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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In my final column before the 1988 Ontario Numismatic Convention in March, I will attempt to answer the remaining questions posed at the Delegates Meeting in 1987.

QUESTION: How does one go about merging Clubs?

ANSWER: While we live in a "reasonably" free society, I would have to assume the majority of each group would have to be agreeable. The terms of the merger would have to satisfy each Club as I have never heard of a Hostile Takeover in Coin Clubs yet.

QUESTION: How can the O.N.A. have a higher profile in the Canadian Numismatic Association, especially in the selection of the Ontario Director?

ANSWER: The O.N.A. will strive to become more visable, and in this area greater communications are indicated. I personally see no way of greater input in the selection (election) of the Ontario Director.

QUESTION: Will the new insurance plan be applicable to individual members of a Club as well as the Club itself?

ANSWER: Most definitely. Clubs insured under the policy have all Club Members covered and the Club Executive. Incidentally, the program turned out to be quite successful and was supported by 25 Clubs!

Several questions were asked in regard to a Director's duties and Convention operations. While these are not being answered in this column, I would suggest the person wishing information contact me directly with more specifics.

The mail bag hasn't been bulging over the past year but I did receive a nice note from Jim Charlton in which he suggested one way of earning much needed additional funds would be through a Donation Auction. This might work! What do you think?

Your President,



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## ASSOCIATION NEWS MEMBERSHIP

The applications which appeared in the November-December 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.

1297 Shaun Wallace St. Catharines, Ontario

The following has been transferred from regular membership to Life Membership:

LM 85 Ron Zelk Downsview, Ontario

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# EDITORIAL

January is a good time to discuss Club finances. Many Clubs have elected a new executive for the coming year, and one of the first items of business should be their Club finances. I asked my Club members where I'm President, "How much do they think it cost our Club to conduct each meeting?" Answers ranged from \$15.00 to \$25.00, when in reality it is over \$60.00. That includes our rent, membership to O.N.A., C.N.A., Liability Insurance, and Publication. That \$60.00 for our Club is very low, when it has been reported to me that several Clubs pay more than that for rent alone. Also, I belong to several Clubs whose cash balance at the end of the year was very small, and those new executive members are faced with bankruptcy each meeting and unable to introduce new programs because of the lack of funds. When new programs are not introduced, sometimes interest lags and there's a loss of attendance and membership.

What is the answer? Raise the dues to match the cost or do you find alternate ways to meet those costs? Continually raising the dues can be a very costly mistake if you lose part of your membership. I realize that the due structure has to be reviewed from time to time and a modest increase be made, but not at the expense of losing some of our members.

What are some of those alternatives? First, our newsletter is a large expense and one that no Club can do without. It provides the only link of communication between the Club and its casual attendance members. It's vitally important to announce upcoming programs and what those casual attending members missed at the last meeting. In order to cut the cost of this publication, some could be delivered by hand, especially in the smaller centres. About 50% of my Club's publication is delivered this way and cost is reduced drastically.

Draws can produce another income. I like the "Share the Wealth" (50-50) where one half goes back to the Club. Other types are donations and tickets sold on those donations. A small charge for coins sold in the Club Auction can produce an income. We charge 5% and only if the lot is sold.

The O.N.A. gives every Club the opportunity to make some money, and several Clubs have taken advantage of this opportunity each year. Each year the O.N.A. asks its members and member Clubs to sell tickets on their draw and a \$2.00 rebate will be given back to the Designated Club for each complete book sold. My Club has made over \$190.00 and the Stratford Club over \$200.00, then I look down the list (that is published each year) of those Clubs which get a \$2.00 or \$4.00 rebate and are complaining about their financial situations but are doing very little to improve that situation.

I hope that some of my suggestions and criticisms will be taken seriously by the Club Executives and Members. Clubs can only survive if they have the funds to carry on, and you its members can help by giving a little extra effort to all the suggestions I have made. Every Club has something to offer to everyone in the hobby. It's our responsibility as members to give something back in return.

T. Masters

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## COVER: CANADA'S 1920 SMALL CENT

Introduced into circulation in 1920 in order to conserve copper. The obverse is the familiar design of Sir Bertram MacKenna. The reverse features a new design by engraver Fred Lewis. This coin was produced continuously until 1936 when it was replaced by the coinage of King George VI.

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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: 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 5 Peterborough Numismatic Society Annual Coin Show at Peterborough Square Mall. Info: Don Hurl, Box 1318, 15 Charlotte St., Lakefield, Ontario, K0L 2H0.
- March 20 Marysville, Michigan Coin Show, American Legion Hall, Marysville, Michigan, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Free Admission. Info: Charles Springborn, 395 St. Clair, Marysville, Michigan, 48079.
- 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 9 North York Coin Club 28th Annual Coin Show - North York Community Hall, 5110 Yonge St., 10:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Info: P.O. Box 294, Stn. A, North York, M2N 5S9.
- 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.
- May 7 Thistletown Coin & Stamp Show - Etobicoke Community Centre, 1485 Albion Road, Rexdale, Ontario, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Free Admission.
- May 14-15 Atlantic Province Numismatic Association - Fredericton Inn, Regent Street at TransCanada Hwy, Fredericton, New Brunswick. Info: Fredericton Numismatic Society, P.O. Box 445, Fredericton, N.B., E3B 4Z9.
- June 3-4-5 Canadian Association Wooden Money - Park Hotel, 4960 Clifton Hill, Niagara Falls, Ontario. Info: N. Belston, 37 Neames Cresc., Downsview, Ontario, M3L 1K8.
- 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.
- October 22 St. Catharines Coin Club Annual Coin Show & Banquet. Info: later date.
- April 22-23 1989 O.N.A. 27th Annual Convention - Quality Inn, Woodstock, Ontario, Junction 59 Hwy and 401. Host Clubs - Ingersoll, Tillsonburg, and Woodstock. Info: Chairman T. Masters, 823 Van Street, London, Ontario, N5Z 1M8 (519) 438-2402.
- July 27-30, 1989 C.N.A. Annual Convention Quebec City, P.Q.

ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS PROPOSED CHANGES.  
ALL CHANGES ARE FROM THE REPRINTED MAY 1977 COPY OF THE CONSTITUTION.

DATED: NOVEMBER 22, 1987 FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MARCH 26, 1988 (126  
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NOTE: ALL CHANGES WILL BE IDENTIFIED BY AN ALPHA LETTER IN ALPHA ORDER.  
THE LOCATION OF THE CHANGE WILL BE STATED FIRST: THE EXSISTING CLAUSE  
OR PHRASE WILL BE STATED BEFORE THE SYMBOL <-> AND THE PROPOSED CLAUSE  
OR PHRASE WILL BE STATED AFTER THE SYMBOL. (NOTATION, EXPLINATION OF  
TYPE OF CHANGE WILL BE STATED LAST AND IN BRACKETS IF NEEDED).

CONSTITUTION CHANGES AS FOLLOWS:

- A.) COVER: N2J 2Z6 <-> N2J 3Z6 (TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR)
- B.) ARTICLE 3 - MEMBERS - ELIGIBILITY AND PRIVILEGES SECTION 5: ANY  
HONORARY OR REGULAR MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION WHO HAS BEEN A MEMBER  
IN GOOD STANDING FOR THREE YEARS OR LONGER SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY  
FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP. THE MEMBERSHIP NUMBER GIVEN TO A LIFE MEMBER  
SHALL BE PRECEDED BY THE LETTERS "LM". <-> . . . IN GOOD STANDING FOR  
ONE YEAR OR LONGER . . .
- C.) ARTICLE 3 SECTION 8: CORPORATE MEMBERS . . . SHALL NOT BE ELIGIBLE  
FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP . . . <-> . . . SHALL BE ELIGIBLE . . . CORPORATE  
LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEE SHALL BE SUCH AS ESTABLISHED FROM TIME TO TIME BY  
THE EXECUTIVE.
- D.) ARTICLE 3 SECTION 9: . . . <-> . . . SEE ARTICLE 9 SECTION 2.  
(ADD REFERENCE)
- E.) ARTICLE 4 - MEMBERS - APPLICATION, ADMISSION AND DUES SECTION 3:  
. . . SECRETARY . . . <-> . . . MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN . . . (DUTY UPDATE)
- F.) ARTICLE 4 SECTION 5: . . . SECRETARY (3 PLACES) . . . <-> . . .  
MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN (3 PLACES) . . . (DUTY UPDATE)
- G.) ARTICLE 4 SECTION 7: ALL DUES FOR MEMBERS SHALL BE SUCH AS MAY BE  
SHOWN FROM TIME TO TIME IN THE BY-LAWS OF THE ASSOCIATION. <-> ALL  
DUES FOR MEMBERS SHALL BE SUCH AS ESTABLISHED FROM TIME TO TIME BY  
THE EXECUTIVE OF THE ASSOCIATION.
- H.) ARTICLE 4 SECTION 8: . . . SECRETARY . . . <-> . . . MEMBERSHIP  
CHAIRMAN . . . (DUTY UPDATE)
- I.) ARTICLE 5 - MEMBERS - RESIGNATION, SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION SECTION 3:  
. . . UNTIL THE FINAL DECISION THE THE EXECUTIVE, . . . <-> . . . UNTIL  
THE FINAL DECISION OF THE EXECUTIVE, . . . (TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR)
- J.) ARTICLE 6 - ELECTED OFFICERS SECTION 3: . . . A PAST-PRESIDENT MAY  
ASSIST AND GUIDE AT ANY REGULARLY CALLED MEETING WITH FULL VOTING  
RIGHTS PROVIDED HE HAS ATTENDED FIFTY PER CENT OF THE PAST YEAR'S  
MEETINGS. <-> . . . THE IMMEDIATE PAST-PRESIDENT IS A MEMBER OF THE  
EXECUTIVE WITH FULL VOTING RIGHTS. (DUTY UPDATE)
- K.) ARTICLE 6 SECTION 4: . . . BIENNIALLY . . . DECRETION . . . <->  
. . . BI-ANNUALLY . . . DISCRETION . . . (SPELLING ERRORS)
- L.) ARTICLE 6 SECTION 4: . . . ADVERTISING MANAGER, HISTORIAN, . . . <->  
. . . ARCHIVIST . . . (REMOVE ADVERTISING MANAGER AND CHANGE NAME OF  
HISTORIAN TO ARCHIVIST)

ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS PROPOSED CHANGES  
CONTINUED . . . .

- M.) ARTICLE 7 - OFFICERS - ELECTION SECTION 11: . . . ANNUAL GENERAL .  
<-> . . . ANNUAL GENERAL . . . (TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR)
- N.) ARTICLE 7 SECTION 13: NO MEMBER SHALL HOLD OFFICE, ELECTED OR  
APPOINTED UNLESS HE IS A RESIDENT OF ONTARIO. <-> PROXY VOTE(S) WILL  
BE RECOGNIZED BY THE CHAIR WHEN THE MEMBER HOLDING SAID PROXY(S)  
PROVIDES WRITTEN PROOF PRIOR TO THE START OF THE MEETING.  
(DELETE OLD SECTION 13, ADD NEW PROPOSED SECTION 13 OR SECTION 16 IF  
OLD SECTION 13 IS NOT DELETED)
- BY-LAW CHANGES AS FOLLOWS:
- O.) 3. OFFICIAL PUBLICATION: . . . SHALL BE PUBLISHED MONTHLY, . . . <->  
. . . SHALL BE PUBLISHED BI-MONTHLY, . . .
- P.) 4. DUTIES OF OFFICERS (a) THE PRESIDENT: (iv) TO COUNTERSIGN ALL  
PROPER WARRENTS DRAWN ON THE TREASURER. HE MAY DELEGATE THE FIRST  
VICE-PRESIDENT TO PERFORM ALL OR A DESIGNATED PORTION OF THIS  
FUNCTION. <-> DELETE (iv) (HENCE (v) BECOMES (iv) AND (vi) becomes  
(v) )
- Q.) 4. (a) OLD (vi): TO APPOINT AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING THREE  
AUDITORS TO AUDIT THE FINANCIAL BOOKS OF THE ASSOCIATION. <-> TO  
APPOINT AT THE DISCRETION OF THE PRESIDENT, AUDITORS TO REVIEW THE  
FINANCIAL BOOKS OF THE ASSOCIATION.
- R.) 4. (e) MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY: THE DUTIES OF THE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY  
SHALL BE: . . . <-> MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN: THE DUTIES OF THE MEMBERSHIP  
CHAIRMAN SHALL BE: . . . (DUTY UPDATE)
- S.) 4. (j) HISTORIAN: THE DUTIES OF THE HISTORIAN SHALL BE: . . . <->  
ARCHIVIST: THE DUTIES OF THE ARCHIVIST SHALL BE: . . . (DUTY UPDATE)
- T.) 5. MEMBERSHIP DUES. (a) THE MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR REGULAR MEMBERS . . .  
<-> THE MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR ALL MEMBERS . . .
- U.) 5. (b) THE MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR CORPORATE MEMBERS SHALL BE \$10. DUE  
JANUARY 1ST OF EACH YEAR. <-> DELETE (b) (HENCE (c) BECOMES (b) AND  
(d) BECOMES (c) )
- V.) 5. OLD (c): THE MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP SHALL BE \$50  
PAYABLE IN A LUMP SUM AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP.  
THE MONIES ACCRUING FROM LIFE MEMBERSHIPS SHALL BE INVESTED IN TRUSTEE  
SECURITIES AND THE INTEREST DERIVED THEREFROM SHALL BE PAID INTO THE  
GENERAL FUNDS OF THE ASSOCIATION. <-> THE MONIES ACCRUING FROM LIFE  
MEMBERSHIPS SHALL BE INVESTED IN TRUSTEE SECURITIES AND THE MEMBERSHIP  
DUES SHALL BE PAID INTO THE GENERAL FUNDS OF THE ASSOCIATION.
- W.) 9. DIRECTORATE AREAS: . . . AREA NO. 7 . . . <-> . . . AREA NO. 7 AND  
AREA NO.7 ASSISTANT . . . REVISIONS OF THE BOUNDRIES OF THE AREAS  
MAY BE MADE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE EXECUTIVE. (NEW CHANGE)
- X.) 10. CODE OF ETHICS: . . . AGREES NOT TO SELL EXHIBIT, PRODUCE OR . . .  
<-> . . . AGREES NOT TO SELL, EXHIBIT, PRODUCE OR . . . (TYPOGRAPHICAL  
ERROR)

AWARD OF MERIT RULES CHANGES AS FOLLOWS:  
NOTE: THESE CHANGES ARE NOTED IN NUMERIC ORDER.

- 1.) (G) THE REQUEST FOR SUBMISSION OF ELIGIBLE NAMES FOR THIS AWARD, SHALL BE PUBLISHED IN THE LAST ISSUE EACH YEAR OF THE 'ONTARIO NUMISMATIST'. <-> . . . SHALL BE PUBLISHED 120 DAYS PRIOR TO THE START OF THE CONVENTION IN THE 'ONTARIO NUMISMATIST'.
- 2.) (H) THE FINAL DATE ON WHICH NAMES WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR CONSIDERATION SHALL BE MARCH 1ST, FOLLOWING EACH YEAR. TO THE SECRETARY OF THE ONA. <-> THE FINAL DATE ON WHICH NAMES WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR CONSIDERATION SHALL BE 30 DAYS PRIOR TO THE START OF THE CONVENTION, TO THE AWARD OF MERIT CHAIRMAN.
- 3.) (I) THE COMMITTEE SHALL THEN MEET, SELECT THE WINNER AND SUBMIT THE NAME IN A SEALED ENVELOPE TO THE SECRETARY OF THE O.N.A. <-> THE COMMITTEE SHALL THEN MEET AND SELECT THE WINNER FROM THE NAMES NOMINATED, THE WINNERS' NAME SHALL BE PLACED IN AN ENVELOPE, SEALED AND MARKED 'AWARD OF MERIT WINNER'. IT WILL BE TAKEN TO THE CONVENTION BY THE AWARD OF MERIT CHAIRMAN.
- 4.) (K) . . . <-> . . . A UNIFACE SILVER MEDAL SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE AWARD OF MERIT CHAIRMAN BY THE HOST CLUB FOR ENGRAVING THE WINNER NAME. THE COST OF THE MEDAL WILL BE INCURRED BY THE O.N.A. (ADDITION)
- 5.) (L) THE MEDAL, WHEN POSSIBLE, SHALL BE PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION. <-> THE MEDAL, WHEN POSSIBLE, SHALL BE PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL BANQUET OF THE ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION.

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#### THE JOYS OF NUMISMATIC DISPLAYING

- by Darryl A. Atchison  
Display Chairman 1988 ONA CONVENTION

It has often been noted that a numismatist, or a collector in any field for that matter, experiences a certain thrill from acquiring a rare, attractive or interesting piece for his collection. One cannot deny that a feeling of euphoria accompanies the almost historic event of finding a new piece, whether simply by chance or after several months of dedicated research. However, the joy of collecting is in no small way limited to the act of increasing the size of one's collection.

How many times have you acquired a rare item or a piece previously unknown to you and immediately rushed to show someone your priceless treasure? Remember the pride you could barely contain behind that ear-to-ear grin? If you have ever experienced these feelings then you already know that the biggest joy in collecting comes from displaying one's collection.

Perhaps you have even considered putting together a display of the material you have accumulated. However, after attending conventions and seeing exhibits that fellow collectors have assembled you felt that you could not seriously compete because your collection was not comprised of items nearly as rare or expensive as theirs. You might be interested to know that many award-winning displays have been comprised of common and inexpensive pieces. Simply put, the originality and organization of a display are far more important than the actual material being exhibited. Many people are missing the biggest joy of collecting because they are intimidated by the resources of the competition.

THE JOYS OF NUMISMATIC DISPLAYING (Cont'd)

Putting together a numismatic display can be a very rewarding experience. There is, of course, the possibility of winning an award for your efforts but the non-competitive rewards can be even more fulfilling.

Many collectors build their collections over a period of many years; the acquisition of each piece brings its own rewards. Displays made up of these life-long collections allow the general public to recognize and appreciate the collector's achievements. As well, by exhibiting, the collector lets others know where his collecting interests lie.

I assembled my first display just last year, and since then I have acquired at least two dozen new pieces for my collection from other collectors. When they discovered what I was collecting most of them were more than willing to sell or even give me items from their collections. In a few rare cases where the piece was not for sale I at least learned to keep my eyes open in the future in case one becomes available.

By exhibiting you have the opportunity to educate both collectors and non-collectors alike about your special topic of expertise. Education has always been the foundation of numismatics. Why else would coin club meetings, local coin shows and major conventions arrange for special guest speakers? People are willing to take the time to learn if they are presented with concise factual information organized in a professional and interesting manner. Exhibitors should always remember that viewers of their displays know nothing about their topic. When compiling their information they should select only the essentials. Avoid boring the viewer with textbooks of information but always remember that too little is worse. Thorough research and common sense should dictate the contents of your display. The best exhibit is the one that passes on the most information in the least amount of time.

The number of different collecting interests is perhaps infinite. Accordingly the number of possible different numismatic displays is certainly as diverse. No one can tell you how to produce an original display. No text book can recite a magic formula. Only the limits of your imagination and creativity dictate the originality of your exhibit. But certainly, the more that you display the easier it will become to recognize a truly new and innovative brainwave from that of an over-abused and white-washed idea. However, once you've discovered that true inspiration there are people who can help you organize your display. These people can be found at all levels of numismatics - from your local coin club, to the regional numismatic organizations such as the ONA and the national association, the CNA.

Recently I came across a very informative book entitled "EXHIBITS AND JUDGING IN NUMISMATICS", edited by Paul Johnson and Ted Banning. I would recommend that anyone seriously interested in displaying, whether their first time or their tenth, obtain a copy. It is crammed full of articles about every aspect of displaying, as well as photographs to aid the reader. The information obtained within this book will be invaluable to potential exhibitors. It is well worth the price of \$3.50. Contact Ken Prophet, Executive Secretary of the CNA, at P.O. Box 226, Barrie, Ont., L4M 4T2 to purchase your copy.

As Display Chairman for the Ontario Numismatic Association's 1988 Convention, I invite all numismatists to place an exhibit in the March 25-27 Show. Members of the ONA will automatically be receiving the Exhibitor Kit. All others are requested to write the ONA 1988 Convention's Exhibit Chairman at P.O. Box 973, Station "B", Willowdale, Ont., M2K 2T6.

What are you waiting for? Why not experience the biggest joy in numismatics: **SHARE YOUR COLLECTION WITH SOMEONE ELSE!**

# Canada's Fishing Schooner Ten Cents



## Is It The Bluenose?

By Laurence R. Griffin

Since its introduction in 1937, Canada's famed fishing boat dime has been an enigma. And, there's no reason to believe that the puzzling questions surrounding it will ever be resolved satisfactorily.

In that year, Canadian coinage underwent a number of changes. First, of course, the effigy of King George V, who died in 1936, had to be replaced with one of George VI, in line with Canada's practice of always having her coins carry an image of England's reigning monarch.

However, the government also decided to change the reverses of some of its coins to make them more representative of Canada. The design of the dime was set forth in a royal proclamation which stipulated "A fishing schooner under sail, 'Canada' above and '10 cents' below, with the date of the year, and a grain upon the edge."

But, soon after the new coins began to appear, sharp-eyed observers quickly noted the schooner's high bow and sail arrangement characteristic of the well-known racing boat, Bluenose. Almost immediately everyone was demanding to know, "Is it, or isn't it 'Bluenose'?" Officially, it isn't, and as proof, the mint always points to the wording of its proclamation.

What apparently happened is that Emmanuel Hahn patterned his design after photographs of Bluenose, and perhaps even used a model to complete the engraving.

Hahn probably felt, like many others, that Bluenose symbolized both Canada's vast fishing industry and her maritime skills. And, indeed, in these respects he couldn't have picked a better schooner.

Strangely enough, Bluenose had her beginning in 1920 almost by accident. The first event in the chain of circumstances that led to her construction was the cancellation of the America's Cup race due to bad weather.

Later that year, the Halifax Herald decided to initiate and finance a series of races between the swiftest boats of the U.S. and Canadian fishing fleets.

This would be no contest between high-born, pampered aristocrats of the sea, used only as pleasure craft, but instead a struggle of real working schooners that earned their keep. The fact is, American and Canadian fishermen had been racing each other for years for their own amusement.

In the first Herald contest, that fall, Canada's entry was soundly defeated by a Gloucester boat, "Esperanto", and the new International

Fishermen's Trophy was carried triumphantly back to Massachusetts.

Shocked by this ignoble loss to the U.S., Captain Angus Walters, a short, lean Nova Scotian fisherman, decided to take a personal hand in the defense of Canada's honor. All he could think of was his desire to build a fishing schooner capable of winning back the coveted trophy.

That winter Walters did no fishing. Instead, he labored tirelessly to raise money for his ambitious project. He managed to sell 350 shares of stock, at \$100. per share, while a friend, William Roue of Halifax, worked on a design for the future queen of the deep.

Construction was finally begun, and soon the 143 foot champion started to take shape. She was launched on a blustery March day in 1921, and promptly named Bluenose, a Yankee slang term applied to all Nova Scotians.

On her maiden run, she proved swifter than anyone, including Walters, had dared hope, or thought possible. With 10,000 square feet of white canvas bellying above her, she clipped along ahead of the wind, like a frightened dolphin. From that day on Walters felt certain that he had a winner.

Bluenose was in the Halifax Herald race that fall, and defeated "Elsie" out of Gloucester, to bring the treasured cup back to Canada. This victory proved to be only the first of a long string of wins for Old Stormalong, as she was fondly nicknamed.

For nine years, Bluenose vanquished all comers. Then, in 1930, she tasted defeat for the first time. Entered in the America's Cup race, she was up against the trim Boston schooner "Gertrude L. Thebaud" skippered by Ben Pine. Sir Thomas Lipton (of tea fame), suggested a best-of-three race, with the winner taking the cup.

"Thebaud" won the first heat, and the second was called because of rough seas. In the third race, Walters was well ahead when he made a navigational blunder that resulted in becalming Bluenose. Pine took advantage of a weak land zephyr and piloted his boat to victory.

The next year, Walters was out for blood. Once more there was to be a best-of-three series. This time there were no errors and Bluenose won two times in a row, walking away with the cup.

Through the years, Bluenose's fame continued to grow while she still led her strange double life, performing one day as a champion, and the next as a workhorse fishing boat. Under Canadian sponsorship, she appeared at the Chicago World's Fair, in 1933, and went to England in 1935 for King George V's Silver Jubilee.

But all too soon a long shadow dropped across her bright accomplishments. Slowly diesel powered fishing trawlers were creating stiffer and stiffer competition, until at last, Walters was forced into motorizing Bluenose to stay in business. The days of the sailing ship were clearly drawing to a close.

Finally, in 1938, as a reward for her countless victories, Bluenose was permanently awarded the Fishermen's Trophy. Once more, for oldtimes sake, she raced her rival "Thebaud", and as usual won, although not by as large a margin as Walters would have liked. Age had begun to take its toll of the venerable queen.

Bluenose would soon learn that fame means little and is quickly forgotten by the public. When he retired, in 1939, Walters opened a dairy, although his interest in Bluenose remained strong.

He petitioned the government to restore, and keep Bluenose as a final memorial to the sailing ship, but as war clouds gathered, his pleas fell on deaf ears. When, a year later, Bluenose was about to go on public

IS IT THE BLUENOSE? (Cont'd)

auction, Walters scraped together all the money he could, and bought her outright.

The end was nearing, however, and after two years of mounting storage bills Walters was compelled to sell her to a Caribbean freight company. Her final tragic end came in 1946 when she went to the bottom of the sea after striking a coral reef near Haiti.

But, not all Canadians forgot their sea thoroughbred. Like a ghost from the past, she appeared again in 1963 as a \$450,000. full-scale duplicate, financed by a Nova Scotian brewry. And, when Bluenose II went to sea for the first time, Captain Walters was at the helm.

Still, the greatest tribute to Bluenose is her country's dime, although it wasn't the Canadian government's original intent to honor her.

In a way, it's unfortunate that the question of just why Bluenose appears on the coin can never be answered by the one man who really knew. Hahn is dead, and apparently he confided in no one regarding his decision.

Yet, however it came about, the Canadian ten-cent piece stands as a lasting monument to a time when there really were iron men who sailed the sea in wooden ships.

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RUSSIA'S KOPEK

Prince Vytautas, son of the Grand Duke of Lithuania, in the 1370s issued the first kopeck (properly kopeika, meaning "little spear") coins at Grodno. This term was applied as these early coins carried a pointed elliptical design representing a spear.

Vytautas embraced Christianity in 1383 and subsequent kopecks were also to feature a cross. Two types of kopecks were issued; cross-plus-spear/castle-gates for Lithuania itself and cross-plus-spear/PETCHAT (meaning "a seal" in Russian) for his immense Russian territories.

Numerous Russian territories were added to the domains of Vytautas the Great prior to his death in 1430, as Russian dukes became his vassals in order to escape being overrun by the Tartars of the Golden Horde. Respected by the eastern invaders, Vytautas was so strong they sometimes even asked him to be the supreme judge in their internal disputes.

In their Russian vassal territories the Tartars forced the dukes to issue a rather base silver coin entirely in Tartar script including the word temga to show their supremacy. Vytautas' kopecks won the war of the coins with those of the Tartars because they were of better silver and because they carried the cross, the sign of salvation to the pious Russians.

Losing a battle against the Tartar invaders in 1399, a mishap which resulted in his winning the war, Vytautas began counterstamping the Tartar temga (widely known as dengas) with his castle-gate arms. To those whose religion forbade any sort of images, this was solely for the purpose of humiliation. He later counterstamped the baser dengas with the cross-- the ultimate slap in the face.

Such was the great part played by a coin and a sign in uniting a people against an oppressor.

Both denominations became a part of the Russian coinage system, the denga becoming a half-kopeck, and the kopeck the hundredth part of the rouble.

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I am very excited about the plans already finalized by various members of your Convention Committee (their names will be published in the next ONA Numismatist dubbed the "Convention Issue"). A fantastic array of programs and speakers is in place. The medals are already on hand. The Registration Kit is shaping up nicely. The Program of Events is in place and ready to be mailed to you in the next bulletin. Everything is coming along beautifully! We know you will enjoy the convention.

Of immediate concern is the Souvenir Program Booklet that has to be laid out, typeset, printed, collated, folded, stapled, etc., well before the Convention. We appeal to you at this time to read over the following pages and if you are motivated sufficiently, to fill in the last sheet of this bulletin and return it to us by February 15.

SEE YOU AT THE CONVENTION!

John Regitko,

### SOUVENIR PROGRAM BOOKLET INFORMATION

The 1988 ONA CONVENTION, hosted by the Toronto International Coin Fair, promises to be the largest ONA Convention ever. With the experience of the TICF Committee in running coin shows, the ONA Executive's dedication in advancing the hobby, and the fact that the 1988 ONA CONVENTION is being held in conjunction with TICF's Spring show, a high attendance is assured.

All activities normally associated with a major convention are in place. The Registration Kit will be second-to-none in content and value. Also, the Souvenir Program Booklet will be like no other before it. It will be the biggest and best Souvenir Program Booklet ever produced in Canada by anyone!

We are offering all ONA members, whether collectors, dealers or clubs, an opportunity to participate in the success of this high-profile show, by placing an ad in the Souvenir Program Booklet. On the following pages are the relevant details concerning advertising in the Souvenir Program Booklet. Why not consider some of the following ideas for a small ad:

**FOR INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS:** Congratulate the ONA; make a donation for the registration kit of your old or new woods or medals (75 identical pieces please) and take a free ad indicating your generosity; advertise some of your spare woods, medals or other numismatic material; etc.

**FOR COIN CLUBS:** Promote your meeting dates; promote your annual coin show; make a donation of 75 identical pieces for the registration kit and get an ad free; promote your left-over club medals or woods; get a number of your members together to share a common ad mentioning all their names; etc.

**FOR DEALERS:** A general ad about their dealership; a "for sale" ad of specific material; a "good for" coupon ad; a "come and see me at my table" ad; a simple congratulatory ad; make a donation of 75 or more pieces and tie it into your free ad; etc.

Please note that your ad must be received towards the beginning of February. But don't put off replying until then. Help us plan the Souvenir Program Booklet early to avoid the usual last-minute rush, by acting immediately. Note that if you are planning on issuing a new wooden nickel at the Convention (a number of people do this regularly) and donating 75 for the registration kit but they are not ready yet, send us your ad now and send us the wooden nickels whenever you can (we do want them in advance of the Convention for inclusion in the Registration Kit).

We look forward to hearing from you soon. Dealers note that a receipt will be issued for tax purposes.

From your 1988 ONA Convention Committee

## 1988 ONA CONVENTION SOUVENIR PROGRAM BOOKLET

The Souvenir Program Booklet for the 1988 ONA Convention promises to be the biggest and best ever. Various forms of advertising are available for the size 5½" x 8½" booklet. We are working towards a total of 75 Registrants and 1200 daily admissions.

### OPTION A

To help defray the cost of typesetting, collating, folding and stapling the Booklet, advertising space is offered to commercial enterprises on the following basis. This includes coin dealers and anyone else offering merchandise for sale for profit.

- full page advertisement at \$75.00
- half page advertisement at \$40.00
- third page advertisement at \$30.00
- quarter page advertisement at \$22.50
- one-eighth page advertisement at \$12.50

Note that the front inside, back inside and back outside pages are not available.

### OPTION B

If you are a non-profit club, whether local, regional or national, we are pleased to offer ads at half-price. These ads can list meeting location and time, annual show information, along with a mailing address and telephone number. Medals that belong to the club that are being sold for its benefit may also be advertised under this half-price option, as do personal greeting-type ads from collectors, non-profit clubs and upcoming shows.

### OPTION C

If you are a "contributor" to the Registration Kit, you can receive a quarter page ad absolutely free announcing your contribution. Donations to the kit that qualify under this complimentary ad scheme are:

- 75 pieces of any identical collectibles or usable items having a wholesale value greater than the cost of the ad. Items that will be considered under this option are wooden nickels, medals, other truly numismatic collectibles, pens, coin holders, etc. (Note that the collectibles may be previously issued or newly created expressly for the ONA Registration Kit.);
- worthwhile donations in a quantity of between 8 and 20, for inclusion in the hourly door draws either for one, two or all three days of the show;
- worthwhile items in a quantity of up to 1200 for give-away to everyone attending the ONA Convention (the quantity you donate would determine which days they will be handed out at the door). "Good for" coupons will be judged on an individual basis depending on the restrictions that are placed on its use.

Note that exemplary donations would qualify for larger complimentary ad space.

ATTACHED ARE SAMPLE ADS THAT QUALIFY UNDER OPTION B AND OPTION C. BE CREATIVE!

# EXAMPLES OF FREE QUARTER-PAGE ADS

NOTE THAT EACH AD REFERS TO A GIVE-AWAY IN THE REGISTRATION KIT

## NORTH TORONTO COLLECTORS WAREHOUSE

*is pleased to include  
a special wooden token  
in the registration kit  
for the 1988*

### ONA CONVENTION

NORTH TORONTO  
COLLECTORS WAREHOUSE  
438 Limestone Cres.  
NORTH YORK, ONT.  
Larry Becker

## SUBWAY COIN & STAMP SUPPLIES

*IS PLEASED TO  
DONATE THE COIN  
HOLDERS FOR THE  
MEDALS AND TOKENS  
IN YOUR KIT*

SUBWAY  
1110 BEAULAC  
ST. LAURENT, P.Q.  
H4R 1R7

1-800-361-6967

## UNITRADE ASSOCIATES

127 CARTWRIGHT AVE.  
TORONTO, ONTARIO  
M6A 1V4

(1-416-787-5658)

has contributed  
"COINS OF CANADA"  
by Willey & Haxby

to the  
1988 ONA  
CONVENTION  
REGISTRATION KIT

## NORTH YORK COIN CLUB

is pleased to make  
available to each  
1988 ONA Convention  
registrant a new  
wooden token

NYCC  
meets 4th  
Tuesday at  
NORTH YORK MEM  
COMMUNITY HALL  
5110 Yonge St.  
North York

## WOODEN NICKEL COLLECTOR

### RON ZELK

IS PLEASED TO  
PARTICIPATE IN THE  
1988 ONA CONVENTION

SEE YOU AT  
1988 ONA  
CONVENTION  
FROM  
RON ZELK

I WILL DONATE \$5  
FOR EVERY NEW MEMBER  
I SPONSOR IN THE

ONA CNA  
CPMS CATC CAWMC

BRING A COMPLETED  
MEMBERSHIP FORM TO  
MY BOURSE TABLE

JOHNNY GOODDEALER  
TABLE #111

SUPPORTER OF  
NUMISMATICS AND  
DEALER IN FINE COINS

# EXAMPLES OF HALF-PRICE ADS

## TORONTO COIN CLUB

### MEDALS FOR SALE

1954 Aluminum	\$2.00
1967 Bronze	7.00
1986 Bronze	9.00
1986 Silver	32.50

TORONTO COIN CLUB  
P.O. BOX 865  
Adelaide St. P.O.  
Toronto, Ontario  
M5C 2K1

RECEIVE NEXT  
THREE BULLETINS

# FREE

INGERSOLL  
COIN CLUB

TOM MASTERS  
PRESIDENT/EDITOR  
823 Van Street  
LONDON, ONTARIO  
N5Z 1M8

## INGERSOLL COIN CLUB

MEETS THIRD MONDAY  
EVERY MONTH EXCEPT  
JULY & AUGUST  
(doors open 7:00 pm)

LIONS HALL  
THAMES STREET S.  
INGERSOLL, ONT.

SOCIAL EDUCATIONAL  
DRAWS AUCTION  
FREE PARKING  
GUESTS WELCOME

## NORTH YORK COIN CLUB

P.O. BOX 294, STATION "A"  
NORTH YORK, ONT. M2N 511

### FOR SALE

1986 CNA	
BRONZE	\$12.00
SILVER	38.50

1987 ONA	
BRONZE	\$ 7.00

ADD \$2 PER ORDER SHIPPING  
OR \$4 WHEN ORDERING THREE

SAVE SHIPPING CHARGES BY  
PICKING UP AT CLUB MEET-  
INGS AT NORTH YORK MEM.  
COMMUNITY HALL, 5110  
YONGE ST., NORTH YORK,  
4TH TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

THE FAMILY OF  
AL, LESLIE AND  
SHARRON BLIMAN  
WISHES THE

# 1988 ONA



MUCH SUCCESS

COUPON COUPON COUPON

## GOOD FOR

# \$5.00

ON THE PURCHASE OF THIS AD DOES NOT  
ITEM FULLY QUALIFY FOR A DISCOUNT.  
SORRY. FULL PRICE PAYABLE AT  
PURCHASE OF \$50  
OR MORE.

XYZ COIN COMPANY

TABLE #123

TO: SOUVENIR PROGRAM COORDINATOR  
1988 ONA CONVENTION  
P.O. BOX 973, STATION "B"  
WILLOWDALE, ONT. M2K 2T6

YES, I would like to be part of the ONA's largest venture ever. Count me in for the following ad in the Souvenir Program Booklet (Canadian funds):

- // Full-page ad at \$75.00
- // Half-page ad at \$40.00
- // One-third page ad at \$30.00
- // One-quarter page ad at \$22.50
- // One-eighth page ad at \$12.50

As far as the wording and layout of my ad is concerned:

- // Enclosed is my artwork
- // Artwork to follow shortly
- // My draft ad is on the back of this form.  
Please typeset at no additional charge  
(If I'm trying to get too much info into  
the space, get back to me)

In addition to the above, I would also like information from the 1988 ONA Convention Committee and TICF on the following activities:

- // Bourse table space information
- // Banquet information
- // Competitive exhibit information
- // Official ONA Convention medal pricing
- // Convention registration kit information

Payment for my ad is as follows:

- // Cheque or money order enclosed. Please send me receipt
- // Send me tear-sheet of ad and invoice in due course

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

PRINT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

COMPANY OR CLUB NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

POSTAL CODE \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER (     ) \_\_\_\_\_