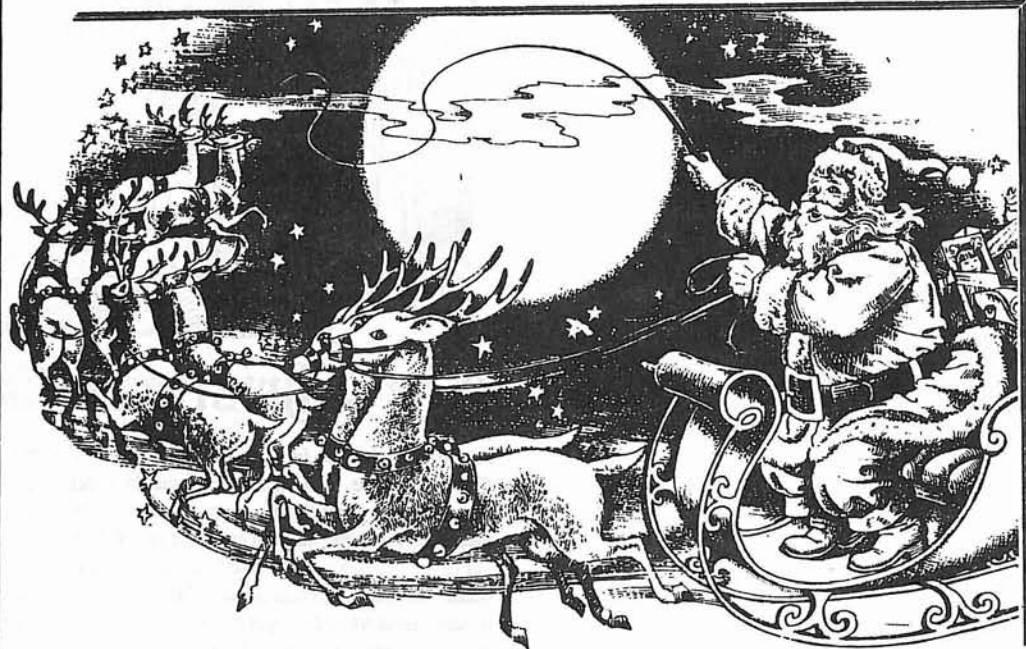
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## HAPPY HOLIDAYS

*We're ringing out how glad we are to have you as our friends and we extend our sincere good wishes for a very merry Christmas to you and your family. It's been a pleasure serving you.*

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To All O.N.A. Members and Friends



## The Christmas Story

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another. Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

Luke 2:1-20

Best Wishes from the O.N.A. Executives

TOPICAL COLLECTING THAT'S GOING SOMEWHERE

Topical collecting has been very popular and the selection of subjects is endless and fascinating. Junior collectors usually choose animals on coins; however, a long list of topics can be made up to add spice to the collecting. How about trees, plants, flowers or fruit? Stars, birds, eagles, fish, flags, mountains, bridges, weapons, headdresses, architecture? Monograms, maps, famous men and women, conjoined portraits, books?

Travellers can visit many countries by boat, train, plane and even horseback, via coinage. Numismatists can "arm chair" travel all over the world and on almost any mode of transportation through coins -- if they take time to study.

If you are planning a trip to Mexico you can catch a train on the five peso coin of 1950. The coin was issued to commemorate the opening of the Southern Railroad and features a locomotive, rising sun and palm trees. Or you can go by horseback on the one peso "Liberty on Horse" (nicknamed "cabalito" - little horse) issued from 1910 to 1914.

Austria issued a two vereinsthaler in 1857 showing a train and a ship, so you can have your choice of travel. This coin commemorated the opening of the Vienna-Triests railway. If you wish to travel by air, Germany marked the flight of the Graf Zeppelin in 1930 with a silver coin and Israel celebrated the 24th anniversary of aviation in 1972 with a super streamlined airplane. It is one of a series of commemorative 10 pound coins.

Ships, boats and canoes proved to be a most popular way of transportation on coins. In 1932, China pictured a "junk" in sails, birds and sun. The junk is a wooden vessel used by the Chinese for river and ocean navigation since the 11th century. In 1933 and 1934, the birds and sun were removed as the Chinese people claimed that the birds reminded them of air bombers and the rising sun was more Japanese than Chinese.

A large sailing ship graced the 10 dollar silver piece of the Bahamas issued in 1973. A small ship but large map is depicted on the 10 dollar silver piece of Trinidad and Tobago issued in 1972; and a ship is shown on all the coins of Kuwait, an independent state on the Arabian Peninsula. The 300th anniversary of the founding of Capetown, South Africa prompted the 1952 issue of a five shilling coin with a ship; and Cook Island in the Pacific Ocean minted a dollar in copper nickel during 1970 with a sailing ship.

The 15th anniversary of seafaring was commemorated by Israel with a five pound silver coin featuring a sharp design of a ship. From 1957 to 1971, the 500 lire of Italy carried a sailing ship. This coin is unusual as the date is inscribed on the edge instead of the face. An ornate ship is shown on the one tala of Western Samoa, 1972, noting the Jacob Roggeveen Pacific voyage.

Canada made much of ships and canoes on its coinage. The canoe design was used on most of our dollars and in 1949 we issued a commemorative in honor of Newfoundland's entry into Confederation. This coin depicts Matthew, the sailing ship of John Cabot. The Canadian dime features the fishing schooner Bluenose.

A collector can travel all around the United States on the fifty cent commemoratives. Ships are found on the Columbian Exposition, California-Pacific Exposition, Delaware Tercentenary, Hudson, NY Sesquicentennial; Hugue not-Walloon Tercentenary, Long Island Tercentenary; Norfolk, VA Bicentennial, Pilgrim Tercentenary, Roanoke Island, NC, and across the San-Francisco-Oakland Bay bridge. One can visit the Stone Mountain Memorial in Georgia on horseback or travel over the Oregon Trail in a covered wagon.

One can extend their trip by wagon to South Africa which is featured on the one cent of 1961-64 and the five shilling of 1892. There are two varieties of this coin - a single and a double shaft wagon tongue. Collectors have been warned to watch the "second tongue" as it could be counterfeit.

Travelling on horseback, visits could be made to Canada with the Royal Mounted Police on the 1973 25¢ piece; to Mongolia on the Tukhrik of 1971; and to Luxembourg on the 50 and 100 francs of 1946.

Elephants are used as transportation in many countries. They were placed on the two francs (1943), five francs (1947-48), and 50 francs (1944) coins of the Belgian Congo. These three pieces are scarce items now. The elephant is also shown on many of the Thailand coins and it sure beats the gas shortage - but in round figures, gas might be cheaper than providing food for an elephant.

If you are trekking across hot deserts, it would be a good idea to use one of the camels portrayed on the coinage of Sudan and French Afars & Issas, a French territory. The 50 and 100 francs of Sudan coins carry this animal.

The Province of Kweichow in China produced the only coin in the world with an automobile pictured. The one dollar of 1928 with an unknown make of automobile on the obverse, is an elusive coin and very expensive. Going back into the years for a way to travel, visit Barbados and Italy for a ride in a chariot. The Barbados half penny and penny of 1792 show a chariot along with the 1936 20 lire of Italy.

Now don't stop here, there are many more transportation pieces to choose from - we just skimmed the top. Use your numismatic reference books to the fullest and learn. Then consider an exhibit, you'll enjoy it and there won't be many like it.

By Thomas Masters.

# Error coin museum demands only the worst

By RICHARD SIMON  
Los Angeles Times

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NEWBURY PARK, Calif. To err is human; to collect is Devine. John Devine, that is.

He runs the Error Coin Museum. Actually, the museum has no building, although one is planned. The collection is a traveling show that Devine runs out of his coin shop in Newbury Park, about 45 miles northwest of Los Angeles.

He claims that his is the nation's only museum devoted to coin errors- or error coins, as collectors say. Other museums exhibit error coins, but only as a small part of their collections, allowing them to become "lost in the ivy," Devine said.

Devine founded the museum in July 1981, after he saw a number of error coin collections broken up, mostly by collectors who were giving up the hobby.

He said he obtained nonprofit status for the museum to encourage tax-deductible donations of collections.

The collection consist of errors made by the U.S. Bureau of the Mint, and Devine hopes to include mistakes by foreign mints and counterfeiters.

Among the Error Coin Museum's exhibits are "clips," coins that are missing a section because of errors in the blanking portion of the minting process. During blanking, planchets - the metal discs that are made into coins . are punched out of strips. Sometimes, the punches overlap or miss, creating coins with crescents taken out of them.

Other exhibits feature "blanks," which have no image stamped on them; "off centers," which have a misstamped image, and "double strikes," which have the image struck twice.

The museum hope to acquire exhibits of "wronge planchets," which bears the wrong image, such as a penny with the face of Thomas Jefferson which normally appears on a nickel. Also sought are "bonded pairs," coins truck together.

The value of an error coin depends on the type of error and the

coin's condition and date, Devine said. The most common error, an undated penny with an off-center image, is worth \$1.50, he said.

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WEST COAST FLORIDA AREA COIN CLUB MEETINGS INFORMATION :

**Clearwater Coin Club**, second and fourth Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. Women's Garden Club, N Fort Harrison Avenue and Seminole Street, Clearwater.

**Gulfport Coin Club of St. Petersburg Inc.**, fourth Friday, 7:30 p.m., American Legion Hall, 1520 Fourth St. N.

**Largo Coin Club**, third Wednesday, 7:45 p.m., Freedom Savings and Loan Bldg., East Bay Drive at Keene Plaza, Largo.

**St. Petersburg Coin Club**, second Friday, 6 p.m. American Legion Hall, 1520 Fourth St. N.

**Sarasota Coin Club**, third Monday, 7 p.m., United Federal Savings and Loan Bldg., 3550 South Trail, Sarasota.

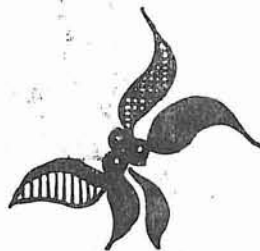
**Tampa Bay AINA Coin Club**, third Monday, 7 p.m., Jewish Community Center, 2808 Horatio St., Tampa.

**Tampa Coin Club**, second Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Community Room of Tampa Bay Center, W Buffalo Ave., Tampa.

**West Pasco Coin Club**, fourth Thursday, 7:15 p.m. Florida Power Bldg., 701 Sunset Road, New Port Richey.

This information is for members and friends who will visit the West Coast of Florida this winter.

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News & Comments

## From The City of Ottawa Coin Club Bulletin

1. A "Queen" among coins, known for its serene portrait beauty, its intricate artistry of reverse heraldic design, and its attractive Old English style legends, is the British "Gothic Crown" dated 1847 and 1853. On this side of the Atlantic where it appears that lesser fads attract collectors, this coin is seldom seen. Spink & Son of 5,6,7 King Street, St. James's, London SW1Y6QS are offering a total of seven (7) of these crowns, and further - an 1846 Pattern! - in their Auction No. 31 on 12 October! Their auction catalogue itself would delight a collector of British Coins.
2. In Australia, the expression "without a brass razoo" means being "flat broke". To remedy this situation the "soap salesmen" have come up with a "Brass Razoo" token, which incidentally they show as not worth a brass razoo! Southern hemisphere humor!
3. It appears that the canoe dollar might be on its way out, because it is too large and unacceptable in trade, in spite of the need of a \$1 coin. Alternatives are being examined, according to Canadian Coin News' Robert Aaron's report of the Mint's Dennis Cudahy's statement (How's that for a double-double possessive?!) Sherritt-Gordon's bronze-coated nickel-bonded steel, and the International Nickel Company's gold-plated nickel are being examined in three shapes - round, 9- & 11-sided. What will this do to cash register drawers? And further, what about \$2 and \$5 coins?
4. Orders for the 1983 \$100 gold coin (with "Canada" on the edge) may be addressed to the Royal Canadian Mint, P.O. Box 445, Station "A", Ottawa, Ontario, K1N 9H2; for \$310 plus provincial sales tax.
5. The 75th anniversary of the organization and the 125th anniversary of founder of the Scout Movement will result in a spate of commemorative coins. Orders and enquiries about British Royal Mint issues may be addressed c/o Barclay's Bank of New York, NY 10163. (I recall the rejection of my application to join this movement because I was too young - 13! I joined the reserve army instead as a Boy Signaller in the Artillery, and so started my first career).
6. A new bilingual coin book can be purchased for \$4(U.S.) from Dale Seppa 103 Sixth Ave. N, Virginia, Minnesota 55792. It is a 36-page softcover book by Antonio Deana Salmeron, entitled: "Catalogue of the Republican 8-real Coins Minted in the Different Mints which existed in Mexico". It is in English and Mexican; of course.
7. A mystifying museum donation was recently reported in Coin World (Aug. 31 Issue). A former Chicago numismatic, Philip J. More, presented the 74 tsubas (Japanese sword hilt guards) of his collection to Chatanooga's Hunter Museum with the understanding that his gift would NOT be exhibited, but either sold or bartered for an American artwork. An so it was, alas!

8. Time is running out for low denomination coins as witnessed by the expiry of the Scandinavian 1 & 2 ore coins. The latest casualty is the British 1/2 penny whose 1983 issue (started in 1971) will be its last. Now, if our sales tax was reduced to 5%, consistent with salary control guidelines, we could do away with our own 1-cent piece, and make room in cash registers for the forthcoming "wee buck".
9. Krause-Mishler's monumental standard for the period 1750 to-date has replaced both Craig and Yeoman. Now how about 1650-1750, where only specialist out-of-print catalogues exist? Augusta and Alfred Szego are exploring this area. They welcome information from collectors. Their address is: P.O. Box 142, West Sayville, N.Y. 11796. Good luck!
10. Chessboard X X X X O X X X  
 Coin Puzzle X X O X X X X X  
 solution O X X X X X X X  
 (X = blank X X X X X X O X (I misplaced the solution  
 O = coin) X O X X X X X X for this one and almost  
 X X X X X X X O gave up, myself!)  
 Answer = 8 X X X X X O X X  
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11. "Of Murder in Bygone Days" is the title of a recent article by Paul Nadin-Davis in the October 1983 Issue of the CN Journal. He reveals one of the many imperial murders of the decadent Byzantine period of history, and shows the victim (former murderer) and his murderer as depicted on gold solidi of the 7th century. The turmoil of history survives in its coinage.
12. The CN Journal editor (no byline, but familiar photo), Bob Willey, who also chairs the committee of Historian and Archives, appropriately quotes the Third Law of the late satirist, C. Northcote Parkinson as applicable to the delay in getting his typewriter repaired. He states that the Trans-Canada firm that he is dealing with is clearly in the tertiary stages of "growth, complexity, decay". Parkinson's books make delightful reading as humorous presentations of astute observations of the social order, and fine relaxation from strenuous numismatic research or from the mad scramble for coins' paper profits.
13. In the same CN Journal issue, Sheldon Carroll reminisces about his talk to the Hamilton Coin Club at their 1958 Annual dinner, entitled "Numismatics is more than Coin Collecting". It is well worth reading and provides much to reflect upon. In it he provides the following definition of Numismatics, viz:
- "Numismatics is the science of coins and medals. Its study embraces elements of such varied arts and sciences as history, archaeology, heraldry, sculpture, portraiture, metallurgy and economics. Although a numismatist is defined as a student of numismatics, the term is now employed loosely to describe a collector of coins, tokens, medals and paper money".
14. Spink & Son Ltd., 5-7 King Street, St. James's, London SW1 6QS has just published a new book entitled "The Coinage of British West Africa St. Helena 1684-1958" by David Vice. It is hardback, has 248 pages (9 1/2" X 6 1/2"), 13 fully illustrated, plus 198 additional photographs in the text and sells for £12.75 (postage and packing £1.50 extra). Seaby's Book Review states: "This important new work covers the numismatic history of this area in depth for the first time".

- 15. The ANA Sep. 83 Numismatist reports Benjamin Franklin as having written to his daughter on January 26, 1784, the following opinion of the eagle as the US symbol:

"Others object to the bald eagle as looking too much like a dindon, or turkey. For my own part, I wish the bald eagle had not been chosen as the representation of our country: he is a bird of bad moral character; he does not get his living honestly; you may have seen him perched on some dead tree, where, too lazy to fish for himself, he watches the labor of the fishing hawk; and, when that diligent bird has at length taken a fish, and is bearing it to his nest for the support of his mate and young ones, the bald eagle pursues him and takes it from him. With all this injustice he is never in good case; but, like those among men who live by sharpening and robbing, he is generally poor, and often very lousy".

Franklin goes on to state that a more fit emblem as a distinctively national bird would have been the turkey, "though a little vain and silly, it is true". How would IT have affected the U.S. image today?!

- 16. A new museum exhibit displaying Oriental Coins and artifacts, was officially opened at the ANA Headquarters in Colorado as a numismatic tribute to the late Arthur Braddan Coole. Also, a function was held to dedicate the Arthur Braddan Coole Oriental Library, with Rose Chan Houston, associate curator of Far Eastern coins at the ANS, as guest speaker. Coole's library of over 1500 books was recently acquired by the American Numismatic Society.
- 17. Steinberg's is offering high quality British gold coins for sale. Surprising!?! Not for the "Numismatic Gold Specialists since 1950" at PO Box 1565 Dept. CW in Boca Raton, Florida 33429.
- 18. The "Coal Mining Memorabilia" slide showing at the Tennessee State Numismatic Society's fourth annual fall convention and show in Chattanooga, reminds me of the coal scuttle full of foreign coins that I used to dig through in Abe Rogo's Montreal store. Memorabilia and broken fingernails - but fun!
- 19. Inverted photograph: Thailand 1983 600-Baht page 50 Coin World Sep 28, 1983 issue.
- 20. A Dollar is a Dollar - or is it?! The following was extracted and rounded from the currency table of the Montreal Gazette, effective Thursday October 6, 1983, and is stated in Canadian funds:

Australia	\$1.12	Guyana	\$0.41
Bahamas	1.24	Hong Kong	0.15
Barbados	0.62	Jamaica	0.51
Bermuda	1.24	New Zealand	0.82
Canada	1.00	Singapore	0.58
E. Caribbean	0.46	Trinidad & Tobago	0.52
Fiji	1.20	U.S.A.	1.23

21. The U.S. are experiencing the same Olympic coin woes that we did in 1973-76; lawsuits, bypassing of distribution systems, complaints about designs, misleading advertising, etc. Soap salesmen can certainly stir up trouble! What historic numismatic records are being established by this well-meaning but unsavoury economic support activity?
22. 282 Gold arabic dinars were found under a stone of a house in Capernaum, during a recent archaeological exploration of the ruins of this town near the Sea of Galilee. Although they dated from 695-743 AD, and has been buried loose in the soil since then, "they looked as if they had come out of the Damascus Mint the day before". Harold Weiss, a Uruguayan born professor of religious studies at Saint Marys College in Notre-Dame, reported on his find in the Sep 14, 1983 issue of Coin World.
23. I may point out upside down photographs, but Howard A. Dyer of Moncton N.B. tells of upside down Constitution Dollars in a letter to the editor of Canadian Coin News Vol. 21/1983. Most recent Canadian coinage is of "medal" style, i.e. the top of the obverse and reverse faces coincide. Thus this report must allude to a "coin" design (the opposite). This is a similar situation to the 1863 20 centimes coin of Haiti. It may be that others exist as well. Perhaps Krause & Mishler could squeeze yet another column of information into their "Telephone Book" i.e. M (medal), C (coin) R (random) difference between the vertical axes of the obverse and reverse faces. These D.A.D. is (Die axes differences) would be  $0^\circ$  for M,  $180^\circ$  for C and any other for R.
24. Suggestion: Could Stanley Clute be persuaded to make his research information of more value to his readers other than his questioners, by the inclusion of a photograph or rubbing of the coins he so efficiently researches. Perhaps foil impressions could be requested from the questioners to assist.
25. The September 1983 issue of the British magazine, "Coin & Medal News" features the presentation of the George Medal to Chiu Yiu Nam, a Hong Kong Chinese sailor who sailed with the Royal Fleet Auxiliary on the Sir Galahad during the Falkland campaign. The ship was hit and set on fire by bombs from Argentinian aircraft. Although the order to abandon ship was given, Chiu Yiu Nam first extricated several Welsh Guardsmen from the flames, with great humanitarian spirit and disregard of the risk to himself, in a heroic effort above and beyond the call of duty. He and his proud mother were flown from Hong Kong to attend the investiture in London.

I never cease to be amazed at the motivation and accomplishment of some people in times of grave emergency. They seem to soar above the mundane squabbles of daily work and become almost legendary giants - as if directed by the supreme force within. Mere inconveniences cause complaints, hardships cause silent determined action, but dire circumstances release the true spirit and nobility in Man. The secret must lie in the recognition of the need, and the spontaneous, instinctive and whole-hearted response to it. There are probably many untested heroes who could provide such deeds of self-sacrifice. We could certainly use them in this problem-ridden world today, to overcome the traditional deadly sins that are plaguing us - pride, covetousness, lust, anger, gluttony, envy and sloth - or variations of them. To risk one's life to save another's is valour. Mais pour nourir l'esprit d'un autre c'est quoi? - vraiment l'amour! Personal reflections on two wars sometimes can stir up strange thoughts and emotions.

The George medal depicts St. George with halo on a rearing steed, with his lance thrust through a winged dragon - an appropriate triumph of good over evil. What tends to cloud this picture in real life, is the fact that both combatants see themselves as good.

If the Argentinians who were attempting to smuggle themselves into Gibraltar so as to blow up the arsenal there, had been successful during the Falklands war, would they be the saints or the dragons? What relationship is there between the cause and the effect, the stimulus and the reaction? Must Hume's theory always apply? Unanswered questions, unsolved problems, unending difficulty! And in Hong Kong there is a proud little mother of a strapping hero <sup>who</sup> did what he felt he must when things were rough. Thank God for men like him, and the consolation that there are still others as yet untested and unrecognized. May they live at peace with their souls.

26. New puzzle: Given a 5 X 5 grid and five each of 1¢, 5¢, 10¢, 25¢ and 50¢ coins. Required to place one coin on each square of the grid so that each row, column and main diagonal will total 91 cents.
27. The Top 10 on the US Barber Dollar hit list are: 1893S, 1895, 18950, 1892S, 1889CC, 1901, 18930, 1884S, 18960, 18940.

The Top 10 on the Canadian Dollar hit list are: 1911, 1948, 1947 P7, 1947 ML, 1945, 1955 ARN, 1947 B7, 1951ARN, 1946, 1938.

The Top 11 on the Newfoundland hit list are: 1873H 5¢, 1880 \$2, 1870 10¢, 1876 50¢, 1880 50¢, 1885 10¢, 1888 50¢, 1881 50¢, 1885 5¢, 1873 10¢, 1876H 10¢.

28. Some time ago the CANADIAN NUMISLETTER issued by Bob Rodgers was mentioned in these news items. The first appraisal of this effort that I have come across since then is from the October 1983 newsletter of the Toronto Coin Club. It appears that Bob is a member of the T.C.C. and the Club editor speaks highly of Bob's effort, e.g.:

"Bob Rodgers is truly doing something for the collector of Canadian coins. He deserves praise for his efforts to give the collector an even break. He has gotten a lot of flak for some of what he has said. Interestingly, the "heat" has come from dealers, not collectors. He has published a lot of valuable information on what to look out for in Canadian coins and has helped to educate the collector so that he is INFORMED. An INFORMED buyer is a buyer who is not easily manipulated and exploited. If you are collecting Canadian decimal, you will be wise to subscribe to this publication. In fact, it is your Editor's opinion that you probably should not be buying Canadian decimal if you don't subscribe!"

That last sentence is pretty powerful. I presume that it applies to those who collect for investment purposes. Here is Bob's address again: PO Box 31 Thompson Ridge, New York 10985 U.S.A.

29. The same issue of the T.C.C. newsletter contains a selection of limericks, extracted from the Journal of the Russian Numismatic Society. (Box F334 Akron, Ohio, 44308). The one that I like, because of its oriental theme is:

"An old emigré based in Harbin  
Found it less than a cardinal sin  
(Though perhaps a mite dicey)  
To swap bogus sycee  
For coin of the realm of Pekin".

(The stress must be placed on the second syllable of Harbin to get the right meter).

30. In the April 1983 bimonthly issue no. 134 of the Coin - and Medal-collectors Report, Count L. Calderari published a well documented and illustrated article on the theme "Spectacles on Coins and Medals". He traced the development of glasses to improve vision, from the 14th century, and from their 16th century appearance on coins of Braunschweig - Wolfenbüttel up to modern coins of Thailand. He also presented a variety of jetons and medals also depicting glasses!...an unusual topic!

This Report, entirely in German, may be ordered under the name "Berichte - Der Münzen - und Medaillensammler" from Kricheldorf - Verlag, 78 Freiburg in Breisgau, Günterstalstrasse 16, Germany, at a cost of DM36.- for the 6 issues per year or for this particular issue of DM10.- These publishers also produce a variety of numismatic books on ancient and modern European coins as well as separate printings of various earlier "Berichte" articles, e.g. "Goethe and his Medals and Coins" by W. Roggenkamp from Report No. 38 (1967) for DM5.- The Report is 16.5 x 23.5 cm, glossy paper, 16 pp.

31. Proof sets dated 1983 are offered for \$29.75US by the British Royal Mint, c/o Barclay's Bank, P.O. Box 2570, New York, N.Y. 10163. These comprise 1/2p, 1p, 2p, 5p, 10p, 20p, 50p and £1. and will be the last with the obsolescent 1/2p.

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## Groceries 'Killing You?'

### Be Glad You're Not Japanese

"For a shopping cart containing 12 eggs, two litres of milk and one pound (454 grams) of each of the following products: sirloin, ribs, flour, bread, sugar, butter, margarine, apples and potatoes, the American works 63 minutes, the Canadian 81, the West German 94, the Italian 110, the Frenchman 114, the British 121, the Mexican 182 and the Japanese 403 minutes."

La Presse, July 26, 1983

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Viceroy acting on behalf of their monarchs are perhaps most remembered for their actions in India. However there was a report in the Bulletin of the Mexican Numismatic Society (March 83 issue) of the decree of a Spanish Viceroy in Mexico. Here is a translated version:

"Royal Decree. In the manner that is customary, you will have published in the Jurisdiction under your charge, the Edict that I have promulgated and of which I am sending you two copies, so that after having been understood by all concerned the error suffered in the Royal Mint of this Court, of a coinage on which was engraved instead of the year 1782, the year 1872, all coins existing with this defect be picked up and delivered in the promissory notes and form stipulated in the aforementioned edict, receipt of which and compliance therewith you will confirm by sending me the corresponding notice. May God save you for many years.

Mexico, January 1782  
Martin de Mayorga"

Is there a veiled threat in the closing wish: "Dios guardé à V. muchos anos"? i.e....unless you comply! Presumably the officials were able to, because there is no mention of these misdated coins in standard reference books.

Another famous Viceroy comes to mind - Li Hung Chang of China - who coordinated the efforts of the Chinese with those of Britain's "Chinese" Gordon, to defeat the T'ai P'ing rebels. He was violently opposed to opium, as is reflected in his Memoirs, e.g:

"To General Ching I gave orders that all persons found with the drug in their possession, all persons under its baneful influence, and all persons, of whatever force they had been or were allied to, who sought the drug either for their own use or to engage in the profitable business of trafficking in it, should be decapitated".

Although he worked with Gordon (Who was later killed by the Mahdi's forces at Khartoum) he had earlier (1881) expressed his disgust with England in a poem entitled, "The Shame of Great England". The last verse reads:

"Shame! Shame! upon Great England of the West,  
Upon her bristling guns and all the rest,  
For know we not that in this grand array  
Is sceptre grim to lure our souls away?  
Not as a friend comes England to our shore,  
But with a cry for blood and gold, and more:  
The lives of countless thousands, steeped deep  
In her vile drug, in shameful homage creep".

The days of intrepid leaders may not be past, but the courage of the convictions, the forcefulness of the decisions and the vigor of the actions of former Viceroys place them in a special class. Unfortunately, they are seldom commemorated on the coins of the countries they represent.

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# SHOW AND BOURSE

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FEBRUARY 11th, 1984

BARRIE, ONTARIO.....HURONIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

COIN, STAMP & ANTIQUE SHOW

Bayfield Mall, Bayfield St; N;

Barrie, Ontario.

Diaplays are welcome (cash prizes)

Info.. P.O. Box 243, Barrie, Ont.,

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MARCH 17th, 1984

WILLOWDALE, ONTARIO..... NORTH YORK COIN CLUB'S

ANNUAL COIN SHOW & EXHIBITION

North York Community Hall,

5090 Yonge St., Willowdale, Ont.

Info.. Harvey Farrow, President

P.O. Box 294, Station 'A',

Willowdale, Ontario, M2N 5S9

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APRIL 28 - 29th, 1984

SARNIA, ONTARIO..... ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION'S

TWENTIETH - SECOND ANNIVERSARY

CONVENTION

Guildwood Inn (Best Western)

Sarnia, Ontario.

Info.. T. Masters O.N.A. Convention

Chairman

823 Van St., London, Ontario,

N5Z 1M8.

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MAY 25 - 27th, 1984

TORONTO, ONTARIO..... SPRING TOREX 84

Harbourfront Centre, 222 Queens Quay, W.

Toronto, Ontario.

Info.. Al Bliman, P.O. Box 3145, Stn D  
Willoedale, Ont., M2R 3G5

## A UCTION ACTION

TORONTO INTERNATIONAL SALE SETS NEW LANDMARKS IN EARLY  
CANADIAN TOKEN MARKET

A full room of bidders at the Toronto International Coin Fair witnessed one of the most successful Canadian auctions for two or three years as Nadin-Davis Numismatics of Ottawa offered "The Virginia Collection" of early Canadian tokens and other numismatic properties November 19.

"The Virginia Collection" was billed by the company as "the finest offering of Canadian tokens since the McKay Clements sale". The opinion of informed bidders seemed to be in line, as many items were contested way above estimate and undeterred collectors took fleeting opportunities to add rare tokens to their collections.

The token section of the auction was preceded by over 100 lots of Canadian decimal coinage, where prices were generally strong and above wholesale levels on almost all items. A Gem BU 1907 5c silver sold for \$325, while a very choice 1964 extra water line 5c, rarely seen this nice, sold for \$64. A 1914 \$5 gold, the key date, in Choice BU, sold for \$1150.

The Virginia collection contained a good number of scarce Breton tokens. A Br-520 Magdalen Islands penny, almost extremely fine, sold for \$300 in hotly contested bidding, and a Side View penny, Br-523, in VF condition, brought \$1,000. Top price in the sale was the \$2,100 paid for a Br-525 penny 1859, Side View, Banque du Peuple. This piece is among the rarest of "Breton" tokens. A Br-526A penny, error "City Bank on Ribbon", uncirculated with 50% lustre, made \$330, and an excellent VF-EF example of the Montreal and Lachine Railroad token, Br-530, made \$230. Another transportation piece, the De Repentigny On Lachesnaye bridge, Caleche, in EF, made \$440 on an estimate of \$400, and a well pedigreed Vexator Canadensis, Br-558, made \$170 on an estimate of \$150. Keenly sought also was Br-566, the famous Maysenholder and Bohle token, which made \$160, a strong price for this item. The less expensive merchant tokens all sold well, with single pieces in the \$20-50 range and group lots up to the \$500 level all selling for strong prices. A group of 35 bouquet sous from VG to VF made \$180, and a superb group of Ontario Dairy token, 15 pieces in all, made \$275 on estimate \$250. Maritime pieces were especially

strong, due in part to the presence of a large contingent of collectors from Atlantic Canada who flew in for the sale and other functions. A Br-916 "sheaf of wheat" token made \$575, and a corroded VG NorthWest Company token, Br-925, made \$570. Hudson's Bay Company and other Territorial tokens all sold for extremely strong prices and were seriously fought for among floor and mail bidders. A lovely Br-954 ship token from Newfoundland, about Ef with chocolate toning made \$475. A selection of Canadian medals, mainly in the \$20-100 range, followed with most making prices to about 75% of estimate.

The afternoon session was dominated by a large collection of world Crowns and minors, and a long run of English hammered coinage. Several bargains were to be had here as the floor bidding contingent thinned out. In particular German and early European Crowns went for depressed prices and the bidding on English hammered was patchy, as some pieces skyrocketed in intense competition and others were hammered down at 50% of estimate to the book. Among particular strengths were several lots of "odd and curious" money, which made strong prices ah compared to estimate.

Nadin-Davis Numismatics are the official T.I.C.F. Auctioneers, and are presently seeking consignments for the upcoming March sale. They may be contacted at PO Box 95, Station A, Ottawa, Canada K1N 8V1.



## Association News:

### SPECIAL NOTICE ... Re. O.N.A.'S 1984 22nd Anniversary Convention

Due to a conflict dates with the Spring Torex Show the Ontario Numismatic Association has changed their Convention dates to April 28 and 29th, 1984.

This Convention will be hosted by the Sarnia Numismatic Association and will be held at the Guildwood Inn (Best Western) Sarnia, Ontario.

For information, contact:

Mr. Thomas Masters  
O.N.A. Convention Chairman  
823 Van Street,  
London, Ontario, N5Z 1M8

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