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GREETINGS FROM THE O.N.A. PRESIDENT

At this time of year we try to look both ways, backward and forward.

We review the events of the past year, and give thanks for our successes, and hopefully give due credit to those who deserve it, accepting our own share of the blame for any possible shortfall.

But we must put last year behind us and look forward to a brand new UNC year, and resolve to benefit from our experiences of previous mistakes and successes.

We trust that with the help of friends, family and Faith, we will go ahead into 1987, and when the year is spent, we can thank again, those who have assisted in any way to the progress of our great Fraternity.

Best wishes to all for a happy Holiday Season, and wishing you the best of everything for the coming year.

Roy Hollingshead

EDITORIAL

With this issue of the Numismatist you will find a "Club Directory". If anyone has been omitted or the information I have is incorrect, please let me know and it will be corrected in a future publication. I hope that this directory will be of a great service to our members and encourage them to attend coin meetings in their area. Also if you are on vacation or your occupation takes you to an area where a meeting takes place, don't be shy about attending. I'm sure you will be welcomed with open arms, and if not, this oversight should be drawn to someone's attention. Refer to this directory often and keep it handy. No other will be printed for several months.

Last month I told you that numismatics is not dead, despite what some of the downers express. Many people blame the silverless coin and others I'm sure would just like to watch the boob tube. The silverless coins did have an effect on the investor, but for those who are keenly interested in the hobby it should make no difference. Today our society is headed in a cashless direction. Just look at how far this has progressed in the last decade or two. Many working people today never receive a pay cheque for their weekly wage, when their pay is deposited into a bank account for them. Cheques and credit cards become the fashion of the times with many. Just suppose that this fad takes over completely and fewer and fewer coins are produced because there is less demand. What if the plastic card becomes the money of the times, then those silverless coins can or may become as valued keepsakes of our past heritage. Think of this aspect of the hobby and maybe, just maybe, you'll see the coins of today in a different light. Guess I got off the subject of what I promised to speak to you about, and that is my thoughts on keeping a coin club alive and interesting.

First, to those clubs who are having difficulty in filling the positions on their executive. Some of the clubs I belong to have that problem too, and because the word no is not an easy word for me to day in my vocabulary, I have an executive position on several clubs. It's a challenge for me, and it can be for you, too! It can be a chance for you to voice your opinion and possibly change the direction of the whole numismatic family. When asked to take a responsible position with your club, don't sit back and decline, but come forward and do your part to promote one of the best hobbies there is today. 'Nuff said!

Has your club got a telephone committee to remind its members of the meeting date coming up? Does that person you just called have a ride? If not, do you offer to pick them up and drive them to the meeting and home after the meeting? Does your club publish a coin news letter? It never ceases to amaze me how many people forget the date and time of each meeting. Your news letter is a reminder and may also be the only contact between your club and the casual attender. So what have I suggested? Telephone, and transportation committees, and news letters. These are just a start to getting more people to attend meetings. January is a time for membership renewal in most clubs. Has your club ever examined the past membership roll to see how many members have not renewed their membership? A letter to those members telling them "We missed you" along with a membership form just might increase your roll. Don't let those members get away. Show an interest in them, do everything possible to bring them back into the hobby. Anyone who is interested in this idea might write to me for a copy of the letter I mail out to any member who doesn't renew at my club. If they don't, which sometimes happens, I want to know the reason, and if the reason is the fault of the club it may be time to make some changes. We do have to change with the times. If you are still running your club the same as when it was founded, I'm

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sure it's time for a few changes.

We have been talking of getting more people to attend your meetings and space will not allow me to continue this subject in this issue, but you can be sure I'll have some points to relate to you on how to keep those members coming back meeting after meeting.

Until next month when we delve into this matter further, your opinions and suggestions are more than welcome and could be very helpful to our numismatic family. Take a minute and write them to me. It may be the key that opens the door to the success for many.



Dear Editor:

As a new collector of funny money, I was suprised to find that I had two sizes of serial numbers on the new 10¢ Canadian Tire Note. When I was at T.I.C.F. in Toronto this month, I was looking for notes of the 50th Anniversary and 1976 Olympic by this company, without any luck. Where are the collectors and/or dealers of such notes? Any help in this matter would be appreciated.

P.S. There are no collectors of funny money in our local club.

I am
Harry Spice, 549 Grace St.
Woodstock, Ontario



CLUB DIRECTORY:

GUELPH COIN CLUB 1986. Meets third Tuesday of each month 7-10 p.m. in Room 7 AB of the Co-operators Building across from the bus terminal downtown Guelph. Information - call Mike Hollingshead 824-0647 or 822-2910

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Club Directory

ONTARIO

BRANTFORD NUMISMATIC SOCIETY: Meets third Sunday of each month except July and August at 8 p.m. in the Woodman Community Centre, 491 Grey St., Brantford, Ont.

CAMBRIDGE COIN CLUB: Meets the third Monday of each month except July and August in the Lion's Hall, 50 Ainslie St., Cambridge, Ont., at 7:30 p.m.

COLLINGWOOD COIN & STAMP CLUB: Meets the fourth Tuesday of each month in Trinity United Church at 8 p.m. For further information write P.O. Box 565, Collingwood, Ont., L9Y 4B2.

HAMILTON COIN CLUB: Meets second Sunday each month except July and August from 1-4:30 p.m. in Hamilton Public Library, 55 York St., Hamilton, Ont. For further information write P.O. Box 9271, Stoney Creek, Ont., L8G 3X9.

HURONIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION: Meets third Thursday of each month in the ABC Building, 175 Bayfield St., Barrie, Ont. Doors open at 7:15 p.m. for meeting at 8 p.m. For further information write P.O. Box 243, Barrie, Ont., L4M 4T2.

INGERSOLL COIN CLUB: Meets third Monday of each month in Senior Citizens Centre, Thames Street South. For further information write 823 Van St., London, Ont., N5Z 1M8.

KENT COIN CLUB: Meets third Wednesday of each month except July and August in Chatham Public Library at 8 p.m. For further information write P.O. Box 95, Chatham, Ont.

LAKESHORE COIN CLUB: Meets third Tuesday (September to November, January to April) at 8 p.m. in Stewart Hall, Pointe Claire, P.Q. For further information write P.O. Box 1137, Pointe Claire, P.Q.

LAKE SUPERIOR COIN CLUB: Meets second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in Confederation College. For further information write P.O. Box 874, Thunder Bay "F", Ont., P7C 4X7.

LONDON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY: Meets first Tuesday at 8 p.m. in Landon Public Library auditorium, 167 Wortley Rd., London, Ont. For further information write P.O. Box 6221, Station "D", London, Ont., N5W 5S1.

McKAY-CLEMENTS COIN CLUB: Meets last Sunday of each month except June, July, August and December at 2 p.m. in St. Paul's Anglican Church Hall, corner of Rorke Avenue and Browning Street, Haileybury, Ont. For further information write P.O. Box 249, Haileybury, Ont., POJ 1K0.

MISSISSAUGA COIN CLUB: Meets first Tuesday of each month except July and August from 7:30-10 p.m. in the Mississauga Senior Citizens Centre, 1389 Cawthra Rd., Mississauga, Ont.

NEWMARKET NUMISMATIC SOCIETY: Meets first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in Newmarket Community Centre. For further information write P.O. Box 142, Newmarket, Ont., L3Y 4W3.

NIAGARA FALLS COIN CLUB: Meets the first Wednesday of each month in the Stamford Lions Club Hall on Portage Road North at 7 p.m. For further information write P.O. Box 696, Niagara Falls, Ont.

NICKEL BELT COIN CLUB: Meets the third Sunday of each month at 1:00 p.m. in Civic Square, Room C-11, P.O. Box 593, Sudbury, Ont., P3E 4R6. "1986" marks a big year for our club, our 30th year.

NIPISSING COIN CLUB: Meets 7 p.m. the first and third Thursday of each month in Cassellholme, a senior citizens home, 400 Olive St., North Bay, Ont. For further information write P.O. Box 1825, Hornell Heights, Ont., POH 1P0.

NORTH YORK COIN CLUB: Meets fourth Tuesday of each month at 8 p.m. in North York Memorial Community Hall, 4812 Yonge St., Willowdale, Ont. For further information write P.O. Box 294, Station "A", Willowdale, Ont., M2N 5S9.

ORILLIA CHAMPLAIN COIN CLUB: Meets first Thursday of each month except July and August at 7:30 p.m. in St. David's Church Hall, corner of James and Regent Streets. For further information write 100 James St., Orillia, Ont., L3V 1L5.

OSHAWA & DISTRICT COIN CLUB: Meets fourth Sunday of each month except July and August at noon in Valley View Park Clubhouse. For further information write P.O. Box 212, Oshawa, Ont., L1H 7L1 or phone (416) 728-1136.

CITY OF OTTAWA COIN CLUB: Meets the fourth Monday of each month at the Public Archives on Wellington. For further information write P.O. Box 2180, Station "D", Ottawa, Ont., K1P 5W4.

PEMBROKE CENTENNIAL COIN CLUB: Meets second Tuesday of each month except July and August at 8 p.m. in Champlain High School, Pembroke, Ont.

PETERBOROUGH NUMISMATIC SOCIETY: Meets first Friday of each month except July and August at 7:30 p.m. in Citi-Centre, King Street. For further information write P.O. Box 1870, Peterborough, Ont., K9J 7X7.

RICHMOND HILL COIN CLUB: Meets third Tuesday of each month except July and August in M.L. McConaghy Community Centre, 10100 Yonge St., Richmond Hill, Ont., in Room 208 (second floor), one block north of Major McKenzie Drive on the west side. Free parking in the rear of building. Guests are welcome.

SARNIA COIN CLUB: Meets first Wednesday of each month in Kinsmen Community Centre, 656 Lakeshore Rd. For further information write P.O. Box 62, Sarnia, Ont., N7T 7H8.

SCARBOROUGH COIN CLUB: Meets first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in Cedarbrook Community Centre, 91 Eastpark Blvd. For further information write P.O. Box 465, West Hill Post Office, West Hill, Ont., M1E 2P0.

ST. CATHARINES COIN CLUB: Meets third Sunday of each month at 2:15 p.m. in Westpark High School, 130 Louth St. For further information write P.O. Box 1492, St. Catharines, Ont.

ST. THOMAS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION: Meets second Monday each month except July and August in Central United Church, 135 Wellington St., St. Thomas, at 8 p.m. For further information write 79 Myrtle St., St. Thomas, Ont. N5R 2E9.

STRATFORD COIN CLUB: Meets the second Monday of each month except July and August at 7:30 p.m. in Kiwanis Community Centre, Lakeside Drive. For further information write P.O. Box 262, Stratford, Ont., N5A 6T1.

THISTLETON COIN & STAMP CLUB: Meets second Tuesday of each month except July and August from 7-10 p.m. in Etobicoke Public Library meeting room, 1515 Albion Rd., Rexdale, Ont. (on Albion Road, west of Kipling Avenue and east of Martin Grove) For further information write P.O. Box 1143, Station "B", Weston, Ont., M9L 2R8.

TILLSONBURG COIN CLUB: Meets third Tuesday of each month except July and August at 8 p.m. in Tillsonburg Library on Broadway Street. For further information phone President Joe MacArthur at (519) 842-9395.

TIMMINS COIN CLUB: Meets first Monday of each month except July and August at 7:30 p.m. in Timmins Community Centre, 706 Rochdale St., Timmins, Ont.

TORONTO COIN CLUB: Meets third Monday of each month except July and August and the second Monday in September and December. For further information write P.O. Box 865, Adelaide Street, Toronto, Ont., M5C 2K1.

VICTORIA-SIMCOE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION: For information write E. Workman, RR 2, Cannington, Ont.

WATERLOO COIN SOCIETY: Meets third Wednesday of each month except July and August in The Rink in the Park, Seagram Drive, Waterloo, Ont. at 8 p.m. For further information write P.O. Box 41, Waterloo, Ont., N2J 3Z6.

WELLAND COIN CLUB: Meets second Tuesday of each month from 7:10 p.m. in Winston Ville Hall, Wavell Court, Welland, Ont.

WINDSOR COIN CLUB: Meets second Monday of each month except July and August in Knights of Columbus Hall, 1140 Goyeau St., Windsor. For further information write 1165 Lincoln Rd., Windsor, Ont., N8Y 2H6.

WOODSTOCK COIN CLUB: Meets fourth Tuesday of each month in Central Public School Library, Graham Street, Woodstock, Ont. For further information write 69 Tobin Place, Woodstock, Ont., N4S 8N4.

CLUB NEWS

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BRANTFORD NUMISMATIC SOCIETY: December meeting featured an election of officers which will lead this club into 1987. Their Coin Show announced June 14 at the Woodman Community Centre, 491 Grey Street, Brantford. Evening concluded with a banquet styled dinner for about 40 who were present.

INGERSOLL COIN CLUB: November meeting featured their annual Pre-Christmas banquet attended by 60. December speakers were Hodge and Masters speaking on Christmas featured on coins. Gift exchange and auction were also a highlight. 40 members and guests enjoyed feast of Christmas served by the hostess committee.

LAKE SUPERIOR COIN CLUB: Bill Pascoe stepped down as president after a very successful 1 year term. My information is that this club's meeting room is becoming very crowded at the Confederation College. Good luck to the new president and executive for another successful year.

NORTH YORK COIN CLUB: Their December meeting featured their annual Christmas banquet. Special gifts were presented to all Junior members who attended and a gift exchange was enjoyed by those who participated. The N.Y.C.C. presented to the C.N.A. a cheque for \$2063.58 which represents 50% of the profits from the C.N.A. Convention last July. Congratulations are in order to the N.Y.C.C. for their splendid effort in hosting this convention. Editor's note: N.Y.C.C. are also hosting the ONA 1937 25th Anniversary Convention. Members are urged to reserve those dates - April 24-25-26, so they will have another successful venture.

CITY OF OTTAWA COIN CLUB: Terry Frost acclaimed as president leads this club into 1987. Paul Nadin-Davis announced his intention to stand for the Ontario Director of the C.N.A. Feature for the evening was the presentation of a C.N.A. slide on the Colonial Coinage of Canada.

GUELPH COIN CLUB '86: President Mike Hollingshead announced that charter membership for this newly reformed club would end as of December 31, 1986. Also it was announced that this charter membership stood at 44. Good programs and attendance have been the main feature of this club since its first meeting in September. Congratulations, and keep up the good work. Editor's Note: My apologies for missing your club under Club Directory. It will appear elsewhere in this issue.

RICHMOND HILL COIN CLUB: November meeting of this club featured Coin Columnist Brian Cornwell as their guest speaker. His topic on the Long Term Coin Storage was well received by all present. Nomination committee presented their slate of officers for 1987, election to take place at the December meeting, which also features a Christmas party, gift exchange and social evening. Members were urged to renew their 1987 membership as soon as possible.

SARNIA COIN CLUB: Their meeting featured a banquet at the Sea Shell restaurant which was enjoyed by all. A new executive will lead this club into 1987. They promise to maintain the high quality of educational meetings of the past, and hope to increase their membership with a concentrated effort.

ST. THOMAS COIN CLUB: Featured their annual roast beef dinner enjoyed by 30 members. It was announced that the same executive would continue for 1987. A 60 lot auction concluded the evening. This auction included many bargains for the bidders.

STRATFORD COIN CLUB: Their meeting started off with a Scavenger Hunt that got everyone moving about. Also, several games of chance and a gift exchange were offered for those who wished to participate. A pot luck banquet was served to approximately 50 people who attended. January meeting on the 12th will feature a C.N.A. slide presentation- United States Commemorative Coins in Gold and Silver.

TILLSONBURG COIN CLUB: Their executive will remain in office for 1987 and the December meeting featured a social evening of a variety of games. The evening concluded with a pot luck supper served by the lunch committee.

CHAMPLAIN COIN CLUB: December meeting featured their Christmas party with a number of draw prizes, a Christmas film and a great Christmas lunch which was enjoyed by all. The evening concluded with Santa Claus giving out gifts to all present. January meeting on the 8th will feature their election of officers for 1987-88.

WOODSTOCK COIN CLUB: The Copa Cabana Restaurant was the site of their December meeting. 20 people enjoyed the banquet served by the restaurant staff. It was announced that an election of officers would feature the January meeting.

EDITOR'S COMMENTS: Your meetings can be noted if you send me that information. I would prefer you to write a small description of what took place, and what your next meeting will feature. This column can only succeed with your input.

Association News:

MEMBERSHIP

The application which appeared in the Christmas issue of the Ontario Numismatist has been accepted.

It gives the O.N.A. great pleasure to announce that Charles D. Moore of Walnut Creek, California has been selected to conduct the auction at the O.N.A.'s 25th Anniversary at the Westbury Hotel on Yonge St., Toronto, on April 25, 1987, at 3:00 p.m. in the Clarendon Hall. Members will soon be receiving a postal return card through the mail. Those who respond by returning this card will be sent, free of charge, the auction catalogue in regards to the above auction.

REMINDERS:

Have you made your nomination for 1987 Award of Merit? Those forms were mailed out with your Emergency Issue in November. Deadline for returning this nomination form is January 31, 1987.

LAPEL PINS:

Did you order your O.N.A. Lapel Pin? These were brought back by popular demand, and will be sold out very soon. They can make an excellent gift for the numismatist in your family. Don't be left out again. Each pin is \$4.00 plus \$1.00 handling and postage. Send to Lapel Pins, c/o P.O. Box 33, Waterloo, Ontario, N2J 3Z6.

1987 RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIPS are now due. Send cheque or money order to the above address. Your co-operation in this matter will assist us in getting our mailing address list in order. Don't be left out on our Anniversary year!

O.N.A. LIABILITY INSURANCE:

Now that the Holiday Season is past, clubs will be getting back into their regular routine. Many clubs have already indicated they will participate in our insurance program. If your club has not dealt with this item of business, do so now. It's an investment you shouldn't miss.

FUTURE CONVENTIONS:

Has your club ever considered hosting an O.N.A. Convention? Give it some thought - speak to the clubs that have. More details for those interested can be had by writing to the association's address or talking to the Director in your area. All dates after 1987 are now open for your consideration.



O.N.A. DIRECTOR for TORONTO AREA:
WALLY CIONA, featured at the founding meeting of the Collectors Enthusiasts meeting on November 27th. Ciona presented an 8mm movie on a recent vacation trip to Mexico. His presentation was augmented with several Mexican artifacts.

Details about this organization and next meeting are outlined in another section in this publication.

Convention Calendar

OTTAWA VALLEY COIN & STAMP SHOW: Ottawa coin and stamp dealers, Holiday Inn, Ottawa..Free admission.
Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., 10 dealers, buy, sell, trade. Contact Allan Davies (613) 820-3435.
TOREX: have announced their show dates for 1987 as-
February 21-22, - June 20-21, - October 24-25. Location: Bond Place Hotel, 65 Dundas St. E., Toronto, \$2. Additional Info: Canada's largest collectibles show. Contact: Ingrid K. Smith (416) 920-6461.
TORONTO INTERNATIONAL COIN FAIR - 1987: March 20-22, - July 3-5, - November 20-22. Location: Lakeshore Inn, 2000 Lakeshore Blvd. West, Toronto, Ontario. Info: P.O. Box 973, Stn. B., Willowdale, Ont. M2K 2T6.
HAMILTON COIN CLUB'S SEMI ANNUAL COIN SHOW: 67 Banquet Centre, 300 Fennell Ave., E., Hamilton. Contact: P.O. Box 9271, Stoney Creek, Ont. L8G 3X9.
O.N.A. 25th ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION AND SHOW: April 24-26, Westbury Hotel, 475 Yonge Street, Toronto. Host Club - North York Coin Club.

ROYAL CANADIAN MINT RE-OPENS:

After being closed for almost 2 years, and after a \$27 million renovation, the Ottawa Mint was opened again on November 18, 1986. Those familiar with the old Mint will find a drastic change. The building itself has been divided into an office section where administration to conduct the business of the Crown Corporation and highly secure plant area where all numismatic coins are struck. Be advised to reserve your tour date in advance.

Maple Leaf given run for its money by new American Eagle gold coin

By Patti Tasko
Canadian Press



AMERICAN EAGLE
....Demand Strong

Sales of the new American Eagle gold coins have lived up to the U.S. Mint's hoopla over their introduction last month, says Deak International, a major gold and currency dealer.

"Sales are 10-to-one for the Eagle at present," said Donald MacKenzie, assistant vice-president of trading at Deak.

"The demand is so strong that the U.S. Mint can't make enough of them. I've sold thousands.

"But I don't think this is going to last."

Canada's Maple Leaf was the undisputed leader in world gold coin sales after the fall from grace of the South African Krugerrand because of that country's

racial policies. In 1985, the pure gold Canadian coin accounted for upwards of 70 per cent of world sales.

But bullion traders had predicted the Eagle, the first U.S. entry into the gold coin market in 53 years, would give the Leaf a run for its money because of the world-wide popularity of American products and the patriotic fever the U.S. Mint manufactured along with the coin.

The Canadian Mint said it wasn't worried because the Leaf, which is 99 per cent pure, is a superior coin to the 92 percent pure Eagle and has an existing fan club.

Current demand for the Eagle is so strong, said MacKenzie, that Deak can charge a six per cent premium on the one-ounce coin, which is priced based on the price of gold bullion, now about \$393 U.S. Currently, the one-ounce Leaf coins command a 3.5 per cent premium at Deak.

MacKenzie said the higher premium on the Eagle coin means buyers are voluntarily paying more for the same chunk of gold available in a cheaper Canadian version, but "people are irrational."

"I don't think this is going to last," he said. "The smart investor will realize the premium will come down."

Premiums, which cover such costs as minting, are set by dealers and reflect what the market will bear, he said.

Murray Church, a spokesman for the Canadian Mint, said from Ottawa that Maple Leaf sales in the United States have never been significant and since the introduction of the Eagle that trend has continued.

However, he said that Leaf sales in its traditional strongholds of Asia and Europe "are holding up very well." Because of the large domestic demand, the U.S. Mint has had problems getting supplies into those markets, he said.

Church also said the Leaf has found a gold lining in the unprecedented demand for the Eagle, as the higher premiums charged for the American coin have led to newspaper and television stories advising people that the Leaf is a better buy.

COLLECTOR ENTHUSIASTS MEETING

DATE: Thursday, January 29, 1987
TIME: Doors open at 6:30 p.m.
Program start at 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: NORTH YORK COMMUNITY HALL
4811 Yonge Street, Willowdale
(where the North York Coin Club meets)
ROOM: Number 3, on the 2nd floor
(up the stairs, follow the signs)

PROGRAM

- . John Regitko, a well-known collector and show organizer, has travelled to numerous coin conventions throughout North America. As well as taking in the functions associated with the convention, he always finds time to enjoy the local sights and sounds. During trips to both the Florida United Numismatist (FUN) Convention and the American Numismatic Association (ANA) Convention in New Orleans, he searched out the beautiful scenery, local life and tourist routes of both locations. He will share some of the beauty he was exposed to via sets of slides detailing Florida flowers and wild life in full living colour, as well as scenes of the famous Latin Quarter and other historical architecture of New Orleans. Scenes from Disney World can be enjoyed by all, as can the famous Mardi Gras in all its splendid colour. John will provide the commentary to the 35mm slides.
- . John Regitko has always been an avid student of photography, and its natural progression to the creation of audio visual slide programs for the Canadian Numismatic Association and private individuals. He will be sharing, in this part of the program, some thoughts about what interesting and unusual audio visual programs should contain. Note that this program is not about photography per se, but rather a showing of professional slides that, when incorporated into an audio visual program, will add colour, life, interest and creativity to the program.
- . Coffee and Donut break (coffee courtesy of TICF, donuts compliments of the speaker).
- . The meeting is expected to adjourn between 9:30 and 10:00 p.m.
- . TICF is pleased to underwrite the cost of the meeting room.
- . This meeting is intended to bring together a group of numismatic friends and guests outside the confines of a normal coin club meeting, with its limitations on program content and program time.
- . The founding meeting was attended by numismatic dignitaries, spouses and friends too numerous to mention. Enthusiasm was expressed for continuance of these monthly meetings.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

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CONVENTION EDITORIAL

The O.N.A. and North York Coin Club hope that you will make use of this "Special Convention Edition", and that it will help you to decide to make the O.N.A.'s 25th Anniversary a memorable one. I would like to thank Ron Zelk and the North York Coin Club Convention committee for making my position as Editor so much easier by preparing all of the following pages in this edition.

Let me ask you a few questions. How many members have attended all past Conventions? ..or half those Conventions? Maybe one...or are there some who have not even attended one? Are there those who say "Why should I attend all or any of these Conventions...what's in it for me?"

My answer? There is a great deal in it for you..but you have to be there to take advantage of those benefits. Let's begin with the "Educational Forum". How many have ever heard one or all three of the Forum speakers, - Robert Willey, Victor Snell or Don Robb? All three are specialists in their field and Bob and Victor have received the J. Douglas Ferguson Award. Those who subscribe to coin publications will find numerous articles written by Willey, who also is the current Editor of the C.N.A. Journal. This Educational Forum can make a big difference in your numismatic future.

Why not check over the Program of Events and sit in on a number of meetings taking place. The auction conducted by Charles Moore of California will be another highlight, and some of those coins you need for your collection could be available. If not, surely from the selection of dealers on the bourse floor you will be able to find those elusive pieces. I could go on and on - the Banquet and Delegates Breakfast can produce pleasant surprises. At last year's Delegate Breakfast the two million dollar Liability Insurance program was the main topic, and from that discussion this program was put into action. This could be a Convention which is talked about for years to come.

I hope you are thinking about entering a display in your upcoming club show. Here's an opportunity to check how others are displaying their coins. From viewing these displays you will be able to pick out some good points to improve your exhibit and possibly win that trophy at your next show. Got a better idea - fill out the Exhibit Application Form and enter your display in the O.N.A. 25th Anniversary Convention Show.

Is there anyone out there who has not had the privilege of a visit to Toronto? Let's spend a few moments on this subject. Why not make April 24-25-26 a family affair. Westbury Hotel is located within easy walking distance to numerous shopping centres, and for those who don't want to walk, the subway is only one short block away. Maybe that will be a first for some members of your family. Maple Leaf Gardens is only two blocks away and a chance to see your favorite team in action. There is so much to see and do in Toronto that those three days may not be enough time for the family to shop and explore. You'll want to come back to one of the many future coin shows in Toronto. One other point I would like to clarify. You might say that I'm blowing my own horn. - No, I don't live in Toronto - but London, but I do visit Toronto on many occasions and always find something new to do and excite me.

I hope I've convinced you to spend some time with us on April 24-25-26 at the Westbury Hotel in Toronto on the occasion of the O.N.A.'s 25th Anniversary.

I'll be there, hope you are too. Stop me and say hello...introduce me to your family. I promise it will be a week-end to remember.

Tom Masters

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!



ARE YOU READY?

FOR THE 25TH ANNUAL

ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION
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ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

1987 O.N.A. EDUCATIONAL FORUM

One of the highlights of each annual Ontario Numismatic Association convention is the Educational Forum. This year is no exception as three well-known speakers are scheduled to address conventioners at the 1987 O.N.A. Convention in Toronto. The Forum will take place at the Westbury Hotel on Saturday, April 25 commencing at 1:00 P.M.

Numismatic education is a very important aspect of the O.N.A. and has been since the organization's inception in 1962. The Convention committee, which is the host North York Coin Club, is pleased to announce the following three speakers at the forthcoming 1987 convention.

ROBERT G. WILLEY, Espanola, Ont.: will speak on "Twenty Five Years in Ontario Numismatics". Bob has been a numismatist since 1942 and is primarily interested in the study of Canadian coinage and tokens. He has a long list of credits in numismatics and was the first recipient of the annual O.N.A. Award of Merit in 1962. He received the C.N.A. J. Douglas Ferguson Gold Medal award in 1975 as well as the Royal Canadian Mint Numismatic Education Award in 1977. Bob is a well-known numismatic writer, currently the author of the Canadian Numismatic Journal and co-author of the book "Coins of Canada. An avid supporter of the O.N.A., Bob will discuss highlights of the numismatic hobby in Ontario since the inception of the O.N.A. in 1962. From the "investor" days of the mid 1960's to the current year will be covered in this fascinating account of our fine hobby.

E. VICTOR SNELL, St. Catharines, Ont.: "DOMINION OF CANADA 25 CENT NOTES" Victor has been involved in numismatics for many years and has gained the respect of collectors throughout Canada. He was awarded the O.N.A. Award of Merit in 1969 and is a past recipient of the C.N.A. J. Douglas Ferguson Gold Medal award in 1973.

Victor is a Past President of the C.N.A. and the St. Catharines Coin Club. His work on the local and national numismatic scene has been well recognized. He is currently a Governor of the J. Douglas Ferguson Historical Research Foundation and has served the Foundation since its inception.

Vic's presentation will focus on the "Dominion of Canada 25 Cent notes" or "shinplasters". First issued in 1870 these notes appear to have been the equivalent of an emergency issue. The Government was worried about the increasing amount of U.S. silver in circulation. There appeared to be a shortage of Canadian coins. They recalled all U.S. silver and issued a 25 cent note known to numismatists as a "shinplaster". Vic will recount the history of this interesting note and supplement his talk with slides and an actual exhibit of this currency.

DON R. ROBB, Waterloo, Ont.: "1967 Canada Centennial Medals".

Don began collecting Canadian and Newfoundland coins in 1962 but has expanded into collecting Breton tokens, 1967 Canada centennial medals and Canadian wooden money. He is a Past President of the Waterloo Coin Society and the Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors. Don is currently the Ontario Director of the C.N.A. and Membership Chairman of C.A.W.M.C. Robb is a member of many numismatic clubs and is a consistent supporter of the O.N.A. and C.N.A. The 100th birthday of the confederation of Canada saw hundreds of different medals and tokens issued to commemorate this anniversary. Much can be learned through these medals about the history of the towns and cities that issued them. Don will discuss the centennial medals of 1967 and show a number of them from his personal collection. He has uncovered a great deal of medals previously unlisted as well as research... twenty years after Canada's centennial

The moderator of the Educational Forum will be Paul Johnson, who is the Educational Chairman of the Convention committee. He is currently the Toronto area Director of the C.N.A.

The Ontario Numismatic Association and the host North York Coin Club invites you to attend this Educational Forum during the O.N.A. convention and listen to these fine speakers. Mark this event on your convention calendar!

CHAS. B. LAISTER TROPHY

The "Chas. B. Laister Trophy" donated to the Ontario Numismatic Association for Annual Competition of C.N.A. Member Club Displays.

This trophy will be up for competition at the 25th Annual O.N.A. Convention, hosted by the North York Coin Club, April 24th - 26th, 1987, at the



The trophy will be awarded for the best display from any O.N.A. Member Club in Ontario that is in good standing at Convention time. This display can be put in as a club project, or by a member of an Ontario Club, but only in the name of the Club he or she are a member of.

Only one display will be allowed from each member club. The space or area allowed will be that of one, two or three display cases. The category will be of any category that the club wish to enter.

But all displays in this competition will be competitive and none of these displays will be allowed to compete in any other O.N.A Display Categories.

The Club that has the best display will get the Laister Trophy till the next O.N.A. Convention. At that time the Trophy has to be returned to the G.N.A. Annual Convention Committee for the competition for that upcoming Convention.



A WINNER

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

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THURS: 8:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M. SETUP FOR DEALERS & EXHIBITORS

FRI: 7:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M. SETUP FOR DEALERS & EXHIBITORS

10:00 A.M. OFFICIAL OPENING

10:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

7:00 P.M. BOURSE & EXHIBITS CLOSE

8:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M. WINE & CHEESE PARTY - SPONSORED BY T.I.C.F.

SAT: 8:00 A.M. BOURSE OPEN TO DEALERS ONLY

9:00 A.M. O.N.A. EXECUTIVE MEETING

10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

10:30 A.M. O.N.A. GENERAL MEETING

1:00 P.M. EDUCATIONAL FORUM - DON R. ROBB, E. VICTOR
SNELL, ROBERT C. WILLEY

2:00 P.M. AUCTION - HELD BY CHARLES D. MOORE

3:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. POSSIBLE TOUR

6:00 P.M. BOURSE & EXHIBITS CLOSE

6:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M. PRE-BANQUET RECEPTION

7:30 P.M. BANQUET

SUN: 8:00 A.M. BOURSE OPEN TO DEALERS ONLY

8:30 A.M. CLUB DELEGATES BREAKFAST

10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

12:30 P.M. C.A.W.M.C. LUNCHEON

4:00 P.M. O.N.A. DREAM VACATION DRAW

5:00 P.M. SHOW CLOSES

CONVENTION COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN: HARVEY FARROW
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O.N.A. CONVENTION PRESENTS:
SOUTHERN ONTARIO CHAPTER OF C.A.W.M.C. LUNCHEON
(Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors)

Sunday April 26, 1987 at 12:30 P.M.
Westbury Hotel, Toronto \$15.00
Guests Welcome.



FOR
PEOPLE WHO
COLLECT
WOODEN MONEY



1987 O.N.A. Convention Registration Form
Westbury Hotel, Toronto, Ont. 24-26 April, 1987

NAME _____ D.N.A. No. _____
 Address _____ Telephone No. _____
 City _____ Prov. _____ Postal Code _____
 Town _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

P L E A S E P R I N T

QUANTITY	ITEM	COST PER ITEM OR PERSON	TOTAL
.....	Convention Registration (Kit includes: Unlimited admission to show, Wine & Cheese Party, Convention Medal, a Free dream vacation ticket, a possible tour, a Convention program good for a possible prize, and a Host of other goodies. . .)	\$15.00
.....	Family Members (No medal)	Each \$10.00
	Exhibitors must be fully registered.		
<u>Friday, April 24</u>			
.....	Wine & Cheese Party Sponsored by T.I.C.F.		Included in Registration
.....	See Announcements for other events. (Educational forum, etc...)		Included in Registration
<u>Saturday, April 25</u>			
.....	ONA Banquet (Must be Reserved by noon 24th April, 1987)	\$25.00
<u>Sunday, April 26</u>			
.....	ONA Club Delegates Breakfast DESIGNATED DELEGATES ONLY	\$05.00
.....	ONA Club Delegates Breakfast (others)	\$10.00
.....	C.A.W.M.C. Luncheon (Guests Welcome)	\$15.00
	TOTAL Please enclose cheque or money order.		\$. =====

PLEASE COMPLETE FORM AND RETURN TO: O.N.A. '87 CONVENTION
 P.O. BOX 294, STATION "A"
 WILLOWDALE, ONT.
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O.N.A. CONVENTION'S
COMPETITIVE DISPLAYS

CATEGORIES:

- | | |
|------------------------------|---|
| 1 - JUNIORS | ALL DISPLAYS ENTERED BY PERSONS UNDER 16 YEARS OF AGE IN THAT YEAR. A COMPETITION BY THEMSELVES APART FROM ALL OTHER CATEGORIES. (PAT LAMBERT MEMORIAL TROPHY). |
| 2 - CANADIAN DECIMAL | INCLUDES ALL PROVINCIAL AND CANADIAN COINS. |
| 3 - U.S.A. | INCLUDES ALL U.S.A. COINS. |
| 4 - WORLD COINS | FROM ANY ONE COUNTRY OR MORE OF THE WORLD. |
| 5 - MEDALS & TOKENS | INCLUDES ALL WAR DECORATIONS, AND ALL MEDALS AND MEDALLIONS. |
| 6 - TRADE DOLLARS | ALL MUNICIPALITYS ISSUING TRADE DOLLARS OF ALL KINDS. |
| 7 - PAPER MONEY | INCLUDES ALL PAPER MONEY, WORLD AND INCLUDING CANADA AND U.S.A. |
| 8 - MISCELLANEOUS | INCLUDES ALL OTHER NUMISMATIC ITEMS, SHOWING METAL ITEMS FROM MORE THAN ONE COUNTRY, METAL ITEMS, PAPER ITEMS, AND COINS. |
| 9 - BEST O.N.A. CLUB DISPLAY | ONLY CLUB MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING CAN PARTICIPATE. |
| 10 - WOODEN MONEY | INCLUDES ALL FORMS OF WOODEN TOKENS OF THE WORLD. |

AWARDS:

- | | |
|----------------------|------------------------------|
| BEST OF SHOW | - TROPHY & PURE SILVER MEDAL |
| 1ST IN EACH CATEGORY | - GOLD MEDAL |
| 2ND IN EACH CATEGORY | - SILVER MEDAL |
| 3RD IN EACH CATEGORY | - BRONZE MEDAL |

AWARDS AND RIBBONS WILL BE AWARDED ACCORDING WITH DISPLAY RULES.

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25th ANNUAL CONVENTION APRIL 24th - 26th, 1987.

LOEWS WESTBURY HOTEL - TORONTO, ONTARIO.

Hosted by the NORTH YORK COIN CLUB.

EXHIBIT APPLICATION FORM

NAME OF EXHIBITOR.....

ADDRESS.....

I wish to enter a competitive exhibit in the following category

My exhibit will occupy cases

Junior or Juvenile exhibitors please state age years

I hereby agree to abide by the exhibit rules, regulations, categories, and be fully registered. The rules and regulations are being published in the Special convention issue of the Ontario Numismatic Association's NUMISMATIST. If any part or all of my exhibit is damaged, lost or stolen at or on the way to and from the 25th Annual convention in Toronto, Ontario at the Loews Westbury Hotel, 475 Yonge St. on April 23 to 26, 1987, I will not hold the North York Coin Club, the Ontario Numismatic Ass., or any of their members responsible.

Signature

O.N.A. Number if Member

COMPLETE EXHIBIT APPLICATION FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE CONVENTION EXHIBIT CHAIRMAN NO LATER THAN APRIL 15th, 1987.

Send completed forms or inquiries to -

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EXHIBIT RULES

- 1 - SECURITY WILL BE PROVIDED DURING THE DAY BY PRIVATE PROTECTION.
- 2 - COMPETITION FOR EXHIBITORS IS OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS OF ANY NUMISMATIC CLUB.
- 3 - THE DISPLAY MATERIAL MUST BE THE PROPERTY OF THE PERSON DISPLAYING SAME.
- 4 - THE NAME OR IDENTITY OF ANY OF THE EXHIBITORS SHALL NOT APPEAR ON THE EXHIBIT AT ANY TIME.
- 5 - THE EXHIBITORS ARE ASKED NOT TO ATTEND THEIR EXHIBITS WHILE DISPLAYS ARE BEING JUDGED.
- 6 - ALL MATTERS RELATING TO THE DISPLAYS AT THIS SHOW SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE DISPLAY CHAIRMAN.
- 7 - THE EXHIBITOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SETTING UP AND REMOVING HIS DISPLAYS.
- 8 - THE EXHIBIT (DISPLAY) CHAIRMAN, IN CONFERENCE WITH THE EXHIBITOR, MAY TRANSFER AN EXHIBIT FROM ONE CATEGORY TO ANOTHER BEFORE THE JUDGING IF IT APPEARS THE EXHIBITOR HAS ENTERED HIS EXHIBIT IN THE IMPROPER CLASS. A SMALL AMOUNT OF RELATED MATERIAL IS ALLOWED TO PRESENT NUMISMATIC INFORMATION TO THE VIEWER WITHOUT CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION OF THE EXHIBIT TO A GENERAL ONE.
- 9 - THE JUDGES WILL SUBMIT FINAL POINTS SCORED FOR ALL COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS TO THE EXHIBIT CHAIRMAN AT THE CLOSE OF THE JUDGING. JUDGES AND THEIR DECISION IS FINAL. THERE WILL BE NO APPEAL FROM THE DECISION OF THE JUDGES.
- 10 - NO MOVING OR ANIMATED DISPLAYS ARE ALLOWED.
- 11 - NO MATERIAL OF ANY KIND IS ALLOWED OUTSIDE THE CASE, EXCEPT SIGNS NOT EXCEEDING THE LENGTH OF ONE OF THE CASES AND NOT HIGHER THAN 12" ABOVE EXHIBITS TABLE. ALL OTHER MATERIAL MUST BE PLACED IN A DISPLAY CASE.
- 12 - AN EXHIBITOR MAY ENTER ONLY ONE DISPLAY IN EACH CATEGORY.
- 13 - A SEPARATE APPLICATION FOR EACH EXHIBIT MUST BE SUBMITTED.
- 14 - ANY EXHIBIT WHICH HAS PREVIOUSLY WON TWO FIRST AWARDS OR ONE BEST-OF-SHOW AWARD IN O.N.A. SHOWS MAY NOT ENTER FURTHER COMPETITION IN THAT CLASS.
- 15 - EXHIBIT APPLICATION MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN TWO WEEKS BEFORE IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR AWARDS.
- 16 - DISPLAY CASES ARE 16 5/8" x 28 5/8" x 1 3/4", WILL BE FURNISHED BY THE HOST CLUB.
- 17 - JUDGING SHEETS WILL BE GIVEN BACK, A COPY TO EACH EXHIBITOR AFTER CONVENTION.
- 18 - IN ORDER TO BE JUDGED ENTRIES MUST BE PLACED ON DISPLAY ON OPENING DAY OF THE CONVENTION OR BY 12:30 p.m. ON SATURDAY. EXHIBITS SHOULD BE LEFT IN POSITION UNTIL CLOSING DAY 2:30 p.m. SUNDAY. HOWEVER, EXHIBITORS WHO HAVE LONG DISTANCES TO TRAVEL WILL BE PERMITTED TO REMOVE THE EXHIBIT IF AGREED WITH THE DISPLAY CHAIRMAN BEFOREHAND.

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RESERVATION REQUEST FORM

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Arrival Time

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ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

April, 1987

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No. of People _____ Single \$ 79.00 Double/Twin \$ 79.00
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- Reservation requests **must** be received by the hotel four (4) weeks prior to arrival date.
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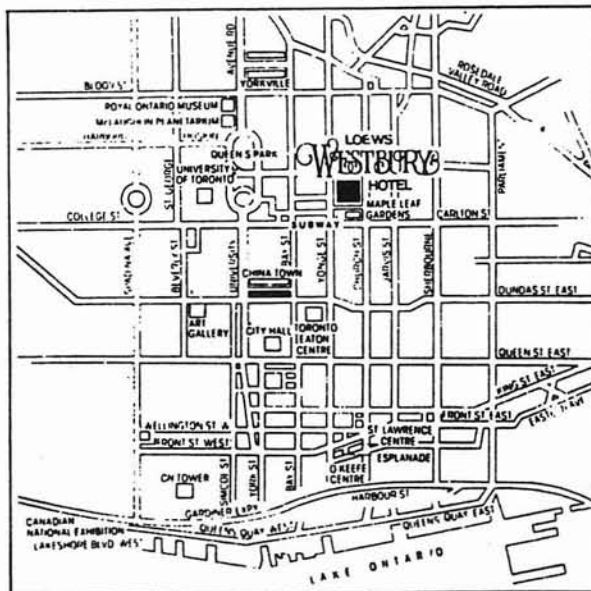
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NORTH YORK COIN CLUB

O.N.A. CONVENTION 87 - BOURSE APPLICATION FORM - O.N.A. CONVENTION 87

Please reserve _____ Bourse Table (s) for the 1987 O.N.A. Convention
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The applicant hereby agrees to release the "Ontario Numismatic Association and the North York Coin Club" show committee, its management and directors including its servants and agents. The hotel or hotel staff, either jointly or severally responsible which we, the undersigned, may suffer or incur, before, during or after the subject convention, of numismatic material and for personal injury and property damage of any kind.

I agree to all of the terms stated in the Bourse Application letter and agree to adhere to them.

Signature

Enclosed is my cheque for \$175.00 down payment for one table for \$350.00 or \$312.50 down payment for a double table for \$625.00. Balance owing is payable 30 days prior to the opening of the convention. NB=Two parties MAY NOT share a double table at the discount rate. Receipts issued prior Convention with "ID's" / ribbons.

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NAME	1st	
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TELEPHONE		

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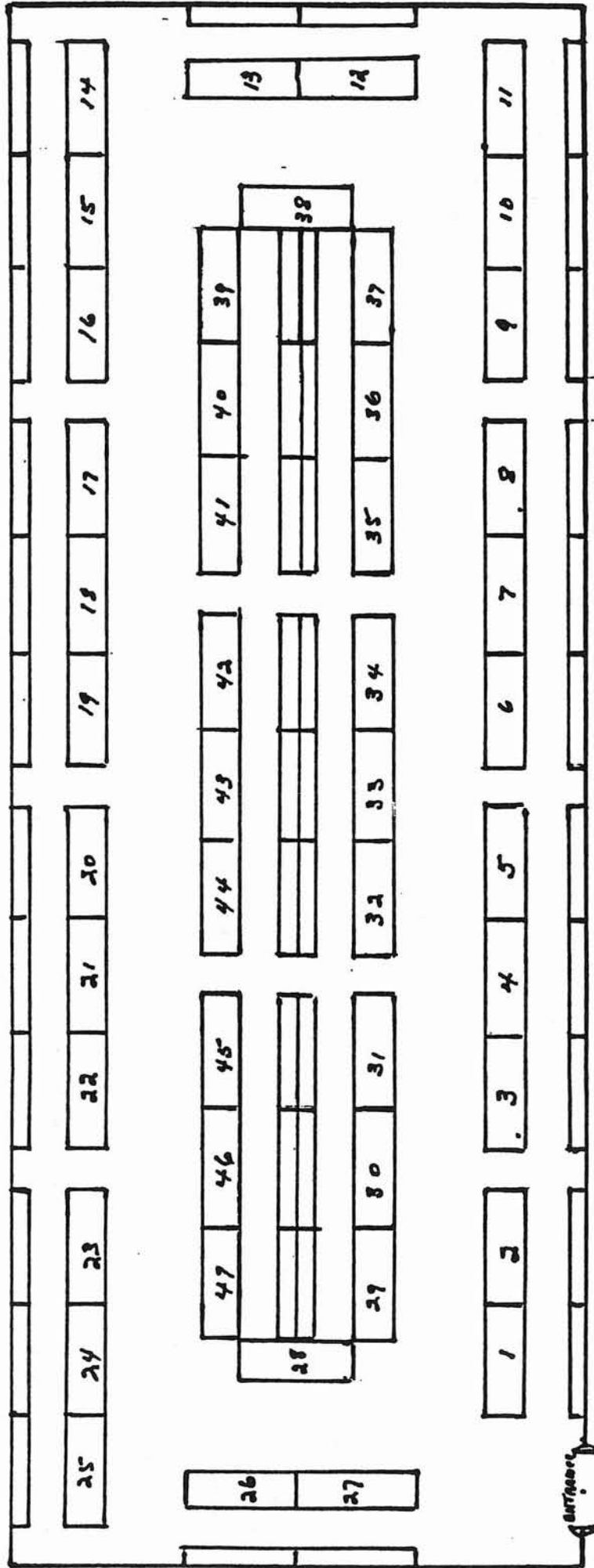
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EDITORIAL

2 issues ago I started to tell you that Numismatics is not DEAD! We discussed ways and means how to get members to attend. If you missed those points, check the Editorials in the Christmas and January-February issues.

We finished up with getting people to the doors. Do you have someone who welcomes these people or are they left to wander around the room feeling out of place? After the meeting is started does your President or Chairman introduce these visitors to all present? It's always nice when one of your members will introduce the visitor and then for the rest of the evening take that person around introducing them to several members. It's not likely they will remember many of those names but it proves you care about that person. Also find out what his interests are, and if you have an auction, explain. There could be some lots in the auction they might find of interest. Get their address so you can send them next month's publication. Invite them back and by all means ask them to consider a membership.

Does your Club have an educational program at each meeting? Both the National and Provincial Libraries have programs you can borrow at just the cost of postage. There seems to be no end of speakers on almost any subject available, and many will travel up to a 100 miles if given sufficient notice. I would be interested in hearing from Clubs with a list of speakers they have had, so those names could be published for other Clubs to consider. An auction is another plus for any Club meeting, but the auction can also work in the opposite direction if it is conducted too slow. A snappy auction produces excitement and those who are used to the slow procedure will soon catch on once they have missed a lot or two. I like to run a 40-lot auction in about a 30 minute space, and those present know in order to bid on the lot they must act fast.

Another good point is to get the meeting started on time. Don't wait for Joe each month. After Joe arrives late for a month or two he'll be on time. I always favor a social time where refreshments are served by a hostess committee. This break is a real ice breaker, talk always seems to come easier over a cup of coffee. Special events meetings are another great idea. Many Clubs are celebrating their anniversaries - 25-26-30- or what-have-you. Ladies night, Junior night, Participation night, or Reunions with letters going out to past members, and if these don't suit, manufacture a special night of your own. Keep interest high with great ideas and good programs that will make members want to return each month. Coin Show is another opportunity to get members involved and to sign up new ones too. At your Coin Show always have an information table where questions can be answered, and to tell them about your Club and its meetings. Educational forums, when possible, can produce many pleasant surprises.

Hope some of these ideas are helpful, and your comments are always welcome.

Have received several letters with photos and pictures. We are still experiencing difficulty in reproducing some of these photos because the detail comes out too dark to be recognized.

Deadline for submitting material for the May-June issue will be May 15, 1987.

Let's make the O.N.A. 25th Anniversary Convention one of the best to date. See you all there!

C.N.A. NEWS:

Al Bliman, Toronto, currently first vice-president, has announced he will let his name stand for president to succeed Stan Clute of Calgary; L. H. Scoop Lewry of Moose Jaw, currently second vice-president, will seek the office of first vice-president and Earl Salterio, Calgary, has announced he will run for second vice-president.

A NOTICE OF APPRECIATION

Because I cannot possibly acknowledge, personally, the hundreds of Club Bulletins, news items so kindly sent to me on the occasion of my position as Editor of the Ontario Numismatic Association's publication "Ontario Numismatist", through this medium I wish to thank all of you for your association and friendship extended to me over the years, together with my sincere appreciation for your thoughtfulness. You are fine friends and deeply appreciate your kindness, also I would like to give a special thanks to the Canadian Numismatic Association for presenting me with the "Best Canadian Regional Bulletin Editors Award for 1985". I wish to thank you all again for your assistance.

Bruce R. Watt

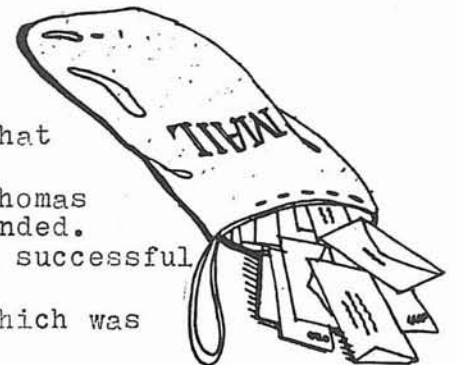
Bruce R. Watt
Past O.N.A. Editor

CLUB NEWS

Several Clubs have elected a new Executive for the upcoming year and new programs and ideas will be tried. I urge you to support and attend the Clubs in your area. Some of the Clubs that have special programs planned are: Brantford, on how to protect your home from thieves and also plans for their June Show. Ingersoll, featuring an O.N.A. night in March, a C.N.A. night in May, and Ladies night in June. North York, busy planning the 25th Anniversary Convention of the O.N.A. City of Ottawa, plans to tour the newly opened Royal Canadian Mint. Guelph '86, featuring an Irish night on March 17 with talk and displays of Irish coins. Richmond Hill, had Paul Johnson speaking on Foreign Paper Money. Sarnia, plans for a Mall display during Coin Week Canada, and preparations for an October 4 Show. St. Thomas, will feature unannounced speaker and their auction. Stratford, your Editor was their speaker in March. June features their Banquet meeting with guest speaker from the Mint. Tillsonburg, are planning for their 25th Anniversary Show and Banquet, and each monthly meeting a Club member is responsible for the program. Huron, held a very successful Show. President Prophet predicts another successful year for the Barrie group. Oshawa, held their Annual Show in Oshawa Centre Mall. No report on this Show, but if past years are any indication, it was another success. Champlain, plans for a Show in May going well, date to be announced either May 16 or 23. Woodstock, plans a membership drive for 1987, and also joined with Ingersoll & Tillsonburg in a bid to host the 1989 Oxford County O.N.A. Convention, Mississauga. Heard Bruce Brace talk about Roman Coins. Next meeting announced topic C.N.A. slides on Colonial Coinage of Canada.

Memos from the Mailbag

- * H.S. says thank you for his letter appearing. From that letter H.S. added several pieces to his collection.
- * A.B. writes about the Christmas party the Donald B. Thomas Memorial Foundation gave to the 14 youngsters who attended.
- * S.T. writes his Congratulations and Best Wishes for a successful Convention and Year.
- * M.P. writes about information on the O.N.A. Medals, which was forwarded on to him.



Convention Calendar

- April 11 - Hamilton Coin Club Show - 67 Banquet Centre, 300 Fennell Ave. E. (on mountain), Hamilton, Info: Terry MacHugh, P.O. Box 9271, Stoney Creek, Ont., L8G 3X9
- April 12 - Kent County Coin Club - Wheels Motor Inn, Richmond & Keil Sts, Chatham - 10:00a.m.-5:00 p.m. Admission free. Info: Lou Wagenaer, 27 Peter St., Chatham, N7M 5B2, Phone (519)352-5477
- April 24-26 - O.N.A. 25th Anniversary Convention - See full page advertisement.
- May 2 - Thistleton Coin & Stamp Show - Etobicoke Public Library, 1515 Albion Rd., Rexdale. Info: Norman Belsten, 37 Neames Cres., Downsview, Ontario, M3L 1K8
- May 9 - Victoria Simcoe 27th Annual Coin Show - Rebekah Hall, 24 Laidlaw St. S., Cannington, Ontario, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Admission free. Info: Elmer Workman, R.R. 2, Cannington, LOE 1E0, Phone (705)432-2124.
- June 20-21 - Torex - Bond Place Hotel, 65 Dundas St. E, Toronto, Ontario Info: Ingrid K. Smith (416)920-6461
- July 3-5 - T.I.C.F. - Lakeshore Inn, 2000 Lakeshore Blvd. W. Toronto, Ontario, P.O. Box 973, Stn B, Willowdale, Ontario, M2K 2T6.
- July 14-19 - C.N.A. Annual Convention - Westin Hotel, Calgary. Info: Garry Braunwarth, % Calgary Numismatic Society P.O. Box 633, Calgary, Alberta, T2P 2J3
- September 12 - Huronia Numismatic Assoc. Coin Stamp & Antique Show - Bayfield Mall, Bayfield St.N., Barrie. Info: P.O. Box 243, Barrie, Ontario, L4M 4T2.
- October 4 - Sarnia Coin Club Show - Guildwood Best Western Hotel, foot of Bluewater Bridge. Info: Carl Williamson, 931 Greendale St., Sarnia, N7V 3P4, Phone (519)337 9191.
- October 18 - Tillsonburg Coin Club - 25th Anniversary Show & Banquet, Info: Joe McArthur, 15 Concession St.W., Tillsonburg, Ontario, Phone (519)842 9395.
- October 25 - Stratford Coin Club 25th Annual Show - Kiwanis Community Centre, Lakeside Drive, Stratford, Ontario Info: P.O. Box 262, Stratford, Ont. N5A 6T1
- October 24-25 - Torex - Info: see above
- November 20-22- T.I.C.F. - Info: see above

COIN HUMOR

They say dollar bills have germs on them, but it's not true. Even a germ couldn't live on a dollar these days.

If YOU find a dollar on the street, pick it up. There might be something valuable underneath it.

Remember when anyone who left a dollar tip had to be on an expense account?

Inflation aside, a penny for most people's thoughts is still overpriced.

EXTRA

ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

LIABILITY INSURANCE

This is to let our members know of the exciting news about our Liability Insurance.

The coverage provides \$2,000,000. dollars protection for all O.N.A. members, O.N.A. 1987 Clubs, and O.N.A. 1987 Club Members.

What does it protect against? The policy protects those covered from Liability Suits brought against them for actions resulting in damages to a person or persons up to the above noted limit. This coverage protects you at shows, exhibitions, Club meetings, and other related Numismatic events.

While the insurance protects all Ontario Numismatic Association Members at no charge, it is significantly more important to Ontario Numismatic Association 1987 Member Clubs. Clubs participating in the insurance receive the \$2,000,000. protection for the Club, Club Executive, and individual Club Members. This Club coverage costs \$35.00 in 1987, and will be adjusted each year to reflect the costs and number of Clubs participating.

The insurance also covers Clubs' "Tenants Legal Liability" which is the area of concern to many Clubs as in the case of Mall exhibits, this coverage is requested by the Mall. To obtain insurance on individual Clubs would cost each \$200.00 or more. This insurance coverage is probably the most exciting and beneficial thing that has happened to Numismatics in Ontario, and possibly all Canada.

We do not know of any other organization that provides the insurance benefits for such a reasonable fee. One of the most significant points is that the insurance is provided through one of the largest and most respected Insurance Companies in Canada - The Royal Insurance Company of Canada.

One question which has been asked of late is the possibility of getting included into the programme. The answer is a definite YES. By payment of the \$35.00 fee they will be covered, upon receipt of the fee, for a period ending January 24, 1988. There is no pro rating of the fee in the initial year, and the annual fee thereafter will be from January 24th to the following January 24th. Clubs will receive a copy of the policy and a receipt which acknowledges Club participation.

Certainly there are many questions that Clubs may have, and those can be answered by writing the Ontario Numismatic Association or contacting Kenneth Wilmot, A.C. 519-393-6694. Leave a message and it will be answered as soon as possible.

IN MEMORIAM

It is with regret that we announce the recent passing of long time member Ernest Albert Blimm of Pembroke. To his wife, Hildegard and family, we express our sincere sympathy.

Also, to announce the sudden passing recently of Mrs. Charles Laister. To Charles and the family we extend our sincere sympathy on their great loss.

ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION1987 COIN SHOW - CONVENTION DRAW "DREAM VACATION"

Westbury Hotel - Toronto, Ontario - April 24-25-26

Host Club - North York Coin Club

The 1987 Convention "DREAM VACATION" Draw is fast becoming a reality! On Sunday, April 26th, the winner will be declared at the Convention. Have you returned your book of tickets sent to you in December? If not, take a few minutes and return the stubs or tickets so we can ensure they get into the draw. This year's "DREAM VACATION" has a value of \$1250.00 on a vacation of your choice through Robert Q's Travel Mart in Stratford, or \$1000.00 cash. A major second prize of a 1 oz. Gold Maple Leaf or \$500.00 will be awarded along with 5 consolation prizes.

The draw provides the O.N.A. with funds to allow various programs to exist, - Library, Audion Visual, Educational Seminars, and a Youth Program.

Not only do these tickets provide the means for the Ontario Numismatic Association to carry their programs but, as an example, last year over \$800. was paid out in Club Rebates. This support of Member Clubs is truly significant, and has been a major factor in our draw scheme for several years. The rebates to Clubs has amounted to over \$5000.00 spread out over the province.

We now ask all our members to return their tickets so we can once again have a successful draw. Ticket stubs should be returned to Kenneth Wilmot, Box 76, Sebringville, Ontario, NOK 1X0.

Thanks to all for your support.

Ontario Numismatic Association
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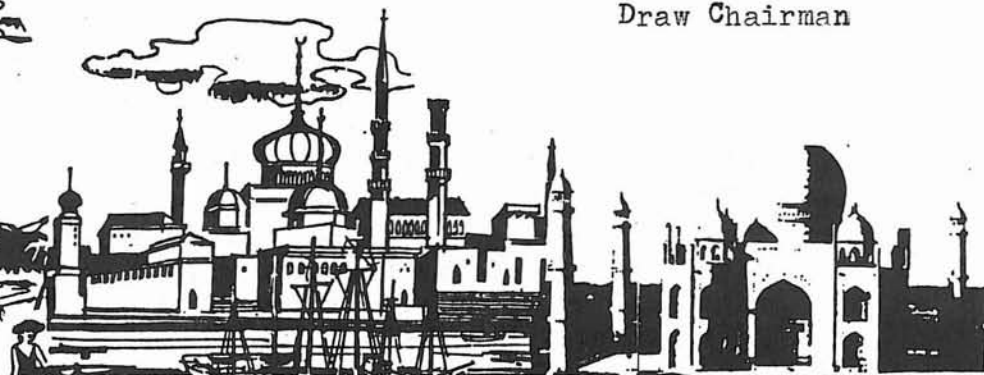
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MANY AND VARIED SIGHTS AWAIT THE VISITOR
TO TORONTO'S 1987 ONA 25th ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION

by Jerry Remick, O.N.A. #1239



A large number of interesting and varied sights to suit all tastes and interests, await visitors to Toronto's 1987 ONA Convention to be held at the Westbury Hotel, April 24-26. Amusement parks, historic sights including a restored fort and a pioneer village, nearly a dozen museums, old restored and furnished homes, parks and gardens, city buildings including the CN tower, a zoo, two racetracks, and a baseball stadium, are among some of the many sights to be seen. A tour bus is ready to take you for a day's visit to nearby Niagara Falls.

In addition there is a good selection of restaurants of just about all nationalities, excellent and varied shopping, various ethnic districts including a large Chinese district, and a rapid transport system of metro and bus to take you to a great many of these places. The Hotel Westbury is very well situated in central downtown Toronto right on the metro and bus lines.

Toronto's sights are well described and situated in a 28 page booklet entitled "METROPOLITAN TORONTO", available free on request from Metropolitan Toronto Convention & Visitors Association, Suite 110, Box 510, Toronto Eaton Centre, 220 Yonge Street, Toronto, M5B 2H1.

A 56 page illustrated booklet entitled "NIAGARA FALLS CANADA" is available free on request from Niagara Falls Visitors and Convention Bureau, 4610 Ontario Avenue, Niagara Falls, Ontario, L2E 3P9. A French edition of this booklet is available.

Eaton Centre, Toronto's large indoor shopping center, is situated on Yonge Street about midway between the Westbury Hotel and the Waterfront. Even if you do not wish to shop, take 5 minutes to walk through this attractive glass walled Eaton Center together with Yorkville and Cumberland Streets with their chic boutiques; Yonge Street between Bloor Street and Queen Street; and possibly the Chinese district on Dundas Street West will fill the shopping needs of most people for both Canadian-made goods and imports.

You can grab a bite to eat or stop for a leisurely meal at one of the many restaurants or fast food places on Yonge Street. A number of fun and inexpensive night spots with live entertainment are along or near Yonge Street, only a short walk from the Westbury Hotel.

A good place to start a tour of Toronto is the CN Tower, the world's tallest self-supporting structure. Its observation platform, 1,465 feet above the ground level, provides a clear view of Toronto and the surrounding area, and will aid you to situate the locations of some of the places you want to visit. The population of Metro Toronto is over two million and it covers 224 square miles.

If you wish, visit the Tour of the Universe just next to the CN Tower and 1,150 feet below ground level for a simulated space shuttle ride to Jupiter; view the fully functional space port; and see other space exhibits of the year 2019.

After that continue your visit of Toronto's Waterfront attractions and stroll along the 92 acre Harborfront. Take a boat tour of the harbor and shop and have a good meal at Queens Quay Terminal where over 75 shops and restaurants are there to serve you.

A visit to Ontario Place is a fun way to round off your visit to Toronto's Waterfront. This entertainment complex, situated on three man-made islands, provides a variety of things to do and see, including a film on a six story screen, shows, water sports, rides of various types, pedal and bumper boats to rent and the new Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame.

Centerville, a turn of the century Ontario Village and family-themed amusement park, situated on Center Island, can be reached by ferry boat at the end of Bay Street. A lovely park with flowers is part of the 14 acre island.

Canada's Wonderland, a recently completed theme park, is about 10 minutes drive north of Toronto. Some 32 rides, live shows, spectaculars, and other entertainment are offered.

Black Creek Pioneer Village and Fort York are perhaps Toronto's biggest Historical sights. Fort York, a restored military fort where action took place during the War of 1812, is complete with soldiers in military dress of that era.

Black Creek Pioneer Village is a living village of some 30 restored and furnished homes from an era of about 150 years ago. It is staffed by people in period costumes performing crafts and jobs just as they were carried out some 150 years ago. Tinsmith, blacksmith, cabinet maker, locksmith, weaver, spinner, baker, leather crafter, flour mill grinder, broom maker, shoemaker and candle maker, are some of the crafts being carried out.

Toronto's first post office (260 Adelaide Street West), built in 1833, is complete with postmaster in costume of the period and quill pens for visitors to write their letters.

There are nearly 4,000 animals to see in Metro Toronto Zoo. Visitors can take an African safari or walk about to view the animals in their natural settings in the 700 acres of rolling countryside and in five glass pavilions.

The Toronto Blue Jays baseball team play their home games at Exhibition Stadium on the Canadian National Exhibition grounds.

Greenwood Race track features harness and thoroughbred racing. The Queens Plate and other thoroughbred races take place at Woodbine Race track.

See the attractive grounds, flowers, fountains and buildings at the Canadian National Exhibition grounds. This place is booming the last two weeks of August when the annual "EX" takes place. Here one can visit the Hockey Hall of Fame, The Marine Museum of Upper Canada, Fort York, the Scadding Cabin (oldest existing building in Toronto) and the Queen Elizabeth building and gardens.

The Ontario Science Centre houses more than 800 exhibits, half of them touchable, in 3 interconnecting buildings in a 20 acre sector of Beautiful Don Valley ravine where picnic tables have been set up.

During the ONA Convention, some flowers should be out in Edwards Gardens, Allan Gardens, and High Park. Queens Park, home of the University of Toronto, is a large and restful oasis of green in the center of Toronto with large shade trees and benches.

A visit through the halls of the Parliament Building of Ontario, situated in Queens Park is most interesting. There are a number of historical displays associated with Ontario's past as well as many paintings of Ontario's great statesmen. Stroll around the University of Toronto which is just next door, and note the varied architecture of the buildings. The New City Hall, the Old City Hall, and the O'Keefe Center (a theatre) are other buildings of interest. Actually you can visit all these places on foot in a leisurely morning, the distance being about two miles from the O'Keefe Center on one end to Queens Park and the University of Toronto.

A visit to the palatial 98 room castle-like home known as Casa Loma is memorable. There are a number of interesting exhibits as well as some furnishings in this medieval style castle built between 1911 and 1914 by Sir Henry Pellatt.

The furnished home of William Lyon Mackenzie, Toronto's first Mayor and leader of the rebellion of Upper Canada in 1837, is situated on 80 Bond Street just two blocks east of Eaton Center. It is worth a visit to see the historical items connected with Mr. Mackenzie's life. Other furnished homes of yesteryear that are open to the public include: Colborne Lodge, Spadina (near Casa Loma), Campbell House, Gibson House, Montgomery's Inn and the Grange (behind the Art Gallery of Ontario).

Toronto's museums cover a variety of subjects. The Royal Ontario Museum with the adjacent McLaughlin Planetarium is by far most popular. With galleries covering over 3 acres, it is Canada's foremost museum of art, archeology and natural science. It is famous for its collection of Egyptian mummies, Chinese tombs, ancient musical instruments, dinosaurs and displays of rocks and minerals. The museum's Chinese collection is the best and most extensive in North America. Suits of armour and material from all eras of past civilization are well represented.

The Art Gallery of Ontario, recently rebuilt, offers works of art of all eras in its 20 galleries with quite a bit from the Group of Seven and modern art, as well as a number of sculptures and other works by Henry Moore. The Grange, now a 19th century fully restored house, is just adjacent.

The Sigmund Samuel Canadiana Building in the Queen's Park area, houses period rooms for French and for English Canadian families from the 1750-1900 period as well as glass, silver and an exhibition of paintings.

Canadian landscape painting, Indian and Inuit art and sculpture are featured at the McMichael Canadian Collection in Kleinberg, just outside of Toronto.

The George R. Gardiner Museum of Ceramic Art, housing a magnificent collection of pottery and porcelain, is the only museum of its kind in North America.

Other museums include the Redpath Sugar Museum and the Museum of Medicine.

There is a 1920's trolley to go touring in.

Most of the above places can be reached by metro and bus. Ask for directions at the ONA Convention.

Now is the time to plan your visit to Toronto so you will have enough time to enjoy the sights you want to see and to attend the events connected with the ONA Convention.

COIN WEEK CANADA

Has your Club planned special activities for Coin Week Canada, April 19-25, 1987?

These activities can be in the form of several different ways. Preparing displays to be shown in Malls, Schools, Libraries, Banks, are a few places to draw the hobby to the attention of the general public. I'm sure if the proper people are approached you would be more than welcome to speak at a school assembly. Interviews from your local newspaper, radio, and T.V. stations are excellent places to get our hobby across to the public. One point to remember if you should be interviewed, - make sure you have material for that interview well rehearsed.

Those Clubs who are conducting a coin show during the month of April can promote this yearly event with information tables and educational forums that are all open to the public. These are just a few points to help promote Coin Week Canada and the Hobby of Numismatics.

T. Masters

AN ISSUE OF YOUR OWN PERSONALIZED MEDALS IS NOT EXPENSIVE

by Jerry Remick



**COIN WEEK CANADA
1987**

An issue of 38 mm personalized medals is not expensive for an individual or for a coin club. In Canada, 36 individuals and 14 coin clubs and coin associations have their own personal dies and have issues of medals.

A die with your name, municipality, province, a membership number or two and if you wish, a phrase would cost about \$170. You can have a more elaborate die with your family coat of arms or a design of your choice. A coin club can have their crest or logo on a die.

100 to 249 medals costs \$2.24 each and 250 or more \$1.91 each, 50 to 99 medals cost \$2.75 each. Medals are available on 38 mm blanks in antiqued finishes of copper, gold plated copper, silver plated copper, and commercial bronze. All metals are the same price and you can have an assortment of metals for the same price as a single metal.

A bank of over 55 obverse or picture dies are available, including dies with the O.N.A. member's logo, the C.N.A. member's logo, the 1985, 1986, and 1987 O.N.A. Convention logos, the C.A.T.C. crest and the C.A.W.M.C. crest. A die is available annually (a different die for each year) for Christmas, Hanukkah, Canada Day, O.N.A. Convention, C.N.A. Convention, Coin Week Canada, and U.S. Independence Day. All of the above club and association dies may be used by members of the particular club or association with the club or association's permission and free of charge. The Christmas die may be used free of charge. There is a \$25. charge for use of the 1987 O.N.A. die in order to help pay for the cost of the die. Inquiries for the use of the 1987 O.N.A. die should be sent to North York Coin Club, Box 294, North York, Ont. M2N 5S9.

Personalized medals are fun to give to friends at coin shows and conventions. They can be sold to others for a nominal charge.

O.N.A. members who have issued personalized medals include: Ted Boxall, Wally Ciona, Serge Huard, Tom Kennedy, Tom Kostaluk, Yvon Marquis, Jerry Remick and John Whittle. Some of these members have issued medals with the O.N.A. crest or with the logos of the 1985, 1986 or 1987 O.N.A. Convention crests. When you meet any of these individuals, ask to see one of their personal medals.

The Association of Personalized Medal Issuers, founded in December 1984 issues a 29 page quarterly journal featuring new dies available, new issues of personal medals by APRMI members and coin clubs, members' biographies, etc. Inquiries may be sent to Jerry Remick, Box 9183, Ste Foy, P.Q., G1V 4B1. The APMI logo die and the personalized reverse die of Jerry Remick are shown at the bottom of the page. A 33 page check list of personalized medals made by Pressed Metal Products since November 1983 was issued in 1986.

Pressed Metal Products, 505 Alexander Street, Vancouver, B.C., V6A 1C8 (telephone 604 251-2454) cuts the dies and strikes the medals. Allow about 5 weeks for cutting a personal die and making an issue of medals.

Why not have an issue of personalized medals ready for the 1987 C.N.A. Convention, for the 1987 O.N.A. Convention, or for Coin Week Canada 1987. Write me if you have questions or need more information.



PERSONALIZED MEDALS (Cont'd)

**1987 O.N.A.
CONVENTION**

FOR SALE:

My personalized medals for the 1985, 1986, and 1987 O.N.A. Conventions and my O.N.A. members' logo medal in antiqued finishes of copper, gold plated copper and silver plated copper at \$2.50 post-paid each or 3 for \$7.00 from Jerry Remick, Box 9183, Ste. Foy, Quebec, G1V 4B1.



CHRISTMAS 1986

ASSOCIATION NEWS MEMBERSHIP

The following applications have been received. If no written objections to these applications are received, acceptance will appear in the next issue of the Ontario Numismatist.

- 1269 - Mrs. Mark Anthony, 52 Hesson St. Stratford, Ontario, N5A 6E9
 J1270 - Andrew Tomlinson, 40 Windemere Rd., Winona, Ontario, LOR 2L0
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 1272 - Richard J. Armstrong, 15 Wesley Cr., P.O.Box 832, Erin, Ontario,
 NOB 1T0
 C100 - Polish American Numismatic Society - P.O.Box 47, East Detroit, Mich.,
 USA, 48021

The following member has transferred to a Life Member:
 L.M. 84 - Dan Bailey, Parkhill, Ontario

IN MEMORIAM

It is with regret that I announce the passing of L.M. 79, Don Killen of Bracebridge, Ontario. To his family we extend our sincere sympathy.

DID YOU FORGET?

To renew your membership for 1987? It's not too late. Mail cheque or money order to O.N.A., P.O. Box 33, Waterloo, Ontario, N2J 3Z6.

O.N.A. Lapel Pins are still available at \$4.00 plus \$1.00 handling and postage. Send orders to above address - marked Lapel Pins.

Would your Club consider the invitation to host the 1988 O.N.A. 26th Anniversary Convention? Mark your letter 1988 Convention and mail to the above address.

Don't forget to plan to attend the 25th Anniversary Convention -

April 24-25-26 - Westbury Hotel, Toronto



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Uncirculated Set <i>Ensemble hors-circulation</i>	70618	\$ 6.95	
Proof Silver Dollar <i>Dollar en argent épreuve numismatique</i>	70619	\$ 19.00	
Brilliant Uncirculated Silver Dollar <i>Dollar en argent brillant hors-circulation</i>	70620	\$ 14.00	
		Subtotal Total partiel	\$
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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Dear Fellow Members:

First I would like to express my regrets to Past President Roy Hollingshead who was not able to attend the 1987 O.N.A. Convention at the Westbury Hotel. Roy's health did not permit his presence and I know he truly wanted to be there. I have been talking to Roy since and he has improved considerably and I am sure all our wishes go out to him for continued improvement until once again he has completely recovered.

The Convention provided clear indications of problems facing the O.N.A. A disappointing turn-out for the General Meeting, Banquet, Delegates Meeting, and Bourse area. In spite of the attendance an abundance of information and suggestions were received by "yours truly" and will be acted upon. One of the most repeated comments was the lack of communication, not only with Members but also Member Clubs. This will be tackled first and other areas will be examined and acted upon.

Of major concern is our Membership numbers. When you consider we are a Provincial Organization and have less than 250 individual members, something must be wrong. I am not going to say to each member to go out and sign up another member and we will double our Membership, but what I would like is the reason why we do not have a stronger body? Please drop me a note and offer any suggestions or advice to strengthen our Association. Address: Ken Wilmot, Box 76, Sebringville, Ontario, NOK 1X0.

I know that many collectors would join the O.N.A. if asked and it must be our vocal paralysis that creates this lack of "COMMUNICATION". There is that word again.

Before closing I would like to let all Members know that it is my intention to insure a better line of communication between the O.N.A. and all Members. It is up to you to see that it does not stop there. We need the reverse direction also. My mailing address is noted earlier and my phone is 519-393-6694. Please make note and do not hesitate to contact me or your area director.

Thanks for reading this far, and the Delegates questions will be answered later.

Yours Numismatically,

Ken Wilmot

EDITORIAL

With the June meetings most Clubs will recess for the summer. This will help those in charge of various committees to re-assess those first 6 months and plan for the fall season. In some cases changes will (should) have to be made. Reports heard from Delegates at the O.N.A. meeting were not all favorable and to those Clubs I hope that those in charge will arrive in September with lots of enthusiasm and new ideas and programs, and that some of that enthusiasm will rub off on its members.

Programs should be varied so that every aspect of our hobby is covered. I've heard some hobbyists tell me they don't know what to have for a certain program. It amazes me that we can cover all the numismatic subjects of the world in so short a time. How many of our members leave it up to those in charge, and then complain about what is being offered? If more members took one responsible job each meeting, Clubs would not have to worry about declines in membership, attendance, etc. I know there are those who are opposed to changes and are difficult to deal with when those changes are implemented. Sometimes they even leave the organization, but oft time they return when those changes revitalize the organization. Those who don't return are the losers.

The O.N.A. has also been guilty of projecting changes and it took some prodding by several Clubs to produce action on the Liability Insurance Program. The introduction of the 2 million dollar coverage for 1987 was a giant step forward, and I for one was amazed that 100% of the Clubs didn't take advantage of this coverage. In 1988, when this insurance is renewed perhaps those Clubs who declined our invitation to participate in this program will think again and join to protect their Club and members. Other areas that need to be re-assessed are our audio visual programs and library. Steps are being introduced to activate the "Speakers Circuit" and anyone who would like to participate in this program should contact any member of the O.N.A.

When all the information turned in at the Delegates meeting is reviewed, I'm sure there are other matters pertaining to the hobby that the O.N.A. Executive will be taking action upon.

With the C.N.A. and O.N.A. leading the way and working closer together, we can all benefit from their actions and leadership.

My opening statement was that most Clubs recess for the summer months, but the North York Coin Club and the London Numismatic Society do hold regular meetings during July and August. If in the area of these two Clubs during those months try and attend one of their meetings. Your interest is also needed to continue a healthy numismatic hobby.

COVER: CANADIAN PARLIAMENT

The Canadian Parliament is pictured on the reverse of the 1939 Canadian silver dollar. This dollar commemorates the Royal Visit of their Majesty's King George VI and Queen Elizabeth.

The Parliament Building is situated on Parliament Hill overlooking the Ottawa River and the City of Hull, Quebec.

Queen Victoria, in 1857, selected Ottawa as Canada's permanent Capital. Work on the Parliament Buildings was completed in 1866, and the following year the first Parliament of the Dominion of Canada was held there. The center block of the Parliament building was destroyed by fire in 1916, and was later completely rebuilt. The Peace Tower of the Gothic-style center block is nearly 300 feet high, and houses a war memorial chamber and a 53 bell carillon. The 1939 date is the second in the Canadian series of commemorative dollars. The first being the 1935 which was minted to commemorate 25 years of rule by King George V.

NUMISMATICS IN ONTARIO

by Bob Willey

This one thousand, nine hundred and eighty-seventh year of Grace is also the silver jubilee year of the Ontario Numismatic Association. Our Association originated in a meeting of delegates invited to the convention of the Waterloo Coin Society in March 1961. A committee was organized to study the feasibility of starting a provincial association. At the convention of the London Numismatic Society in October 1961 the committee recommended that such an association be formed, whereupon it received a mandate to hold a founding convention in March 1962 in conjunction with the convention of the Waterloo Coin Society.

Those were heady days back in 1962. Numismatics was expanding, and clubs were forming almost everywhere in Ontario, numerous enough to create problems when arranging shows. Especially in the thickly populated parts of the south of Ontario, it was hard to pick a date for a coin show that did not conflict with a show held by another club somewhere else. It was thought that a provincial association might be able to act as a clearing house for information as to the dates of shows and thus reduce the frequency of conflict of dates.

But other things were happening too. Coin prices were rising, and auctions were well attended. One of the liveliest auctions I attended in those early days was that of the C.N.A. Convention in Ottawa in 1958. In consequence of the rising prices of coins, people were interested in accurate grading, as they are today. A series of articles on this subject appeared in the Canadian Numismatic Journal in 1959. The late G.R.L. Potter spoke and wrote on the subject as well, and also on the allied and very important subject of conservation and preservation of coins. The question, "To clean or not to clean?" was being asked, and Guy Potter endeavoured to answer this too.

In 1962 speculators began to appear on the scene. There was a lot of playing around with such things as 1922-1925 cents, 1925 and 1926 nickels, the tombac five-cent pieces, 1948 dimes, and so forth, in all conditions. Average circulated 1948 dimes, selling at \$2 early in 1962, were \$4 apiece by the end of the summer, and actually reached \$5 before the correction occurred. That's at least \$15 in terms of today's purchasing power. Then the bubble collapsed, and everything was back down almost to Square One.

At this time a lively traffic started in mint errors and minor variations. It was the time of the "Hanging 2" and "Harp" cents of 1962. Much noise was made about these and a host of other dots and spots, splashes and dashes, daubs and blobs, ejection doublings, and other consequences of hurried production to meet a greatly increased demand for coins. Some people proposed that a national symposium be held to discuss the "Harp" cent of 1962! There was a lot of speculation, but eventually it was realized that "c'était magnifique, mais ce n'était pas la numismatique," and the enthusiasm waned. Such pieces still attract interest today, but mostly as an adjunct to the study of minting techniques.

Since that Founding Convention at the Walper Hotel in Kitchener, the Association has held annual Conventions. For each one except 1981 and 1984, a medal has been struck. These medals form an important series, and at last collectors are taking an interest in them. Because the early ones were struck in small quantities, collectors, if sufficiently numerous, will discover that there are not enough to go around, with interesting consequences in the auction room. These medals are, for the most part, well struck and pleasingly designed.

At this early time people were beginning to realise that there was too little emphasis on scholarship and research. The Association undertook to do its part in stimulating this most important side of the hobby. From the beginning, the Society has presented an Award of Merit to the Ontario numismatist whose contribution to numismatics in any given year has been most significant. There have been many distinguished recipients of this award over the years, and their contributions to numismatics have been substantial.

An important stimulus to the hobby was provided by the Speakers' Circuit of early days. This was a list of numismatists willing to speak at club meetings, banquets, and conventions. The Association listed speakers by name and according to the subjects they were willing to speak on, and made the list available to clubs who wished to have a speaker. The circuit was of considerable benefit to clubs in the province for many years. If it has lapsed recently, it is not because of lack of interest on the part of speakers or clubs, I am sure. Since it costs more than four times as much to travel now as it did twenty-five years ago, the reason for any diminution or lapse of activity is most likely to be plainly and simply economic.

As the sixties progressed, speculation leaped and bounded all over the country. People were buying proof-like sets by the hundred or more, and coins by tens of rolls and even by the bag. I once was asked why I didn't get smart and buy a bag of 1964 nickels. I was told I could double my money in six months. My reply was that I had not bought a \$300 bag of current nickels because I was smart. Six months after this the binge was over. The binge was aided by teletype services. Dealers rented teletypes to keep up with rapid changes in prices, and a stock market atmosphere prevailed. The high point, as it were, was seen at the C.N.A. Convention of 1964 in Halifax, where there was a room with a teletype clacking away all the latest quotations to so many boggle-eyed, open-mouthed, and spell-bound visitors that there was standing room only. Once again, "c'etait magnifique, mais ce n'etait pas la numismatique!" The dance went on and on till that fatal day that will go down in the records as one of utter catastrophe for all who bought, bought, and bought, refusing to sell on the grounds that if they waited another day, another week, another month, or even another year, they would get more.

January 2, 1965 was the day the Royal Canadian Mint was sold out in twelve hours. So many orders were received that the Mint Master had to announce that, as of noon that day, no more orders could be filled. The Post Office was asked to send ten pounds of mail from each bag to the mint and return the rest of the mail to the senders. A storm of protest arose, and the government finally located a building in which to set up additional minting machinery. In April it was announced that the mint would accept orders again and flood the market and fill every order however large and however far into 1966 they had to go to do it. It was all over, with a resounding bang. Prices fell rapidly. Proof-like dollars of 1964, at \$7.50 apiece in December 1964, could not be sold for face value in June 1965. Proof-like sets of 1965, which the speculators were going to price at \$18 apiece and go on up from that, sold - if at all - for \$2.25

apiece by midsummer of 1965, which was well below the \$4 issue price. It was all like having a television screen explode in one's face. The teletype services were the first casualties as dealers found themselves unable to make enough money to pay the rental fees. Some dealers went bankrupt, loaded with material that could not be sold in a falling market. Large stocks of current coins dated 1962 to 1965 were taken to the banks by liquidators in some of these cases for face value to help wind up the bankrupt firms. A few clubs, which had been organized by speculators, or had been taken over by speculators, either folded or were obliged to amalgamate with other, more soundly managed clubs. Damage to individual collectors was considerable. But every cloud has a silver lining. (Come 1970, we learned that that lining was indeed a silver one!) The crash was an overdue correction that shook out a lot of Johnnies-come-lately, who had come into numismatics because they could smell money in it. These people made no contribution to the hobby. Instead, they tried to take out of it as much as they could get. They knew nothing about accurate grading, and couldn't care less, except to accuse the writers of grading guides - there were three of these that came out about this time - of making it harder for a man to "make a buck" in the hobby. As for general knowledge, most of these people couldn't tell a Roman denarius from a Buffalo nickel or a split sixpence, and again couldn't care less. After they were forced out, things were better for the rest of us. The whole experience turned out to be a healthy reminder that the collector and the dealer need one another if either is to survive.

So, as we stepped gingerly over the shattered teletypes and the remains of derelict clubs and bankrupt businesses, we asked ourselves, "Now what?" Collectors soon found themselves able to buy at prices they could afford. Coin robberies, which grew at a distressing rate at the time, almost stopped after the crash. Those who entered via the window after dark instead of by more conventional and civilized means found that all they could get for their loot was face value, hardly worth the effort and the risk, and so these gentry went after other things. It was 1970 before the market showed signs of recovery. The Centennial year 1967 saw a brief flurry of action, but it was all over as soon as the bells rang in the year 1968. The long period of hard times, as it were, gave us all time to reflect, and to discover that numismatics is much more than what one sees in recent issues of coins. When the market made its first stir again in 1970, the interest was much broader than ever before. By 1970 there was interest not only in decimal coins, but in Colonial coins, paper money, medals, and trade tokens of all types. Not since the first World War had so much interest been shown in these other fields of Canadian numismatics. A few "Eccentrics" such as myself had been studying Colonials for years before this. Paper money collectors organized the Canadian Paper Money Society in 1964, and by 1970 a dedicated body of researchers had contributed much to the corpus of knowledge. Their work came just in time, I am sure. Considerable information concerning early paper money was in danger of being lost forever.

There was, and still is, plenty of material available and plenty of work to do. But it is all very much like the fishery. You don't find fish by sitting idly on the docks. If you want fish, you put to sea and get to work. And the numismatic "fish" are plentiful. Hundreds of varieties of decimal coins have been swimming around under our noses for decades. One example is the number of changes in the portrait of Queen Victoria on our decimal coins from 1870 to 1901. A few collectors knew of certain differences, and a few theories were spun about what happened in 1891, but not until Dr. Haxby published the results of his work in the Canadian Numismatic Journal was the true number even suspected. We have literally

thousands of virtually unpublished medals in this blest if somewhat battered Dominion we live in.

With the healthy rise in the market for all kinds of Canadian and foreign numismatic material after 1970 came inflation, though the one is by no means to be considered the cause of the other. The inflation was caused by the rapid rise in the price of oil. Interest rates soared till they caused the 1982 recession. Silver and gold rose in price, touching off a wave of speculation. Silver coins in Canada had been replaced by nickel in 1968, and everybody began to gather up the silver in anticipation of reaping a handsome profit. It was realised that all those proof-like sets, rolls, and other relics of the crash of 1965 contained silver, and suddenly it became possible to realise a little something on one's pre-1965 investment on the basis of the silver value. Little by little the glut of sets and rolls was bought up by coin dealers and also by bullion dealers. As the price of silver was drummed up by those who hoped to corner the world supply of silver, untold numbers of silver coins and tons of exquisite silver tea services, flatware, vases, and jewellery went into the melting pot, to say nothing of a number of beautiful silver medallions whose beauty of design and exquisite toning would make anyone cry that saw them being tossed into the melting pot.

The result of all this was to make mint figures meaningless. The catalogues still report the actual mintages year by year, but since 1980 the feeling is "So what?" because they are no longer a very accurate guide to rarity. True, the 1890H fifty-cent piece will still be very rare, but can the 1951, for example, still be called common? It isn't as common as it once was. The bullion binge has permanently removed a large number of silver coins from the market. But the consequences have not been as bleak as one might think. There is no such thing any more as a "drug on the market" for the silver coins of Canada. The 1965 proof-like sets are still available readily, but today they are saleable in a way they never were before 1970. Another consequence of the silver bullion craze is that the average condition of what has survived is far better because a lot of low-grade silver coins never really worth more than face value were melted down.

As the 1960s went on into the 1970s, a serious problem came to the surface, to wit: jiggery-pokery, the faking of coins. There have always been counterfeits around, made by certain gentry who feel they should be able to get the things of this world without earning them, but they never posed a serious threat to collectors, for counterfeiters always did things cheaply. They used pewter to fake silver, and brass to fake gold, usually. Their workmanship was far inferior, and often the weight was incorrect, so such pieces were soon exposed for what they were. But fakes made to supply bullion demands in Asia and Europe were much more carefully made, and when such items were discovered by tourists who bought heavily and introduced them into the numismatic markets here and in Europe, the trouble started. In 1973 there was, at the Convention of the C.N.A. in Saskatoon, an exhibit of two cases of coins, with no write-up except the words, "Every coin in these two cases is a fake". As I look back on this, I realise now why I did not scream! I was just too weak with the shock. My legs turned to jelly instantly and I tottered across to a chair and fell onto it, and for the next five minutes I was quite incapable of uttering a sound. The fakes were not of classic rarities, but of items readily available for anywhere from \$5 to \$100.

Counterfeiting seminars were quickly organised to teach collectors how to distinguish genuine from false, and they were well attended. As the market for Canadian coins improved, the jiggery-pokerists turned their attentions to Canadian coins. Long before 1980 every scarce silver dollar had been faked. The 1912-1914 gold coins were faked, and so was the \$20

gold piece of 1967. These fakes were much more sophisticated than the "synthetic" 1921 fifty-cent pieces and dotted 1936 cents and dimes that had appeared earlier. It became increasingly imperative that collectors learn how to distinguish genuine from false, and it still is.

In the meantime the bullion craze reached its climax in 1980, with silver at \$55 an ounce and gold at \$900-odd. Those who had quantities of those "limited edition" items once so popular soon found themselves able to sell out at a profit they would never have realised had silver and gold not risen so high. People with these things had begun to despair of ever realising enough to exceed the enormous "front-end loading" built into the issue prices of such material, when the "silver-eaters" galloped to the rescue and gave them the opportunity to get out. But even as bullion prices soared, people still bought in anticipation of profit. An acquaintance of mine fell under the spell of the yellow metal and borrowed \$10,000. at the usurious 1980 rates of interest to buy in at \$900-odd per ounce, only to discover that a fortnight later his bright yellow cubes would sell for only \$400 an ounce! Something had happened. A thunderbolt descended, and the bullion buyers had to retrench drastically. I was tempted to buy a 'cello and learn to play Chopin's Funeral March so I could fittingly accompany the weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth I heard from so many who had waited too long either to buy or to sell.

We numismatists, however, came out of all this looking not at all like the idiots so many others think we are! We didn't succumb entirely to the mania over bullion. We made use of it, selling off things we could get a better price for than otherwise, and using the proceeds to build up our collections with scarcer items we might not otherwise have been able to afford. Some collectors, who could not keep up with the dizzy spiral of prices, discovered that literature was cheaper and began to buy books. Moreover, they chose to "read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them", thereby becoming interested in scholarship and research. A few newcomers joined the company of numismatic writers as a result, and in a few years we will see some of the work of these recent converts to the true faith. But, in spite of the bullion crash, there are still some who are interested in gold and silver coins only for their metallic content. Beauty of design, historical significance, and so forth are of no interest whatever, as far as these people are concerned. Recently I acquired a beautiful gold double excelente of Ferdinand and Isabella from a dealer who sold it to me at an attractive price because she was completely fed up with people stopping at her table, pointing at the coin, and asking her what it would melt for!

The 1970s saw, besides the bullion craze and the advent of the jiggery-pokerist, a renewed interest in grading. Investment counsellors were coming into the picture, advising wealthy clients to consider coins as a possible addition to their portfolios. Prices of uncirculated coins rose sharply, and people began to look seriously at the art, or science, or whatever it is, of grading. Statistical studies were being made of the availability of choice uncirculated items, and price graphs and charts pointed the way things would go for such items. Plenty of money was involved, and it became imperative that collectors and investors alike be sure that value was received for money spent. Over-grading was seen to be the great menace to everyone. As we know, this is mostly the result of eyestrain. When a dealer has been up half the night getting coins together for the next show, and his wife has been yelling at him to come to bed because it's now 3 A.M. he has looked at hundreds of pieces and his eyes are ready to pop out of their sockets. In these circumstances it is easy to grade as EF something that is only Fine. As luck would have it, this item is what the first customer at the show looks at! I will not repeat the usual language heard when this little scenario is played out in the bourse room. As I said, it's largely

a matter of eyestrain. There is some just plain ignorance, which undergrades almost as often as it overgrades. Then there is a small amount of dishonesty, which, like all bad things, has an influence out of all proportion to its frequency or magnitude.

Whatever the cause, overgrading is costly to everyone. There have been many attempts to combat this over the years. In the 1960s three books on grading Canadian decimal coins appeared, one being derived from the work of 1959 in the Canadian Numismatic Journal. The standard catalogues now have information on grading. Seminars and similar programs have been held from time to time. An interesting idea has been taken up in some clubs. A dozen coins are brought to the meeting, and each member is encouraged to grade them. Afterward a census is taken of the number of members who graded each coin as EF, for example, VF, and so on. The results are surprising. They show how much variation there is among collectors and dealers as to what each grade actually is. There is no better way than this to show the need for more precise definitions of the various grades.

But help is on the way. There has been an excellent series of articles on scientific grading, striking characteristics of coins, and so forth, which have appeared in the Canadian Numismatic Journal, the Canada Coin News, and elsewhere. Uncirculated coins have been carefully studied, since they have become so expensive in some cases that there are now almost as many grades for these as there are of circulated coins, with phenomenal differences in price - not necessarily value - between adjacent grades. In the future the standard catalogues will contain much more detailed information on the grading of uncirculated coins. The man who has done most of this work is too modest to allow me to say who he is, but I am sure we all know.

And so, in this silver jubilee year of our Association, we have a number of things not suspected by the founders back in 1962. Nobody suspected in 1962 that faking would be such a problem as it is now. Coins were either uncirculated or they were not: nobody heard of different states of being uncirculated. Some may have expected gold and silver to rise in price some day, but nobody suspected that they would rise to the heights of 1980! So things are different today from twenty-five years ago, but plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose. We still, as we did back in 1962, argue about grading. We still wonder whether to clean coins or not. And by far the most of us collect Canadian decimal coins. Speculation still goes on, though not as frantically as in the past. When we celebrate our golden jubilee in 2012, I very much suspect that things will be essentially the same, whatever may happen in the meantime.

Editor's Note:

This article was the excellent address Bob gave at the O.N.A. Educational Forum at the recent Convention held at the Westbury Hotel in Toronto. It was reprinted with permission, so those who missed the talk could benefit.

O.N.A. AUCTION - APRIL 25, 1987 by James E. Charlton

This auction was held at the Westbury Hotel in Toronto on April 25th. It was conducted by Charles D. Moore. Numismatics Limited of Walnut Creek, California, and featured almost 700 lots.

The paper money was the predominant feature of the O.N.A. auction sale and I am listing a few of the highlights. I would like to mention the prices realized are in Canadian funds. It might also be mentioned that there was no "Buyers Premium" charged.

O.N.A. AUCTION (Cont'd)

I have omitted prices for the decimal coinage as most of these sold well below catalogue value.

DOMINION OF CANADA PAPER MONEY

Lot 3001	25¢	<u>Fractional Currency</u> 1870(A) EF	560.00
3015	25¢	1923 Campbell-Clark Unc	110.00
		<u>Large Size Notes</u>	
3017	\$1	1911 Boville Unc	280.00
	\$1	1911 Boville Uncut sheet of 4 notes mint state	16,500.00
3020	\$1	1917 Hyndman-Saunders Unc	550.00
3023	\$2	1914 Boville Uncut sheet of 4 notes mint state	18,000.00

BANK OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA FACE PROOFS

3160	10	Shillings, 1852 Brantford	1,700.00
3161	10	Shillings, 1852 Toronto	1,600.00
3162	10	Shillings, 1854 London	1,600.00
3162A	10	Shillings, 1860 Victoria	1,200.00

OTHER LARGE SIZE CHARTERED BANK NOTES

3164	\$3	1860 Central Bank of New Brunswick Face Proof	4,000.00
3165	\$20	1860 Central Bank of New Brunswick Unsigned, Remainder	4,000.00
3169	\$1	1840's The Farmers Bank of Malden Face Proof	5,250.00
3170	\$20	1863 Halifax Banking Co. Face Proof	6,250.00

Editor's Note:

These are just a few of the lots offered. For those who have never attended a major auction one should, even if they are not going to buy. The thrill of one of these auctions can be seen in some of the above prices realized.

ASSOCIATION NEWS

MEMBERSHIP

The applications which appeared in the March-April issue of the Ontario Numismatist have been accepted.

The following applications have been received. If no written objections to these applications are received, acceptance will appear in the next issue of the Ontario Numismatist.

1273	Robert A Gardner,	132 E Carmans Rd. E. Farmingdale, N.Y. 11745 USA
1274	William Vandenboom,	11 McGregor Ave., Aylmer, Ont., N5H 2Y2
1275	Mrs. Frances Hollingshead,	258 London Rd., W., Guelph, Ont., N1H 2C8
1276	Dr. Kenneth Ockenden,	180 Cline Ave. N., Hamilton, Ont., L8S 3Z9
1277	Donald Quenneville,	R.R.#2, Tilbury, Ont., NOP 2L0
1278	Barry Uman,	201 Stillview Road, Pointe Claire, P.Q., H9R 2Y4
1279	Owen Howell,	195 Natchez Rd., Kitchener, Ont., N2B 1W2
1280	Earl Davis,	P.O. Box 2749, Sarnia, Ont., N7T 5T7
1281	Darryl Atchison,	Toronto, Ont., M3H 1N6
1282	Al Chen,	20 Woodvale Cres., Toronto, Ont., M4C 5N5

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1283 Mrs. William Porynick, 5356 Redwood Rd., Plantation, Fl. 33317 USA
 1284 Brent Pullen, Sr., R.R.#6, Napanee, K7R 1R3
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 1286 Ian Graham, 120 Oxford St., Fredericton, N.B., E3B 2W3

Convention Calendar

- June 20-21 - Torex with Auction - Bond Place Hotel, 65 Dundas St., E, Toronto, Ont., Info: Ingrid K. Smith (416)920-6461, Daily admission - \$2.00.
- July 3-5 - T.I.C.F. - Lakeshore Inn, 2000 Lakeshore Blvd. W. Toronto, Info: P.O. Box 973, Stn.B, Willowdale, Ont. M2K 2T6
- July 14-19 - C.N.A. Annual Convention - Westin Hotel, Calgary. Info: Garry Braunwarth, %Calgary Numismatic Society, P.O. Box 633, Calgary, Alberta, T2P 2J3
- August 23 & September 27 - Metro Toronto Coin Exhibition - Bond Place Hotel, 65 Dundas St., E., Toronto, Ont. Info: Ingrid K. Smith, (416)920-6461. Daily admission \$2.00.
- September 12 - Huronia Numismatic Assoc. Coin Stamp & Antique Show - Bayfield Mall, Bayfield St. N., Barrie, Ont. Info: P.O. Box 243, Barrie, Ontario, L4M 4T2.
- September 19 - Ingersoll Coin Club - Coin, Stamp, & Craft Show, & Yard Sale. Senior Citizens Room, Lions Hall, Thames St.S, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Free admission. Contact T. Masters, 823 Van St., London, N5Z 1M8 (519)438-2402
- October 3 - Hamilton Coin Club Show - Notre Dame School, 400 Cumberland Ave., Hamilton, Ont., 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
- October 4 - Sarnia Coin Club Show - Guildwood Best Western Hotel, foot of Bluewater Bridge. Info: Carl Williamson, 931 Greendale St., Sarnia, N7V 3P4, (519)337-9191.
- October 17 - St. Catharines Coin Club Annual Show & Banquet - 16 bourse dealers, Fairview Mall, St. Catharines.
- October 18 - Tillsonburg Coin Club - 25th Anniversary Show & Banquet, Info: Joe McArthur, 15 Concession St., W., Tillsonburg, Ontario, (519)842-9395.
- October 24-25 - Torex with Auction - Info: see above June 20-21
- October 25 - Stratford Coin Club 25th Annual Show - Kiwanis Community Centre, Lakeside Drive, Stratford, Ontario. Info: P.O. Box 262, Stratford, Ont., N5A 6T1
- November 20-22- T.I.C.F. - Info: see above July 3-5.
- March 25-27, 1988 - O.N.A. 26th Annual Convention. Hosted by the Toronto International Coin Fair, Lakeshore Inn, Toronto.

RESULTS OF THE O.N.A. ELECTION 1987-1988

President	- K. Wilmot
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2nd Vice President	- G. Oblinsky
Secretary	- C. M. Hollingshead
Treasurer	- B. R. Raszmann
Immediate Past President	- R. Hollingshead

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RESULTS OF THE O.N.A. ELECTION 1987-88 (Cont'd)AREA DIRECTORS:

1A	T. Kostaluk	6	W. Ham
1B	S. Hodge	7	W. Ciona
2	C. Laister	7	Assistant R. Zelk
3	R. Voaden	8	B. Watt
4	R. Fletcher	9	B. Uman
5	T. Kennedy	10	R. Albert

It's a pleasure to welcome Bruce Watt back on the Executive. His long experience and past performances will be a great asset in the important decisions the O.N.A. Executive must make in the next 2 years. Also a warm welcome to newcomer Mike Hollingshead as the secretary. Mike's enthusiasm in the hobby has shown in his re-organizing the Guelph Coin Club '86. It's hoped some of this energy will be also transferred to the O.N.A. Barry Uman from Pointe Claire, Quebec, is another newcomer who takes over as Director on Area 9 - the Ottawa and District Area. Barry's long line of credits will be of great value to the O.N.A. in the direction our organization will be taking in the future.

Congratulations to the remainder of those re-elected for another term. Your decision to remain on the Executive proves your concern for the organization and the hobby.

IN MEMORIAL

It saddens me to announce the recent passing of Ruth McQuade of Ottawa. Ruth was a very active member of the numismatic family - being a member of the City of Ottawa Coin Club, Past President of the Research Institute, formerly employed at the Bank of Canada Money Museum, Past Editor of the Canadian Paper Money Journal, and the author of numerous numismatic articles. In 1984 Mrs. McQuade was presented with the Ontario Numismatic "Award of Merit" for her contribution to numismatics in Ontario. Her generosity in sharing her vast numismatic knowledge to others was well documented and her appearance and support at numerous coin shows and conventions helped to make them a success.

Her passing is a great loss to the numismatic hobby. To the family, the Ontario Numismatic Association extends their sincere sympathy.

PRESS RELEASE

On April 30th, the British High Commissioner to Canada, presented on loan a rare Canadian 1911 "Dei Gratia" one cent piece to the Bank of Canada Museum for display. In 1911, while controversy raged over the Godless coins in Canada, the Royal Mint prepared a revised obverse die with "Dei Gratia" added. Two patterns were struck, but no further coins were struck for circulation.

The addition of this coin to the National Currency Collection adds a significant link to Canada's numismatic history.

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"DREAM VACATION" Draw Winners

1st Prize of \$1250.00 Travel Voucher through Robert Q's Travel Mart
Stratford or \$1000.00 cash

Won by Mr. Art Holden
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Draw was held at the Ontario Numismatic Convention at the Westbury Hotel in Toronto on April 26, 1987 at 3:30 p.m.

Winning tickets were drawn from a drum by a security guard employed by Target Security. The guard's name was Wojciech Znajewski.

1987 "Dream Vacation"

Ticket Sales

By Clubs.

Books Sold

Brantford.....	30
Canadian Numismatic Association.....	01
C.A.W.M.C.....	03
Cambridge.....	05
Champlain.....	02
Donald Thomas Foundation.....	01
Guelph.....	12
Hamilton.....	05
Huronian.....	05
Ingersoll.....	64
Lake Superior.....	06
McKay Clements.....	02
Mississauga.....	57
Nickel Belt.....	14
North York.....	18
Ontario Numismatic Association.....	22
Oshawa.....	09
Ottawa.....	05
Peterborough.....	02
Richmond Hill.....	10
St. Catharines.....	15
St. Thomas.....	05
Sarnia.....	13
Scarborough.....	02
Stratford.....	65
Thistletown.....	02
Tillsonburg.....	04
Toronto.....	05
Victoria-Simcoe.....	03
Waterloo.....	15
Welland.....	03
Windsor.....	02
Woodstock.....	04
	<u>411</u>
Sub-total	411
T.I.C.F.....	<u>38</u>
TOTAL.....	449

CHARLIE LAISTER

Tillsonburg's custodian of collectables



By Gordon Sanderson
of The Free Press

TILLSONBURG — More than 50 years of collecting other people's junk have made it hard to move around in Charlie Laister's piled-high world of society's discards. He lives amid the clinkers and clunkers, flotsam and jetsam of generations.

At 81, Laister is Tillsonburg's oldest merchant, still operating a salvage yard-cum-antique collector's treasure trove at the same place he started dispensing gasoline in 1932 from two old-fashioned glass cylinder pumps.

"We sold five gallons for a dollar and you got a free ice cream cone," recalls the tall, lean and leathery octogenarian who has spent a lifetime wrecking houses and making money from what others throw away.

Today those same gas pumps are almost buried by the agglomeration of old lumber and building materials out front of his property on the Old Pond Road, just a few score of metres south of Tillsonburg's main business section, Broadway.

Laister is a dedicated pack-rat, also a living textbook on this town's early-20th-century history. His accumulation of bric-a-brac fills a large former car repair shop, two old houses and a four-storey mill on property he has acquired over the years along both sides of the road. It spills across several acres of land in a hollow near Otter Creek.

As a custodian of curiosities, Laister is a fascinating man to interview, but first you have to find him in the labyrinth of narrow pathways of salvaged materials.

Laister said he got into the wrecking business in 1932 when a Toronto firm went broke while tearing down an old flour mill across the road from his place. He worked for the company and later made a deal for some of the leftover lumber.

As he needed more room for junk, Laister purchased nearby properties, including a well-preserved four-storey split-pea mill, the last of five water-powered mills originally established by Tillsonburg's founder Alonzo Tillson. Laister said he got it for an auction bid of \$17,500 several years ago. ("Would have got it cheaper but the town was bidding for it and drove up the price.")

Today it, too, is filled with salvaged objects such as butter churns and farm implements.

"I guess all my life I more or less collected stuff. Never throw nothin' away," he said, adding later that "stuff lately seems to come in faster than it goes out."

A guided tour through Laister's domain offers many surprises.

As he leads the way through junk piled ceiling-high in his former service garage, he points to the fender of an old vehicle sticking out from under a heap of boxes, coiled wire and other odds and ends.

"That's a real good 1936 Fargo half-ton truck. It's never been on the road since I've had it."

The side of the vehicle is only partly visible in a dark corner. "Been here since 1940," continues Laister. "I did run it for two weeks one summer when the other truck was broke down. There's no rust on it at all. Just feel in under the fenders. It's just as solid as the day it was built. It was took off the road before they ever started using salt."

Is he going to sell it?

"Oh, I don't know. I had a fella in here wanting to buy it and he says, 'Would you take \$7,000?' I says, 'No, I'll take a new truck and some extras.'"

The oldest vehicle on Laister's lot is a badly rusted 1935 Buick Straight Eight. "It's in pretty bad shape," he concedes, "but somebody'll buy it some day and restore it."

Much of what Laister has stored is broken or obsolete and in some cases it is stuff he has intercepted on its way to the dump. But there are also many genuine antiques that he feels will eventually find buyers.

Further to the article by Gordon Sanderson, I would like to add that Charlie also is very much a collector of numismatic material. He is a member of the three Oxford County Coin Clubs, a member and Past President of the Ontario Numismatic Association, and the O.N.A. 1975 "Award of Merit" recipient. Other positions he holds with the O.N.A. are Director of Oxford County, Property Manager, and Audio Visual Chairman. Charlie's keen interest in Numismatics continues to inspire many to greater achievements.

Candidate For Office In 1987 For Election As CNA Area Director - Ontario



Dr. Robert Paul Nadin-Davis of Ottawa, Ontario, is seeking election to the position of Ontario Director of the Canadian Numismatic Assoc.

Born in England in 1956, Paul emigrated to Canada in 1978. Already a lifelong collector, he quickly adapted his interest to include a special affection for Canadian numismatics, following a brief legal career mixed with "booming Numismatic Business" he became, in 1984, a full time professional numismatist.

Despite Paul's relative youth, he has an impressive list of contributions to the numismatic field. He has written and published several numismatic books and an extremely large number of articles on Canadian and world numismatics, which have been published in the C.N.A. Journal, Canadian Coin News, World Coin News, Coin World and many other publications.

Paul's company, trades in all areas of numismatics from ancient to modern, Canadian and worldwide, under his personal supervision, though he also devotes considerable time to travelling worldwide to promote the company and Canadian numismatics.

Organizationally, Paul is and always has been an active supporter of numismatic organizations. He is a life member of the C.N.A. the Canadian Paper Money Society, Numismatics International and the American Numismatic Association. He has been a member of the City of Ottawa Coin Club since coming to Ottawa in 1979.

Paul's particular interests in the C.N.A. fall into several areas. He is concerned by the financial structuring of the organization. As a former editor himself he is deeply interested in the quality and content of the Journal. The annual Conventions and auctions are also a source of major concern, and he believes that his worldwide experience of show organization and management could be utilized.

Paul is deeply committed to the maintenance of standards of honesty and decency in numismatics and has a keen interest in the role of the C.N.A.



Candidate For Office in 1987 For Re-election as C.N.A. Area Director - Ontario



Don Robb, B. Comm.

Don was born in Smiths Falls, Ontario. He is a Commerce graduate of Queen's University. He has served as Ontario Director since 1985.

Waterloo has been home for Don since 1961. As Director, Branch Administration with Mutual Life of Canada, he supervises the sales support staff in the company's 76 Branch Offices across Canada.

Don has collected Newfoundland and Canadian coins since 1962. His more recent interests include Breton Tokens, Commemorative Medals and Tokens of Canada's Centennial Year 1967, and Canadian Wood Tokens.

He is Past President of his home club, Waterloo Coin Society, and also of Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors (C.A.W.M.C.). Currently he is Membership Chairman and an elected Governor of C.A.W.M.C., and Secretary, Editor and Auction Coordinator of Waterloo Coin Society.

Don believes that a C.N.A. Director should be visible at Coin Club meetings. He will continue his efforts to visit clubs. Also, he plans to appoint Sub-Directors to represent C.N.A. in those parts of Ontario that are too distant from Waterloo.





DEAR NUMISMATIST:

The Canadian Numismatic Association will be holding elections shortly. Members of the CNA will be asked to vote for those positions that are being contested.

Louis "Scoop" Lewry has agreed to let his name stand for the Presidency of the CNA.

After reviewing his past performance with the CNA and the hobby as a whole, I have accepted the position of Chairman for the Committee to Elect Louis "Scoop" Lewry as President.

I hope all CNA members will exercise their right and cast a vote. I urge you to consider, as I did, Scoop's credentials and.....

**VOTE FOR
"SCOOP" LEWRY**

Exercise your vote....and vote for the person who can do much for the CNA and the hobby....vote for Louis "Scoop" Lewry.

John Regitko - Chairman,
Committee to Elect Louis
"Scoop" Lewry as President



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members:

Last issue in my inaugural message I mentioned that one of the problems facing the Ontario Numismatic Association was a lack of communication. This column is going to be my small way of trying to correct that. Don't expect any great words of wisdom to be contained here but an honest attempt to communicate. Are you listening?

Initially, a small but very significant event took place at our first Executive meeting. The position of Vice President shown as vacant in the last edition has now been filled. Henry Burke has agreed to act in this position, and I for one can vouch for his knowledge and dedication with which he accepts the challenge. Henry is a welcome addition to the Executive Team.

The following questions are some which were submitted by Delegates at this year's Delegates Meeting. All questions will be dealt with, but they will appear in future bulletins. Some have been dealt with, and explanation follows:

- (1) Why can't a person get a straight answer from the O.N.A.?
 - (A) During my term of office I expect that this problem will not occur. One measure that will be initiated is a written response to all written enquiries. Due to the fact that our facilities are somewhat limited this response may be in long-hand, but we trust this will not offend anyone.
- (2) Why can't a person receive the Publication immediately after joining O.N.A.?
 - (A) I was not aware of the problem but a measure taken at the last Executive meeting was to authorize the sending out of bulletins to prospective new members prior to the waiting period being fulfilled. This does not negate the possibility of a membership objection, but does provide the new members with their bulletins much sooner.
- (3) Can we get information from the O.N.A. for the New Club Executive at the beginning of a new year?
 - (A) This will be attempted but one of the problems facing the O.N.A. is to know who to send material to. I know of some Clubs that have very limited Executive meetings and materials that have been sent out do not get acted upon.
- (4) Can the O.N.A. send out separate mailing to the Clubs for slides, speakers, Delegates, etc. and not just put the info in the Numismatist?
 - (A) An excellent point and one which will be acted upon this year.
- (5) Can the O.N.A. ask each Club for their Club Rep at each new year and all mailing regarding each Club should be sent to Rep?
 - (A) This may be possible but hopefully we will not get into this situation. Most Clubs have a mailing address and the onus to change the mailing should rest with the Club. I do not feel the O.N.A. should have to request the designation. If we have negative comments regarding this situation we will entertain changes.
- (6) Can the O.N.A. reintroduce the speakers circuit?
 - (A) Yes! We hope to have in place a list of speakers available to Clubs prior to the next Convention at the T.I.C.F. March 25-27.

We trust the questions which have been answered are of interest to some and additional queries will appear in future issues until all have been cleared.

If you wish to correspond with me, my address is Box 76, Sebringville
NOK 1X0

Ker Wilmet

EDITORIAL

One of the prime concerns of any editor is having material submitted for their Publications. Coin Editors will tell that there are very few who will write material on any numismatic subject.

Recently I was the speaker at the Stratford Coin Club and a number of Juniors were in attendance. During my talk an idea struck me, and searching through my briefcase I found several 1967 Canadian Commemorative 25 cents. I gave each Junior in attendance one of these quarters and asked them to write a short article on that coin, and turn it in at the Stratford Coin Club June meeting. This could be a promotion that other Coin Clubs could follow which could produce some positive results and find if we have some budding writers in our membership. This project I started in Stratford didn't bring 100% results, but I did get two essays, both of which will appear elsewhere in this issue. These two Juniors were both under the age of 12 and were brother and sister. It appears that both used the same source for their information and while I interviewed these young people they told me that neither of their parents were interested in numismatics and wasn't with them at the Stratford June meeting. These quarters that I presented to the Juniors just didn't become giveaways, it could be the beginning of a numismatic writing career for someone.

Directors reports are given at some O.N.A. Executive meetings and that's usually as far as those reports go. These reports of special meetings, upcoming shows, banquet speakers could be of considerable value to other Clubs, and if the Director doesn't relay this information to the Clubs in their area, those Directors reports become non-essential. I would like to begin a Directors Report Column and am happy to announce that our new Director Barry Uman, of the Ottawa District, has submitted a report of the Lakeshore Coin Club's 25th Anniversary. Also Niagara Director Bob Voaden has submitted a report on the St. Catharines Coin Club's Show and Banquet. I now invite other Directors to submit to me information pertaining to Clubs in their area.

President Wilmot mentioned the Speakers Circuit. This program is well under way and in the capable hands of Chairman Tom Kennedy. Tom would like to invite all who would like to participate in this program to contact him at 54 Trinity St., Stratford, N5A 4P4, Tel. 519-271-8825. with a list of topics you would be willing to share with other Clubs. This program can only become a viable service if enough speakers are willing to act, and the Clubs willing to use the service, so this program will not fail because of its Chairman but only if there are not enough speakers available or those who will avail of that service offered.

I would also like to appeal to all readers to submit newsworthy items, feature articles, news releases, and any items relating to the numismatic family. All items should be sent to my address which appears on the cover page.

If all work together toward programs offered, the success of numismatics can be felt by everyone and the hobby can be put back on a solid foundation. How many have ever taken a prospective member to their Club meeting or signed up a new member for the O.N.A.? My experience tells me that when you show some interest in those prospective members, they usually give us some respect too. Maybe if we all used this formula many Clubs would not be showing a decline in their membership.

T. Masters

JUNIOR KORNER1967 25 CENT PIECE

by Chris MacKenzie

The 1967 25 cent piece was minted to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Canada's Confederation. The design on the reverse, by Alex Colville, shows a bobcat in replace of the regular caribou. The design on the obverse, by Arnold Machin, shows Queen Elizabeth II.

During 1967 the alloy was changed to .500 silver, .500 copper instead of .800 silver .200 copper, still both alloys were used. Each coin weighed 5.810 grams or 5.832 grams.

There were 48,855,500 centennial quarters minted in 1967.

1967 25 CENT PIECE

by Melanie MacKenzie

The 1967 25¢ piece represents Canada. The design by Alex Colville, shows a bobcat as its reverse device. During 1967 the alloy was changed to .500 silver, .500 copper. The 1967 coin was minted at the Royal Canadian Mint in Ottawa. There are 48,855,500 made in 1967.

My opinion of it is, I think it is one of the best quarters in Canada and that they should make more.

And that's my essay on the 1967 25¢ piece.



Both essays were accompanied by pencil shadings of obverse and reverse of the coin.

COVER: U.S. LAFAYETTE DOLLAR 1900

This commemorative coin is one of many firsts - It was the first coin to bear the likeness of a President, George Washington superimposed over Marquis de Lafayette. It is the first and only commemorative silver dollar issued by the United States and is often described as being the first coin to show a former President. It is also the first coin to picture an American citizen.

At the right is the reverse of the dollar.



ASSOCIATION NEWS

MEMBERSHIP

The applications which appeared in the May-June issue of the Ontario Numismatist have been accepted.

The following applications have been received. If no written objections to these applications are received, acceptance will appear in the next issue of the Ontario Numismatist.

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| 1287 | Ross Reid | Oshawa, Ontario, L1J 6L5 |
| 1288 | Heidi Nota Reid | Oshawa, Ontario, L1J 6L5 |
| 1289 | Terry A. Campbell | Little Britain, Ontario, KoM 2C0 |
| 1290 | John Van Norman | Guelph, Ontario, N1E 1Y9 |
| 1291 | Howard Richardson | Scarborough, Ontario, M1H 1Z4 |

AUDIO VISUAL

Chairman Charles Laister wishes you to add to your audio visual list the following slide presentation:

"The Architectural Medals of Jacques Wiener"
- Donated by Paul Johnson

O.N.A. ARCHIVE MATERIAL WANTED

Manager Walter Ciona wishes anyone who would like to donate O.N.A. Archive Material 1962-1987 to contact him at 342 Markham St., Toronto, M6G 2K9, or call 416-922-1524. This material will be on display at the 1988 O.N.A. Convention at the Lakeshore Inn, Toronto, on March 25-27.

APPOINTMENT:

Henry Burke of Oshawa, was unanimously approved by the Executive of the Ontario Numismatic Association in Toronto, on July 5th, 1987, as their 1st Vice President for the years 1987-1989.

FOR SALE:

- O.N.A. Silver 25th Anniversary Wood Flats. \$2.00 each by mail or 3 for \$5.00 plus postage and handling.
- 1986 Personal Bronze Convention Medal - \$3.00.
- Old Booklets - 1965, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1973, 1975, 1977, 1980.

WANTED:

Old O.N.A. Souvenir Programme Convention Booklets - Founding Convention 1962 - Waterloo, 1963 St. Catharines and 1964 Ottawa Conventions.

Tom Kostaluk, 52 Frobisher Cr. London,
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ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 1986 TO DECEMBER 31, 1986

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Petty Cash @ Jan. 1, 1986	\$ 26.17	
Bank Balance @ Jan. 1, 1986 (General Fund)	1770.60	
Bank Balance @ Jan. 1, 1986 (Library)	-24.78	
Bank Balance @ Jan. 1, 1986 (Virgil Hancock Award)	98.62	
Bank Balance @ Jan. 1, 1986 (Audio Visual)	<u>21.55</u>	\$1892.16

RECEIPTS

Memberships (Regular, Junior & Club)	\$2549.00	
O.N.A. Convention (Brantford)	1485.18	
O.N.A. Convention Draw & Bal. of (1985)	1715.11	
Club Ticket Rebate (28.00), Donation (5.00)	33.00	
Bank Interest	100.96	
Bulletin Advertising (2.00), Lapel Pins (33.00)	35.00	
Premium U.S.A. Money	8.66	
Repayment Of 1986 Convention Advance	200.00	
Hardship Insce. Case	100.00	
Virgil Hancock Award	<u>8.00</u>	\$6234.91

EXPENSES

O.N.A. Publication "Ontario Numismatist"	\$2208.48	
Postage	239.32	
Printing	187.40	
Safety Deposit & P.O. Box Rental	90.44	
Club Delegates Breakfast	252.06	
C.N.A. & A.N.A. Dues	74.55	
Office Supplies	24.38	
Travelling	10.00	
Telephone	63.51	
Engraving	16.05	
Honorariums	700.00	
Insurance	400.00	
Club Rebates (866.00 - 866.35)	.35	
Lapel Pins	268.75	
O.N.A. 1987 Draw Advance	200.00	
Transfer To Life Membership Account	500.00	
Transfer To Contingency Account	<u>1200.00</u>	6435.29

Excess Expenses Over Receipts		\$ 200.38
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Petty Cash @ December 31, 1986	\$ 53.77	
Bank Balance @ December 31, 1986 (General Fund)	1534.62	
Bank Balance @ December 31, 1986 (Library)	-24.78	
Bank Balance @ December 31, 1986 (Virgil Hancock Award)	106.62	
Bank Balance @ December 31, 1986 (Audio Visual)	<u>21.55</u>	1691.78

BANK RECONCILIATION

Bank Pass Book Balance @ December 31, 1986	\$1640.01
(1) Outstanding Cheque	2.00
Statement Bank Balance @ December 31, 1986	1638.01

ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 1986 TO DECEMBER 31, 1986

CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT

Bank Balance @ January 1, 1986 \$7075.96

RECEIPTS

Interest Guaranteed Investment Certificates	\$ 396.00	
Bank Interest	431.90	
Transfer From General Account	<u>1200.00</u>	\$2027.90

EXPENSES

NIL

Excess Receipts over Expenses 2027.90Bank Balance @ December 31, 1986 \$9103.86LIFE MEMBERSHIP ACCOUNT

Bank Balance @ January 1, 1986 \$ 987.20

RECEIPTS

Life Memberships	\$ 150.00	
Transfer From General Account	500.00	
Interest Guaranteed Investment Certificates	490.56	
Bank Interest	<u>89.34</u>	1229.90

EXPENSESMembership Dues (1986) \$ 750.00 750.00Excess Receipts over Expenses \$ 479.90Bank Balance @ December 31, 1986 \$1467.10CASH ASSET SUMMARY @ DECEMBER 31, 1986

Cash & Bank Balance - General Account	\$1691.78	
Bank Balance - Contingency Account	9103.86	
Guaranteed Investment Certificates - Contingency Account	4000.00	
Bank Balance - Life Membership Account	1467.10	
Guaranteed Investment Certificates - Life Membership Account	<u>4275.00</u>	\$20537.74

Total Cash Assets 1985 18230.32Increase in Cash Assets \$ 2307.42

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

Treasurer Bruce H. Raymond

This report was approved at the General Membership meeting at
Toronto on April 25, 1987.

Convention Calendar

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- August 23 &
September 27 - Metro Toronto Coin Exhibition - Bond Place Hotel, 65 Dundas St., E., Toronto, Ont. Info: Ingrid K. Smith, (416)920-6461. Daily admission \$2.00.
- September 12 - Huronia Numismatic Assoc. Coin Stamp & Antique Show - Bayfield Mall, Bayfield St. N., Barrie, Ont. Info: P.O. Box 243, Barrie, Ontario, L4M 4T2.
- September 19 - Ingersoll Coin Club - Coin, Stamp, & Craft Show, & Yard Sale. Senior Citizens Room, Lions Hall, Thames St.S, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Free admission. Contact T. Masters, 823 Van St., London, N5Z 1M8 (519)438-2402
- October 3 - Hamilton Coin Club Show - Notre Dame School, 400 Cumberland Ave., Hamilton, Ont., 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
- October 4 - Sarnia Coin Club Show - Guildwood Best Western Hotel, foot of Bluewater Bridge. Info: Carl Williamson, 931 Greendale St., Sarnia, N7V 3P4, (519)337-9191.
- October 17 - St. Catharines Coin Club Annual Show & Banquet - 16 bourse dealers, Fairview Mall, St. Catharines.
- October 18 - Tillsonburg Coin Club - 25th Anniversary Show & Banquet, Info: Joe McArthur, 15 Concession St., W., Tillsonburg, Ontario, (519)842-9395.
- October 24-25 - Torex with Auction - Info: see above June 20-21
- October 25 - Stratford Coin Club 25th Annual Show - Kiwanis Community Centre, Lakeside Drive, Stratford, Ontario. Info: P.O. Box 262, Stratford, Ont., N5A 6T1
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- March 25-27,
1988 - O.N.A. 26th Annual Convention. Hosted by the Toronto International Coin Fair, Lakeshore Inn, Toronto.

NEWS RELEASE

LOVE TOKEN SOCIETY APPOINTS CANADIAN REGIONAL DIRECTOR

The President of the Love Token Society announces the appointment of Nancy E. Hall as the Regional Director for all of Canada, Region #7. Now in its fifteenth year, the Society has members in nearly every state in the United States and four provinces in Canada.

Under a new management structure, the Love Token Society has divided its membership into six regions in the U.S. and one in Canada, each region headed by a director, with an assistant for each state or province. The purpose of this reorganization is to bring the members in closer contact with the Society through the regional directors.

Love Tokens are coins of a bygone age, the product of a fad that began in Europe during the sixteenth century. The idea was to take a coin from circulation, have the reverse side smoothed down, then to engrave on that surface a name or initials, date or slogan. The coin was then given to a sweetheart or relative, the engraved words conveying a personal meaning to both giver and recipient. The custom came to the New World in the mid-1800's and flourished until the time of the First World War. Today, these pieces are collector's items. As there are no two alike, collecting Love Tokens can be a fascinating and inexhaustive hobby.

Anyone seeking more information about this hobby or the Love Token Society is encouraged to contact Nancy Hall, 77 Maitland Place, Apt. 524, Toronto, Ontario, M4Y 2V6, or phone (416) 968-6299.

DIRECTORS REPORT:-

LAKESHORE COIN CLUB
by
BARRY UMAN

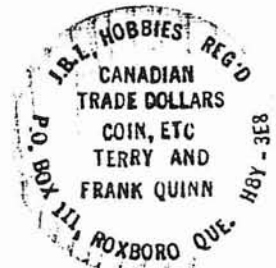
THE LAKESHORE COIN CLUB CELEBRATED ITS 25th ANNIVERSARY BY SPONSORING A COMMEMORATIVE BANQUET ON SATURDAY, MAY 23, 1987. AN INVITATION WAS EXTENDED TO ALL MEMBERS TO JOIN THIS CELEBRATION. 38 MEMBERS ATTENDED THIS BANQUET, WHICH INCLUDED A LECTURE ABOUT THE MANUFACTURE OF PAPER MONEY BY HUGH BANFILL, A CONSULTANT TO THE PAPER INDUSTRY AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE QUEBEC FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY.

THE LAKESHORE COIN CLUB WAS FOUNDED IN 1962 BY FRED BOWMAN, BUNNY AND FAT TURNER, GORD SIMONS AND OTHERS. TO COMMEMORATE THIS ANNIVERSARY 6 MEMBERS PRODUCED A WOODEN SOUVENIR, HAVING THE CLUB LOGO ON THE OBVERSE AND THE MEMBERS NAME ON THE REVERSE. ADDITIONALLY, FOR ALL THOSE WHO ATTENDED THE BANQUET, THEY RECEIVED A SIMILIAR SOUVENIR WOOD WITH THE CLUBS LOGO ON THE OBVERSE AND THE ANNIVERSARY DATE WITH A SERIAL NUMBER ON THE REVERSE. ONLY 100 SOUVENIR BANQUET WOODS WERE MADE, OF WHICH 3 WILL REMAIN IN THE CLUBS ARCHIVES. THE REVERSE DIE WAS DEFACED IN FULL PUBLIC VIEW AT THE BANQUET.

A SPECIAL AWARD WAS ESTABLISHED AT THIS ANNIVERSARY. A PLAQUE WILL BE AWARDED TO THE CLUBS MOST OUTSTANDING MEMBER, WHO HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THE HOBBY OF NUMISMATICS. THE SUPRISE FIRST RECIPIENT WAS RODGER BOULAIS OF ST. JEAN, QUEBEC. AFTER RECEIVING THIS AWARD, MR. BOULAIS REMARKED, THAT HE THOUGHT THAT THE L.C.C. WAS THE MOST PROGRESSIVE CLUB THAT HE HAS EVER ATTENDED.

2 OTHER SOUVENIRS OF THE CLUBS 25th ANNIVERSARY WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON. A SOUVENIR BOOKLET WILL BE PRINTED WITH THE CLUBS HISTORY AND OTHER RELATED NUMISMATIC ACTIVITY. THERE WILL ALSO BE AN OFFICIAL TRADE DOLLAR FOR POINTE CLAIRE, PICTURING THE LAKESHORE GENERAL HOSPITAL ON ONE SIDE WITH THE LOGO OF THE LAKESHORE COIN CLUB ON THE OTHER SIDE.

THIS TRADE DOLLAR WILL BE STRUCK BY THE SHERRIT MINT. IT WILL BE AVAILABLE IN JUNE AND WILL BE VALID IN THE CITY OF POINTE CLAIRE UNTIL OCTOBER 15, 1987. CLUB MAIL ORDERS WILL BE HANDLED EXCLUSIVELY BY FRANK QUINN, JOSE REIS AND JOCELYN ROY, UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 1987.



ST. CATHARINES COIN CLUB

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The St. Catharines Coin Club are holding their Annual Coin Show and Banquet on Saturday October 17, 1987, at Fairview Mall.

There will be bourse dealers where you may purchase that coin that you need for your collection. You may want to up grade your collection with the purchase of a few coins. Also there will be competitive displays. So now is the time to start working on your display for the show.

There will be draws and lots of good fellowship at the show.

At the conclusion of the show there will be a sit down dinner followed by an auction.

SFE YOU ON OCTOBER 17, IN ST.CATHARINES.

R.N. Voaden
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Chairman

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Bob hasn't included the show time or the cost of the tickets for the banquet. Those interested should direct your inquiries to the St. Catharines Coin Club at the above address.

ONA Merit Award

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The Lakeshore Coin Club "Wooden Nickel."

SUBMITTED by
BARRY UMAN



Gary Oblinsky (left), 2nd vice-president of the ONA, presents Fred Barley of St. Catharines with the 1987 ONA Award of Merit.

Fred Barley of St. Catharines has been presented with the 1987 Ontario Numismatic Association Award of Merit for his outstanding contributions to the hobby of numismatics for over 25 years.

A founding member of the St. Catharines Coin Club, Fred is a 25 year member of the club and an Honorary Life Member. Currently he is involved with the club's coin collection.

He has assisted at all ONA conventions hosted not only by his home club, but all those held in the Niagara Region. He is an avid exhibitor and has been the recipient of many show awards over his 30-year numismatic career.

For the St. Catharines Coin Club he is known as a tireless worker: Treasurer for over 25 years, artwork designer for all annual banquet flyers, displays and other promotional activities.

He was presented with the prestigious award at the recent 1987 ONA Convention held at the Westbury Hotel in Toronto.

At the annual dinner in May, 1969, those present received a "wooden nickel" which had been created by the Lindsey family. Mrs. Lindsey has described how this came about.

"The wooden 'nickels' or 'mementos' were made using the design from the crest on the letterhead of the stationery of the Lakeshore Coin Club. The design was transferred in reverse to the polished surface of a piece of cast iron, which was actually a pipe plug. The excess metal was then cut away leaving the design raised.

"The discs of hardwood were cut from rejected wheelbarrow handles, sent to me by a friend in Woodstock, Ontario, then shaped and sanded.

"The heated cast iron tool was used to burn the design into one side of the disc. The other side was stamped with the date and the disc sprayed with a clear finish.

"My husband, Percy, made the tool and our son Keith, who was a junior member at the time, helped in making the mementos.

"I was in charge of the annual dinner that year and, since wood represents the fifth anniversary, suggested that we obtain 'wooden nickels' as souvenirs for those attending the dinner. After making enquiries about purchasing some, it was found that the minimum order was too large and the price too high for the club at that time. So my husband and I decided that we should try to make some 'wooden nickels' as mementos for those attending the dinner.

"We made one for each person attending the dinner plus two extra which were requested by a member of the executive, one to be given to someone in Ottawa. I think that the other was for someone in Montreal but I am not sure of this."

From records of the dinner it appears that 55 of these pieces must have been manufactured.



THE LUNDY PUFFINS

by William E. Mullan,



"Who is the sovereign of Lundy?" asked the justice of the high court. "I am," replied Mr. Martin Coles Harman.

The domain once claimed by Harman consists of 1,100 acres of rock and pasture land located in the mouth of Bristol Channel. It's position in the shipping lanes has made it famous for lighthouses and shipwrecks; absentee ownership has made it famous for pirates and smugglers. But in numismatic circles it is best known for Harman's exercising a sovereign's prerogative to issue coins.

Four years after purchasing the island from A. L. Christie, Harman ordered 50,000 each of two coins struck in bronze by the Mint, Birmingham, LTD. The denomination of the larger coin was one puffin. The island derived its name from that native sea bird, called "lunde" in Icelandic. The bird is depicted on the coin along with the legend LUNDY ONE PUFFIN. Appropriately, only the upper half of a puffin is shown on the half puffin coin, along with a similar legend. On the obverse of each the lord sovereign of Lundy placed not George V, then King of England, but his own portrait, surrounded by the self-effacing legend - MARTIN COLES HARMAN and the date, 1929.

In issuing coins Harman had equated his island to Jersey, Guernsey and the Isle of Man that had issued coins for years. Or maybe he was emulating Sir James Brooke, the White Rajah of Sarawak, and J. S. Clunies-Ross, the King of the Cocos. These Englishmen had also issued coins for their foreign realms.

In any event, the coins were released to circulation in November, 1929, and shortly thereafter Harman was hauled into court, where he was found guilty of unlawfully coining money. He appealed the verdict on the basis that Lundy was an independent dominion located outside the territorial waters of Great Britain, and therefore the British courts had no jurisdiction. His claim had some validity, as evidenced by the following:

The natives did not pay taxes or custom duties and English laws did not apply (at least their only tavern remained open after the legal closing hour for the taverns in England).

Harman himself had dismissed the British General Post Office from the island and had issued his own stamps, which he required on all mail originating there.

1595 Queen Elizabeth I did not act on her own authority to clear the island of pirates; she called on the owner, Sir Barnard Grenville,

to put them down.

This tradition of independence can be traced back to one of the earliest owners of record, one William de Marisco, who in 1160 A.D. denied that King Henry II had the right to give his island to the Knights Templar. He won the argument, but had to pay a fine for disobeying the king.

In spite of these excellent precedents, Harman lost the appeal. He might have won, but for the fact that the islanders voted in the elections held in England (referred to by Lundians as "the adjacent island").

After his death, title passed to Harman's heirs, who sold it in 1969 to the National Trust to be held for the use and enjoyment of the people of England.

The dies for the 1929 coinage were purchased by Modern World Coins, a firm that struck a double proof set from them in 1965. The restrikes can be distinguished by their lack of the inscription, LUNDY LIGHTS AND LEADS, found on the edge of the originals.

ALUMINUM COINS and A CASHLESS SOCIETY - T. Masters

There's a lot of talk these days about the cashless society which may someday come about. It is certain that the more valuable of the base metals will disappear from coins, just as gold and silver have pretty much made their exit. Copper may go next. The last to go will almost certainly be the cheaper metals, of which one will be aluminum.

Aluminum composes approximately one-thirteenth of the earth's crust and yet, oddly, it was not discovered until 1827 by chemist Friedrich Wohler. For the next several decades, aluminum was so expensive to recover that in the 1850's it was valued at \$40. a pound --twice as much as silver.

After that, methods of aluminum isolation became more efficient and the bullion value fell to \$12. per pound in the early 1860's, to 50¢ per pound in the 1890s; to 15¢ per pound in the 1940s. The major breakthrough in aluminum isolation came in the 1880s when Charles Hall in America and Paul Heroult in France independently invented the aluminum production method which, with modifications, remains in use today.

This involved high charges of electricity being passed through a soup of aluminum oxide and molten cryolite.

An aluminum pattern cent of the U.S. dated 1851 seems to represent the first attempt at coining aluminum. However, the first regular coinage of this metal was introduced in 1/10 penny piece issued by Nigeria-British West Africa in 1907, a further issue of which was released in 1908.

The year 1907 also witnessed the issue of aluminum 1/2 and 1 cent pieces for Britain's East Africa & Uganda Protectorate, again with an issue dated 1908 following. Aluminum coins did not stand up under the humid climate and perspiration salt of the colonies, however, and they were supplanted by heavier copper-nickel coins thereafter.

In later years aluminum has been successfully instituted in for the coins of many countries of Europe, the Far East and French colonies around the globe. Other countries use aluminum as a partial alloy with other metals, especially in an aluminum-bronze form.

It would seem that aluminum as a coinage metal is destined to remain with us-- at least until supplanted by plastic or the credit card.

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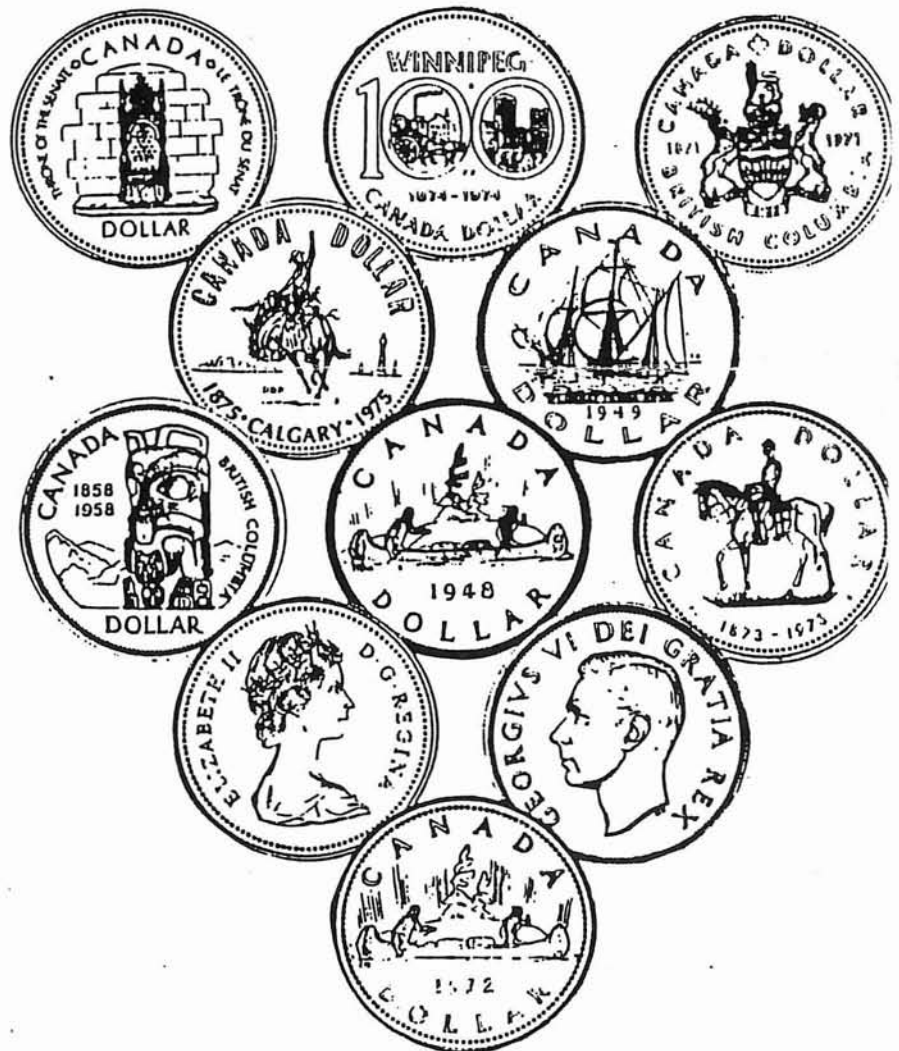
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TRY COIN COLLECTING....



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Once again "Good News-Bad News" type of column. The Bad News first. It was mentioned at our last executive meeting that there was no change in the Membership - referring to no new members. This is very disappointing to me and I hope, with your support, that this will be the only issue not to contain a list of "New Members". A noticeable change in the O.N.A. policy is that when publishing new members names no address will be shown, only the city or town. In the event you wish to contact a member you can request mail be forwarded through our membership chairman, Bruce Raszmann. We value our membership list and guard it against unauthorized use. Let's make an effort to sign up a new member to keep the Association strong.

Good news to report from our last executive meeting...

SPEAKERS CIRCUIT - Good progress reported with approximately 50 topics already listed. We hope to have for distribution at the Delegates Meeting in March 1988, a listing of 75 to 100 to be presented to the Clubs. Tom Kennedy has been spearheading the reactivating of this service.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS - Henry Burke has been appointed as Chairman to review the existing Constitution and By-Laws in view of updating them. Recommendations will be published in a future Numismatist.

EXHIBIT AND JUDGING - rules are under review with Ron Zelk chairing this group. Initially the 1988 show exhibit rules will be revised with a new set of guidelines being drawn up for Club Exhibits later. This has been an area where many Clubs would appreciate assistance.

AWARD OF MERIT - Roy Hollingshead, Past President, has been appointed Chairman for 1988.

LIBRARY - New additions to the list in the July-August issue appear in Librarian's report.

MORE GOOD NEWS! - The Membership rates for 1988 have been approved as per last year. **NO INCREASE!!** Regular Member \$10.00, Junior \$3.00, Husband and Wife - 1 journal \$12.00, Life Membership (Subject to By-Laws) \$75.00, Club Membership \$10.00. A membership application form is found elsewhere.

DELEGATES BREAKFAST (1987) - Questions and Answers

- (1) Why a higher price for more than one delegate from a Club? This discourages additional attendance.
 - (a) Good point! This year we will be using one price for all delegates. In the past, the O.N.A. felt they could not subsidize more than one delegate per Club, as this is strictly an O.N.A. charge.
- (2) Would it be possible to develop a uniform set of Judging rules for Clubs?
 - (a) No! We can and are currently working on a "suggested" set of rules. This may vary radically from what Clubs currently use. Ron Zelk is chairing this committee and suggestions are welcome. It is the Clubs decision if they wish to use them or not.
- (3) New O.N.A. Audio Visual required.
 - (a) Agreed - any suggestions we could purchase?
- (4) First time Delegate never knows what to expect. Clubs should provide them with written reports which could be duplicated and circulated.
 - (a) I believe your comments are well founded but unless an O.N.A. Director is asked, I don't see how they could discuss this at a Club Meeting. Written reports should be provided to the Delegates, and a very few Clubs send enough to pass out. The O.N.A. (due to financial and time constraints) are not in a position to duplicate the reports.

DELEGATES BREAKFAST (1987) - Questions and Answers (Cont'd)

- (5) Could the Delegates Meeting be considered for Saturday to allow spouse an opportunity to shop or sight see?
 (a) We have decided to try a Saturday meeting on March 26th next year. Hope to see you there!
- (6) Is the Liability Insurance Plan applicable to individual members of a Club as well as the Club itself?
 (a) Yes. In addition to O.N.A. members, all Participating Clubs and Participating Club Members are covered under the O.N.A. Liability Insurance Policy to a limit of \$2,000,000. Please note that the Club has to have agreed to become a Participating Club and paid the premium for 1987 of \$35.00. Twenty two of our Member Clubs participated in 1987 and the rate struck for 1988 will remain the same (\$35.00) unless a dramatic increase takes place. Ask your Club Executive if they are participants.

My message has expanded considerably with the answering of the Delegates Questions. It is felt that it is important that all questions submitted be addressed. Next issue should complete the replies and the column will then be reduced in size. Any comments you may have or questions, free to contact me at Box 76, Sebringville, NOK 1XO.

Kew Walnut

EDITORIAL

The C.N.A. Convention in Calgary is now history. Although because of health problems I was not able to attend, my source of information tells me it was a very successful Convention. Those elected to the executive positions are all capable people who will dedicate tireless hours for the benefit of the hobby and the numismatic family.

For those who don't know who those elected officers are, they are as follows: L. H. (Scoop) Lewry, President; Stanley Clute, Immediate Past President; Al Bliman, 1st Vice President; Earl Salterio, 2nd Vice President; and the Ontario Directors are as follows: Paul Johnson, Toronto Area; Paul Nadin-Davis, Ontario. I offer the O.N.A.'s congratulations and best wishes to these dedicated officers for election success and the two years' work that's ahead of them.

With the exception of the Ontario Director, all these officers were elected by acclamation. In Ontario two very good men contested for that office, consequently only one winner. My biggest concern is not who won or lost, but can the C.N.A. or any organization afford to lose the one who lost. I know the loser has been given a committee chairman's position and has indicated to me he will continue to work hard for the organization, and I'm sure he will.

My concern is that Ontario has the largest concentration of Coin Clubs in Canada, and the second largest area. With their present Director in Ottawa, it will be a rare occasion if Windsor, Sarnia, London, Chatham, etc. will have the opportunity having this Director at one of their functions. The same can be said for those Clubs east of Toronto if the Director lived in Western Ontario. Most people who are elected or accept these positions are in the work force of some capacity and must be at that work place in order to maintain their livelihood. Vacation time is usually in the summer

EDITORIAL (Cont'd)

months when most Clubs recess, and how many Clubs does one want to attend while vacationing? I would suggest that the C.N.A. Executive, with all its wisdom, consider dealing with this problem and create a Director for Western and Eastern Ontario. That still leaves Northern Ontario which could be covered by a Liaison Officer appointed from the C.N.A. and the O.N.A. to represent the two organizations.

Elections are a very important part of any organization, and one that happens too unfrequently. It's always unfortunate when more than one is seeking the same office and there is a loser, but that's democracy. It's also unfortunate that one of those losers could have been used to expand existing services.

Maybe the C.N.A. election of 1989 could find their services expanded in Ontario

Tom Kennedy has assured me that the list of speakers and their topics will appear in a future issue of the O.N.A. Numismatist. Have you signed up as yet? If not, why not? I have!

Address your willingness to participate to

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This service can only be successful with your support, and the Clubs' willingness to avail itself of the service.

T. Masters.

COVER:

This cover is from the Oshawa and District Coin Club report that was given out at the Delegate's Breakfast at our 1987 Convention.

Silver dollars, both regular issues and Commemoratives are featured on the cover. Canada's first circulating silver dollar of 1935 was issued to commemorate the 25th year of the reign of King George V. Dollars of Canada have been issued on a regular basis since except for the years 1940-44. The rarest of the whole series is the 1948 of which only 18,780 were minted.

Since 1971 the Mint has issued special collectors specimen .500 fine silver dollars, and five of those dollars can be seen on the cover. They are, beginning at the upper left, the 1977 Throne of the Senate dollar. This throne is used by Her Majesty or her representative on ceremonial occasions, such as the opening of Parliament, the 1974 Centennial of the City of Winnipeg. Interesting to note the two scenes inside the O's of 190 depicting scenes of 1874 in one O and 1974 in the other. The 1971 Centennial of the entry of British Columbia into the Dominion of Canada. This dollar features the Coat of Arms of British Columbia.

The Centennial of Calgary is the theme for the 1975 dollar, and features a cowboy riding a bucking bronco. In the background the City of Calgary to the left and oil derricks to the right.

The 1973 features the Royal Canadian Mounted Police on horseback. This dollar commemorates the Centennial of the R.C.M.P.



COIN COLLECTING - THE KING OF HOBBIES !

Coin collecting (numismatics) is the study and collecting of coins, paper money, tokens, medals and similar objects.

The Hobby of Kings, as it has been called, has been pursued from the day people stopped bartering grain for cattle or beads for apple. As soon as coins were made, collectors appeared on the scene. Today, it ranks as the King of Hobbies.

Why do we collect coin? For many reasons, the main ones being for fun and profit.

Take some change from your pocket or purse and see the variety of coins. You may find 1¢, 5¢, 10¢, and 25¢ pieces. You may find the odd foreign coin you always kept as a souvenir or good luck piece from that foreign trip, or as a reminder of the country you came from. You may find some American coins among your Canadian. In any case a close look at them will quickly reveal possibilities to the inquisitive mind. What is the oldest coin I have? Could I find one from each year? Why do the designs change? Who were the previous rulers on our coinage? Why do we call our coins dollars and cents, the Germans call their marks? What do the Portuguese call their coins?

Coins can be collected for pure fun, they can be collected for historic value or they may even be collected for profit. Collectors have been known to make a handsome profit from their coins upon retirement.

This wonderful country of ours contains people of many backgrounds and nationalities. Many keep in touch with their heritage through numismatics. Obviously there are many different types of coins to collect. But, how does one find out about them? The best way is to go where the true collectors go, to meetings where they discuss coin collecting and enjoy fellowship. Being in touch with folks of like interest adds a great deal to the fun of collecting.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A MILLIONAIRE !!!

Without spending a great deal of money, you can enjoy collecting, learn about history, and share your collecting fun with family and friends.

Why not collect one coin from each country, put together a numismatic zoo, botanical garden, collect kings and queens or try tropical birds. For the historical inclined, they may prefer explorers, religious figures, historic buildings or country flags. Trains, planes, boats or lighthouses may intrigue others. The whole numismatic world awaits you.

Enjoy your "Collector is King" status by exploring your numismatic kingdom whenever you wish and for only a dollar or two per each country.

Perhaps you will want to start your collection with Canada. Canadian numismatic is a virtual history of events. You will have a hard time making your selection from the many beautiful regular designs or commemoratives.

You may want to select a twelve sided five-cent piece or the Canadian Bluenose ten-cents with the Queen Elizabeth Obverse. You might prefer to travel through your collection to the intriguing Far East or select the famous Saint George and the Dragon design of Great Britain.

Start your collection for fun and enjoyment and turn your fun into an ever growing source of knowledge, widening the world you live in and increasing the things you have in common with some of the most fascinating people in the world.

Both articles compliments of the Hamilton Coin Club, who meet 2nd Sunday each month (except July & August) at 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Hamilton Public Library, 55 York Street, Hamilton.

REFLECTIONS OF THE PAST

by the late Frank Rose

I drove into the spacious parking lot of Prudhomme's Hotel, Vineland, about six miles north of St. Catharines, at 10 a.m., April 26th, 1963, to attend the First Annual Convention of the Ontario Numismatic Association.

After a hasty breakfast in the hotel's restaurant, my companion and I hastened to set our bourse table in the spacious Crystal Room. There were approximately 40 bourse dealers in attendance and although at that time of the morning there were not many visitors at the tables, business was brisk between dealers, as usual.

At 1:30 p.m. the convention was open to the general public, and at 4:45 p.m. Mayor Ivan Buchanan of St. Catharines, officially opened the convention after an introduction by the President of the St. Catharines Coin Club. The opening ceremony was followed by an Official Reception and Refreshments.

During the afternoon a tour of the Jordan Museum of the Twenties was organized by the Committee. This tour was free to all visitors. E. Victor Snell led a Coin Identification Panel at 7 p.m. and the first session of the auction followed at approx. 8 p.m.

The second day of the convention, being a Saturday, brought in many visitors from Toronto and adjoining areas. On this day I met scores of friends and acquaintances, persons I have not seen for over a year. Business at the bourse tables was good, although the heat in the Crystal Room made it very uncomfortable for dealers and visitors alike.

A general meeting of the O.N.A. was held in the morning, and while the judging of the competitive displays was taking place at 2 p.m. William Lavell of Toronto was showing films of the O.N.A. Founding Convention which was held last year at the Walper Hotel, Kitchener. Lloyd Smith at 3 p.m. conducted the Audio Visual in the Floral Room.

The Banquet was held on Saturday at 6:30 p.m. There were approximately 250 persons seated for the roast beef dinner. Fred Jewett introduced the guest speaker, Mr. Jerome F. Foreman, who spoke on the operations of the Gold Dept. of the Bank of Nova Scotia. Prizes were awarded to winners in the competitive displays after the banquet, the day being terminated with the second session of the auction.

Sunday morning was taken up with a meeting of dealers interested in the formation of the Canadian P.N.G. (Professional Numismatic Guild). Presiding this meeting was J. E. Charlton and attending were approx. 20 Canadian dealers. At this meeting it was decided to go ahead with the formation of the Guild, application for membership was received from about seventeen dealers. Dues of \$25.00 per year, and an initiation fee of \$100.00 was agreed upon. An insignia of the Guild, to be used by all members in all advertising was a subject discussed. All dealers present were requested to send in their ideas on this insignia. The meeting ended at approx. 1 p.m., at which time I had packed by belongings and was making my way home to Toronto.

*****This article appeared in Canadian Coin and Stamp News, May, 1963.*****

EDITOR'S NOTE:

The article "Coin Collecting - The King of Hobbies" was also submitted by the Oshawa & District Coin Club, who meet 1st Sunday each month except July & August - 12:00 noon - 4:30 p.m., Rundle Park Community Centre, Park Road S., Oshawa. Info - 728-1136 or 576-7132.

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The 1987 Hanukkah die shows a Menorah in the center with the Star of David above. "5748 HANUKKAH 1987" is at the base of the Menorah. A scroll work is around the outer part. The die may be rented at \$20.00 US from World Proof Numismatic Association, Box 4094, Pittsburgh, PA 15201. Medals will be made on antiqued blanks of copper, gold plated copper and silver plated copper.

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THE TWENTY-CENT PIECE: A COMMON MISTAKE

by Jason Midyette



In 1858, when Canada's first decimal coins were issued, the coinage consisted of pieces of one, five, ten, and twenty cents. The twenty-cent piece was unpopular and never issued again. The coin was struck in 925 fine silver, weighed 4,648 grams, and had a diameter of 23.27 mm. The issue was of 750,000 pieces, and is a scarce coin today.

The twenty-cent piece was unpopular mainly because it could be confused with the American quarter dollar, which circulated in large numbers in Canada at that time. This is interesting in that the quarter dollar also interfered with the circulation of the American twenty-cent piece in the 1870s. The Canadian twenty-cent piece was withdrawn being used to coin twenty-five-cent pieces.

The United States twenty-cent piece was coined from 1875 to 1878, but after 1876 the numbers coined were very small. It was coined in 900 fine silver, weighed 5 grams, and had a diameter of 22 mm. It was so unpopular that a bill was introduced in 1875, the year it was first issued, to withdraw it from circulation. Withdrawal was finally authorized in 1878. The coin was confused with the quarter dollar because of its size. The plain edge, intended to prevent this, only caused it to be confused with the cupro-nickel five-cent piece the odd time. Only in 1875 and 1876 was it coined for general circulation. The issues of 1877 and 1878 exist only in proof. The commonest coin is the 1875S issue, of which 1,155,000 were struck. The smallest is the proof issue of 1877, with a mintage of only 510.

The United States piece was issued for a strange reason. In the western states goods were often priced in "bits", a bit being the eighth of a dollar, or 12½¢. This dates from the days when the Spanish dollar, divided into eight reales, was in common use. If a customer purchased an item priced at one bit and tendered a quarter in payment, he would receive only a dime in change and thus lose 2½¢. In 1874, to try and solve this problem, Congress authorized the issue of the twenty-cent piece. Senator John P. Jones of Nevada, who sponsored the bill, saw it as a means of aiding the silver industry of Nevada. The coin bore the seated Liberty of the other silver coins in circulation, which made matters worse for the public.

The twenty-cent pieces of Canada and the United States were both a horrible mistake on the part of the issuing governments, who thought at the time that they were doing the right thing.

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CONGRATULATIONS:

to Member Stephen (Steve) R. Taylor, who was elected President of the American Numismatic Association at their recent Convention in July.

Steve has been a long time supporter of the O.N.A. at many of our Conventions. My first encounter with him was when he was conducting an educational workshop on displaying. He has also been our banquet and delegate speaker, and his topics have been educational and inspiring. His displays on U.S. paper have won the O.N.A. Best of Show on more than one occasion. His Court of Honour displays have been viewed and enjoyed by all who have seen them.

On behalf of the O.N.A. I wish Steve and the A.N.A. the very best in his next two years as their President. May all his goals be achieved during that term, for the good of the hobby and the numismatic family.

EX LIBRIS

Two new books have been donated and added to our library since the published list in the July-August edition. Would you please add these additions to your list....

- 1.- MEDALS OF DESIGNER-ENGRAVER STANLEY HAYMAN, donated by the Author Norman E. Wells of Peterborough.

This soft covered, loose leaf styled book is a revised second edition, expanded from the 62 pages of the first edition to 158 pages. As the title indicates, it tells and shows the medals of the designer. It also shows many copies of letters written by Stanley Hayman to very important people, including W. L. MacKenzie King, then Prime Minister of Canada. Also included are the speeches given at presentation times of various medals designed by the engraver. Also included are letters to and from the author in his research of this book. Photographs of many medals have been enlarged so the detail can be easily studied. This book is now available in the O.N.A. Library - or if you would like a copy for your own library you should contact - Mr. Norman E. Wells, 53 Maria St., Peterborough, K9H 1B5.

- 2.- ALBERTA TRADE TOKENS by Donald M. Stewart.

This 262 page, hard covered book was donated by the J. Douglas Ferguson Historical Research Foundation. This book includes illustrated tokens from General Stores, Cigar Stores, Dairies, Bakeries, Car Washes, just to name a few, and includes the rarity factor for the tokens listed. It also includes a brief history of many of the tokens listed and the location (village, town, city). To make it easy to use this book, the tokens are listed alphabetically by their communities and each token is numbered, using the first letter of the community. This book includes all known Alberta trade tokens, but not the trade dollars that have been issued. Also not included are advertising tokens that carry no trade value. This book is also available from the O.N.A. library or a

personal copy may be obtained in Canada for \$19.50 postpaid, or \$16.00 U.S. from D. M. Stewart, 897 Claremont Ave., Victoria, B.C., V8Y 1K4.

My thanks to both donors for these additions to our Library. Their donations continue to make it possible to expand this service to our members.

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CONVENTION CALENDAR:

- October 24-25 - TOREX COIN SHOW AND AUCTION
Bond Place Hotel, 65 Dundas St., E., Toronto
Info - Ingrid K. Smith (416) 920 6461
- October 25 - STRATFORD COIN CLUB 25th ANNUAL SHOW
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Info - P.O. Box 262, Stratford, Ontario, N5A 6T1
- November 20-22 - T.I.C.F. Lakeshore Inn, 2000 Lakeshore Blvd., W. Toronto
Info - P.O. Box 973, Stn B, Willowdale, M2K 2T6
(416) 229 COIN
- March 25-27 1988 - O.N.A. 26th ANNUAL CONVENTION
Hosted by the Toronto International Coin Fair
Lakeshore Inn, Toronto. Info - same as above.
- July 1988 - CANADIAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONVENTION
Charlottetown, P.E.I.
- April 1989 - O.N.A. 27th ANNUAL CONVENTION
Quality Inn, Woodstock, Host Clubs - Oxford County Coin
Clubs. - Info - T. Masters, 823 Van St., London, N5Z 1M8
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- July 1989 - C.N.A. CONVENTION - Quebec City, P.Q.

ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONVENTION INFORMATION "1963-1989"

- O.N.A. Founding Convention, hosted by the Waterloo Coin Society
March 24-25, 1962, Walper Hotel, Kitchener, Ont. Att. 229
- April 26-28, 1963 - Host Club St. Catharines at Prudhommes Garden Centre,
250 attended the banquet
- April 16-18, 1964 - Host Club Ottawa (Capital City), at Chateau Laurier
Hotel, 240 attended the banquet.
- April 30- 1965 - Host Club London at Treasure Island, 125 attended
May 1, the banquet
- April 29-30, 1966 - Host Club Windsor at Cleary Auditorium, no record of
how many attended banquet
- May 26-28, 1967 - Host Club Waterloo at Granite Club, 135 attended the
banquet.
- October 5-6, 1968 - Host Club Ketchener at Granite Club, 80 attended the
banquet.
- May 10-11, 1969 - Host Club St. Catharines, Prudhommes Garden Centre,
170 attended banquet.
- May 2-3, 1970 - Host Club Barrie (Huronion) at Curling Club, 150
attended the banquet.
- April 24-25, 1971 - Host Club Sudbury (Nickel Belt) at Presidents Inn,
125 attended the banquet.
- April 22-23, 1972 - Host Club Niagara Falls at Sheraton Brock, 100
attended the banquet.

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- April 14-15, 1973 - Host Club Waterloo at Waterloo Motor Inn, 85 attended the banquet.
- March 30-31, 1974 - Host Club Niagara Falls at Sheraton Brock, 100 attended the banquet.
- April 26-27, 1975 - Host Club Stratford at Victoria Inn, 80 attended the banquet.
- May 14-16, 1976 - Host Club North York at Westbury Hotel, 73 attended the banquet.
- May 13-15, 1977 - Host Club Oshawa at Holiday Inn, 105 attended the banquet.
- June 2-4, 1978 - Host Club St. Catharines at Prudhommes Garden Centre, 85 attended the banquet.
- June 1-3, 1979 - Host Club Hamilton at Royal Connaught Hotel, 60 attended the banquet.
- May 23-25, 1980 - Host Club Ottawa at Holiday Inn, 110 attended the banquet.
- April 24-26, 1981 - Host Club Niagara Falls at Skylon Tower, 105 attended the banquet.
- March 12-14, 1982 - Host Club O.N.A. at Westbury Hotel, 45 attended the banquet.
- April 8-10, 1983 - Host Club O.N.A. at Rockhaven Inn, 47 attended the banquet.
- April 27-29, 1984 - Host Club Sarnia at Best Western Hotel, 50 attended the banquet.
- April 19-21, 1985 - Host Club Stratford at Victoria Inn, 69 attended the banquet.
- April 18-20, 1986 - Host Club Brantford at Holiday Inn, 52 attended the banquet.
- April 24-26, 1987 - Host Club North York at Westbury Hotel, 42 attended the banquet.

LOOK TO THE FUTURE

- March 25-27, 1988 - Host Club T.I.C.F. at Lakeshore Inn
- April 21-22, 1989 - Host Clubs Oxford County (Ingersoll, Tillsonburg, Woodstock) Quality Inn

Director Tom Kostaluk has been doing research into the history of the O.N.A. since its inception. This series deals with its Conventions and the dates, locations, and numbers at the banquet. Our thanks to Tom for his efforts.

ASSOCIATION NEWS

MEMBERSHIP

The applications which appeared in the July-August issue of the Ontario Numismatist have been accepted.

No further applications have been received to date.

O.N.A. Lapel Pins are still available in a limited number at \$4.00 plus \$1.00 handling and postage. P.O. Box 33, Waterloo, Ontario, N2J 3Z6 - marked - Lapel Pins.

Generally speaking, the best advice I can give you regarding the cleaning of coins is "when in doubt, don't". Such organic materials as chewing gum, oil, scotch tape residues, etc., can be removed by soaking or rinsing in an organic solvent such as alcohol, acetone, benzene, or carbon tetrachloride. A word of caution is needed here, the use of such solvents should be in a well-ventilated place, away from all flames, and definitely one should not smoke while using them. Carbon tetrachloride and other chlorinated solvents are not flammable, but their vapours are toxic.

It is unwise to use such compounds as silvo, brasso, jewellers' rouge, and other preparations which contain an abrasive. It should be quite unnecessary to say that steel wool and similar pads are most destructive. Some collectors have cleaned coins with various tooth pastes and powders, but all these preparations so alter the lustre of the coin that it becomes obvious that the cleaned coins do not have a natural lustre. A few people in the past have rubbed coins with an eraser to restore their original colour and lustre. The resulting colour may indeed be as it originally was, but the lustre is far from being the original one.

A beginning collector is wise to experiment with pocket change to learn the safest methods of cleaning. In so doing, he will learn that copper or bronze coins are very active chemically, and that such coins should be shown to an expert for advice before attempting to clean them. He will also see first-hand the disastrous consequences of using anything abrasive, and will see that cleaning does not improve the looks of anything thickly toned or in poorer than extremely fine condition.

Gold coins very seldom need cleaning. Occasionally they develop reddish tones, which can be pleasing. Lime deposits can be removed by weak acids such as vinegar or a weak solution of a mineral acid. Do not use aqua regia: it is a mixture of nitric and hydrochloric acids, and gets its name because it will dissolve gold.

Silver coins are susceptible to tarnish, which is silver sulphide produced by atmospheric sulphid contamination. If the tarnish is very thick and dark in colour, the coin should be left alone, for removing the tarnish will leave a coin with an unsightly, pitted surface that will never be the same again. A light tarnish of an unpleasant colour can be removed by dipping the coin in liquid jewellery cleaner, available at most jewellers and department stores. The coin is dipped, rinsed in cold water and allowed to dry. Cold water should always be used to rinse the coins, never hot. Rinsing with hot water causes a reaction which leaves an unnatural white finish quite unlike the natural lustre of a coin.

The old housewives' technique of baking soda and aluminum is another good way to clean silver coins. The coin is placed in a strong solution of baking soda in an aluminum pan or dish and heated. Aluminum displaces the silver from the sulphide, and the tarnish disappears. The solution is poured off and the coins rinsed in cold water and allowed to dry. The treatment need not be prolonged nor carried out at the boiling point.

Nickel coins seldom need cleaning except with soap and water. A coin collector who happened to be a chemist by profession did some testing on various brands of soap for us and true to their ads, ivory soap turned out to be milder than others: 99-44/100 pure like the commercial says.

Copper, bronze, and brass corrode and tarnish readily, and can develop a patina in time. Patina is a beautiful finish which takes years to form, and exists in many colours and lustres. Its removal is unnecessary.

Lime deposits on coins found in the ground can be removed by weak acids such as vinegar.

Verdigris, the green spots which sometimes appear on coins, can be removed by soaking in a hot solution of sodium sesquicarbonate in water. Treatment is continued till the solution turns bluish. The solution is discarded, and the coin is rinsed in water and placed in a fresh solution if required.

A few words about mint lustre: mint lustre is the delicate finish imparted to the coin's surface during striking. It is the result of the immense pressure required to stamp the blank with the design. The dies are polished, as are the blanks, and the contact of these polished surfaces under pressure produces the lustre. It is very easily worn through in circulation, and strong chemicals will destroy it. Once the mint lustre is gone, no known physical nor chemical process can ever restore it.

The above article was taken, in part, from a report on cleaning coins, published by the Royal Canadian Mint.

Use the information contained here carefully and wisely, and when in doubt "DON'T". Always check and seek the advice of an expert when numismatically valuable coins are in question. Keep in mind also that solvents such as benzene, carbon tetrachloride, hydrochloric, and nitric acids are flammable and toxic and should be used with caution in a well-ventilated area only. All the best in your endeavours.

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Merry Christmas to you all

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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This issue President's Message is going to take the form of an appeal.

As some of you know, our Coin Convention last April was not a financial success. Although a great deal of effort went into it we, the Ontario Numismatic Association, lost over \$3000.00. This loss, though not fatal, certainly was crippling.

Your Executive searched around for avenues to follow in order to reverse the waning popularity of our Convention. Another loss of similar magnitude would position the O.N.A. near financial insolvency. We were very fortunate to find a White Knight in the person of John Regitko who, for one Convention, agreed to co-sponsor the Ontario Numismatic Association along with the Toronto International Coin Fair. This joint effort should be of such benefit to the O.N.A. in publicity and high profile that we hope the fact that no monetary profit for the O.N.A. will be forthcoming is of secondary importance. Our one source of revenue is the sale of Lottery Tickets this year and that is where my appeal comes in.

For the past several years a book or two of our Lottery Tickets have been sent out to our members with the request that the members buy/or sell these tickets. While the response has been good in the past, it is even more important that we receive your support for the 1988 draw. The prizes are excellent to the winners and all who purchase a ticket can be classed as a winner as their purchase enables the O.N.A. to develop new programmes and be of service to the collecting fraternity in general.

I would ask that ALL members receiving these tickets give serious consideration to supporting the O.N.A. by purchasing or selling the Lottery Tickets. If you can use an additional book or two of the tickets, please let me know and I will get them out to you by return post.

Ticket sales also provide funds to Member Clubs with over \$3500.00 being rebated to Coin Clubs belonging to the O.N.A. in the past 5 years. I trust you will help the O.N.A. in a difficult period and if you can use more tickets please drop me a line.

Your President,
Kenneth Wilmot
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ASSOCIATION NEWS MEMBERSHIP

The following applications have been received. If no written objections to these applications are received, acceptance will appear in the next issue of the Ontario Numismatist.

1292	Larry Sontagh	Oakville, Ontario, L6H 2V5
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1296	Larry Newton	Box 77, Clifford, Ontario, NOG 1M0

EDITORIAL

This seems to be the issue for appeals. Just finished reading the President's appeal and hope that every member and Club support that appeal, also the C.N.A. President is appealing to their members to recruit new members. The O.N.A. are also recruiting new members and a membership form has been included again in this issue for you to sign up a new member for 1988. I also appeal to every member to nominate someone who they think deserves the O.N.A. "Award of Merit". That form is included for your use. I challenge all to nominate someone and make the decision of the Committee to select the winner a challenging decision. Also as editor I have attempted to introduce several new columns (letters to editor, director's report, show dates, etc.) All have met with limited success. Since our Convention last April only 1 director has responded to this appeal, and I wish those other directors would follow suit. Letters to the editor have been few and those received to date have been printed. Let's keep those coming. Show dates have been more successful, but there are a number of Clubs who hold shows who have not announced their dates and locations. These show dates are very important so as not to have conflicting dates with other Clubs. This conflict of dates has happened before and will again, but we should do everything possible so that the conflict doesn't occur. This year so far one conflict has already happened with the C.N.A. and A.N.A. holding their Convention on the same week in July. I'm not speculating on who is at fault, but I am concerned about the effect this conflict will have on the C.N.A. I do know the C.N.A. Executive have explored every possibility for a new date and location without success. Last report was they were prepared to stay with their original date and location. My congratulations to the C.N.A. for their courageous decision. I would appeal to all O.N.A. members to support the C.N.A. in their bold bid to hold a successful show.

Tom Kennedy is appealing to all those who have spoken at various coin meetings, shows and banquets, to place their name on the "Speakers Circuit". Tom's letter and application is included for your serious consideration. Tom's goal by next Convention is 100 topics available for Club use.

On January 1st our membership fees become due for 1988, and Bruce Raszmann appeals to all to get those membership dues paid early so that the mailing list can be updated as early as possible.

I also noted that Bob Willey, editor of the C.N.A. Journal is appealing for articles for their Journal. I make a similar appeal to our members for articles for the Numismatist. Our cupboard is not quite bare, but its comforting to know you have a sufficient supply on hand.

All these appeals may be very boring to our readers but they are very important to the life of our organizations.

As 1987 draws to a close many Clubs will be electing a new executive. Several I know have already chosen their people to lead them in 1988. My final appeal to everyone who reads this far to consider your obligation to first take a responsible position when asked to do so on your Club Executive. Second to support your Club with your attendance at every meeting that you can possibly attend. Third, bring a friend or two to every meeting, and finally sign up a new member into the numismatic family.

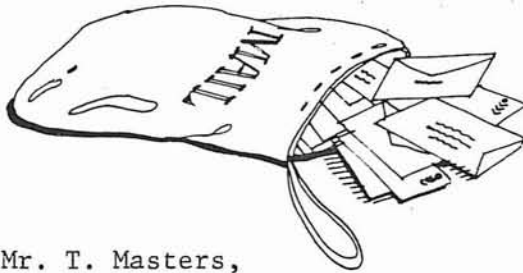
These appeals may be boring, but they are vitally important to the continued life of one of the most rewarding hobbies in the world. Yes, I said the world - our hobby encompasses the whole world. The choice is yours!

T. Masters

Memos from the Mailbag

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October 27, 1987



Mr. T. Masters,
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Dear Tom:

I am flattered!

In the September-October issue (Volume 26) of The Ontario Numismatist, you state on page 75 that "the cover is from the Oshawa and District Coin Club report that was given out at the Delegate's Breakfast at our 1987 Convention".

I am flattered that the Oshawa & District Coin Club would take the artwork that I originally created for a Toronto-area coin club brochure for Coin Week Canada and copy it for their cover.

I am further flattered that you would think enough of its eye appeal and content to feature it on the cover of The Ontario Numismatist.

Numismatically yours,



John Regitko,
Member - ONA

Editor's Note:

I always like to give credits where they are due. I am now glad to inform you where the original art work came from. Yes, I thought this design made an excellent cover for the O.N.A. September-October 1987 issue. I hope all members agree with me. Thank you, John, for drawing this oversight to my attention.

DIRECTORS REPORTby BARRY UMAN - Rep for District #9

I had planned to attend one of the meetings of the City of Ottawa Coin Club as part of my responsibility as a director of the O.N.A. Fortunately, I heard the this Club would be sponsoring a special 20th Anniversary exhibit and banquet on Saturday, October 3, 1987. I called the Club's representative to enquire about this affair, and mentioned that I thought it would be a good opportunity to meet the Club Executive and Members.

The trip to Ottawa was well worth the time. Not only did I meet the Club's Executive, but also some past members of the Lakeshore Coin Club and Montreal Numismatic Society. I also recognized and met some familiar faces the I had seen at many numismatic shows and conventions.

Before the banquet, I toured the exhibit area and I was able to view some unique displays, which I had not seen before. There were at least 20 exhibits, some of which were outstanding.

During the banquet, the highlights were a historical account of the origins of the City of Ottawa Coin Club, from the Club's Honorary President Sheldon Carroll. Murray Church, representing the Royal Canadian Mint, spoke about the "Loon" dollar, its historical development and its acceptance by the Canadian public. It was a fascinating story of intrigue, mystery, theft, favourable publicity and incredible luck.

After the banquet, there was a raffle and the winners of the exhibits were announced. The Club also honoured some of it's other members, for their contribution during the past season.

The fifty or more members and guests all received a souvenir wood. This attractive piece is 38mm in diameter, round and struck by the hot press method. The obverse is printed in red with the Club's logo, while the reverse is green. The die appears hand engraved and it appears the piece was struck by Delaney of Fergus, Ontario.

The number struck is yet unknown.

My wife and I would like to publicly thank the City of Ottawa Coin Club for extending this courtesy to us. We look forward to our next visit.



"HOLIDAY GREETINGS"

THE EXECUTIVE OF THE ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION EXTEND TO ALL MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES A SINCERE WISH FOR ALL THE PEACE AND JOY OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON, AND MAY THE NEW YEAR BRING TO EVERYONE, HEALTH, HAPPINESS, AND PROSPERITY.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR



PRESS RELEASE

LOONEY LOSING OUT TO PAPER DOLLAR

The looney is taking a licking in the duel of the dollars.

Five months after Canada's first dollar coin was introduced by the Royal Canadian Mint, it is being hammered by its paper cousin.

Mint spokesman Murray Church says demand for the looney is so poor the mint plans to meet with finance department officials within the month to discuss ways to resolve the problem.

When the government approved the looney in 1986, it planned a three-year transition from notes to coins. The dollar bill was to be withdrawn sometime in 1989.

The mint has produced about 140 million looneys so far, which cost about 11 cents each to manufacture, and plans to have 500 million in circulation when the paper dollar disappears.

But only 92 million coins have been released and many of those are still sitting in bank vaults awaiting distribution. One mint official suggests as many as 25 million of the released coins are being hoarded as collectors' items.

Almost 50 million other looneys are in mint depots around the country, awaiting release when demand increases.

By comparison, there were 307 million dollar bills in circulation in September, slightly more than there were a year ago.

CLUB NEWS

SARNIA - Held their elections in November and Fred Webb became their new President. December meeting will feature a banquet at the Bridge Restaurant in Point Edward.

STRATFORD - Held their annual Coin Show in October which was very successful, and election in November with Larry Walker their President for 1988. December meeting will feature a pot luck dinner.

TILLSONBURG - A 25th Anniversary Show was held in October. While attendance from the previous year was down by about 25 the show proved very successful. 19 cases of competitive displays were judged, and Lou Wagenaar of Chatham won Best of Show. November featured Ladies Night with several ladies presenting topics.

GUELPH '86 - Professor Ross Irwin was the feature speaker at the November meeting. His topic was numismatic items that had been issued by banks, merchants and various businesses in Guelph.

WATERLOO - Featured John McIntyre relating the importance of numismatic literature. He explained where many of these books were available, such as the libraries of the community and the O.N.A. and C.N.A.

BRANTFORD - T. Masters was the speaker at the November meeting and his topic 300 years of Canadian Numismatics was well received. This topic covered a period of time from Indian Wampum to today's credit cards. December meeting features a catered banquet.

ST. THOMAS - A 100 lot auction featured the November meeting and many bargains were bought. Feature of the auction was a 1902 3-inch silver coronation medal of King Edward VI in the presentation case. This medal was purchased for about \$60.00. December meeting features a pot luck dinner with the Club supplying the beef.

CLUB NEWS (Cont'd)

HURONIA - Featured a hobby night in September. 18 cases of displays of stamps, books on Toronto. Medals, watches, toys, buttons, and mint sets from around the world were some of the displays that supported the feature. It was announced that an election of officers would take place before the end of the year.

INGERSOLL - November featured their annual pre-Christmas banquet attended by 68. Head table consisted of L.M.#2 Doug Carr, who helped to form the Club in 1961, Roy Hollingshead - Immediate Past President O.N.A., Paul Johnson C.N.A. Toronto Director, John Regitko - Past President C.N.A. and Owner-President T.I.C.F., and Don Hillis - Chairman of Ingersoll's Easter Seal Drive, who related to those present that the Ingersoll Coin Club over the past few years, had donated almost \$14,000.00 to Easter Seal and the Disabled Children's Program. It was announced that T. Masters had been re-elected President of the Ingersoll Club for another 2 years.

OSHAWA & DISTRICT - Nomination Committee busy securing names of those who will be elected to the various offices for the next 2 years. Members were urged to attend the "Collectors Enthusiast Meeting sponsored by John Regitko in Toronto. It was announced that membership fees for 1988 were now due.

CHAMPLAIN - November meeting featured their annual banquet with Grant Jerney showing slides on his recent trip to Africa. December would feature a visit from Santa and a gift exchange. Members were urged to bring in their duplicate coins for the auction.

RICHMOND HILL - Members heard Jim Charlton speak on the History of Money spanning a period of 2500 years. Some of the main points were Ring money of Ancient Persia, Key money of China, Wampum from North America, and coins from Ancient Athens, Rome, and Coins of the Bible.

TORONTO - October meeting Dr. Don McIntyre spoke on Recent Advances in Achaean Indian Coinage. His talk was illustrated by slides and photos. C.N.A. Convention in Calgary discussed and 1988 C.N.A. Convention announced - Charlottetown P.E.I. - July 21-23.

NORTH YORK - Speaker for November will be C.N.A. Toronto Director Paul Johnson on one of the new slide presentations from the C.N.A. Library. October featured Oktoberfest with speakers Howard Richardson, Wally Ciona, and Jean Orr.

PAST PRESIDENTS CORNER:

Fred Jewett is recovering from recent surgery. Sorry to hear you are under the weather (or knife). Best wishes for a speedy and complete recovery.

Roy Hollingshead - Roy and Frances recently celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Our best wishes for many more years of happiness.

O.N.A. LAPEL PINS: Looking for a small Christmas gift? A limited number of O.N.A. Lapel Pins are available for \$4.00 plus \$1.00 handling and postage. P.O. Box 33, Waterloo, Ontario, N2J 3Z6 - marked Lapel Pins.

MEMBERSHIP FEES: are now due. Help us complete our mailing list early by sending your 1988 membership fees now!

"PEACE"

At Christmas time we celebrate the birth of Christ, and Christ was born to bring Peace and Good Will to Men. Also when Christ was born, Wise Men from the East came bearing gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Canada's new \$100.00 coin fits into this category because it's a Peace Coin and also produced in gold. Let me describe this coin and a bit of history it commemorates.....

October 24, 1985, marked the 40th anniversary of the founding of the United Nations. On this date, the General Assembly adopted a resolution declaring 1986 as the International Year of Peace.

While 1987 may not be a year in which peace and security prevail, it is certainly a golden opportunity for serious reflection on the nature and conditions for peace. A time to think seriously about resolving conflicts through conciliation, rather than through confrontation. After all, it can make a whole world of difference.

To commemorate the International Year of Peace, the Government of Canada has authorized the Royal Canadian Mint to issue a very special 22-karat \$100. Gold Coin.

The 11th in an outstanding series, the reverse of this precious \$100.

Gold Coin bears an intricate design by artist Dora de Pedery-HUNT. It depicts a branch of maple leaves, symbol of Canada, intertwined with a branch of olive leaves, symbol of peace. The words "PEACE" - "PAIX" form a circle and are superimposed on the design. The obverse bears Arnold Machin's classic effigy of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

The \$100. Gold Coin is flawlessly minted in a proof finish. It is encapsulated and displayed in a brown leather case with plush interior. A numbered Certificate of Authenticity attests to the coin's legal tender status.

This precious coin will be coveted by collectors around the world. Yet mintage will be strictly limited to a maximum of 100,000 coins, the lowest mintage ever.

These coins will be 27mm (1.06) in diameter and weighs 16,965 grams. It is composed of 91.7% gold and 8.3% silver, and the total pure gold content is 1/2 troy ounce.

Another coin that I consider could fit into the Christmas category is the U.S. Peace dollar minted from 1921-1935.

There are several other coins that fit into this category and I'll be telling you about them at some other time.

DeFRANCISCI'S 'PEACE' DOLLAR

Placed in circulation Jan. 3, 1922 - the first pieces were actually struck late in 1921 and bear that date-- the U.S. "Peace" dollar is U.S. only coin issued in dedication to that ultimate ideal of mankind, and one of the few issued by any nation. The origins of this issue can be traced to a paper prepared by Farran Zerbe, then one of the most respected and best known coin collectors in the country, and delivered at the 1920 American Numismatic Association convention. The organization's subsequent efforts led to the introduction of a bill calling for the issue of a "Peace dollar" bearing "an appropriate design commemorative of the termination of the war between the Imperial German government and the government of the people of the U.S." Although the measure never became law, the Peace dollar designs were formally approved by President Warren G. Harding.



WOODSTOCK COIN CLUB MEDALS

Beginning in 1965 and ending in 1972 the Woodstock Coin Club produced a series of 9 medals on historical buildings, a famous holstein cow, and a local favourite son.

The first medal produced was the Springbank Snow Countess holstein cow owned by the Dent family. This cow was the champion milk and butter fat producer and the City of Woodstock, in honour of her feat, erected a monument at the eastern limites of the city on highway #2.

Woodstock was founded in 1834, 88 miles S.W. of Toronto and 27 miles N.E. of London, at the junction of today's highways #2 & #59 by Admiral Henry Vansittart. Their theme for the second medal was the Vansittart home which has since been demolished.

1967 the City Hall or Town Hall medal was struck. This building in the centre of town became the city square for the Court House, Police and Fire Department, Farmers Market and Museum formerly the Town Hall. This square is the focal point today of many functions, and is a tourist attraction for visitors to Woodstock. From those buildings erected on the square the Club produced a medal for the "Farmers Market" and Court House.

The Market Building or Farmers Market was the 9th and final medal struck by the Club. This building is still in operation today and one would be hard pressed to find a parking place any Saturday morning when Vendors and Buyers produce a traffic jam. This building was opened in 1895 and is constructed of red brick. This long low building of two floors, actually a high basement and the main floor. Also part of this building was occupied by the Police Department until 1986 when they moved to a new and larger location.

Old St. Pauls Anglican Church was another medal struck. This fine old church for many years was the meeting place for the Club, and their annual show and banquets were held there until the early 70s. I would like to draw your attention to the medal for Tommy Williams, who was a War I aviation hero. This gentleman held his licence well into his 80s and was a guest speaker at many fundtion and banquets. Beside his love for aviation, he was a keen coin collector. His passing in his 100th year was mourned by all those who knew and admired him. Needless to say when his medal was struck they were sold out very quickly. No others were re-struck in fear it would decrease the value of the original strike.

Finally I would like to tell you about the Post Office medal. This medal was struck in 1970. This building was built in 1901 and served Woodstock for the next 63 years. Today they have moved into newer and larger quarters. The Post Office of 1901 resembled the Oxford County Court House built in the Romanesque style and constructed of dark stone. It was an imposing and solid building. This 1901 Post Office as the sixth in Woodstock history showing the need for larger accomodations in a growing community.

The nine medals produced by the Woodstock Clubs are as follows, and not necessarily in the order produced.... Springbank Snow Countess Cow, Admiral Henry vansittart Home, Old City Hall, Court House, Old St. Pauls Church, Post Office, Tommy Williams (completely sold out), Fire Hall, Market Building.

These medals were produced in crown sized of silver bronze and nickel, and are available in a limited number.

Bronze and nickel at \$3.50 each plus postage and handling, silver prices on request from Mr. Harry Spice.
549 Grace Street, Woodstock,
N4S 4N7.



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ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

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Speakers Circuit, 54 Trinity St., Stratford, Ont. N5A 4P4



November 20, 1987

Dear Fellow Numismatist:

As the new Chairman of the Speakers Circuit for the Ontario Numismatic Association, I have been given the task of re-organizing and updating this very important service of the O.N.A.

I have noticed that in the past you have given some very interesting talks to clubs in your area. May I ask if you are prepared to offer your services to the O.N.A.? If you are, would you be kind enough to complete the enclosed form and return it to me at the above address.

Perhaps you also know some members of your club who have also spoken on numismatics in the past and would like to join this service. If so, could you please send me their name and address so that I can contact them.

One of the main objectives that I am trying to accomplish is to get good speakers that are willing to travel between clubs to impart some of their knowledge to other interested collectors. It will also assist the O.N.A. in their educational program and the speaker themselves in public speaking endeavors.

The names of any prospective speakers that are passed on to me will remain confidential and no mention of their names will be made unless they become a member of the Speakers Circuit.

A brochure listing all of the speakers is currently being compiled and will be published in the near future. We count on your participation.

A specially engraved medal with the speakers name and the year awarded will be presented by the O.N.A. to each speaker after they have given three talks in one year. Speakers monetary reimbursements are entirely between the club and the speaker.

Any assistance you can offer, either as a speaker or by submitting names of possible speakers, will be of considerable assistance to the O.N.A. and the hobby of numismatics in general.

Please fill in as many forms as you have subjects to speak on (if you need more forms, please prepare facsimilies). You do not need to repeat the "common" information on each form.

Yours numismatically,

Tom Kennedy
Speakers Circuit Chairman

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O.N.A. SPEAKER'S CIRCUIT

I would like to submit my name as a participant in the O.N.A. Speaker's Circuit.

The following information is forwarded for inclusion in the Speaker's Circuit Brochure:

- A. The title of my presentation is _____
- B. The length of this presentation will be about _____ minutes.
- C. I am willing to travel _____ miles/km one way during the week or _____ miles/km on a weekend. (please state either miles or kilometers)
- D. I would require the following aids for this presentation (list what is required):
(example: tape recorder, screen, display cases, slide projector, etc.)
- E. Brief outline of presentation:
- F. I will not charge a specific fee but would expect the host club to pick up my transportation expenses. If overnight accomodation is necessary, it will be arranged at the host club's expense.
- G. In order to prepare for this presentation, I will require _____ weeks advance notice.
- H. Numismatic affiliations (if any): _____
- I. Numismatic Biography of speaker:

I understand I will be contacted by the club requesting my services directly and will deal with that club directly.

Should any problem arise during my presentation which you may wish to know about, I will contact you directly.

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ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

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CONVENTION CALENDAR

1988 dates for Metro Toronto Coin Exhibition at the Bond Place Hotel, 65 Dundas Street East Toronto, are as follows: January 24, April 24, May 29, August 28, September 25, and December 4. Hours are 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Admission \$2.00. Info: Ingrid K. Smith, P.O. Box 865 Adelaide St. P.O., Toronto, Ontario, M5C 2K1, 416 920 6461.

- February 13 Huronia Numismatic Assoc. Coin, Stamp & Antique Show, Bayfield Mall, Bayfield St., N. Barrie, Ont. Info: H.N.A. P.O. Box 243, Barrie, Ont., L4M 4T2
- February 27-28 (Torex - Ramada Hotel, 111 Carlton St., Toronto.
June 18-19 (Info: Ingrid K. Smith 416 920 6461 or P.O. Box 865
October 29-30 (Adelaide St. P.O., Toronto, Ontario, M5C 2K1
- March 25-27 O.N.A. 26th Annual Convention - Hosted by the Toronto International Coin Fair, Lakeshore Inn, 2000 Lakeshore Blvd. W. Toronto. Info: P.O. Box 973, Stn. B., Willowdale, M2K 2T6 or Phone (416) 229 COIN.
- April 23 Hamilton Coin Club Semi Annual Coin Show - Royal Canadian Legion Br. 58, 1180 Barton St., E. (upstairs), Hamilton Ontario (across from Centre Mall) Free Admission. Info: Terry McHugh, P.O. Box 9271, Stoney Creek, Ont., L8G 3X9.
- June 12 Brantford Numismatic Society 28th Annual Coin Show - Woodman Centre, 491 Grey St., Brantford. Info: B.N.S. P.O. Box 351, Brantford, Ontario, N3T 5N3.
- July 21-23 Canadian Numismatic Association Annual Convention, C.P. Prince Edward Hotel and Convention Centre, Charlottetown, P.E.I. Info: Prince Edward Island Numismatic Association, P.O. Box 2921, Charlottetown, P.E.I., C1A 8C5.
- September 10 Huronia Numismatic Association - Check info on their Spring Show of February 13 shown above.
- October 15 Hamilton Coin Club Coin Show - Royal Canadian Legion, Br.58, 1180 Barton St. E (upstairs) Hamilton, Ontario (across from Centre Mall) Info: T. McHugh P.O. Box 9271, Stoney Creek, Ontario, L8G 3X9
- April 22-23 O.N.A. 27th Annual Convention - Quality Inn, Woodstock, Ontario, Junction 59 hywy and 401. Host Clubs - Ingersoll, Tillsonburg, and Woodstock. Info: Chairman T. Masters, 823 Van Street, London, Ontario, N5Z 1M8, (519)438 2402.
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IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Clubs who wish to have the O.N.A. advertise their shows, should get those dates, locations, and any other information to the O.N.A. Editor as soon as possible. Another reason to announce your show dates as early as possible is to avoid a conflict of dates with other Clubs. The O.N.A. can only advertise your show if that information is forthcoming. This is a free service for your use.

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The Canadian Numismatic Association prints the NAMES of all the RECRUITERS each month in their Journal, which to some degree, tends to encourage an individual to sign up new members for the C.N.A.

The ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION is asking each and every MEMBER to sign up ONE NEW MEMBER this YEAR. This if accomplished will double the MEMBERSHIP and ASSIST in keeping the Association both healthy and in an excellent position to serve its MEMBERS and AFFILIATE CLUBS to their utmost advantage.

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My particular interests in Numismatics are:

If accepted into membership of the Ontario Numismatic Association, I will abide by its Constitution. I HAVE NEVER BEEN EXPELLED OR REFUSED MEMBERSHIP IN ANY NUMISMATIC CLUB OR ASSOCIATION.

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