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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 DISCRESION 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

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## GOOD FOR

# \$5.00

ON THE PURCHASE OF AN ITEM FROM THIS AD DOES NOT QUALIFY FOR A DISCOUNT. FULL PRICE PAYABLE AT THE TIME OF PURCHASE. AT THE PURCHASE OF \$50

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
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- // 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 (     ) \_\_\_\_\_



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# SPECIAL CONVENTION ISSUE

YOUR HOST: TORONTO INTERNATIONAL COIN FAIR



# ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

KENNETH WILMOT - PRESIDENT (1987-1989)

Dear Fellow Collectors:

I would like to take this opportunity to advise you about an upcoming event which truly excites me. The 26th Annual ONA Convention will be held at the Lakeshore Inn in Toronto from March 25 to 27.

Some of you may already know that our 1988 Convention will be hosted by the Toronto International Coin Fair, an organization which has a reputation for running very successful collector-oriented coin shows. This is the first time ever that a "commercial" organization has hosted our Convention. Our association with TICF is one which I am sure will strengthen our organization.

Your 1988 Convention Committee, along with TICF management, have gone to great lengths to ensure that this year's Convention will be truly action-packed. However, regardless of how much planning and preparation has been put forth, only your participation can guarantee its success.

It is my hope that each and every ONA member participates! Attend some of the scheduled events, which include the ONA and CNA Executive meetings, the trade dollar and wooden nickel collector meetings, educational seminars, the Banquet and other gatherings. Why not assemble a competitive exhibit and allow others to share your joy in collecting? Bring along a friend and introduce him or her to this fascinating hobby and the many good people associated with it. Take time out to walk around the bourse floor. Who knows which of the many dealers may just have the special piece which has long eluded your grasp?

If every member of our Association gets involved, the enthusiasm of the general collector will ensure that this convention is nothing but a success.

I hope to see each and every one of you in March!

Yours truly,

Kenneth Wilmot,  
PRESIDENT - ONA



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NUMISMATIC  
ASSOCIATION

# 1988 ONA CONVENTION

A PARTNERSHIP IN NUMISMATICS



AT LAKESHORE INN  
2000 LAKESHORE BLVD. W.  
TORONTO, ONTARIO

MARCH 25 - 27, 1988

## A SPECIAL INVITATION

TO ALL ONA MEMBERS, FAMILIES AND FRIENDS

I am very excited about the plans already finalized by various members of your Convention Committee. A fantastic array of programs and speakers is in place as the Program of Events included in this bulletin will attest. The medals are already on hand. The Registration Kit is shaping up very nicely. The Lakeshore Inn is ready to receive us in its comfortable rooms and restaurants. We know you will enjoy the Convention!

Following is all the information you need to decide whether you wish to join us at the Lakeshore Inn March 25 - 27 for the 1988 ONA Convention. We know that you and your spouse, children or friends will have a great time.

Even if you decide, for some reason, not to attend, you can still take advantage of some of the things going on at the Convention. For example, you can order the Registration Kit (if you do not show up at the Convention to pick it up, it will automatically be sent to you, with the same money-back guarantee we are offering all Registrants). By registering through the mail, you will be assured of receiving the special gold-plated Convention medal. You can also purchase the bronze and sterling silver medals through the mail, which again will automatically be sent to you following the Convention if they are not picked up.

Remember that by mailing in your Registration prior to March 11, you will be eligible for a number of special draws being conducted at the Convention (again, if you are not at the Convention, you are still eligible for the Early Bird Pre-Registrants draws. Your prize will be mailed to you along with your Kit).

SEE YOU AT THE CONVENTION!

Numismatically yours,

  
John Regitko, Chairman  
1988 ONA CONVENTION

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## 1988 ONA CONVENTION PLANNING COMMITTEE

GENERAL CHAIRMAN:	JOHN REGITKO
EXHIBIT CHAIRMAN:	DARRYL ATCHISON
BOURSE CHAIRMAN:	TERRY O'BRIEN
TREASURER:	HARVEY FARROW
REGISTRATION COMMITTEE:	TOM KENNEDY & RON ZELK
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PROGRAM OF EVENTS PLANNING:	PAUL JOHNSON
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BOURSE ASSISTANTS:	LARRY SONIAGH & RYAN McCULLOUGH
PROPERTY CHAIRMAN:	GEORGE FRASER
PUBLICITY:	JOHN REGITKO

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### A REMINDER ABOUT REGISTERING

Although we will accept your registrations up to and including at the Convention, you can participate in the "Early Bird" draws only if you register prior to March 15. Early Bird draws are conducted at the Banquet, the Wooden Money Breakfast meeting and the ONA Club Delegates breakfast meeting for committing to these functions prior to March 15, while all Registrants committing prior to the same date will be included in a special draw to be held at the ONA General Membership meeting on Saturday.

Draws will consist of a free week-end stay at the Convention hotel, numismatic mugs, numismatic \$1000 clocks, TICF playing cards, attache cases, PL sets and other worthwhile numismatic prizes. We urge you to sign up for functions early that involve a commitment to the hotel, to assist us in our planning and in making accurate commitments to the Lakeshore Inn's catering department.

Won't you help us plan early? Won't you register by return?

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention in filling in the forms at the back of this bulletin.

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### A PLEDGE FROM THE 1988 ONA CONVENTION

YOUR 1988 ONA CONVENTION REGISTRATION KIT WILL BE WAITING FOR YOU WHEN YOU ARRIVE AT THE CONVENTION.

IF YOU DO NOT FEEL THAT THE KIT IS WORTH MORE THAN THE REGISTRATION FEE, JUST RETURN IT TO US AT THE CONVENTION. YOU WILL RECEIVE A FULL REFUND -- AND STILL GET FREE ADMISSION TO THE BOURSE FOR ALL THREE DAYS.

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# PROGRAM OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 1988

- 6:00 p.m. BOURSE DEALER AND EXHIBITOR SET-UP (to 10:00 p.m.). Not open to public.
- 6:00 p.m. REGISTRANTS MAY PICK UP REGISTRATION KIT at Registration Desk. New registrations accepted, as well as the sale of admission tickets to banquet, CAWMC breakfast meeting, Club Delegates Breakfast meeting (to 10:00 p.m.).

FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 1988

- 8:00 a.m. COMPLIMENTARY BREAKFAST FOR ALL TICF DEALERS (all others \$7 per person). King Arthur Dining Room, main floor (to 8:45 a.m.). An all-you-can-eat buffet breakfast of eggs, bacon, sausages, toast, juice, potato puffs, coffee and tea.
- 8:00 a.m. BOURSE DEALER AND EXHIBITOR SET-UP (to 10:00 a.m.). Not open to the public. Dealers will be served complimentary coffee and donuts.
- 9:00 a.m. REGISTRANTS MAY PICK UP REGISTRATION KIT at Registration Desk. New registrations accepted, as well as the sale of admission tickets to banquet, CAWMC breakfast meeting, Club Delegates Breakfast meeting (to 6:00 p.m.).
- 9:00 a.m. BOURSE ROOM OPEN TO REGISTRANTS ONLY FOR PRE-VIEWING (not open to the public until 10:00 a.m.).
- 10:00 a.m. OPENING CEREMONIES (The President of the ONA will cut the ribbon to declare the opening of the 1988 ONA Convention).
- 10:00 a.m. REGISTRATIONS AND TICKET SALES COMMENCE (to 6:00 p.m.) Convention Registrations, Banquet tickets, Club Delegates Breakfast meeting tickets, Wooden Money Breakfast meeting tickets and ONA Raffle tickets (at Registration Desk).
- 10:00 a.m. SHOW OPENS TO THE PUBLIC (\$2 admission per day to all non-registrants, Seniors \$1, Juniors free). To 6:00 p.m.
- 11:00 a.m. HOURLY DRAWS COMMENCE in the Penny Draw contest for valuable numismatic prizes. Draw tickets are good all day, a different coloured strip each day, which are included in the Registration Kit. Additional tickets may be purchased at the General Admission table.
- 12:00 noon LUNCH ORDERS ACCEPTED in King Arthur Dining Room from everyone attending the Convention, whether Dealer, collector or spouse. Food can be taken back to bourse table, to the snack area within the Convention, or consumed in the dining room that is open to our group only.
- 1:00 p.m. HOSPITALITY SUITE OPENS (Suite 1018, 10th floor, straight ahead as you get off the elevator). Complimentary coffee, tea, cake and snacks (to 5:00 p.m.).
- 5:00 p.m. Hospitality Suite closes.
- 6:00 p.m. Bourse, Exhibits and Registration Table closes.
- 7:00 p.m. DONALD B. THOMAS MEMORIAL FOUNDATION EXECUTIVE MEETING (Not open to public).
- 7:30 p.m. AUCTION SESSION I - Conducted by Nadin-Davis International Auctions Ltd. - World coins, gold, several superb consignments of Canadian decimal coins, historical documents, miscellaneous banking memorabilia, etc., etc.
- 8:00 p.m. 1988 ONA REGISTRANTS & DEALER RECEPTION - Full complimentary bar, cheese, punch, vegetables & dip, coffee, tea and snacks (to 10:00 p.m.). Open to 1988 ONA Convention Registrants & spouses and TICF Dealers, spouses and their legitimate assistants only. Exact location to be advised in the Registration Kit and directly to the Dealers. Registration Kits may also be picked up at this time.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 1988

- 8:00 a.m. COMPLIMENTARY BREAKFAST FOR ALL TICF DEALERS (all others \$7 per person). King Arthur Dining Room, main floor (to 8:45 a.m.). An all-you-can-eat buffet breakfast of eggs, bacon, sausages, toast, juice, potato puffs, coffee and tea.
- 9:00 a.m. ONA CLUB DELEGATES BREAKFAST MEETING (King Arthur Dining Room, main floor). Special draws for all persons who pre-registered. See the Registration form included with this bulletin.
- 9:00 a.m. BOURSE ROOM OPEN TO DEALERS ONLY. (Not open to the public until 10:00 a.m.).
- 9:00 a.m. CNA EXECUTIVE MEETING (Suite 518, 5th floor). All members of the Canadian Numismatic Association are welcome to attend as observers.
- 10:00 a.m. REGISTRATIONS AND TICKET SALES COMMENCE (Convention Registrations, Banquet tickets, Wooden Money Breakfast meeting tickets and ONA Raffle tickets). To 6:00 p.m.
- 10:00 a.m. SHOW OPENS TO THE PUBLIC (\$2 admission per day to all non-registrants, Seniors \$1, juniors free). To 6:00 p.m.
- 11:00 a.m. HOURLY DRAWS COMMENCE in the Penny Draw contest for valuable numismatic prizes. Draw tickets are good all day, a different coloured strip each day, which are included in the Registration Kit. Additional tickets may be purchased at the General Admission table.
- 11:00 a.m. ONA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING (Sapphire Room, lower level). All ONA members are urged to attend. In addition to the annual membership meeting, the Pre-registrants "Early Bird" bonus draws for early registrants will also take place.
- 12:00 noon LUNCH ORDERS ACCEPTED in King Arthur Dining Room from everyone attending the Convention, whether Dealer, collector or spouse. Food can be taken back to bourse table, to the snack area within the Convention, or consumed in the dining room that is open to our group only.
- 1:00 p.m. TRADE DOLLAR COLLECTORS MEETING (Sapphire Room, lower level). All collectors of trade dollars are welcome to attend. There is no admission charge. Free door draws for valuable trade dollars and trade notes. Complimentary coffee will be served. Ralph Wright to M.C.
- 1:00 p.m. HOSPITALITY SUITE OPENS (Suite 1018, 10th floor, straight ahead as you get off the elevator). Complimentary coffee, tea, cake and snacks (to 5:00 p.m.).
- 2:30 p.m. AUCTION SESSION II conducted by Charles D. Moore Auctions - Material covers consignments of the entire field of Canadian numismatics.
- 3:30 p.m. EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR (Sapphire Room, lower level). Paul Johnson, Moderator, has obtained the services of three top-notch speakers: Raymond Taylor, designer of four Canadian coins; Stephen Taylor, President of the ANA; Richard Giedroyc, International Editor of Coin World.
- 5:00 p.m. Hospitality Suite closes.
- 6:00 p.m. Bourse, Exhibits and Registration Table closes.
- 7:00 p.m. PRE-BANQUET RECEPTION (King Arthur Dining Room, main floor). Cash bar. Admission restricted to Banquet ticket holders.
- 7:30 p.m. ONA BANQUET (King Arthur Dining Room, main floor). Prime Roast Beef full course dinner. Denis Cudahy, Vice-President - Manufacturing, Royal Canadian Mint is keynote speaker. John Regitko is M.C. Announcement of Best of Show competitive exhibit winner and ONA Award of Merit. Free door draws for valuable numismatic prizes. Give-aways to everyone. Tickets are \$26 per person in commemoration of the ONA's 26th Anniversary Convention. See the Registration form included with this bulletin.

SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 1988

- 8:00 a.m. COMPLIMENTARY BREAKFAST FOR ALL TICF DEALERS (all others \$7 per person). King Arthur Dining Room, main floor (to 8:45 a.m.). An all-you-can-eat buffet breakfast of eggs, bacon, sausages, toast, juice, potato puffs, coffee and tea.
- 9:00 a.m. CAWMC BREAKFAST MEETING (King Arthur Dining Room, main floor). \$7.00 per person includes a full-course breakfast of bacon/sausages & eggs, toast, juice, home fries, coffee & tea, served from an all-you-can-eat buffet. All collectors of wooden tokens are invited to attend. Free door draws for wooden nickels and other prizes. Auction of wooden nickels. A number of collectors will pass out free wooden tokens to everyone present. Special draw for all persons who pre-registered for this breakfast meeting. Norm Belsten, President of the Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors and Chairman of its Southern Ontario Chapter, will M.C. To register for this functions, see the Registration form included with this bulletin.
- 9:00 a.m. BOURSE ROOM OPEN TO DEALERS ONLY. Not open to the public until 10:00 a.m.
- 10:00 a.m. SHOW OPENS TO THE PUBLIC (\$2 admission to all non-registrants, Seniors \$1, juniors free). To 4:00 p.m.
- 11:00 a.m. HOURLY DRAWS COMMENCE in the Penny Draw contest for valuable numismatic prizes. Draw tickets are good all day, a different coloured strip each day, which are included in the Registration Kit. Additional tickets may be purchased at the General Admission table.
- 11:00 a.m. ONA EXECUTIVE MEETING (Sapphire Room, lower level). All ONA members are invited to attend as observers.
- 1:00 p.m. HOSPITALITY SUITE OPENS (Suite 1018, 10th floor, straight ahead as you get off the elevator). Complimentary coffee, tea, cake and snacks (to 3:00 p.m.)
- 3:00 p.m. Hospitality Suite closes.
- 3:00 p.m. ANNOUNCEMENTS of "Guess the Number of Cents in Bowl" contest and "Young Numismatist" contest.
- 3:00 p.m. ONA "DREAM VACATION" DRAW takes place and winner announced.
- 4:00 p.m. SHOW CLOSES (TICF reopens November 18-20, 1988 at the Lakeshore Inn, Toronto. The 1989 ONA Convention reopens April 22-23, 1989 at the Quality Inn, Woodstock.

**OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO ONA MEMBERS**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 26**

9:00 A.M. - ONA CLUB DELEGATES BREAKFAST MEETING  
(admission by pre-purchased ticket only - see registration form)

11:00 A.M. - ONA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
(everyone welcome - no prior notice required to attend)

7:30 P.M. - ONA BANQUET  
(admission by pre-purchased ticket only - see registration form)

**SEE YOU THERE!**

A PARTIAL LISTING OF THE CONTENTS OF THE  
1988 ONA CONVENTION REGISTRATION KIT

- \* A vinyl attache case with a sturdy metal zipper, complete with an all-important expansion gusset to hold the contents of the Registration Kit.
- \* Your official gold-plated Convention Registration Medal.
- \* First opportunity to purchase the low-mintage Stirling Silver (.999 fine) medal.
- \* The official Souvenir Program Booklet.
- \* Official Convention wooden nickel souvenirs.
- \* A free "Dream Vacation" draw ticket.
- \* A 1988 ONA Calendar.
- \* An 80-pocket coin wallet containing medallic and wooden souvenirs donated by collectors and dealers.
- \* Medallic art of Toronto, depicting the CN Tower, Captain John's famous floating restaurant, Metro Toronto Zoo, City Hall, a scarce souvenir of the visit of the Tall Ships to Toronto harbour, and others.
- \* Key chains of Toronto's City Hall and CN Tower.
- \* Bourse Dollars redeemable for merchandise in the bourse room.
- \* Wooden admission tokens for the Banquet, Club Delegates Breakfast meeting and CAWMC Breakfast Meeting if you commit yourself to these functions.
- \* A special personalized souvenir Registration badge for early bird registrants.
- \* A pocket planner calendar that you will find useful all year round.
- \* A "People's Choice" judging form for the competitive exhibits.
- \* A copy of the current edition of "Coins of Canada" by J.A. Haxby and R.C. Willey.
- \* The 60-page hard-covered book "Medals" by Dora de Pedery-Hunt, highlighting some of her early world-renowned medal designs.
- \* Trade dollars.
- \* A special fun-filled souvenir booklet from TICF, the hosts to this year's ONA Convention, poking fun at itself.
- \* A few surprises from the Royal Canadian Mint.
- \* The Province of Ontario's official medals honouring the 1977 Silver Jubilee, in both the English and French versions.
- \* The 3" diameter medal issued in Toronto 10 years ago to commemorate visiting dignitaries to Toronto.
- \* A "Pirate Gold" piece from the defunct Buccaneer Inn.
- \* An ONA '88 General Chairman's souvenir wooden token.
- \* A new TICF wooden nickel.
- \* The usual conglomeration of pens.
- \* No Registration Kit has ever been without a quantity of matches. We are no different!
- \* The 1975 folder on "How to Make a Dollar" by Donald D. Paterson (minus the coin, alas).
- \* The booklet "The Story of Canada's Currency", produced by the Bank of Canada.
- \* The opportunity to have your picture in Canadian Coin News (obviously if you don't participate, you won't have your picture taken).
- \* The opportunity to rub shoulders with fellow ONA members and other stalwards of the hobby.
- \* Other goodies.

## OFFICIAL CONVENTION MEDAL



A gold-plated Convention souvenir medal will be included in each Registration Kit. A quantity of 75 were struck by Pressed Medal Products of Vancouver, B.C.

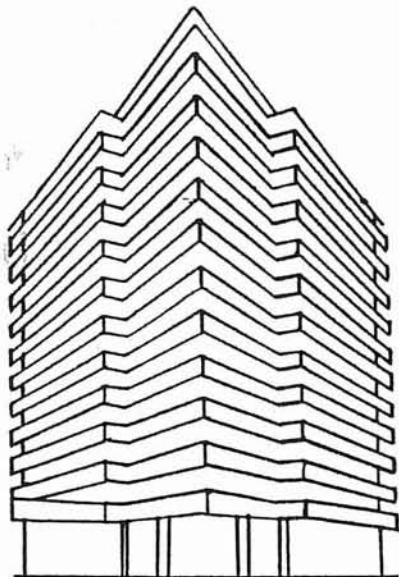
Twenty-six Sterling Silver medals (.999+ fine) were also struck. Since two of these are allocated to the ONA and the host organization archives, only 24 Silver medals are available for sale. Registrants have first call on them. The price is \$35.00 each.

A quantity of 150 bronze souvenir medals, at \$6.00 each, are also available for sale, both through the Registration Form included with this bulletin as well as at the Convention.

The ONA side contains the very attractive ONA logo as in past years. The Convention side features a pleasing view of the Lakeshore Inn as its central design, surrounded by information pertaining to the 26th Annual Convention such as the date of the Convention, location and the name of the host organization.

Anyone wishing to strike a personal medal using the Convention die are asked to contact Pressed Metal Products, 505 Alexander Street, Vancouver, B.C., V6A 1C8 or calling Alan Trammell at (604) 251-2454. The user-charge is \$25 for the Convention die, payable to the 1988 ONA Convention.

## HOTEL ROOM RESERVATIONS



Enclosed with this bulletin is a Hotel Room Reservation Card. Please review the attractive room rates and the colour brochure on the Lakeshore Inn to convince yourself that the Convention Hotel offers attractive room rates at attractive pricing.

Since the availability of rooms is limited to the block-booking made by us, we suggest you fill in the reservation form immediately and either mail it directly to the hotel or return it to us with your Registration application.

Should you choose to telephone the hotel, please make reference to the Coin Show so that you are assured of getting a room under our block-booking. Their telephone number is (416) 763-4521.

## "DREAM VACATION" DRAW TICKETS

A free "Dream Vacation" draw ticket is included with each Registration Kit. The draw will be conducted at the 1988 ONA Convention on Sunday at 3:00 p.m. Prizes include a \$1250.00 value on a vacation of the winner's choice, a Canadian \$100.00 gold coin and five numismatic \$1000 clocks.

Additional tickets may be purchased through the Registration form included with this bulletin, or at the Convention up to the time of the draw.

Although individual tickets may be purchased at \$1.00 each, note that a booklet of 12 tickets costs you only \$10.00. If you purchase a book through the Registration form, be sure to include your "home" club, since it will receive a \$2.00 rebate for every book so indicated. Your "home" club can be your choice of a local club or a national numismatic association. Note that TICF is not eligible to receive the rebate. If you do not state a "home" club, the ONA will add the rebate to its general treasury.

We wish to point out that all proceeds received for "Dream Vacation" tickets through the Registration form will be turned over to the Ontario Numismatic Association and do not stay with the Convention account.

This is just another way you can support the ongoing work of the ONA. They are working on new projects such as the Speakers Circuit, the acquisition of new audio visual slide sets for free loan to your local coin clubs and other projects yet to be announced. Be generous! At the same time, increase your chances to win one of the seven worthwhile prizes indicated above.

## CONVENTION FLOOR LAYOUT

We have included a Convention floor plan with this bulletin to show you the massive size of the Convention:

- ° each of the 84 numbered bourse tables are 8' long, plus back-up tables
- ° the exhibit houses up to 80 display cases of material layed out over 200 linear feet of table space
- ° the auction room accomodates over 100 people
- ° the rest area seats over 100 at a time
- ° the number of draws held at the "INFO" table during the Convention easily exceeds the draws held at other coin shows at least ten-fold
- ° not shown in the floor plan are the additional meeting rooms located throughout the hotel.
- ° the main dining room, also not shown, has been reserved for our exclusive use for all breakfast functions and for the ONA Banquet
- ° and no matter where you go, you will find fun & fellowship galore



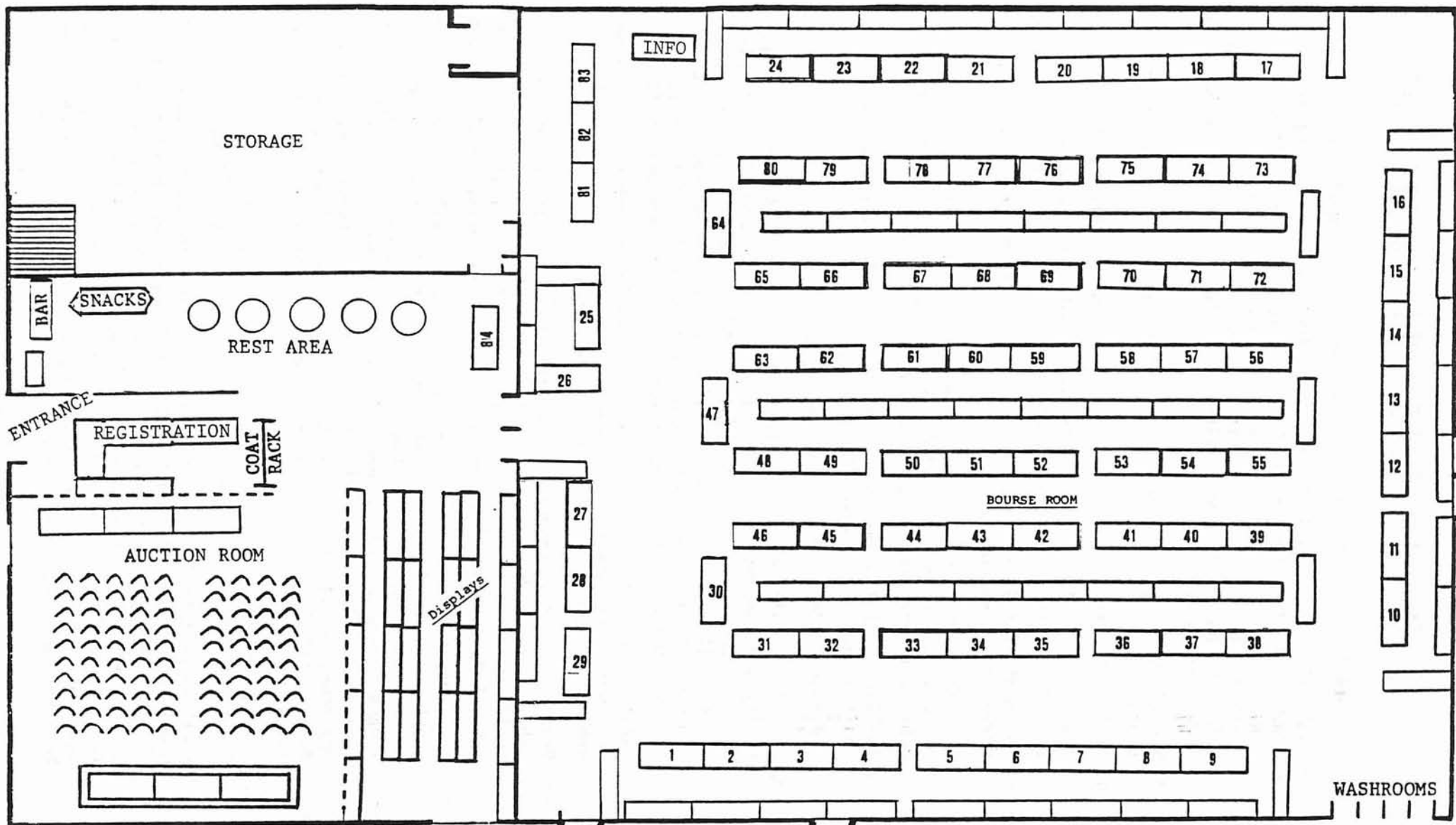
# 1988 ONA

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## THE LAKESHORE INN CONVENTION FLOOR PLAN

**MARCH 25-27**



# ONA EXHIBIT RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Competition for exhibitors is open to anyone registered at the Convention.
2. Although security will be provided, including the use of locks on cases, the Convention organizers, the ONA, Hotel staff nor any of its members assume any liability. Although every effort is made to assure the visible presence of security staff and Convention committee members, all exhibitors must assure that locks are secure and locked and otherwise assume responsibility for their exhibit, including any material placed outside display cases.
3. The display material must be the property, or under the control, of the person displaying same.
4. The exhibitors are asked not to attend their exhibits while displays are being judged.
5. All matters relating to the displays shall be determined by the Display Chairman as per guidelines determined by the ONA.
6. The exhibitor is responsible for setting up and removing his/her displays in the time-frame advertised before-hand.
7. The Exhibit Chairman, with the knowledge of 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 classification.
8. The judges will submit final points scored for all competitive exhibits to the Exhibit Chairman at the close of the judging.
9. The judges' decision is final as to the results.
10. Material is allowed outside the case, providing the exhibitor assumes full responsibility and the material does not exceed the length of the display and is not higher than 24" above the exhibits table. If an exhibitor advises the Exhibit Chairman, via the Exhibit Application form, prior to the Convention, that wall space is required since the background would require more than 24" of free-standing space, the Exhibit Chairman will advise the applicant whether such wall space is available.
11. Exhibit applications must be received no later than one week before the Convention in order to be guaranteed exhibit space. Latecomers will also be accommodated, but subject to space and display case availability.
12. Display case sizes could change from Convention to Convention. Therefore, all exhibitors who do not provide their own cases are asked to note the exact clear inside measurements of display cases available for their use as detailed on the Exhibit Application form provided by the Convention Committee each year.
13. Whenever judges would like to comment on any exhibit, they will place a Judges Comment sheet under the first case of that exhibit, as a guide to the exhibitor in making up future exhibits. In addition, further verbal comments may be asked for from the judges following the announcement of the exhibit award winners. Judges' names are published in the numismatic press prior to the Convention, or can be obtained from any member of the Convention Committee or the ONA Executive at the Convention. Judges will be available for these discussions following the announcements of the awards.
14. In order to be judged, entries must be in place a) by 11:00 a.m. on first day if 2-day exhibit, or b) by 11:00 a.m. of second day if 3-day exhibit.
15. Exhibits must be left in position until the closing time announced by the Convention Committee. Any deviation from this would present problems re security. However, it is recognized that circumstances could arise that make it imperative for an exhibit to be removed a little before the official closing time, in which case, such early tear-down and removal must be discussed with the Exhibit Chairman prior to the removal of the lock and the opening of the cases. This is only fair and reasonable both from a security point-of-view as well as to the public.

# ONA CONVENTION EXHIBIT POINT SYSTEM

DESCRIPTION	DETAIL	BREAKDOWN	POINTS
INFORMATION:	Description should be clear and concise. Details supplied should be adequate for the viewer to gain full understanding and appreciation of the individual specimens as collectors objects. Degree of satisfaction to a numismatist. Title should be prominent and concise. Introductory information should make clear the scope and objective of the exhibit.	Research	10
		Imparting information correctly	10
		Clear and concise to encourage reading	10
PRESENTATION	Colour, harmony, arrangement of parts should create a generally pleasing display. Relation of specimens, information, decoration, non-numismatic objects, gimmicks to each other, to achieve a pleasing total effect. Does it make you stop and examine it? Is it "different"?	Eye appeal	10
		Neatness	10
		Originality	10
NUMISMATIC MATERIAL	The judges are guided by the exhibitor's chosen title and introduction. Points awarded according to availability of specimens, market availability of condition and rarity of material.	Condition	10
		Rarity	10
		Completeness	10
SPECIAL	Awarded purely at the Judge's discretion, for example for something of noteworthiness not covered above, or for special achievement by a junior exhibitor.	Judge's discretion	10

All displays will be judged according to the above point breakdown. Average point totals of all judges will determine winners in each category. The judges' decisions are final.

All exhibitors will receive a special Exhibitor Ribbon. Other awards are as follows:

AWARDS	REWARD
Best of Show	Silver Medal
1st in each category	Gold-plate Medal
2nd in each category	Silver-plate Medal
3rd in each category	Bronze Medal

## OFFICIAL CONVENTION WOODEN NICKEL DIE



All ONA members as well as non-members attending the 1988 ONA Convention may use the official logo for any wooden nickel souvenirs made up by them.

Deluney's Wooden Nickel Company is the custodian of the die. Anyone wishing to purchase wooden nickels with this design may use it for the simple donation of 10 of the wooden nickels. However, it would be appreciated if 75 pieces were donated, for inclusion in the Registration Kit.

A hot-stamp die for the second side is \$20. Pricing for the striking of wooden nickels is as follows:

- ° 100 pieces at \$22.00 for the lot
- ° 150 pieces at \$33.00 for the lot

Seven percent Ontario Sales Tax has to be added to the prices. Orders can be forwarded to the Convention address for processing. Delivery to you will take place at the Convention. If you make a donation of 75 pieces for inclusion in the Registration Kit, we will remove them from Deluney's shipment to enable us to incorporate them in the Kit.

Illustrated above is the exact size and layout of the Convention-side of the die. If you wish us to proceed with an order for you at the above pricing, we would appreciate hearing from you by return so that we can go ahead with the creation of your die and the stamping of your own personal wood. Use your imagination and creativity for your personalized side!

We have taken the liberty of including a simple order form at the back of this bulletin, for your convenience.

## OFFICIAL ONA MEMBERSHIP WOODEN NICKEL DIE



Thanks to Howard Richardson, editor of the catalogue covering Canadian wooden nickels, we can now make available at no charge, a hot-stamp die as illustrated above. As with the official Convention wood above, you can process your orders through the Convention committee who are bearing the cost of the new die.

Deluney's Wooden Nickel Company will be the permanent custodian of the die, for ongoing use by ONA members. Pricing is the same as mentioned for the official Convention wood above.

This die can be used by all ONA members in the future. Although you can incorporate an order for this die with your application at the back of this bulletin, in future you should order directly from Deluney's Wooden Nickel Company, P.O. Box 952, ANGUS, Ont. L0M 1B0.

## REQUEST FOR TABLE SPACE FROM COIN CLUBS AND ASSOCIATIONS

We are pleased to make available table space to all non-profit coin clubs and numismatic associations, for the promoting of membership in their club. At the same time, club medals or wooden nickels may also be offered for sale to convention-goers providing the items are sold for the benefit of the non-profit organization.

A nominal charge of \$5 is made for a 4' table-area, \$10 for a full 8' table, to help defray rental cost of the table and table cloth.

The table may be manned, or simply contain neat signs concerning meeting dates and times or information on an annual show. A display case can also be made available free-of-charge for any archival or salable material.

An application form is included with this bulletin, for the convenience of coin club organizers. Every coin club meeting within a two-hour's drive from the Convention site as well as every national organization should consider taking advantage of this offer.

## 1988 ONA CALENDAR

Gary Oblinsky recently sent a questionnaire to all ONA member-clubs asking them for information pertaining to their club.

We wish to incorporate all information on meeting dates and times of all club monthly meetings, upcoming annual coin shows and annual dinner meetings in a special 1988 ONA Calendar. This calendar will be included in every registration kit.

If you have not already replied, please telephone the Convention Hot-Line at (416) 229-COIN immediately. It is definitely to your club's advantage to be included!

We are very excited about the artwork for this project. We know you will like the finished product!

## "PEOPLE'S CHOICE" JUDGING

In addition to the regular competitive exhibit categories that will be judged by specially-appointed judges, a special award will be given to the display that is held in highest esteem by the collecting public. We want you to help us judge this special category!

Included in your registration kit will be a "People's Choice" judging form. We ask you to take the time to help us reward the exhibit that you, the public, deems the most appealing.

It isn't every day that you get asked to express your opinion on what is to your liking. As a Registrant, we hope that you will not only view the exhibits, but also fill in the judging form and deposit it in the ballot box stationed near the exhibits.

### USE THE HANDY RETURN ENVELOPE

ENCLOSED IS AN ADDRESSED RETURN ENVELOPE, FOR YOUR  
CONVENIENCE IN RETURNING THE REGISTRATION APPLICATION  
OR OTHER ORDER FORMS.

## **DON'T MISS THE ONA BANQUET**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 26**

7:00 p.m. Pre-Banquet Cash Bar

7:30 p.m. Dinner & Program

- Full-course roast beef dinner
- Free door draws
- Speaker: Mr. Denis Cudahy, V.P. - Manufacturing, Royal Canadian Mint, Ottawa
- Announcement of competitive exhibit winners
- Announcement of ONA "Numismatist of the Year"
- A special roll of Canadian coins to everyone - you'll get a bang out of this!
- M.C.: John Regitko, Chairman of 1988 ONA Convention
- Fun & fellowship

**COME JOIN THE FUN - ONLY \$26.00 PER PERSON**

**TICKETS CAN BE ORDERED THROUGH THE REGISTRATION FORM**

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### **CLUB DELEGATES BREAKFAST MEETING**

**9:00 A.M. SATURDAY, MARCH 26**

- All ONA member-clubs are encouraged to send one official delegate and as many assistants as they wish
- Persons registered for this function prior to March 15 qualify for "Early Bird" draws
- Admittance is by pre-purchased ticket only

**\$7.00 PER PERSON - INCLUDES FULL-COURSE BREAKFAST**

**TICKETS CAN BE ORDERED THROUGH THE REGISTRATION FORM**

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### **WOODEN MONEY BREAKFAST MEETING**

**9:00 A.M. SUNDAY, MARCH 27**

- Hosted by the Southern Ontario Chapter of the Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors (CAWMC)
- Free wooden nickels to everyone attending
- Free door draws consisting of wooden nickels
- Auction of wooden nickels

**\$7.00 PER PERSON - INCLUDES FULL-COURSE BREAKFAST**

**TICKETS CAN BE ORDERED THROUGH THE REGISTRATION FORM**

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### **EARLY BIRD DRAWS**

IF YOU REGISTER FOR THE CONVENTION PRIOR TO MARCH 15, YOU ARE AUTOMATICALLY ELIGIBLE FOR THE "EARLY BIRD" DRAWS CONSISTING OF WORTHWHILE NUMISMATIC PRIZES.

THE "EARLY BIRD" PRE-REGISTRANTS DRAW WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE ONA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, THE OTHER EARLY BIRD DRAWS AT THE BANQUET, ONA CLUB DELEGATES BREAKFAST MEETING AND THE WOODEN MONEY BREAKFAST MEETING.

## ONA EXHIBIT APPLICATION FORM

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO THE ONA CONVENTION COMMITTEE WHOSE ADDRESS IS PUBLISHED ELSEWHERE. FAILURE TO SEND A COMPLETED FORM MAY RESULT IN REFUSAL TO ACCEPT EXHIBITS DUE TO LACK OF SPACE AT THE SHOW.

NAME OF EXHIBITOR \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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

I wish to enter competitive exhibits in the following categories:

NUMBER OF CASES	CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION
_____	Canadian Decimal	Includes all Canadian coins, provincial coins
_____	Canadian Paper Money, Script, etc.	Includes all government-issue paper money, bank-issues, private script, bonds, etc.
_____	Foreign Coins	Non-Canadian legal tender
_____	Foreign Paper Money	Non-Canadian legal tender, private issue, script, bonds, etc.
_____	Medals & Tokens	Includes all war decorations, medals, medallions, private-issue mediums of exchange such as milk tokens, commemorative numismatic objects of all type.
_____	Miscellaneous	All numismatic items that do not fit into a specific category above; a mix of material so as to eliminate it from a specific category (note that a limited amount of background material may appear in a display to still qualify it under a specific category above).
	People's Choice	Your exhibit automatically qualifies for this category. It will be judged by the general public attending the Convention in competition with all other entries regardless of category.

Junior or Juvenile exhibitors please state your age: \_\_\_\_\_ (For Judges' information).

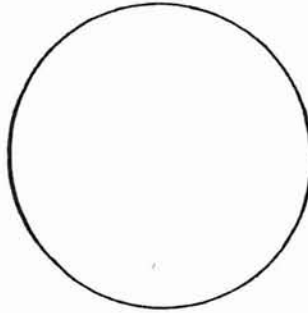
I hereby agree to abide by the exhibit rules & regulations, including the reclassification of my exhibits by the Exhibit Chairman. I understand that I must be registered at the Convention to qualify for exhibit awards. Although the Convention is providing security, I acknowledge that I will not hold the Convention Committee, the ONA or the Hotel staff liable for my exhibit.

SIGNATURE OF EXHIBITOR \_\_\_\_\_

**PERSONAL SOUVENIR WOODEN TOKEN ORDER FORM**



CONVENTION DIE  
(USE FOR FREE)

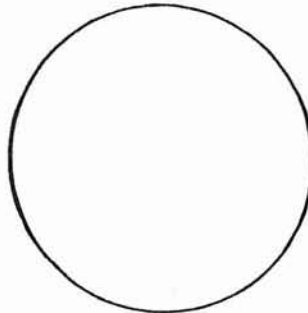


DRAW YOUR  
DESIGN HERE

- // 100 at \$22.00
- // 150 at \$33.00
- // 1 personal die as my rough sketch at left at \$20.00
- // Colour desired: \_\_\_\_\_  
(choice of red, green, black, orange, brown, purple, gold or silver)
- // Yes, distribute 75 of these through the Registration Kit



ONA MEMBER DIE  
(USE FOR FREE)



DRAW YOUR  
DESIGN HERE

- // 100 at \$22.00
- // 150 at \$33.00
- // 1 personal die as my rough sketch at left at \$20.00
- // Use same die as my sketch for the first wood above (therefore no die charge for this second wood)
- // Colour desired: \_\_\_\_\_  
(choice of red, green, black, orange, brown, purple, gold or silver)
- // Yes, distribute 75 of these through the Registration Kit

**REQUEST FOR TABLE SPACE AT 1988 ONA CONVENTION  
FOR COIN CLUBS AND NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATIONS**

We would like the following table space in the Bourse Room of the 1988 ONA Convention:

- // We would like 4' of table space at \$5
- // We would like 8' of table space at \$10
- // We would like the use of a wooden display case  
(inside clear area is 28-1/4" x 16-3/16", may be used in either direction)

We understand that in addition to promoting the benefits of membership in our Club, we may also sell club medals, club wooden nickels or other non-profit items being sold for the benefit of our non-profit organization.

We further understand that we are responsible for all signs, flyers or other promotional items.

NAME OF CLUB \_\_\_\_\_ CONTACT (PLEASE PRINT) \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS OF CONTACT \_\_\_\_\_

# 1988 ONA CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

LAKESHORE INN, TORONTO, ONT.  
MARCH 25 - 27, 1988

QTY.	ITEM	PER PERSON	TOTAL
_____	CONVENTION REGISTRATION - REGULAR (Includes vinyl attache case, gold-plated registration medal, Dream Vacation draw ticket, 1988 ONA Calendar, a coin wallet filled with wooden nickels and medals, bourse dollars, and an assortment of books, medals and other souvenirs as outlined in the Convention bulletin)	26.00	\$ _____
_____	CONVENTION REGISTRATION - SPOUSE ADD-ON TO ABOVE (same as above except no gold-plated registration medal)	16.00	\$ _____
_____	CONVENTION REGISTRATION - YOUNG NUMISMATISTS (same as above except no gold-plated registration medal, with a number of special surprises added)	10.00	\$ _____
_____	OFFICIAL CONVENTION SOUVENIR MEDAL - ANTIQUE BRONZE	6.00	\$ _____
_____	OFFICIAL CONVENTION SOUVENIR MEDAL - .999 SILVER	35.00	\$ _____
_____	ADDITIONAL "DREAM VACATION" DRAW TICKETS	1.00	\$ _____

**FRIDAY, MARCH 25**

_____ REGISTRANTS RECEPTION	INCLUDED IN REGISTRATION
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**SATURDAY, MARCH 26**

_____ ONA CLUB DELEGATES BREAKFAST MEETING Check here if you are the "official" Club Delegate (Name of Club _____)	7.00	\$ _____
_____ ONA BANQUET	26.00	\$ _____

**SUNDAY, MARCH 27**

_____ WOODEN MONEY BREAKFAST MEETING	7.00	\$ _____
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**GENERAL**

_____ COST OF PERSONAL WOODEN NICKEL ORDER (carried forward from Wooden Nickel order form)	\$ _____
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_____ <b>TOTAL</b> PLEASE ENCLOSE CHEQUE OR MONEY ORDER	\$ _____
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**NOTE:** YOU DO NOT HAVE TO REGISTER TO ORDER MEDALS, "DREAM VACATION" TICKETS, BANQUET TICKETS, CLUB DELEGATES BREAKFAST TICKETS, WOODEN MONEY BREAKFAST MEETING TICKETS OR PERSONAL CONVENTION WOODS.

**SPECIAL "EARLY BIRD" DRAWS FOR REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED BY MARCH 15, 1988**

**UNCONDITIONAL GUARANTEE:** IF YOU DO NOT FEEL THAT THE KIT IS WORTH MORE THAN THE REGISTRATION FEE, JUST RETURN IT TO US AT THE CONVENTION FOR A FULL REFUND -- AND STILL GET FREE ADMISSION TO THE SHOW!



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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## WANTED

## DEAD OR ALIVE

## REWARD

Wanted - Dead or Alive! - Books of "Dream Vacation" draw tickets are roaming around or hiding out in top drawers of some members. These tickets are being hunted down for their date with destiny on March 27th, 1988, when one will be chosen for its banishment to Paradise Island.

The Reward is great with a bounty of \$2.00 for each book being awarded to the Club of your choice.

Due to the Statute of Limitations, these books must be turned in for the Reward A.S.A.P. and definitely prior to March 26th. The Reward can be claimed by returning books as directed on the cover.

Your immediate attention is requested to help track down these villains before our deadline. So members, I appoint you my deputies in order that we may corral these fugitives and have them returned to their rightful place, where justice will be done.

One will be sentenced to a \$1200.00 Dream Vacation of their choice, another the supreme sentence of the \$100.00 Canadian gold coin,- and don't forget those other five who will be given time on their hands when they receive the \$1000.00 numismatic money clock.

You - my deputies - must get busy. Shine up those badges, capture those missing books, and return to me pronto, for their ultimate fate.

Your Reward is to know that justice has been done!

EL PRESIDENTE.....



# EDITORIAL

How many of our readers or members have never attended a major Coin Show and Convention? How many of those who have not attended don't think it is worth while? For those who have answered the above two questions in the negative, I would like to direct these next few remarks and observations.

Let's deal with the first question. At the major Coin Shows you see everything done on a largerscale than the local Coin Shows. Usually the local shows draw the bourse dealers from the immediate area, and in the densely populated area of Southern Ontario you see some of the same dealers at each show. These major shows in the large cities draw dealers from across the country and the U.S. also. If you have been searching for a hard-to-find coin for your collection, these shows provide you a better opportunity of finding that piece. The reason for that is, there are three or four times as many dealers, and because these shows run for more than one day, they bring a much larger supply to fill the needs of you the customer. Also, these dealers are always looking for more material and you have a better chance of selling some of your unwanted collection. Here we find three reasons for you to attend a major Coin Show,- more dealers to choose from, more coins to select from, and more dealers for you to sell those unwanted coins.

Have you ever wondered who attends these shows? Possibly you have read or heard about people in the hobby, but have never met them in person. Here is your opportunity to meet and talk with some of these people. Those meetings could expand your knowledge about the hobby and your particular phase of the hobby. Most major shows feature an auction, and to attend one of these (whether a buyer or not) could enrich your knowledge of just how these auctions are conducted. You will find a startling difference between this auction and the one that is conducted at your Coin Club. It could be that here you will be able to obtain that elusive coin or paper script that will enhance your collection. At most of these shows you can attend the educational forums that are provided. At these sessions many noted numismatists are willing to share with you a wealth of numismatic information. To attend one of these forums could be worth the journey to attend a major show.

No, we are not finished yet. At many of these shows the National and Provincial organizations hold their meetings, and your attendance at these meetings could enhance your knowledge of the matters these organizations have to deal with to promotenumismatics across our country.

At Club breakfast meetings you can hear outstanding speakers and the problems that Clubs face today. The banquet is another feature where you can satisfy your appetite and hear notable speakers. All during these Conventions you can rub shoulders with men and women from all walks of life. Some of the fascinating stories about numismatic finds that are overheard will remain with you for the rest of your days.

These are just a few of the reasons for you to attend one of these major Coin Shows. I could go on and relate to you many more, but I hope I have whetted your appetite enough to want to find those reasons for yourself.

The Toronto International Coin Fair has always been regarded as one of the Major Shows in Ontario and possibly in Canada, and this year the O.N.A. are fortunate that the T.I.C.F. is hosting our Convention. This gala affair covers all the points and more that I have brought to your attention. I invite everyone to attend and after your visit with us, if you believe it wasn't worthwhile, I believe you are in the wrong hobby!

T. Masters

MY VISIT TO THE NEW ENGLAND NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

BY O.N.A. Director Tom Kostaluk

The 43rd Annual New England Numismatic Association Convention was held at Holiday Inn in Dedham, Mass., October 23-25, 1987. Dedham is about 25 miles from Boston, Mass.

This was my 3rd visit to the New England Convention. I left London on Friday morning by air-bus and flew in to Boston. I arrived about 3:30 p.m. and took an airport service bus to Dedham and my Hotel and got to the Hotel by 4:30p.m.

The Convention had over 30 dealers from all across the New England State. Admission to the bourse floor and display was \$1.50 a day or \$3.00 for the 3 days, or if you paid for your 1988 membership.

On Saturday they had educational speakers - five in all-- Arthur Fitts III, Jim Stone, Herman Krajewski, William Jones, and Robert Moffatt.

Spent a few hours touring and doing some shopping.

There were over 45 display cases of exhibits.

I was fortunate to win the Anthony Krajewski Memorial Award for best exhibit of Polish material, and a second in U.S. coins.

The banquet guest speaker was Stephen R. Taylor, the new President of the American Numismatic Association. It was a privilege for me to attend this Convention and the speech by Stephen Taylor was an inspiration that was enjoyed by those in attendance. With Steve's permission, I would like to have all O.N.A. readers enjoy his banquet address.

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The following is a text from that address by Stephen R. Taylor, President of the American Numismatic Association.....

It's a great honor to become the President of the American Numismatic Association and will have to go down as the highlight of my short numismatic life. I've been told that I could not have picked a worse time to assume this role for OUR A.N.A. (and I stress those words OUR, because it is OUR organization, not something far off in the distance). Now, I've also been told that these next two years are going to be the most exciting in my hobby life. I honestly believe that it is going to be the latter.

I've had no formal training for this position other than my six previous years on the board!! I think each person is allowed to draw their own conclusions as to what the general responsibilities of the President are, other than act as Chairman of the Board. In less than seven weeks, it is apparent to me that the President is to act as an ambassador for our A.N.A. However, more importantly than that, I think the Prez should be a sounding board - listening to members' complaints and suggestions and see to it they get back to headquarters for action.

I have already been brow-beaten several times with some excellent suggestions as legitimate complaints. I've had a number of people write me about the Numismatist, with some excellent suggestions which I have passed along. Another dealer wrote me about the poor bourse hours, and that has already been corrected for next year's Convention. So, I do listen when people talk with me and try to get their message back to Headquarters. Obviously, I'm speaking to the members of our A.N.A., and if you feel left out, I do have some extra applications with me.

Since being installed about seven weeks ago, I did manage to have seven days at home to rest up after spending a very exhausting ten days in Atlanta. Since the rest period, I don't think I've had seven days at home! Last week I was fortunate and had four days, the week before it was fifteen hours and the one before that, it was two days! But it's exciting!!

Really! My first official duty as our A.N.A. President was to attend the 50th Anniversary Congress and Exhibition of Fidem. It was fascinating

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to be able to talk with artists, sculptors, mint masters, museum curators, and just plain collectors from around the world - people involved in medallic art. It's a part of our hobby that's just beginning to come into its own. This was the first time their Congress was ever held in the U.S. and some of these people were making their first trip. Some of them didn't even speak English, but we managed to communicate fairly well.

One evening at dinner, I had the pleasure of sitting with a Dutch artist and his wife - giving me a chance to see rural life in Holland. Thatched roof!

One afternoon, I had spent some time with the Conservator of the Belgium Mint, suggested we have breakfast, etc.

The first weekend of this month, I went to Salt Lake City to visit their 45 dealer bourse and was asked why I would come all the way out there for their little show. I mentioned that we had a big midwinter out there in 1986 and then walked away. I didn't want them to think we had forgotten them. The Friday evening I was there, my friend indicated that he had two tickets and would I like to see the BYU-UTAH STATE football game? Naturally I jumped at the idea. It turned out that I was part of a record crowd in more ways than one as far as I was concerned. There were almost 67,000 fans attending (their largest crowd ever) and 67,000 people who didn't smoke!!!!

On the way home from Salt Lake City and Mormon country, I stopped off in Colorado Springs for an all-day staff meeting called by the employees committee. That too, turned out to be an interesting experience, being the first board member ever to attend an employees meeting, and were they ever ready with the questions - very pointed and to the point questions.

There appears to be a lot of little things undone that need completing and we're working on these. Then hopefully I can work on getting something done with my set of goals! We need to work on areas that I have listed as goals, such as.....

- YOUNG NUMISMATISTS: Develop programs useable by coin clubs to get into the schools.  
Also, follow the H.S. graduate through college.
- SENIOR CITIZENS: Let's not overlook this group as prospective members. We need to educate and avoid any rip offs.
- BALANCE THE BUDGET! A major effort is needed because of the desperate need for funds for projects for the membership.
- A TRAVELING BOOTH: Similar to Krause Publications and Coin World. Our A.N.A. should be at every major convention-meet and listen to our members and talk to the non-member collector.
- SEMINARS: How about one for training officers of local Coin Clubs to help them organize and run a better meeting?

Finally, let's eliminate the negative attitude because that's all you read about in the news. Let's talk about the good things our A.N.A. represents. My mother once said "If you can't say anything good about somebody or something, don't say anything at all".

You know, this is a collectors organization and it's supposed to be a fun hobby. Let's put the fun back into it - I plan to continue having fun with my hobby and I hope you do too. I have always felt that I, as an individual, should support my local Club, the State Organization (of course Delaware is too small to have one), the regional group and finally our national organization. I would hope that I can count on you for your help

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and support. Our A.N.A. is the national voice and they can do many, many things that my local Club can't do. Will you help? It will be very much appreciated, I assure you.

Thank you for the opportunity to break bread with you and do have a super day tomorrow.

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IMPORTANT NOTICES:

Received too late to be included this issue in the Convention Calendar.  
October 2, 1988 - Sarnia Coin Club - Best Western Guildwood Inn - foot of Bluewater Bridge, Sarnia. Free Admission. Info: Sarnia Coin Club, P.O. Box 62, Sarnia, Ontario, N7T 7H8, (519) 337 9191.

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All "O.N.A. DRAW TICKETS" must be returned before March 25th, or bring to the Convention and return to draw Chairman Ken Wilmot, or any member of the O.N.A. Executive.

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Deadline for submitting articles and show notices for the May-June issue of the Ontario Numismatist is May 16, 1988. Those received after that date will appear in the July-August issue.

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BRITISH 1933 PENNY POSES A MYSTERY

Among the famous rarities in British coinage is the 1933 bronze penny of George V. Unlike other coins which have achieved rarity through loss, destruction or the natural attrition in numbers that comes over a period of years, the 1933 penny was born rare.

Only six were struck, according to mint records; of these, four are said to have gone into cornerstones while two were retained by the mint.

Through the years a small mystery has developed around the coins. A British numismatic writer points to the claim of London coin dealers that three other 1933 pennies exist beyond the mint's recorded six. The extra three are supposedly in private collections. The supposition may or may not have gained a degree of confirmation from a story that made the rounds a year or two ago, a story that a London youth had put a 1933 penny on the market after receiving it as a gift from his coin collecting uncle. A Royal Mint authority was quoted as saying the coin was worth a small fortune. But there the story ended. A similarly undetailed story of about 15 years ago had a 1933 penny in circulation, placed there by someone who had no knowledge of its value.

And what would its value be -- if there were one? Well, several years ago when a fake 1933 penny showed up in London, dealers said a genuine George V penny of that year could be worth anywhere up to \$80,000.

Krause's World Coins list the coin as 8 known, but no price given - just very rare. Until one of these coins is offered on the market, a true price cannot be quoted.

Then when the mint records indicate only six being struck and other records say eight - we'll let you be the judge.

Is there an extra 1933 British penny at large? If so, where? And what's it worth?

You pays your penny and you takes your choice.

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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.
- 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.
- April 30 Oshawa & District Coin Club Annual Spring Coin-a-Rama, Oshawa Centre, King Street West, Oshawa. Displays - Bourse. Information tables. Free Admission. Info: Oshawa & District Coin Club, P.O. Box 212, Oshawa, Ontario, L1H 7L1. Telephone (416) 728 1136 or (416) 576 6332.
- April 24 Kent Coin Club 20th Annual Coin Show - Wheels Inn, Keel & Richmond Street, Chatham. Displays invited. Info: L. K. Wagenaer, 27 Peter Street, Chatham, Ontario, N7M 5B2.
- May 1 Windsor Coin Club Show & Bourse - Knights of Columbus, 1140 Goyette St., Windsor. Info: G. Stamcoff, 1165 Lincoln Road, Windsor, N8V 2H6. Free Admission.
- May 7 Thistletown Coin & Stamp Show - Etobicoke Community Centre, 1485 Albion Road, Rexdale, Ontario, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Free Admission. Info: Norman Belston, 37 Neames Cresc., Downsview, Ont., M3L 1K8.
- May 7 Cannington Show, Bourse, & Banquet - at Rebekkah Hall, 24 Laidlaw St., Cannington - 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Admission Free. Banquet - \$8.00.
- 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
- June 18 (Torex - Ramada Hotel, 111 Carlton St., Toronto. Info: Ingrid
- October 29-30 (K. Smith (416) 920 6461 or P.O. Box 865, Adelaide St. P.O., Toronto, Ontario, M5C 2K1.

- 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 16 Tillsonburg Coin Show - Memorial Centre (Fair Grounds). Info: W. Baxter, 462 Queens St., Tillsonburg.
- 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. Hot 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.

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## ASSOCIATION NEWS

### MEMBERSHIP

The applications which appeared in January-February issue on page 2-88 of the Ontario Numismatic Association have now been accepted. No further applications have been received to date.

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O.N.A. Lapel Pins are still available in a limited number at \$4.00 each plus a handling and postage charge of \$1.00. Order from:- O.N.A. Lapel Pins, P.O. Box 33, Waterloo, Ontario, N2J 3Z6, or at the T.I.C.F.-O.N.A. Convention, from O.N.A. information table, or any Executive Member.

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The O.N.A. congratulates Lou Wagenaer of the Kent County Coin Club, who was re-elected as their President for 1988. Lou has served as President of the Kent Club for over 20 consecutive years, and has been a driving force in the success of that Club and their Annual Spring Shows.

This record will not be challenged for many years (or ever) and should be an inspiration to other Executive Members of various Clubs to follow.

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The O.N.A. invites every member to attend their 26th Annual Convention in conjunction with the T.I.C.F. in Toronto on March 25-26-27, at the Lakeshore Inn.

The program of events was outlined in the Special Convention Issue that was mailed to you recently. Members are urged to attend the General Membership meeting, and Clubs are asked to register their "Delegates" to the breakfast on Saturday morning. Your participation can and will make this the most successful Convention to date.

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O.N.A. MEDALS - REVERSES

In 1962 the Founding Convention of the ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION was hosted by the Waterloo Coin Society. The reverse of this medal is the Club's insignia, showing a coin collector holding a coin with a Maple Leaf in the background, with his hand resting on a coin.

The first Annual Convention was hosted by the St. Catharines Coin Club. In the Club's formative years the St. Catharines Coin Club met at Davis Lumber Company. On the premises stood a Totem Pole. The Club adopted this Totem Pole as their insignia, using it on the Club's stationery, as well as the reverse of the first Annual Ontario Numismatic Association Convention medal.

A centre theme, with a Maple Leaf surrounded by four C's and Capital City Coin Club, was the selection of the Capital City Coin Club for the reverse of their medal.

The London Numismatic Society has depicted a historical old Court House on the 1965 Convention Medal. Erected in 1830, this building was modeled after Malahide Castle, near Dublin, Ireland. The castle is one of the best specimens of Norman architecture in the British Isles.

City of Windsor crest has a beaver denoting the workers of the area. The steam ferry boat denotes transportation between Windsor and Detroit. Buck heads are on either side of the crest. Two cornucopias are above the date. Locomotive means transportation. Per Mare Per Terras - by land and sea.

The Waterloo Coin Society hosted their second Ontario Numismatic Association Convention in 1967, selecting the City of Waterloo crest for the reverse. In the upper left the buildings represent industries and insurance companies. The lower left, the houses represent the home owners of the city. Upper right, the water and trees represent the Waterloo parks. Lower right shows some of the early settlers of Waterloo who came from Pennsylvania by covered wagon.

Kitchener Coin Club were the hosts for the 1968 Convention, selecting the crest of the City of Kitchener for the reverse. The beaver denotes the workers of the area. Oak leaves denoting the German element, the Canadian element being depicted by the Maple leaves. This year there were two medals struck, the first being an error medal with a reversed 5 (Oct. 5-6-1968). This meant that a second medal had to be struck.

Hosting their second Ontario Numismatic Association Convention, the St. Catharines Coin Club selected the City of St. Catharines crest for the reverse of their medal. The beehive depicts industry, scroll is industry alluding to economic activity and productivity, liberality being free and generous. Heraldic figures are a sailing ship depicting navigation. Cornucopia is horn of plenty, rich fruitlands, Millstone is early grist mills. Steam ship with sail indicates early shipbuilding in the area.

The Huronia Indian is the insignia of the Huronia Numismatic Association, which appears on the reverse of the 1970 Convention medal. The Huronia Indians frequently made camp in Barrie and surrounding area on their many portages across land to Georgian Bay.

Nickel Belt Coin Club to publicize Sudbury as the Nickel Capital of the world, used the International Nickel Company smelter on their medal in 1971.

Niagara Falls Coin Club hosted the 1972 Convention, using the City

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crest for the reverse of the Convention medal. The crest has a beaver in one corner which indicates builder of the frontier. The turbine indicates part of the North American Continent Power Supply. The famous Niagara Falls which is on the crest is one of the seven wonders of the world. There are two blanks on this crest which is for some future phase of history.

The Waterloo Coin Society has selected a stylized "W" for the reverse of the 1973 medal. The symbol represents the newly formed Region of Waterloo. The symbol was designed by Kitchener artist Douglas Ratchford. The symbol is composed of a continuous line stylized "W" and seven pointed maple leaf. The two bands contained by the "W" represent the two tiers of government incorporated in the new municipality. The seven points of the leaf represent the seven municipalities and acts as the crown of the tiers. The continuous line is representative of the continuity and solidarity of the new region. The symbol will be adapted to use on all regional stationery, police vehicles, uniforms and all visual forms denoting the Regional Municipality of Waterloo.

In 1974 the Niagara Falls Coin Club hosted their second O.N.A. Convention. The reverse of the medal depicts the Rainbow Bridge with cataracts at Niagara Falls showing nature at its most awesome. Men have constantly fought to subdue it to their will. In 1938 the Niagara River again proved its temporary mastery when its massive ice pressure tore the old Falls View Bridge (Honeymoon Bridge) from its shorings and flung the twisted steel into the gorge. In 1939, King George VI dedicated the site of the present Rainbow Bridge. The great steel arch has a span of 950 feet. This was the largest hingeless arch bridge in the world until the completion of the Queenston-Lewiston Bridge in 1962. Today the Rainbow Bridge is a symbol of International friendship and co-operation, and so is an appropriate symbol for our O.N.A. Convention.

The Stratford Coin Club hosted the 1975 O.N.A. Convention. They chose as a reverse for the medal the Stratford Shakespearean Festival Building. The idea of holding Shakespeare's plays in Canada's namesake of the English poet's birthplace was conceived by Tom Patterson, a Stratford born Journalist. The original plan called for a simple open air presentation, but eventually it was decided to construct a tent theatre. This decision stemmed from the advice of the late Sir Tyrone Guthrie who had been called in to advise on the project. Sir Tyrone visited Canada in July of 1952 and spent two weeks, not only investigating the suitability of Stratford as a site for such a project, but also the current state of theatre in Canada. He agreed to be associated with the venture if a star and experienced theatre personnel were employed, if a closed in theatre or tent were constructed, and if a revolutionary open stage were built, instead of the conventional proscenium type. Negotiations were completed with Alec Guinness and Irene Worth to head the company. The fame of the theatre has spread throughout the world.

The North York Coin Club hosted the 1976 O.N.A. Convention. The reverse of their medal shows the arms of the Township of North York. A shield showing a sheaf of grain and scales, surmounted by a beaver and crown, and border of maple leaves on right and left hand sides, the whole surrounded with the words "Progress With Economy".

Oshawa Coin Club hosted the 1977 O.N.A. Convention. They selected as the reverse of their medal the reverse of the Canadian Dollar. This design shows a voyageur (travelling agent for a fur trading company) and Indian paddling a canoe with an islet bearing two wind-swept trees in the background. The canoe also carries several bundles. On the front bundle are the incuse initials HB. These signify Hudson's Bay Company, which played a significant role in Canada's history.

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St. Catharines Coin Club hosted their third O.N.A. Convention in 1978. Mr. Grape was selected for the reverse of the medal this year. Mr. Grape was introduced in 1976 to the Grape & Wine Festival for their 25th Anniversary Festival. Mr. Grape promotes this 10 day Grape & Wine Festival held here in St. Catharines.

The Hamilton Coin Club hosted the Ontario Numismatic Association Convention in Hamilton on June 1-2-3, 1979. The reverse of the medal is the Old City Hall, the corner stone was laid in 1888, with construction being completed in 1889. The style was French Romanesque.

City of Ottawa Coin Club hosted the 18th Ontario Numismatic Association Convention on May 23-24-25, 1980. The reverse of the medal bears the logo of the Bank of Canada Museum scheduled to open to the public in 1980.

Niagara Falls Coin Club hosted the Convention in 1981. There was no medal for this year's Convention.

The 20th Anniversary Convention was held in Toronto, on May 12-13-14, 1982. The reverse of the medal this year depicts the Royal Ontario Museum. This is the Museum's 70th year.

The 21st Convention of the Ontario Numismatic Association took place in Peterborough, on April 8-9-10, 1983. Reverse for this year's medal features the Lift Bridge which is the only one in the world.

Sarnia Numismatic Society hosted the 22nd Convention of the Ontario Numismatic Association, on April 28-29, 1984. There was no medal this year.

On April 19-20-21, 1985, the 23rd Annual Convention of the Ontario Numismatic Association, was held. This year's medal depicts the Festival Theatre, same as the 1975 medal.

The 24th Annual Ontario Numismatic Association Convention was hosted by the Brantford Numismatic Society, on April 19-20, 1986. The medal features the bust of Chief Captain Joseph Brant. Brantford takes its name from the legendary Mohawk Chieftan, Joseph Brant - "Thayendanegea".

The North York Coin Club hosted the 25th Annual Convention of the Ontario Numismatic Association, on April 24-25-26, 1987, at the Westbury Hotel. The reverse of the medal shows the arms of the City of North York. A shield showing a sheaf of grain and scales, surrounded by a beaver and crown, and a border of maple leaves on right and left hand sides, the whole surrounded with the words "Progress With Economy".

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COVER:

Foreign collectors will recognize this coin as the Commemorative 50 Schilling of Austria, minted in 1969. This Commemorative series began in 1959 and each coin was minted in .900 fine silver.

The series honoured colleges, universities, churches, banks, palaces, political events and figures, and musical composers.

The value is also incused on the coin's edge, and in most cases all have the common reverse which incorporates the Federal and nine Provincial Shields. The Commemorative 25 Schilling struck in .800 fine silver began in 1955 and features many favourite sons and daughters as well as special events and national institutions.

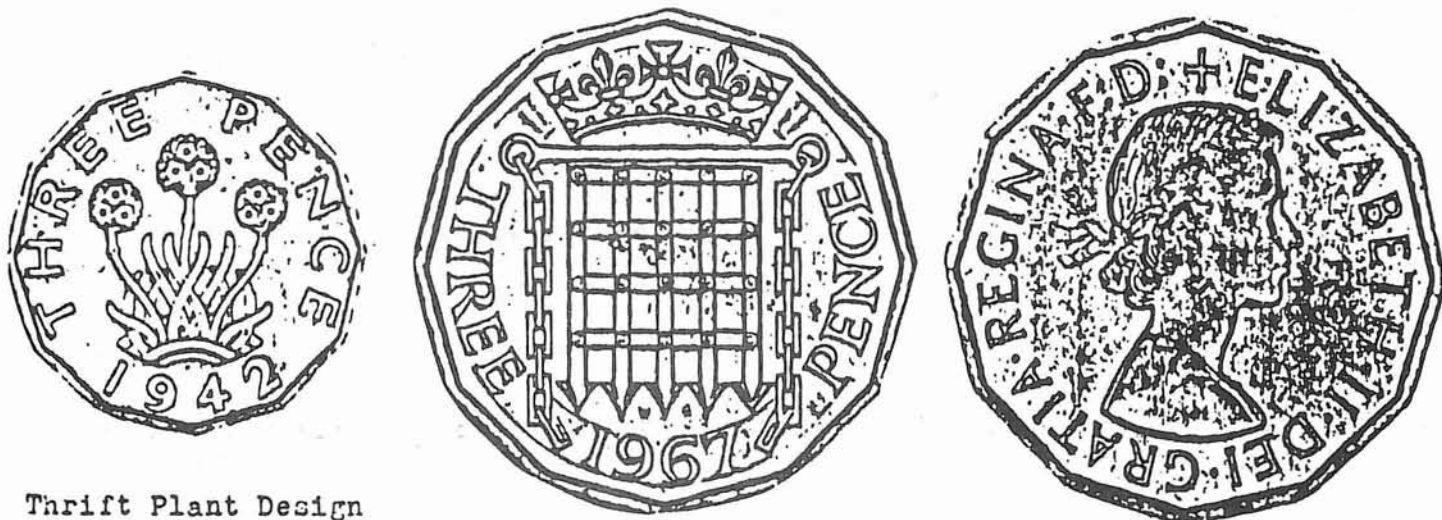
This 1969 coin features Maximillian I, Emperor of Germany, born in 1459. Most of his years as Emperor he warred with Burgundy, Switzerland, Rome, Venetian Territories. Three years before his death in 1519 he lead an unsuccessful attempt to conquer Milanese.

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# The Brass Threepence of Britain

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BY SAMUEL WAYNI



Thrift Plant Design

The yellow nickel-brass threepence so familiar in Britain combines the latest qualities of modern coinage with historical allusions reaching all the way back to the first Queen Elizabeth. It is anomalous that a country so known for its adherence to tradition would depart so radically from the type of threepence that went before.

The traditional threepence was a small silver coin about the size of the old U.S. half-dime or Canadian five-cent silver. It weighed just about half as much as a dime and was fairly easy to lose.

Because of the usefulness of this denomination in everyday life (even though the type of coin left a lot to be desired), the Royal mint introduced the current type in the form of a few very rare patterns for Edward VIII in 1936. Besides the king's portrait on the obverse, with the traditional motto, the coin had a reverse featuring a thrift plant. This was a rather subtle bit of whimsy, influenced by the fact that the threepence was a popular coin for saving. People in England and Scotland put it away in jugs and jars just as Americans save cents and dimes.

The plant has a slightly stylized portrait on the coin. In real life it has white, yellow, blue, or lilac-colored flowers and is popular as a perennial in rock gardens.



The pattern threepence of 1937 for King Edward VIII

of the more modernistic pieces issued at the time it appeared; the other coins tended to follow the traditional designs of shields, crowns, roses, thistles, and so on. The coin's 12-sided shape (to prevent confusion), had a very pronounced "upset" rim, which gave the impression of a sort of bent ring around the design.

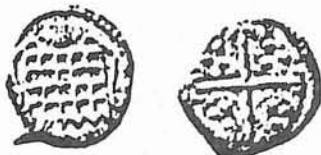
The British found that an alloy of brass with a very slight addition

The first threepence for general circulation made some changes in the reverse. Too, the king's portrait was changed to that of George VI after Edward VIII, his brother, abdicated. The design issued from 1937 had the value above and around the plant, and the date below.

This coin demonstrates that beauty is in the eyes of the beholder; some people think it quite attractive, others disagree. It was one

of nickel (one percent nickel in a 79-copper 20-zinc mixture) suited their purpose, and thus the nickel-brass threepence came about. It proved popular so it was no great hardship when the government stopped making silver threepence in 1946. The coin has one very distinctive feature: when dropped, it does not ring and bounce but tends to clatter and clunk probably due to the relatively heavy weight of the coin in proportion to its size.

The second issue, under Elizabeth II, produced the most antique design now in common use. For the reverse, it featured a medieval portcullis flanked by chains and topped by a wide, flattened, royal crown. The portcullis in ancient times, was used to seal off the entrances to castles and was just what it looks like on the coin, a heavy iron grating. At the time Elizabeth II came to the throne there was considerable optimism in Britain that things would get better. Since the old Elizabethan Age had been a golden one for England, this design was considered a good omen. Britain was still suffering from the after-effects of World War II, and some people thought things had to get better since they couldn't get much worse.



Elizabeth I Portcullis  
silver half penny

Good Queen Bess, back in the last half of the sixteenth century, had issued a silver half-penny bearing a portcullis on its reverse. A gold double noble of her day also had one as a minor feature of the design. She also approved a silver issue featuring a portcullis on its reverse for use overseas. James I, when he followed her as king, kept a similar design for his early halfpence. So the modern queen's threepence has an ancient design.

The most common of the two George VI types - the change coming from change of title in 1949 - is the earlier, which has him as Emperor of India. The Elizabeth obverse, which names her "Queen of All Britain", lasted only one year, being changed in 1954.

To this writer the term nickel-brass leaves something to be desired. If you look at a threepence, you will see it has a yellow color typical of a copper-zinc alloy. You can't tell that it has any nickel in it. It would seem logical just to call the coin brass and let it go at that, but the custom is now to mention nickel, perhaps to make it seem a nobler coin than it is.

This difference in alloy means that the brass three pence darkens differently than the farthing, penny and halfpenny. The smaller values take on the characteristic brown hue of bronze or high-copper alloys, while the threepence is quite distinct from them, tending to a lighter shade. Some say that for this reason the threepence is far preferable in new condition, and indeed there is much to be said for a brand-new coin. The threepence is struck in cheap metal, it is not a prestige coin, and it is fairly common, but a glistening, yellow coin or one that is not yet badly discolored does have a certain charm. Put such a coin near some brand new pennies or the other British bronze and you have a very pretty group. The different colors complement each other.

The British threepence has four types and two major designs, and Britain also has issued a similar coin for the Channel Islands. Whether or not the Jersey threepence should be classed with the others is a matter for the individual collector to decide for himself.

The brass threepence represented the first obvious debasement of a common denomination. The silver coinage had been downgraded to half silver,

half alloy, in 1920, but the brass piece was much more apparent in its change.

In a way, it was too bad that the original reverse was changed when the queen's coinage appeared. Certainly there was no question that the thrift plant was appropriate. However, Elizabeth's threepence now conforms to the traditional design, and there is something to be said for it. The portcullis is something that instantly reminds the viewer of the many English traditions and landmarks still in daily use. It suggests the Tower of London and many more places and events associated with the Crown.

The coin has the only value which has not been altered in metal content since it appeared. The silver coinage gave way to nickel, and even the bronze coins had their composition changed to reduce the tin content drastically. On the other hand, the nickel-brass alloy of the threepence spread all over the empire, replacing many coins struck in other metals.

The Jersey threepence began as a round coin of the same diameter as the British piece of that value. The obverse has the queen as portrayed on certain colonial pieces, that is, wearing a crown and with the legend surrounding the portrait as QUEEN ELIZABETH THE SECOND. The reverse has the Jersey coat-of-arms with its three leopards or lions and the value as ONE FOURTH OF A SHILLING. In subsequent issues the planchet was made 12-sided like the home island's threepence to eliminate confusion with the gold sovereign. These coins of Queen Elizabeth fit in with the medieval motif of the threepence in Britain, recalling the heraldry of chivalry and knight-hood.

The British threepence is by no means a hard coin to obtain for a type set, and is fairly common as far as most dates are concerned. The years just after World War II saw some small issues in the series, notably 1946 and 1949. There are no doubt a great many of the early George VI issues scattered throughout U.S. which were brought back home by that great accumulator of foreign coins, the American G.I.

There has been considerable conjecture about what will happen to the English coinage when that country switches over to the decimal system. Until then, however, the threepence seems pretty well established among the traditional coins in use.

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### Silver Stater of Corinth



This coin was in use from the fourth century B.C. until the time of the Apostle Paul. It was widely circulated throughout the Ancient World, thanks to Corinth's prominence as a trading centre at the crossroads between Europe and Asia.

The Silver Stater carries the images of Pegasus, the winged horse of mythology, and the goddess Athena - both linked by legend with the city of Corinth. Athena, favourite daughter of Zeus, was the goddess of wisdom, skills and warfare, and protector of cities and civilized life.

One Silver Stater was a day's pay for the average worker in ancient Corinth. To be sure of an income in the event of being unable to work because of serious illness or accident, a Corinthian would have had to save many of these coins for a rainy day - probably no easy task.

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**Scotiabank**

**The Bank of Nova Scotia**  
General Office  
44 King Street West  
Toronto, Ontario, Canada  
M5H 1H1

Scotiabank announces sale of new Britannia gold bullion coin

**News Release**

TORONTO -- The Bank of Nova Scotia today announced the availability to the public of the new Britannia gold bullion coin. The coin has been declared legal tender in the United Kingdom by a Royal Proclamation of July 21, 1987 and The Bank of Nova Scotia has been appointed exclusive distributor in Canada.

The Britannia is being struck in 22 carat gold in four sizes containing respectively 1 oz., 1/2 oz., 1/4 oz. and 1/10 oz. of fine gold. The price will vary from day to day, based on the daily gold price, plus a competitive premium to cover the cost of minting and distribution.

The obverse of each coin bears an effigy of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II by Raphael Maklouf while the reverse bears a standing figure of Britannia, the nation's symbol, by Philip Nathan. The edge of the coin is milled.

The public will be able to order the Britannia through Scotiabank branches across Canada.

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**ANTHONY D. GARRETT**  
New Deputy Master  
British Royal Mint

The British Royal Mint announced the appointment of Anthony D. Garret as their new Deputy Master. He replaces Dr. D. Jeremy Gerhart, who retired on December 31, 1987.

Garret brings to the Mint a wealth of experience in marketing, finance, and manufacturing. One of the first intentions of the new Deputy Master is to visit the U.S. where the British Mint hopes to improve their coin market with the newly launched British gold bullion coin.

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The Canadian Mint has announced that they will begin producing 1988 Loon Dollars within the next week. They also announced that they still have a stock pile of 85 million of the 1987 Loons on hand. The new production is a hedge against an expected high demand for the Loon later this year.

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## THE CANADIAN BASEBALL HALL OF FAME



## LE TEMPLE DE LA RENOMMÉE DU BASEBALL CANADIEN

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A short while ago a first occurred in the O.N.A., when a commercial show hosted our Convention. Some Members were quite skeptical and I must say that there was concern in my mind too. I personally believed that there was no other way as we had suffered a serious financial loss in the past Convention, and the image of the O.N.A. was at an extremely low point. Something certainly had to change, and when John Regitko agreed to let us "Piggyback" on the Toronto International Coin Fair Show's shoulders, changes were certain to follow. The Convention is now history, and to reiterate what has been said many times since, it turned out to be a "Benchmark" for the shows of the future. Anyone attending it will have to agree that it was an extremely well organized and entertaining three days.

Some of the firsts were:

- 1 A pre Registration that completely sold out.
- 2 A money back guarantee that if you were not satisfied with the package you would receive all your money back, and you still received three days admission free. "No-one took us up on that one."
- 3 More publicity than we have ever had in the past with a great deal of thanks going to the publication Canadian Coin News.
- 4 More favorable comments about the Convention than we have ever had before.
- 5 A calendar showing all the meeting dates, show dates, and contact persons for Member Clubs in the O.N.A.

The accomplishments of the past year have been many, but the challenges remaining are many. Some of the ones that are going to be addressed in the immediate future will deal with a judging system that will be suitable to the majority of Clubs and prove to be helpful in Show preparations. A major change in the Charles Laister award to an award for competition in Club Bulletins. More about this later. We will continue our efforts to expand our service to all Members.

The Directors and Executive have worked hard and given a great deal of time in the previous year but I will be asking their support and help over the months ahead. With the co-operation of all I am sure this year will be one of great achievement.

Before I close I would be remiss if I did not mention that Past President Roy Hollingshead was seriously ill and hospitalized in Toronto. I know our Members join with me in wishing what is best for Roy.

Your President,



# EDITORIAL

How many noticed that page number 47 was missing from the March-April issue of the Numismatist? This wasn't a typographical error, but an error on my part. When getting these pages together for the printer, somehow this page was missed. I have included it, marked Page 47, in this issue, so those who keep the Numismatist can bring theirs up-to-date.

I would also like to ask another question. How many of our members and readers didn't attend the O.N.A.- T.I.C.F., Convention Show in March? If you were unable to attend this event you were indeed the loser. For me it was one of the busiest O.N.A. Conventions I ever attended. I tried to attend as many or all the meetings, breakfasts, as possible, and from those meetings I came away with a better understanding which way Clubs and the hobby is going.

At the Delegates Breakfast, speaker Geoffrey G. Bell told his audience the do's and don'ts of how to conduct a successful Coin Club meeting. He stressed the fact that fun had to be put back into the hobby to attract members and to keep those we have. The Wooden Money Breakfast was a first for me, and to see the enthusiastic bidding on many pieces of wooden money that was offered in their auction.

The O.N.A. Annual Meeting was a great disappointment to me. I'm sure if there was no annual meeting there would be very few who would complain. Very few new faces from past years and those who do attend, have been doing so for many years. John Regitko summed it up in a recent column in Canada Coin News - "Does Membership Care About the Annual Meeting"?

Except for a problem with the air conditioner, the Educational Forum was a highlight. Those in attendance heard three excellent speakers on three completely different topics. Artist Raymond Taylor, designer of the 1970 Manitoba Dollar, told how one goes about designing a coin or medal. Richard Giedroye, Coin World International Editor, told the audience the do's and don'ts if you ever want to sell your coin collection. Long time supporter of Canadian Coin Shows Stephen Taylor, President of the A.N.A., showed the audience slides on how to put together a prize winning display. He also stressed that we should attempt to be putting fun back into exhibiting.

About 40 cases of very competitive displays graced the exhibit area, but there was ample room for more. I'm not sure why many who used to display don't now, but the hobby needs you back.

Talked to many Bourse Dealers and got the usual mixed reaction on how business was going. From the selection of material being offered, I'm sure that coin you were seeking was available and in some cases at a reasonable cost.

I'm sorry to say I was unable to attend the auction, being at a committee meeting with Woodstock Coin Club, in selecting a design for the 150th Anniversary medal they will be releasing on June 4th. Details of this appears elsewhere in this issue.

These are just some of the events you missed by not attending this show. Do plan to attend all future shows and meetings.

T. Masters

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## NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS:

At an Executive meeting held on Sunday, May 15, 1988, in the meeting room of the Canadian Legion Hall in Elora, Ontario, the Executive Members of the Ontario Numismatic Association adopted and passed unanimously the following: Effective January 1st, 1989, that Life Membership to the Ontario Numismatic Association be increased from \$75.00 to \$100.00.

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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.

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| 1298 | Martin J. Lamoureaux | Scarborough     |
| 1299 | Mrs. Terry O'Brien   | Bolton          |
| 1300 | Mrs. Rosemary Hedge  | Kitchener       |
| 1301 | Robert D. McAlpine   | Deep River      |
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| 1303 | Garry K. O'Donnell   | Willowdale      |
| 1304 | Frank A. Quinn       | Roxboro, Quebec |
| 1305 | Miss Martha Coborn   | Kenora          |

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# ONA convention

### DISPLAY WINNERS:

- Canadian Decimal -- Patrick Glassford, Gary Oblinsky
- Canadian Paper Money and Script -- George Fraser, Bruce Watt
- Foreign Coins -- Bruce Brace, Tom Kostaluk, Del Murchison
- Medals and Tokens -- Tom Kostaluk, Tim Henderson and Paul Johnson
- Miscellaneous -- Bruce Brace, Del Murchison and Howard Richardson
- People's Choice Winner -- Pat Glassford of Mississauga for his three cases on Canadian errors

Note: Not all categories had three or more entries.

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### Best in Show

GEORGE FRASER.....

Winning the Best in Show Award and the Douglas Wark Memorial Trophy for best exhibit was George Fraser of the North York Coin Club. Fraser's display was on Asterisk and Replacement Canadian bills from 1969 to 1986.

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AL BLIMAN -- Winner of the prestigious O.N.A. "AWARD OF MERIT"



Al's contribution to Numismatics cannot be fully appreciated in just the few lines written here, but some of his credits include - 1st Vice President of C.N.A., Chairman of the Donald B. Thomas Memorial Foundation, Past President of Canadian Paper Money Society. Writer, Speaker, Member of several Clubs and Organizations, Collector of Wooden Money, and held numerous Executive positions on many of these Clubs. As I said, these are just a few of Al's accomplishments. Congratulations Al, you're a worthy recipient of the "Award of Merit".

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IN MEMORIAM....

I'm sad to report the sudden recent passing of Member Howard G. Richardson, of Scarborough. Howard was interested in several facets of numismatics and a Member of several Coin Clubs and Associations. He produced several different woods, many with the Logo "Howard Says". His passing leaves a large void in the Numismatic Family. To his family, the O.N.A. extend their sincere sympathy.

Paul Dezo, St. Catharines - Although he was not an O.N.A. Member, he did attend our O.N.A. Delegate Breakfast as the St. Catharines Coin Club Delegate. At this meeting he showed a keen interest in the O.N.A. affairs and the problems that face the hobby as a whole. To his family we extend our sympathy.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS:

The O.N.A. needs your help! Included with this issue you will find a Membership Application Form. We are asking each Member to sign up one new Member. Clubs could also help by giving an O.N.A. Membership for one year as one of their Draw Prizes. Won't you help?

Also, the Speakers Circuit was re-introduced at the Delegates Breakfast, and the Booklet outlining this program and Speakers and Topics available was distributed to the Delegates. If your Club didn't receive this Booklet, check with your Delegate or write to Tom Kennedy, 54 Trinity Street, Stratford, Ontario, N5A 4P4, for a free copy.

Over fifty topics appear in this Booklet, but many more are needed. We know there are many who have not as yet indicated their willingness to participate in this program. A Form has been included so that you can become a Member of the Speakers Circuit. I urge you to fill out your application and become a Member of this very important aspect of our hobby. Return to Kennedy address shown above.

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AUCTION TENDERO.N.A. CONVENTION APRIL 22, 1989

The Ontario Numismatic Association invites all those interested in conducting a one (1) session auction on Saturday, April 22, 1989, at 2:00 p.m. in the City of Woodstock, at the Quality Inn.

Those interested should reply in writing with terms and conditions before the deadline - Friday, September 2, 1988, to:-

AUCTION 1989 - O.N.A.  
P.O. Box 33  
Waterloo, Ontario, N2J 3Z6

All those who have submitted a tender will be notified after all tenders have been reviewed.

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# ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

## WE ARE ALL RECRUITERS FOR THE ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION.

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.

### REMEMBER

ALL WE ASK IS ONE NEW MEMBER FROM EACH OF YOU THIS YEAR...

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APPLICANT: Mr. Mrs. Miss Jr. Club .....  
(Encircle correct title)

ADDRESS .....  
St., Ave. etc. City Prov. Postal Code Phone

CLUB CORRESPONDENT: Name .....  
(For Clubs Only) Address City Prov. Postal Code Phone

AFFILIATIONS: C.N.A. No. .... A.N.A. No. .... Others .....

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.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: ..... DATED .....

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Regular	\$10.00	Life Membership (subject to	
Junior (up to 18)	\$ 3.00	bylaws)	\$75.00
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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.

NAME (PRINT) \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

## TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 1987 TO DECEMBER 31, 1987

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Petty Cash @ Jan. 1, 1987	\$ 53.77	
Bank Balance @ Jan. 1, 1987 (General Fund)	1534.62	
Bank Balance @ Jan. 1, 1987 (Library)	-24.78	
Bank Balance @ Jan. 1, 1987 (Virgil Hancock Award)	106.62	
Bank Balance @ Jan. 1, 1987 (Audio Visual)	<u>21.55</u>	\$1691.78

RECEIPTS

Memberships (Regular, Junior & Club)	\$2826.00	
O.N.A. Convention Draw	1200.00	
Club Ticket Rebate	44.00	
Bank Interest	78.67	
Bulletin Advertising (2.00), Lapel Pins (49.00)	51.00	
Premium U.S.A. Money	14.18	
Silver Medallion	25.00	
Virgil Hancock Award	2.00	
Transfer From Contingency Account	<u>850.00</u>	\$5090.85

EXPENSES

O.N.A. Publication "Ontario Numismatist"	\$2101.57	
Postage	180.29	
Printing	60.76	
Safety Deposit & P.O. Box Rental	125.44	
Archives	27.77	
C.N.A. & A.N.A Dues	53.08	
Office Supplies	34.27	
Telephone	64.40	
Engraving	37.46	
Honorariums	600.00	
O.N.A. Night	10.00	
Club Rebates	-4.00	
C.N.A. Delegate	50.00	
O.N.A. 1987 Draw Advance Repayment	-200.00	
Interim Payment Of Net Loss (North York Convention)	<u>2000.00</u>	\$5141.04

Excess Expenses Over Receipts \$ 50.1

Petty Cash @ December 31, 1987	\$ 19.81	
Bank Balance @ December 31, 1987 (General Fund)	1484.17	
Bank Balance @ December 31, 1987 (Library)	-24.78	
Bank Balance @ December 31, 1987 (Virgil Hancock Award)	108.62	
Bank Balance @ December 31, 1987 (Audio Visual)	<u>53.77</u>	\$1641.5

BANK RECONCILIATION

Bank Pass Book Balance @ December 31, 1987	\$1719.78
(5) Outstanding Cheques	98.00
Statement Bank Balance @ December 31, 1987	\$1621.78

## ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

## TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 1987 TO DECEMBER 31, 1987

CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT

Bank Balance @ January 1, 1987 \$9103.86

RECEIPTSInterest Guaranteed Investment Certificates \$375.00  
Bank Interest 384.38 \$759.38EXPENSESTransfer To General Account \$850.00 \$850.00

Excess Expenses over Receipts \$ -90.62

Bank Balance @ December 31, 1987 \$9013.24

LIFE MEMBERSHIP ACCOUNT

Bank Balance @ January 1, 1987 \$1467.10

RECEIPTSInterest Guaranteed Investment Certificates \$439.56  
Bank Interest 86.37 \$525.93EXPENSESMembership Dues (1987) \$730.00 \$730.00

Excess Expenses over Receipts \$-204.07

Bank Balance @ December 31, 1987 \$1263.03

INSURANCE ACCOUNTRECEIPTSClub Premiums (1987) \$940.00  
Club Premiums (1988) 70.00  
Bank Interest 23.04 \$1033.04EXPENSESInsurance Premium \$350.00  
Printing 79.28  
Postage 4.38  
Bank Service Charge .40 \$ 434.06

Excess Receipts Over Expenses \$ 598.98

Bank Balance @ December 31, 1987 \$ 598.98

## ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

## TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 1987 TO DECEMBER 31, 1987

CASH ASSET SUMMARY @ DECEMBER 31, 1987

Cash & Bank Balance - General Account	\$1641.59
Bank Balance - Contingency Account	9013.24
Guaranteed Investment Certificates - Contingency Account	4000.00
Bank Balance - Life Membership Account	1263.03
Guaranteed Investment Certificates - Life Membership Account	4275.00
Bank Balance - Insurance Account	598.98
	<u>\$20791.84</u>
Total Cash Assets 1986	<u>\$20537.74</u>
Increase in Cash Assets	\$ 254.10

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 Saturday, March 26, 1988.

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COVER: What has our cover to do with Numismatics? Let me explain.....

On June 4, 1838, Canada's first documented baseball game was played on a smooth pasture field just outside of Beachville, a village midway between Ingersoll and Woodstock on Oxford County Road 9. The ball was made of double and twisted yarn covered with calfskin and sewn by the local shoe-maker. The bat was cedar, blocked with an axe and finished with a drawing knife. There were five bases instead of today's four, and no umpire. Players relied on the honour system. Batters were called knockers or strikers, and you couldn't be walked to first base. Runners could be plugged or hit with a thrown ball for an out as they ran between bases. There were no set number of players during a game, but each team had to have the same amount. Games usually lasted until one team scored a previously agreed upon number of runs. A two-day celebration is planned, June 4 & 5, in Beachville, to honour this first game. To coincide with this celebration the Woodstock Coin Club is producing a medal showing the knocker in the uniform of 1838, with the bat over his shoulders waiting on the first pitch. In the field you see the 5 bases as they were in that era. Around the border - "First Recorded Base Ball game in Canada - 150 Anniversary - the date, and Woodstock Coin Club, appears in small letters below the knocker's feet."

These medals produced by Pressed Metals of Vancouver in quantities of 30 silver, 300 copper, and 200 nickel, go on sale June 4 for \$30.00 silver, and \$5.00 for the copper and nickel. This price includes Ontario Sales Tax and can be ordered from Ken Ovington, R.R. #1, Harley, Ontario, NOE 1EO. Postage and handling charge \$1.25 for each medal not included in the above price.

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CONVENTION CALENDAR

- 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.
- June 18-19 (Torex - Ramada Hotel, 111 Carlton St., Toronto. Info: Ingrid  
October 29-30 (K. Smith (416) 920 6461, or P.O. Box 865, Adelaide St. P.O.,  
(Toronto, Ontario, M5C 2K1.
- July 21-23 Canadian Numismatic Association Annual Convention, C.P. Prince Edward Hotel and Convention Centre, Charlottetown, P.E.I. Inof: Prince Edward Island Numismatic Association, P.O. Box 2921, Charlottetown, P.E.I., C1A 8C5.
- August 28 (M.T.C.E. - Metro Toronto Coin Exhibition at Bond Place Hotel,  
September 25 (65 Dundas Street East, Toronto, -- 10:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.,  
December 4 (Admission \$2.00 - 30 Bourse dealers. Info: Ingrid K. Smith,  
(416) 920 6461.
- September 10 Huronia Numismatic Association Coin, Stamp & Antique Show Bayfield Mall, Bayfield St., N. Barrie, Ont. Info: H.N.A. P.O. Box 243, Barrie Ontario, L4M 4Y2.
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Deadline for July-August Edition is July 15, 1988

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DELEGATES' REPORT - MARCH 26, 1988

The following are excerpts from written reports turned over to the Editor. If your Club was missed it was possible that no written report was prepared for your Delegate. I would urge all Clubs to provide their Delegates with written reports at all future Conventions.

HAMILTON - reported their total membership and dues, their meeting date and place (2nd Sunday each month except July & August, Hamilton Library, 55 York Street), and their upcoming show, which is published in our Convention Calendar.

INGERSOLL - outlined 14 points in their report, - membership, publication, community work (raised \$1200.00 for Disabled Children), meetings include numismatic education, auction, fellowship, and social, yard sale, one of the leaders in selling O.N.A. Draw Tickets (63 books 1987). Hosting with Tillsonburg and Woodstock, O.N.A. 27th Annual Convention April 22-23, 1989. Asked the O.N.A. to review their Audio Visual Library and to retape programs where the Audio had become distorted and hard to understand. Congratulated O.N.A. on introduction of Liability Insurance and Speakers' Circuit programs. Meet 3rd Monday 10 times a year, Senior Citizens Room, Lions Hall.

NIAGARA FALLS - reported difficult times with declining membership and attendance. Reintroduced numismatic programs and auctions, and attendance has increased. Show date announced May 28th at the Niagara Square Shopping Mall, which was received too late to be included in our Convention Calendar. Meet 1st Wednesday each month, Stamford Lions Hall.

CHAMPLAIN - meet 1st Thursday each month (except July & August) in St. Davids Anglican Church Hall, Orillia. Announced membership of 40, banquet in June. Variety of speakers and slide presentation at meetings, plus an auction.

ST. CATHARINES - announced plans to change their regular meetings to Russell Ave. Community Centre, starting in September, also looking to whether meetings might be better attended if held on Saturday afternoons instead of Sundays, where they have to compete with the local Flea Markets for attendance. Asked the O.N.A. to mail all rebate cheques under separate cover after their 1987 cheque mailed with Club O.N.A. Numismatist was lost or destroyed. Asked the O.N.A. if they would consider replacing the 1987 rebate cheque.

STRATFORD - announced regular meeting 2nd Monday each month, (September-June) at Kiwanis Centre, Highlight was speaker Denis Cudahy from Ottawa Mint, who spoke at June 1987 Banquet. Robert Aaron to speak at this year's Banquet. Announced their upcoming October Coin Show (listed in Convention Calendar).

VICTORIA-SIMCOE - reported they held 5 meetings in 1987 in different members homes. Membership 17 - Show and Banquet was another success - Announced their upcoming show (listed under Cannington Show and Bourse in Convention Calendar May 7, 1988).

WOODSTOCK - though membership of 20, Club holds regular meetings 4th Tuesday (September-June) at Central Public School. Programs include discussion period with fresh new ideas. Ask O.N.A. to review their Audio-Visual Library - slides are excellent but video in Romance of World Gold so distorted the narration had to be read from printed sheet. Announced Woodstock Club would be producing a medal on first recorded Baseball game in Canada (1838), and that a 2-day celebration would be taking place the weekend of June 4-5 at Beachville, Ontario, Midway between Ingersoll and Woodstock. O.N.A. 27th Convention to be held in Woodstock's Quality Inn April 22-23, 1989.

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*The Mysteries A Coin Can Possess*

# THE BRIDGE AT ALCOLEA

By John W. Dunn

*A Century of Time*

*Has Clouded the Origins*

*Of A Coin Devoted To A Bridge*

Some people may think a bridge is just a bridge, enabling folk to get easily from here to there. However the Bridge at Alcolea in Spain cannot be regarded as just an ordinary structure in any sense of the word. True the Bridge at Alcolea performed its duties by spanning the yellow waters of the Guadalquivir River. A battle which was fought in 1868 on and near this bridge was of great significance. It became the dividing line between two very distinct eras of Spanish history. What's more, the rather insignificant coin which was struck to commemorate that memorable event was one of the last escudos before Spain adopted the new centimospeseta system.

Isabella II sat on the Bourbon throne of Spain. Against the vacillating and incompetent monarch, a strange combination of elements conspired to bring an end to her reign. The opposition represented all shades of dissatisfaction, ranging from rabid Republicans to staunch supporters of constitutional monarchy.

They all sought liberty in worship, education and press; inviolability of their homes; personal security from unjustifiable arrest; abolition of conscription, capital punishment, slavery and official monopolies; introduction of universal suffrage, trial by jury and popular election of members of both houses of government.

Abortive uprisings plagued the hapless Isabella for years. Finally, after countless meetings abroad in Brussels, Ostend and Paris, the revolutionists launched what was hoped to be the decisive blow in August of 1867. Although original plans were changed at the last moment, the loyalist troops learned of the changes and the rising failed completely.

Undauntedly the rebels continued to lay their plans during the summer of 1868. By the beginning of September 1868, General Juan Prim, who continued to be the moving spirit of the revolution, was assured of the support of a number of army units and the Spanish navy which was based at Cadiz.

Prim was wise enough to solicit the aid of Marshal Francisco Serrano who had been exiled by Isabella to the Canary Islands. Serrano was at one time a great favorite of Isabella, even receiving the highest decorations at her hand. Now Admiral Juan Bautista Topete of the Spanish navy had turned the tables by dispatching a warship to bring Serrano to Cadiz on September 18, 1868. Prim and Serrano issued a joint manifesto, "Spain with Honour", declaring Isabella was no longer monarch of Spain.



THE BRIDGE AT ALCOLEA (Cont'd)

From Cadiz Serrano journeyed to Sevilla. There he raised an army and proceeded by the old Roman road, following the valley of the Guadalquivir with Madrid as his ultimate objective. Some 10 or 15 miles north of Sevilla, the river turns to the northeast. About 60 miles away in this direction is Cordoba on the north side of the Guadalquivir, the immediate objective of Serrano. There to oppose his crossing was Isabella's army under the command of General Manuel Pavia, the Marquis de Novaliches. Both sides were about evenly matched with some 12,000 troops in each army.

In the meantime Isabella quit Madrid, leaving Luis Gonzalez Bravo, President of the Council of Ministers, in charge. But he, too, left unceremoniously as the two armies joined in battle on September 28, 1868, at Alcolea Bridge. All day long the battle raged - on the bridge and on both sides of the river. The Marquis de Novaliches was wounded mortally. The day ended in somewhat of a draw. It was not until the next morning when the greater part of the former loyalist troops deserted to the rebel side that victory was decisive for Marshal Serrano - September 29, 1868.

On that day, too, Juan Gutierrez de la Concha, acting head of the loyalist government, heard of the defeat of Isabella's forces at Alcolea. He immediately requested the Revolutionary Committee of Unionists and Progressives to take over the government. On September 30th, Isabella crossed over into France. Sovereignty was again for the moment in the hands of the Spanish people.

Some time between September 30th and October 19th, a twenty-five one thousandth of an escudo piece was struck commemorating the Battle of Alcolea. On October 19th, 1868, a new monetary system was established by decree. Instead of the escudo which had been by Isabella's decree of June 26th, 1864, the new monetary unit was to be the peseta.

The obverse of the commemorative coin, which is copper and measures 25 millimeters in diameter, shows a portion of the old Roman aqueduct at Segovia within a wreath of laurel. Around the top and sides in bold letters: NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY. At the bottom is a six-pointed star with a small radiant star in the center of the larger star. The main device on the reverse is the legend, SEPTEMBER 29, 1868, within a closed oak wreath. Around the top and sides: FREE SPAIN. Two six-pointed stars on either side divide this legend from the denomination which is spelled out to read: TWENTY-FIVE THOUSANDTH ESCUDO. The edge is plain.

Apparently there are no records extant concerning this coin. F. Xavier Calico stated in the December, 1948, issue of The Numismatist that the coin was a pattern piece and was struck at the Madrid mint.

As noted above the central device for the obverse is a portion of the Roman aqueduct at Segovia. The aqueduct was the mint mark for LaMoneda, the mint at Segovia. The marks usually seen are several one story arches in a row, or one double-decked arch at one side of a coin. LaMoneda was in existence from 1550 to 1868. Until 1730 it was the chief mint for Spain. For many years all copper coins had been struck at LaMoneda.

Why was the suggestion of the Segovia mint mark used as the principal device for a commemorative coin struck at the Madrid mint and honoring the Battle of Alcolea?

The coin is well designed with all lettering, numerals and devices sharply and expertly rendered. That is all except the six-pointed star at the bottom on the obverse side. The star is poorly proportioned, lopsided and apparently the work of an inexperienced engraver. Nevertheless it is the mint mark of the mint at Madrid.

The Roman aqueduct was Segovia's best known landmark. It carried water from the hills some ten miles away into the city. There were 118

THE BRIDGE AT ALCOLEA (Cont'd)

arches in the system, some of which reached a height of 100 feet. Remember the section of the aqueduct portrayed on the obverse of the coin is within a laurel wreath and too large to be considered a mint mark. Therefore we can logically assume that LaMoneda and its symbol were being honored. It was 1868. After more than three hundred and thirty-eight years of service, the old mint was being closed. We can further assume that this obverse die was prepared at LaMoneda for a coin which would have honored the Segovia mint. The legend, NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY, could fit any regime in power.

In the hurry to strike a coin commemorating Alcolea, an obverse design was needed - one which had nothing to do with royalty. What better thing than to portray and honor at the same time the symbol and mark of the Segovia mint: the old Roman aqueduct. Possibly the reverse die was engraved also at LaMoneda. But with the mint closed officially, the dies had to be brought to Madrid some 50 miles away where the coin would be struck. At the last minute someone at the Madrid mint added the Madrid mint mark - the crude six-pointed star - to make the striking official.

If Sr. Calico is correct in saying that the coin is a pattern, then the coin would not have circulated. But there are any number of arguments in favor of the position that the coin may have been struck for circulation. Specimens which have been examined show an even wear (uncirculated specimens also exist) on ALL parts of the design for both obverse and reverse. This kind of wear is "circulation wear" and not "cabinet friction".

Then there are the die breaks - a number of them - which would indicate the die was used to strike a relatively large number of copper coins before beginning to crack. If this had been strictly a pattern coin, only a limited number of pieces would have been struck, undoubtedly without die breaks. Then, too, the rebels needed some kind of victory symbol for the general public - something which would spot-light their great victory at Alcolea. What better way than a small denomination piece which would circulate among the peasants.

From September 30 to October 19 was plenty of time to prepare the issue since only the reverse die had to be engraved and the pieces struck. Even though October 19 was the official cut-off date for the escudo, coins of this denomination could have circulated freely for some time. Yes, the smooth even wear, the die breaks, the need for a victory symbol among the people are arguments hard to cast aside.

There remains one small item necessary to complete the story of the commemorative coin struck to honor LaMoneda at Segovia and the Battle at Alcolea Bridge. Where was Alcolea?

You will recall that Serrano brought his army up from Sevilla, following the course of the Guadalquivir River. His immediate objective may have been Cordoba. But then there was Isabella's army under General Pavia to dispute his crossing at the old Roman bridge immediately south of Cordoba. The river there was of considerable depth and width. Since steamboats came up the river, it's not likely there were bridges west of the city to block their passage.

The logical place to cross the Guadalquivir, by-passing Cordoba and reaching out for Madrid, was Alcolea. Alcolea was some 25 miles upstream and east of Cordoba. Here the river was narrower and relatively shallow.

Yes, the Bridge at Alcolea was not just an ordinary bridge any more than LaMoneda was an ordinary mint. It was, indeed, a monument to brave and courageous men who fought and died for principles they deemed right and just.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This message was to be one about the future but first I must speak of the past. Roy Hollingshead, our immediate Past President, passed away on Friday July 8, 1988, after a prolonged illness that curtailed most of his activities.

Roy was a member of many local Coin Clubs and always helped when called upon. His dedication to the hobby was International and he would often return from trips to Florida and tell members at the meetings of visiting the numerous clubs in the St. Petersburg and Tampa area, and how their meetings differed from ours.

Roy's term of office in the Ontario Numismatic Association progressed from a Director through the Vice-President offices to that of President in 1985-1987.

One of the last projects that he was involved with was being Chairman of the Award of Merit Committee for 1988. Roy was always available to me to talk to if there was ever a problem I had to face in the O.N.A., and his advice will be sorely missed. The loss to the O.N.A. is great and I will miss a true friend.

One of the topics I was going to mention this edition took place at a recent Executive Meeting when a motion was adopted to increase the Life Membership dues from \$75.00 to \$100.00. This is a very modest increase when you consider that in the past our Association has been charging 7.5 times our annual rate, while many organizations had Life Membership fees of 15 or 20 times their annual rate. The increase was necessary to bring a closer relation to the actual cost of an individual membership. One point that was included in the motion was the effective date. The increased Life Membership fees will take effect January 1/89. If any Member wishes to take advantage of the old rate and become a Life Member I suggest that they do it now. Life Membership is not only a good thing monetarily but it saves all the hassel at renewal time. I am certain the Ontario Numismatic Association will be around for many years to come, and this will be the last chance at obtaining Life Membership at the old rate.

I hope that all our members had a good summer and were able to withstand the prolonged hot and dry spell. I will no doubt see some of you when the fall activities begin.

Your President,



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Deadline for September-October Edition is September 15, 1988!

# EDITORIAL

Bill Cross, proprietor of one of Canada's oldest Coin Shops - "Charlton Numismatics", and also publisher of "Charltons Standard Catalogue of Canadian Coins", said - "The Royal Canadian Mint has just declared war on the Hobby".

Coin dealer Ingrid Smith, proprietor of the Torex Show, was shocked and said - "I'm horrified, it undermines the confidence of the average collector who is always looking for errors.

Jeffrey Hoare, proprietor of London Coin Exchange and auctioneer called it - "High-Handed - they've gone overboard".

Staff Sergeant Richard Jordon of the R.C.M.P. in Ottawa said - "They've thrown this in our lap and maybe they've made a mistake".

Louis (Scoop) Lewry, President of the C.N.A. said - "They should tell us what's going on".

All were referring to the R.C.M.P. seizure, acting on instructions of the Royal Canadian Mint, of a coin scheduled to be auctioned at the June Torex Auction.

The coin in question is a pure nickel proof 50-Cent piece, struck with the reverse design of the 1981 gold \$100.00 coin instead of the normal Coat of Arms.



This coin is technically known as an off-metal mule. A mule is a coin struck from two dies not intended for each other.

Mint officials have refused to discuss why the coin was seized.

It seems the Mint has had a file on this coin for the past seven years. Why has no action been taken in those years, and especially in the past two years when its location was well known?

Robert Aaron asked several questions. Why didn't the Mint offer to purchase the coin and get it off the market, and with relationship between the Mint and the Hobby at an all time low, this action could avoid a further deterioration of relationship. Aaron also wants to know if security at the Mint is adequate, when it's known that the Mint has a long history of producing back door mule coins, illegally smuggled out of the Mint.

Al Bliman calls these coins counterfeits, and if what he says

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is true, the R.C.M.P. doesn't need the Mint's approval to seize these coins. The R.C.M.P. aren't seizing these coins because it would be impossible to charge our Mint with counterfeiting and unless they catch someone at the Mint deliberately making these coins charges are unlikely.

With this seizure by the Mint, what do they plan for the future. Mules and error coins have been released from the Mint in abundance over the years. Error collectors have increased and Clubs and Publications have sprung up. Are these people in jeopardy of losing their collections and business? Ingrid Smith tells error collectors to sell their Royal Canadian Mint coins as soon as possible. I can't see this as a solution to the problem. If all errors were tossed into the market at once, prices would drop, and then there's the other problem - who is going to take the chance of buying these coins and later having the Mint confiscate them.

It's time the Mint cleaned up their act, to reduce or stop the production and release to the public of these error coins. If security is the problem, it's also time to beef up that security and charges laid to those responsible for making illegal coins, so that the money that the public have in their pockets is the official coins of our country.

Your comments on this subject are welcome.....

T. Masters

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# ASSOCIATION NEWS

## MEMBERSHIP

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

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### Obituary

This past few weeks the Numismatic Family has lost through death three numismatic giants. Those of us who follow can only benefit from their years of dedication to the hobby. It was a privilege for this editor to know all three of these gentlemen, and I will truly miss them.

NORMAN E. WELLS - Peterborough. He was involved in Numismatics for many years, was Past President and Life Member of the Peterborough Coin Club. He participated in many of their Coin Shows and Special Projects.

Two of Norm's prize collections were Wooden Money and Canadian Tire Money, both of which has been viewed by many while being displayed at many shows in the Court of Honour Category. Both of these collections were one of the most complete in Canada.

Another of his interests was research, and he wrote many articles and books on Numismatic subjects. Some of the books he wrote were Canadian Wooden Money, Tokens and Souvenirs. This book was followed up by several supplements. Another book was the Medals and Tokens of Industrial Exhibition Association of Toronto. Medals of Designer-Engraver Stanley Hoyman plus a Second Edition Revised Up-date was another of Wells books. These books received wide acclaim and are available from many Numismatic lending libraries.

Norm was a Charter member of the Canadian Association of Wooden

ASSOCIATION NEWSOBITUARY (Cont'd)

Money Collectors, member of the Canadian Numismatic Association, Ontario Numismatic Association, Canadian Numismatic Research Society, and several other Associations and Coin Clubs.

His exhibits will be missed at many Conventions and Coin Club Shows.

In 1979, Norm was the winner of the prestigious O.N.A. Award of Merit in recognition of his contribution toward the advancement of Numismatics.

To the members of his family we offer our sincere sympathy.

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W. L. ROY HOLLINGSHEAD - Guelph. After a brief illness passed away recently. Roy had been involved in the Numismatic Hobby for many years and was always willing to share his knowledge with those he came in contact. He was a frequent speaker at many Coin Clubs and members anxiously awaited his annual return from Florida each spring for him to bring us news of what was happening at their meetings and shows.

Roy was the immediate Past President of the O.N.A. (1985-1987), Past President of the Cambridge Coin Club and served on several other Executive positions of this Club.

He was a member of most Clubs in Central and Western Ontario, and until his illness attended all on a regular basis.

During his term of office as President of the O.N.A., the popular Club Liability Insurance Program was introduced and he served for several years as a member of the Award of Merit Committee.

Roy will be greatly missed at upcoming Conventions, Numismatic events, and Coin Club meetings, and missed by all his friends and fellow collectors.

To the Hollingshead family we offer our sympathy during their time of grief.

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E. VICTOR SNELL - St. Catharines - suddenly on his way to the C.N.A. Convention. Victor had a long and outstanding career in Numismatics. He was one of the founding members, and a Life Member, of the St. Catharines Coin Club, and served as their President on at least one occasion. He also served in many other capacities with the Club and helped to promote the Club's growth, both in membership and Club Shows. Member of all or most Clubs in the Niagara Area.

During Canada's Centennial Year, Victor was elected President of the Canadian Numismatic Association (1967-1969). He also served in other Executive positions of the C.N.A. during his rise to the President's Chair.

In 1969, Victor was the winner of the Ontario Numismatic Association's "Award of Merit" for his untiring service of promoting Numismatics.

Victor will truly be missed by his many friends and fellow collectors and the St. Catharines Coin Club. Victor's passing has left a large void in the Numismatic family which I feel will be hard to fill.

To the Snell family we offer our condolences on their great loss.

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AUCTION TENDER: O.N.A. CONVENTION APRIL 22, 1989

The Ontario Numismatic Association invites all those interested in conducting a one (1) session auction on Saturday, April 22, 1989, at 2:00 p.m. in the City of Woodstock, at the Quality Inn.

Those interested should reply in writing with terms and conditions before the deadline - Friday, September 2, 1988, to:-

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- August 28 (M.T.C.E. - Metro Toronto Coin Exhibition at Bond Place Hotel  
September 25 (65 Dundas Street East, Toronto, - 10:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.,  
December 4 (Admission \$2.00 - 30 Bourse dealers. Info: Ingrid K. Smith,  
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P.O. Box 243, Barrie Ontario, L4M 4Y2.
- September 30 Nuphilex - Montreal Coin and Stamp Show at Palais des Congres,  
201 West Viger Ave., More than 65 dealers expected. Admission  
\$3.00. Hours: Friday 10 a.m.- 9 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.- 6 p.m.,  
Sunday 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. Coin and stamp auctions. Write  
S. Laramee, P.O. Box 131, Boucherville, Que. (514) 655 9134.
- October 2 Sarnia Coin Club Annual Coin Show - Guildwood Best Western  
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Williamson, 931 Greendale St., Sarnia, N7V 3P4, (519) 337 9191.
- October 8-9 Ste. Foy - La Societe Numismatique de Quebec's Annual Show and  
Bourse will be held at the Chateau Bonne Fntente, 3400 Chemin  
Ste. Foy, Que. Mail bids accepted for auction. For more  
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- November 18-20 Toronto International Coin Fair at the Lakeshore Inn, 2000  
Lakeshore Blvd. Wst. Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Sunday to  
4 p.m.) Admission \$2 adults, \$1 students. Door prizes,  
educational programs. For information call (416) 229-COIN.
- Every Second (The Ottawa Coin and Stamp Dealers Association presents a show  
Sunday (on the second Sunday of each month at the Nepean Sportsplex,  
(on Woodroffe Ave., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission free. For  
info: write Allan Davis, Box 307, Carp, Ontario, KOA 1L0.

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The following books are to be added to your Library List which was published in your July-August 1987 issue of the O.N.A. Numismatist.

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| 1. Coins of Canada - 1986 & 1988                             | donated by | T. Masters                            |
| 2. Guide Book of U.S. Coins 1988 - 41 Edition                | " "        | Charles Springborn                    |
| 3. Krause Standard Cat. World Coins 1988 "                   | " "        | " "                                   |
| 4. Medals of Designer-Engraver Stanley Hayman<br>2nd Edition | " "        | Late Norm Wells                       |
| 5. Alberta Trade Tokens                                      | donated by | J. Ferguson Foundation                |
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The O.N.A. invites every Club in Ontario to submit a request to hold a future Convention. We are in urgent need for someone to host the 1990 Convention.

Write for particulars to the O.N.A. address found on the cover.

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EDITOR'S NOTE:

For those who don't know Jerry, you can get to know him better through his regular column in Canada Coin News under the by-line of Trade Dollars, or a regular contributor to the C.N.A. Journal. Also, if your Club or organization is producing a medal, get a photo or medal to Jerry with a write-up what that medal represents. He will do his best to have that write-up printed in Canada Coin News or the C.N.A. Journal.

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O.N.A. CONVENTION '89

The O.N.A. are happy to announce that the 1989 27th Annual Convention has been awarded to the Oxford County Coin Clubs. This group is comprised of the three Clubs of Oxford County.- Ingersoll, Tillsonburg, and Woodstock. This 2-day Convention will take place on Saturday and Sunday of April 22-23, 1989, at the Quality Inn at the junction of Highways 59 and the 401.

The Quality Inn is an 80-room complex with full Convention facilities and a Wine & Cheese reception is planned for those pre-registered guests and dealers who arrive on Friday. Security room has been reserved for those who want to use it on Friday night. Banquet will be on Saturday night and competitive and non-competitive displays are invited for those who wish to display.

Tenders are out for an auction and as soon as an auctioneer is

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is selected it will be announced.

A walking tour of the historic downtown - Museum, Court House, Market Building and Jail, is planned for Saturday morning.

The Convention Hall will accommodate at least 40 bourse dealers plus as many displays as we can get.

Cost of bourse tables - \$165.00 single, or if more than 1 table \$150.00 each. Several dealers have already reserved space and tables will be allotted on receipt of a down payment.

Bourse application should be addressed to Wayne MacFarlane, 25 Fourth Street, Tillsonburg, N4G 1H1, or Bill Baxter, 46 Queens Street, Tillsonburg, N4G 3G9.

Convention Booklet is in the capable hands of Tom Kostaluk, and information re ads can be obtained from him at his address - 52 Frobisher, London, Ontario, N5V 1G9.

A medal will be struck featuring on its reverse the historic Oxford County Court House. If we abide by past years only 27 silver will be struck to coincide with the 27 Conventions. Those who want a silver medal should write to the O.N.A., P.O. Box 33, Waterloo, Ont., N2J 3Z6.

Prices of all medals will be announced at a later date.

Other committee members have been appointed and General Chairman T. Masters, 823 Van Street, London, N5Z 1M8, hopes that every member and Club in Ontario give us their whole-hearted support.

The O.N.A. will be running their annual draw, and hope you will give it the same support as in the past.

Elsewhere in this publication you will find our first early flyer. Take it to your Coin Club and give us some early advertisement. From now to next April you will be reading about the 27th O.N.A. Convention. This year's Theme is "Back to Reality". Don't you miss this one!

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## FROM THE PRESS: Mint plans two new leaf coins

The Royal Canadian Mint will produce and market two new precious-metal investment coins, one made of platinum and one of silver, the government said Monday.

The mint now produces the commercially successful Gold Maple Leaf, which in terms of sales is the No 1. gold bullion investment coin. The new coins will be called the Platinum Maple Leaf and the Silver Maple Leaf.

A date for introduction of the coins will depend in part on market conditions.

Plans call for four different platinum coins: one troy ounce, half, quarter and one-tenth of an ounce, bearing face values of \$50, \$20, \$10, and \$5 respectively, the same face values on corresponding sizes of the Gold Maple Leaf.

The basic design, the queen's head on one side and a maple leaf on the reverse, as well as the diameters of the platinum coins will be the same as the gold coin.

The silver coins will come in the one-ounce size and carry a face value of \$5. The basic design will be the same as the other coins but the silver coins will have a greater diameter.

The new coins will be the mint's first entry into the platinum and silver bullion coin investment market. In terms of value, platinum is worth roughly \$600 (U.S.) an ounce, gold \$430 (U.S.) an ounce and silver \$5.

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FROM THE PRESS: (Cont'd)

# Looney will soon take over

## Dollar bill issue to cease after next June 30

The dollar bill will be phased out starting next June 30 to make way for the looney, Finance Minister Michael Wilson announced recently.

"Consistent with the government's original commitment to begin withdrawing the bill in 1989, \$1 bills will cease being issued after June 30, 1989," Wilson said in a letter tabled in the Commons.

The bills will remain legal tender even after the Bank of Canada has ceased to issue them.

Royal Canadian Mint officials and a Commons Committee have urged a quick phaseout of the dollar bill, saying the coin -- which got its nickname from the picture of a loon on one side -- will fail unless the bill is eliminated.

About 130 million looneys and 300 million dollar bills are now in circulation.

Bank of Canada spokesman Gerrit Bilkes said it will take about a year for the dollar bill to be largely replaced by the eleven-sided, gold-colored coin.

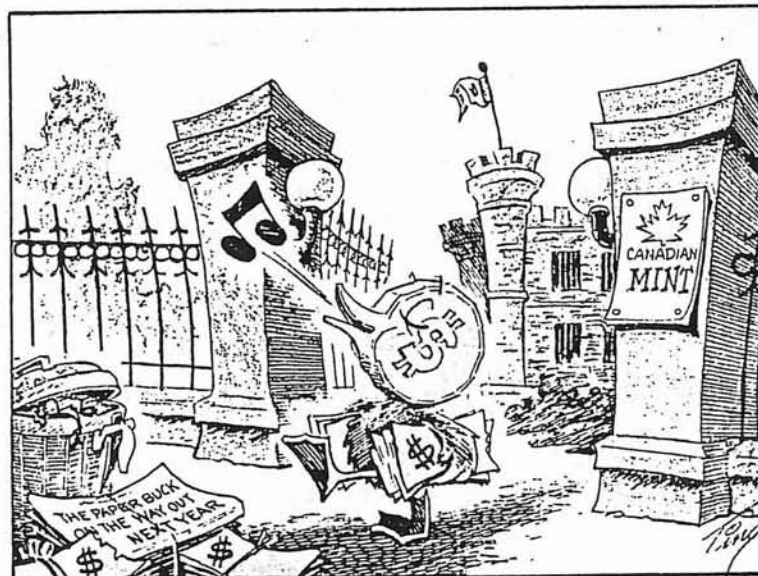
Although coins are more expensive to produce than bills, the switch is expected to save Ottawa about \$175 million over 20 years because the coins are more durable.

Mint spokesman Murray Church said the mint is pleased with the long-awaited news.

"It gives us the opportunity now to plan ahead and plan our production so that the completion of the changeover occurs as smoothly as possible," he said.

The mint already has produced about 250 million coins and doesn't anticipate problems in supplying more.

The government has told its offices to use the coin and wants the mint to launch an advertising program to explain the phaseout of the bill to the public.



COVER STORY

# Canada's Commemorative Dollars

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The crown or dollar-sized coin is a fairly recent arrival on the scene of world coinage. And the Canadian dollar is one of the last to appear.

During the 1850's, while Britain was seriously considering the adoption of the decimal system for her coinage, Canada was seriously considering the adoption of the dollar into her family of coins.

The government went far enough to include the dollar among the legal possibilities for Canadian coinage at the time, but there was no necessity for the coin and it remained just a possibility for the next 60 years.

In 1910 the discussion of a dollar again came to life, this time seriously enough to occasion the actual designing and striking of a few pattern pieces dated 1911.

The obverse of this dollar was designed by an Australian, Sir Bertram Mackennal, the reverse by the Royal Mint's Chief Engraver Leonard Wyon. Wyon's Maple leaves were to appear on Canadian coins for nearly three decades.

But again, there was no call for the piece to be made for circulation and the silver dollar issue remained dormant until 1927, when a revision in the law made its coinage possible again.

And, although there was still no dollar made in 1927, the law's revision opened the way for the first Canadian silver dollar minted for circulation in 1935.

Although the 1911 dollar cannot seriously be called a commemorative, the 1935 coin can. It commemorated the 25th anniversary of the reign of King George V. In this case, however, the reverse design had no bearing on the commemoration.

The reverse, designed by Canadian artist Emanuel Hahn, represented the strength, beauty, and romance of Canada's historic progress throughout the years since its pioneer beginnings.

A voyageur, probably of French extraction, shares a canoe and a heavy work load with his Indian partner. Between them, arranged carefully on the floor of the canoe rest large bundles of furs, marked even on the dollar with the monogram HB - Hudson's Bay Company, the first name in fur trading.

Birch bark for the canoe came from the vast forests represented on the coin by the trees growing on the island. Silhouetting the scene are the brilliant varicolored Northern Lights so common and so striking in the northern reaches of the continent.

Mint records establish that only 428,120 pieces of this first issue were struck. And, as might be expected of a new baby, the coins were handled with kid gloves - they were counted by hand and hand-packed 20 to a carton to prevent chafing and marking while being shipped.

Although the first canoe dollar was truly a commemorative, it is also true that this reverse is the standard for Canadian dollars - those minted between issues of recognized commemoratives.

It wasn't until 1939 that there occurred another event worthy of commemorating with a dollar. This was the visit of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth to Canada....

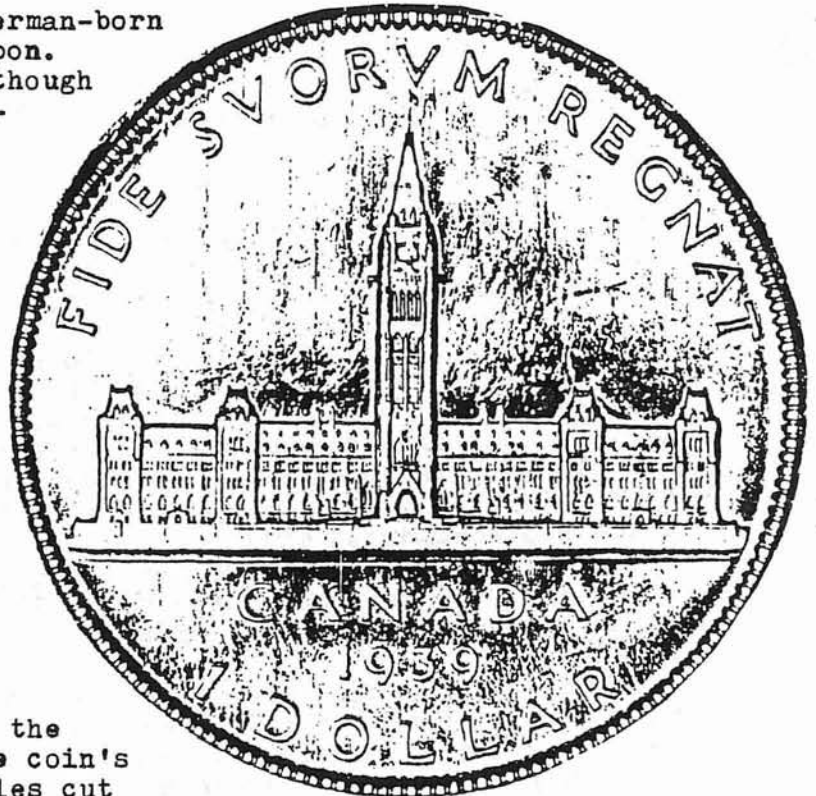
CANADA'S COMMEMORATIVE DOLLARS (Cont'd)

Once again Emanuel Hahn, German-born Canadian designer, was called upon.

His Parliament reverse, although not the most popular of the commemorative dollar designs, has the honor of being on the first Canadian coin listed in the Mint report as a presentation piece to the Queen and King. Dollars, in their own hand-worked cases, were also given to Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret.

Newfoundland joined the Dominion of Canada as a province in 1949 and occasioned the appearance of what many collectors believe to be the loveliest piece of work ever to appear on a Canadian coin, perhaps on any modern coin.

Thomas Shingles, English-born designer of the piece, was the Mint Engraver at the time of the coin's design. A master artist, Shingles cut the die by hand, a job reserved nowadays for precision machines. A close look at the delicacy of the ship's rigging



tells better than words that his was no ordinary piece of work.

The event this coin commemorates began long ago.

Four years after the birth of Cristobal Colon, whom we remember as Christopher Columbus, another Genoese family was blessed with a little explorer. They named him Giovanni Caboto -- John Cabot.

Cabot grew up with the same fierce drive to search the sea as Columbus and, being four years younger, he was just about four years behind in his search.

An easy route to the Indies was the goal of governments and merchants at that time so Cabot joined the parade and tried to find that route.

Not getting the kind of backing he needed at home, Cabot in 1484 moved to London to seek patronage for his voyage. Henry VII gave him his blessing and permitted Cabot and his two



sons "...full and free authority, leave and power upon their own proper costs and charges, to seek out, discover and find whatsoever isles, countries, regions or provinces of the heathen and infidels, which before this time have been unknown to all Christians".

Leaving Bristol on May 2, 1497, aboard the "Matthew", Cabot, his two sons and the crew sailed westward for 52 days. On the morning of June 24, they landed on the northern tip of Cape Breton Island and Cabot took possession of the land in the king's name. From Cape Breton, Cabot sailed back under Newfoundland, stopping to name St. Pierre and Miquelon and, leaving Cape Race, he returned to England.

The gracious king was so overjoyed with Cabot's discovery that he gave him a reward of 10 whole pounds!

It was Cabot's ship, the "Matthew", which Shingles used on the reverse of the dollar. And, of course, the ship on the Newfoundland dollar is fitting from the standpoint of the subsequent history of the land too. A good share of the populace of Newfoundland have gained their livelihood from the sea.

Canada was to wait nine years for another commemorative dollar. And when it came, it was probably the most striking, though certainly not the most beautiful, of all Canadian dollars.

British Columbia, the western-most of Canada's provinces, became a British colony in 1858, the year of the gold rush into the Cariboo district. And it was this event the coin was to commemorate.

Stephen Trenka, Hungarian-born designer of the British Columbia dollar, chose for his coin design a totem pole over a background of the Canadian Rockies. At the top of the pole is a raven, symbolically related to death.

This symbol aroused a great distaste among the Indians and many other residents of British Columbia. One story has it that many of the older Indians refused to touch this "death dollar".

But the death dollar has become one of the most popular of all Canadian commemoratives. In fact, it enjoys the highest mintage of them all and its unusual design must be given the credit.

January 9, 1962 was the release date on the opening of the competition to secure a new design.

Artists and sculptors in Canada were invited to submit their ideas for a coin to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the 1864 Conferences of the Fathers of Confederation which led to the establishment of the Confederation in 1867.



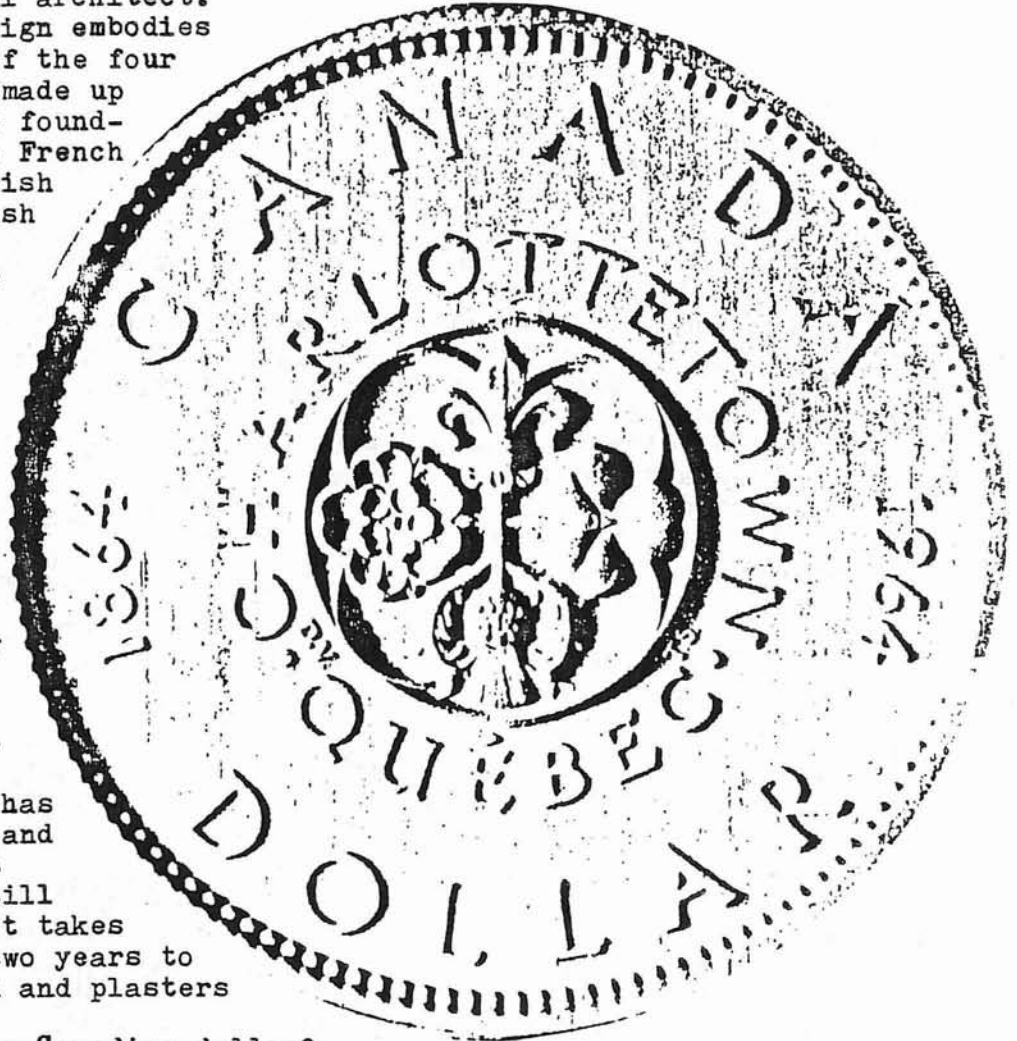
CANADA'S COMMEMORATIVE DOLLARS (Cont'd)

The government offered a prize of \$1,000 for the winning design with four additional prizes of \$250 each for honorable mention.

Designs were submitted to N. A. Parker, Master of the Royal Canadian Mint in Ottawa, and he and a board of judges chose the design of Dinko Vodanovic, a Montreal architect.

Vodanovic's design embodies the floral emblems of the four ethnic groups which made up the bulk of Canada's founding population - the French Fleur-de-Lis, the Irish Shamrock, the Scottish Thistle and the English Rose. Above and below these emblems appear the names of Charlottetown (P.E.I.) and Quebec, cities where the first conferences were held.

According to Mint Master Parker, when 1967 - the 100th anniversary of the Confederation - comes along, there will be another Canadian commemorative dollar. The design has not been chosen yet and even the subject, at latest report, is still under discussion. It takes the better part of two years to get designs approved and plasters made.



What good is the Canadian dollar?

Its usefulness is limited almost entirely to collectors. Millions are bought each year for presentation items at birthdays, anniversaries and other such occasions. There is no record that the dollar ever was meant to be used in commerce and, with few exceptions, never has been widely used as a medium of exchange.

But if there was no real reason for having a dollar in 1935, there is even less reason to stop minting the coin today. And, from all indications, nobody wants to stop.

And, although the Canadian dollar is one of the most recent arrivals on the dollar scene, it appears to have a permanence that will make its collectors happy for years to come.

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I imagine everyone in the Numismatic Fraternity has read about the GREAT MULE DEBATE where Noted Numismatists are lining up to comment on the validity of the R.C.M.P. seizure of a 1981 50 cent \$100.00 muled coin.

Well, being a rather humble sort and not one to make waves, other than in the swimming pool, I refrained from offering my suggestion, but since no one has come up with the true solution I guess that I will.

In an article in the Canadian Coin News Vo. 26 No. 9 issue, Dennis Cudahy, P. Eng. reviews the legal aspects of the law and comes up with a solution as to the validity of the seizure. I am sure that no one can argue with his statement that "Since this proof .50/\$100.00 coin was prepared to resemble a coin of higher denomination, there are grounds to believe that it is counterfeit. The manufacturing process for producing numismatic coins (including striking, inspection, and packaging) would preclude the possibility of this being an accidental occurrence. Therefore when made aware of the proof .50/\$100 coin, the Mint as technical advisor on Canadian coinage matters, formed the opinion that it was counterfeit and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police discharged its responsibility by seizing the coin and holding it on behalf of the Minister of Finance as required by Section 20 of the Criminal Code".

QUESTION-- What if this so called "Mule?" was struck on the \$100 blank? The "Mule?" was only seized because it was struck on a blank that would be used for the lower value coin. This, no doubt is why the Mint takes no action in regard to the Diving Goose, the 1966 Small Beads dollar or several other "Mint" products that have been removed through the back door.

SOLUTION-- What if the Mint simply declares that the coin(s) in question is/are not a LEGAL Mint product?

Where is the after-market for such a product? Would you purchase some pseudo product that has no official recognition? I am sure that any person in the position of creating such a piece would think twice, when the market is sure to disappear, before he has a chance to realize a financial gain. I can say without fear of contradiction that I would not pay 1.00 for the piece if it had been declared an illegal product. Is there anyone who thinks that a well paid employee of the Mint would take a chance of losing his/her job for a \$1.00 gain????

I also believe that the O.N.A., the C.N.A., the A.N.A, and all other fraternal groups should simply state that illegal strikings are not encouraged in their exhibits.

I sincerely believe that the action taken by the Mint will encourage further illegal products to be produced in the hope of financial gain by some unscrupulous person. The Mint's action will simply drive the products underground.

At the beginning of this article I referred to this as the GREAT MULE DEBATE. Well, in closing, let it be said "THERE IS MORE THAN ONE WAY TO SKIN A CAT! - and what do you get when you put them together?--- A MULE SKINNER!!!

NOTE: The opinions expressed are mine and do not constitute the official position of the Ontario Numismatic Association.

*Ker Wilmet*



## From The Editor's Chair

Much has been written and said about the Great Mule Seizure.

I covered some in our last issue and our President in this issue. Today I'm going to deal with issues that affect not only the future of our Club but that of the O.N.A. also.....

Many Clubs are reporting they are facing a deficit for this year. The O.N.A. would be also if it wasn't for some good years when numismatics was riding the crest of the waves. During those years the Executive looked to the future and decided to invest in some very sound investments. It's those returns that have kept your membership at the low cost it is today. It was also those returns that enabled the O.N.A. to donate to the C.N.A. the sum of \$500.00 to help them with their financial problems.

Membership fees today rarely cover the yearly cost of your membership. The cost of this publication continues to rise and the post office has informed us of another postage increase in January. Their regulations have forced us to not use the old style envelopes (where the publication was folded in half) which would cost us 10 cents more for the oversize that envelope represented. Your publication now comes in a smaller business envelope, which saves the Association 70 cents each per year. These are just small savings but when multiplied by the number of members, it represents a considerable amount. Your current executive are grappling with other cost saving methods without reducing our service to you.

What about your Club? Are they faced with the same problems?

Raising the dues each and every year is not the answer as some Clubs and Associations have found. Loss of members is usually the result and none of us have escaped this fact. You could become a goodwill numismatic ambassador by signing up just one member to your Club or the O.N.A. Just think - membership could be doubled and a return to those better days we used to enjoy.

Very soon now you will be receiving a book of tickets on the O.N.A. Draw. This draw is another way you can help your Club and the O.N.A. I urge you to sell that book of tickets and do your part to support the hobby.

With the end of the year fast approaching, your membership to the Clubs you belong to are due. Be concerned and get your membership dues paid as quickly as possible. It will not only help your Club financially but enable your membership chairman to get his mailing list in order so not a member will be left out from receiving their Club notices.

Finally, Coin Shows are also vital to the life-line of Clubs and Associations. Support as many as possible. You will find some of those shows listed elsewhere in this publication.

Let us all remember that none of these organizations would exist without your support and membership. Also many Clubs will be voting for various positions on their Executive. When asked to accept one of those positions - won't you give it your utmost consideration? After many years on several Executives, I can assure you it's a decision you won't regret if you do accept.

T. Masters

# Collecting English Crowns

by Les Zeller,

Over the years, the collector of crowns has been drawn to the English series. They have high historical significance, many varieties, and collecting these coins offers an esthetic satisfaction unrivaled by any other group of modern pieces.

Uniformity of strike distinguishes 19th and 20th century issues. Let us consider only those struck by steam presses.

In 1804 the Bank of England obtained permission to coin a dollar; the only occasion on which the dollar was officially current in Great Britain. The reasons for its issuance were many, but perhaps the over-riding cause was royal displeasure at such aphorisms as "The head of a fool on the neck of an ass" (alluding to the government counterstamp of George's effigy on the Spanish eight-reales of Charles) and "Two king's heads not worth a crown" (the people's contemptuous comment on the fact that the counterstamped pieces were declared current at four shillings, ninepence).

The new issue was made by slightly resurfacing Spanish milled dollars and completely restamping the flans with the approved design. They met with immediate public favor, for the value of five shillings was plainly in evidence.

But a country such as Great Britain, with its brilliant numismatic history and great national pride, could not for long tolerate temporary measures.

Accordingly, the Royal Mint vacated its ancient quarters in the Tower of London. The new mint on Tower Hill was outfitted in the most modern fashion by Boulton and Watt. The great Italian gem engraver Benedetto Pistrucci was engaged to cut dies for the new designs to be issued after the projected "Great Re-coinage".

Pistrucci himself suggested the now familiar St. George and the Dragon as a suitable subject for the reverse of the new crown. However, as a matter of historical fact, the design was not original. It was copied from a gem by Pickler, which was itself copied from a shell cameo in the collection of the Duke of Orleans.

The George III crowns of 1818 to 1820 have the Pistrucci St. George encircled by the Order of the Garter. The archaic French "Hone soit que mal y pense" roughly translates: "Evil to him who thinks evil".



the laureate head  
of George IV on an  
1822 crown.

Crowns of George IV are especially appealing. The first issue, 1820 to 1823, portrays the laureate head of George and the reverse is the large, un-encircled Pistrucci St. George.

The final, regular issue crown of this reign occurred in 1826. It was struck mainly for inclusion in the 1826 Specimen Set. A pattern dated 1825 was also prepared. The bust is an exceptionally fine job by William Wyon. Pistrucci's Dragon-slayer has, however, disappeared; it has been replaced by a somewhat prosaic crowned shield.

Although dies were prepared for a crown of William IV, none ever reached general circulation. Some were struck, though, and included in the few specimen sets issued in 1831. Less than a dozen pieces bearing the date 1834 are also known. The reverse depicts an inartistic mantled arms.

COLLECTING ENGLISH CROWNS (Cont'd)

Four distinctly different types distinguished the crowns of Victoria. The attractive young head design was first coined in 1839, again for inclusion in specimen sets. Other dates of this type are 1844, 1845, and 1847; they differ slightly from the 1839 in that the obverse lettering starts at 8 o'clock instead of 9 o'clock. An extremely rare plain edge proof dated 1879 exists.

In the opinion of large numbers of collectors, the Gothic Crown is the most handsome of all modern British coins. It assuredly is workmanship of the highest order, crowding as it does a wealth of detail in a still-attractive fashion. It was issued in 1846, 1847 and 1853. Although the first and last dates are practically unobtainable the 1847, fortunately, was numerous enough (8,000) to enable many collectors to own a specimen of this enchanting coin.



**the Gothic crown of 1847, thought by many collectors to be the most handsome of all modern British coins.**



**Victoria's Golden Jubilee crown, minted from 1887 to 1892, was received with cordial dislike by the public.**

The occasion of Victoria's Golden Jubilee called for a redesigning of the coinage. This time she appeared as a middle-aged woman with a ludicrously small crown perched precariously atop her veiled head. The public received this type with such cordial dislike that it was issued only from 1887 to 1892.

Victoria the Great finally appears as an elderly widow. The most interesting feature of this type, issued from 1893 to 1900, is the edge lettering. Owing to the time of year she was proclaimed queen--June 20, 1837--two regnal dates appear for each year of issue.

That most patient of English monarchs, Edward VII, finally ascended the throne at the advanced age of nearly sixty. The only crown issued during his reign was the 1902 Coronation piece. Only in the finer grades may this coin be appreciated; on even a Very Fine specimen the fine hair detail will be absent. Proof strikings are also unique in that they are the only examples of British crowns with a matte surface.

During the early part of George V's reign, the crown denomination was so little used that it appeared to be headed toward extinction.

Once again, the public rallied its opinion and, with the Royal Numismatic Society leading the movement, crowns were saved from the same fate as the groat, twopence and doubleflorin.

**In this 1895 crown, Victoria the Great appears as an elderly widow. An interesting feature is the edge lettering.**

Two distinct types were struck: 1927 thru 1934 plus 1936 (ornate wreath with roses and thistles, a crown within)



COLLECTING ENGLISH CROWNS (Cont'd)

and the modernistic 1935 Silver Jubilee issue.

Some collectors prefer to think of the 1936 pieces as coins of Edward VIII; the king had died before the appearance of that year's coinage. Except for 1935, when nearly three-quarters of a million crowns were coined, they are all rare in varying degrees.

Proof strikings of the Jubilee type are unusual in that they are struck in .925 fine silver rather than .500 fine composition. Also the edge lettering is raised instead of the usual incusing.

A very interesting error occurred during the original striking. The sectional collar containing the edge devices was incorrectly placed in the machinery so that upon examination of the first few proofs struck it was noticed that in place of the normal "Decus et Tutamen Anno Regni XXV" ("An Edge and a Safeguard--25th Year of Reign") the garbling took the form of "Decus Anno Regni et Tutamen XXV". Immediately, all but two or three pieces with the meaningless inscription were destroyed.

The year 1937 marked "Finis" to the use of silver in British crowns. Hugh Paget and the ubiquitous Kruger Gray designed the attractive Coronation piece.

Cupronickel, an alloy composed of 25 parts nickel and 75 parts copper, was used for the Festival of Britain issue of 1951. This piece was a many-faceted Commemorative. It celebrates the festival of that year, the centenary of the great exhibition and the four hundredth anniversary of the first British crown. A number of these crowns were struck at a branch mint on South Bank. The decision to exclude a distinguishing mint mark was, numismatically at least, an unfortunate one.

A rather medallion crown was issued for the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. It is vaguely reminiscent of the crowns of James I and Charles I as it portrays the monarch on horseback. The most recent British five shilling piece was issued in 1960 to celebrate the British exhibition in New York. The young queen's effigy is strikingly done by Mary Gillick.

Although over a million regular coins were available in England, the proof specimens (sold only at the New York Exhibition) are scarce.

Crowns of Great Britain present a satisfying pageant of the never-ending change in numismatic styles. The numismatic student, as well as the average collector, would do well to consider the acquisition of a representative group of these notable pieces.

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## Obituaries

Vincent (Vinnie) G. Green passed away recently at the age of 95. Vinnie was active for many years in philatelics and numismatics, and served on many Executive boards in his long association with the two hobbies.

He was Past President of the C.N.A., serving in that capacity from 1956-1959. Several years ago he was honored by being named honorary Vice President of the Canadian Paper Money Society. He was also a Past President of the Toronto Coin Club. Those who knew him valued him as a friend and the advice he gave. The Numismatic Family has lost another dedicated member. To the family we offer our sincere sympathy.

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Charles (Chuck) Martin - recently in Sudbury. Chuck was a coin dealer in that City and a Life Member of the C.N.A. He was one of the driving forces in the operation of the Nickel Belt Coin Club. Chuck will be missed by his many friends in the numismatic hobby. We offer our condolences to those he left behind.

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REALIGNMENT OF DIRECTORATE AREAS

As stated in the Revised Constitution and ByLaws "Revisions of the boundaries of the areas may be made at the discretion of Executive".

This revision evens out the areas but does not change the total number of Directors. Shown after each area are the Counties, Regions, or Districts that are included.

Also shown are the Clubs that are active in the area.

The proposal was considered and APPROVED at an Executive meeting at Gary O'Blinsky's home on August 6, 1988.

The changes that were made will not become effective until the 1989 Convention and election.

NOTE: THE FOLLOWING AREA BOUNDARIES WERE APPROVED AT AN EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 8, 1988

- AREA 1 Essex, Kent, Elgin, Lampton, Middlesex  
Clubs in Area 1 - 4  
WINDSOR, CHATHAM, SARNIA, ST. THOMAS
- AREA 2 Huron, Perth, Oxford  
Clubs in Area 2 - 4  
STRATFORD, INGERSOLL, TILLSONBURG, WOODSTOCK
- AREA 3 Niagara  
Clubs in Area 3 - 3  
NIAGARA FALLS, ST. CATHARINES, WELLAND
- AREA 4 Brant, Hamilton-Wentworth, Haldimand/Norfolk  
Clubs in Area 4 - 2
- AREA 5 Waterloo, Wellington, Halton, Dufferin  
Clubs in Area 5 - 3  
WATERLOO, CAMBRIDGE, GUELPH
- AREA 6 Bruce, Grey, Simcoe, Muskoka  
Clubs in Area 6 - 2  
HURONIA, CHAMPLAIN
- AREA 7 Metro Toronto, Peel and York  
Clubs in Area 7 - 6  
TORONTO, NORTH YORK, RICHMOND HILL, MISSISSAUGA, WHISTLETOWN,  
SCARBOROUGH
- AREA 8 Victoria, Durham, Peterborough, Northumberland  
Hastings, Prince Edward, Haliburton  
Clubs in Area 8 - 3  
OTTAWA, PEMBROKE, POINTE CLAIRE QUE.
- AREA 10 All North of Muskoka, Haliburton, Hastings, and Renfrew  
Clubs in Area 10 - 4  
SUDBURY, NIPISSING, THUNDER BAY, MCKAY-CLEMENTS

From time to time, Clubs in various areas may change but the boundaries of the areas will remain the same

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LOOKING BACK - 1962 ..... O.N.A. FOUNDING YEAR

Canadian Coin prices list an UNC 1948 silver dollar at \$85.00  
Today's trends MS-60 at \$1400.00

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# PRESS RELEASE

## Loon soon may be Ontario's official bird

Ontario is about to go loony.

After months of waiting, the natural resources ministry has named Ontario's "almost" official bird - the common loon.

It won't be official until Essex-Kent MPP Jim McGuigan gets his private member's bill passed in the next session at the legislature.

That will give the Northern Ontario waterfowl with the haunting call two notable honors in two years - first as the character etched into the Canadian dollar coin, and now as a provincial bird.

Ontario is the last province to select a provincial bird. Last December, the province asked children aged 9 to 11 to write an essay on what bird would best represent the province. Of the more than 5,000 entries, 1,000 said the loon flew far above the rest.

The winner is Matthew Conroy, 11, of Lively, just north of Sudbury. Tuesday he was honored in a presentation at Sudbury's Science North centre.

Charles Ross, from the ministry's communications branch, said Matthew described the birds as "fish-catching machines....My dad says they could be killed by acid rain since pollution kills the fish. Maybe if we use the loon as our bird, it will help fight pollution".

McGuigan said the bird is a good choice even if it's not common in Southern Ontario. "The loon is what you think of when you think of Northern Ontario...it depends on pure lakes and water".

Area naturalists were pleased about the choice. Mary Smith, president of London's MacIlwraith Field Naturalists, was "very excited about it. It's great, but I think Canadians are sensitive to the loon anyway".

The birds' migration patterns do bring the loon over our area in the spring and fall. "Like most people in the province, it migrates to the southern lands", Smith said.

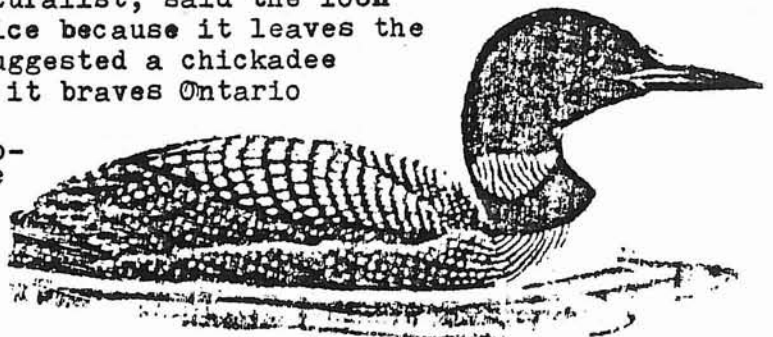
Kirk Miner, secretary-treasurer of the Jack Miner Bird Sanctuary near Kingsville, said the loon was "representative of the North" and a good choice for the province.

John McCracken, from Long Point Bird Observatory near Port Rowan, said the loon "typifies Ontario. It expresses the wildlife image quite well which is what Ontario is".

Bill Girling, a London naturalist, said the loon may not have been the best choice because it leaves the province for the winter. He suggested a chickadee might have been better because it braves Ontario winters.

As for the loons, it's probable the new honor hasn't gone to their heads. As they bob across the silent Northern Ontario waters, they will likely be thinking more about their trip to the Gulf of

Mexico in September to escape the cold just like some of their human friends.



The common loon

PRESS RELEASE (Cont'd)

## Platinum, silver coins to be struck

While maple leaves throughout the city are taking on the reds and golds of fall, they're turning silver and platinum at the Royal Canadian Mint.

At a special ceremony Thursday, the mint will officially strike new platinum and silver cousins to the gold Maple Leaf.

The one-ounce silver Maple Leaf could be "the best investment that's come out in a decade," says Peter Hug, corporate vice-president of Guardian Trust.

And Jack Julien, vice-president of marketing at the mint, hopes the four versions of the platinum Maple Leaf--available in ounce, half-ounce, quarter-ounce and tenth-ounce coins--will soon use all of Canada's roughly 200,000 ounces of annual platinum production.

Most financial advisers suggest investors keep between 10 and 15 per cent of their portfolio in precious metals, as insurance against sudden reverses in the market.

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### CONVENTION CALENDAR

- Every Second Sunday (The Ottawa Coin and Stamp Dealers Association presents a show on the second Sunday of each month at the Nepean Sportsplex, on Woodroffe Ave., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission free. For info: write Allan Davis, Box 307, Carp, Ontario, KOA 1L0)
- October 29-30 (Torex- Ramada Hotel, 111 Carlton St., Toronto. Info: Ingrid K. Smith (416) 920 6461, or P.O. Box 865, Adelaide St. P.O., Toronto, Ontario, M5C 2K1)
- October 30 Stratford 26th Annual Show and Bourse - Kiwanis Centre - Lakeshore Drive, Stratford. Free Admission, Hours - 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. Info: Stratford Coin Club, P.O. Box 262, Stratford, Ontario, N5S 6T1
- November 6 Windsor Coin Club Annual Show, Knights of Columbus Hall, 1140 Goyeau St., Windsor. 10:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. Free Admission. Accomodation for 20 dealers. Contact - G. Stamcoff, 1165 Lincoln Road, Windsor, Ont., N8Y 2H6
- November 18-20 Toronto International Coin Fair at Lakeshore Inn, 2000 Lakeshore Blvd. Wst. Hours: 10 a.m.- 6 p.m. (Sunday to 4 p.m.) Admission \$2 adults, \$1 students. Door Prizes, Educational programs. For info call: (416) 229-COIN
- December 4 (M.T.C.E. - Metro Toronto Coin Exhibition at Bond Place Hotel, 65 Dundas Street East, Toronto, 10:00 a.m.- 4:30 pm (Admission \$2 - 30 Bourse dealers. Info: Ingrid K. Smith, (416) 920 6461.
- January 22 1989 (Metro Toronto Coin Exhibition, Bond Place Hotel, 65 Dundas St., E., Toronto. Hours 10:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. Admission (\$2. Free grading and numismatic advice. Info: Ingrid K. Smith (416)920 6461

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- April 22-23 1989 O.N.A. 27th Annual Convention - Quality Inn, Woodstock, Ontario, Junction 50 Hwy and 401. Host Clubs- Ingersoll, Tillsonburg, and Woodstock. Info: Chairman T. Masters, 823 Van Street, London, Ontario, N5Z 1M8 (519) 438 2402.
- May 5-7 1989 Expo Niagara - Skylon Tower, Niagara Falls, Ontario. Canada's largest Coin, Stamp, and Card Show - 150 dealers expected. Info: Expo Niagara, 165 King Street, Welland, Ontario, L2B 3J4.
- July 27-30 1989 C.N.A. Annual Convention and Coin Show- Convention Center Quebec City. Bourse hours: Thursday 2 p.m.- 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday 10:30 a.m.- 5 p.m.; and Sunday 9:30 a.m.- 4 p.m. Preliminary program - all day and half day tours of Quebec City and surrounding countryside on July 25th & 26th. More information: Destination Quebec '89, Box 177, Station Saint Sauveur, Quebec, Quebec, G1K 6V7

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Does your Coin Show appear in our listing? If not, it's because the Editor has not received that information. In order for your Show to be listed, get that information to the Editor at least three months prior to your Show date. This is a free service.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

Did your Club respond to the O.N.A.'s invitation to host the 1990 or a future Convention? If not, write for particulars to the O.N.A., P.O. Box 33, Waterloo, Ontario, N2J 3Z6.

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PLAN FOR CHRISTMAS NOW!

-Is there someone in your family who is interested in the numismatic hobby? A membership to the O.N.A. would be a great gift to help promote that hobby. Just mail name and address to the O.N.A. (address on cover page) with particulars, and your cheque or money order for Regular Membership \$10.00, or Junior Membership of \$3.00 for those under 18 years of age. Another Christmas suggestion for members is an O.N.A. Lapel Pin at a modest cost of \$4.00 plus \$1.00 shipping and handling. Act now - limited supply available.

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Dear Tom:

I don't know if you remember me? I'm Tony Carrato from the Eagle Coin Company. If you recall, I exhibited the 1911 Canadian Silver Dollar at the O.N.A. Annual Convention Show in Ottawa, 1980. I still receive the monthly Numismatist, and enjoy reading it every month. I've been living in Hawaii for the last two years so I haven't been too active in coins. I'm back now and feel the urge to get involved again.

I have a story that possibly our readers would get a kick out of. I find it most amusing since I'm an American Citizen yet. The title could be:--

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MAIL BAG (Cont'd)THE CANADIAN NICKLE CAPER

Coin designs, yes; but it is not often that coinage metal itself becomes a topic of political controversy. When the United States Mint awarded a contract to a Canadian firm to supply 2.7 million pounds of strip for use in the manufacture of U.S. five-cent pieces, the purchasing department felt proud that it had saved the U.S. taxpayer the magnificent sum of \$270. But someone overlooked a day of reckoning with Rep. Frank Annunzio, D-Ill., chairman of the House Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs and Coinage.

Annunzio is to the United States Mint as Sen. William Proxmire, D-Wisc. is to government agencies--a watchdog. He dubbed the Mint's latest economy move, "Penny wise and thousands of dollars foolish".

"To save \$270. on a \$715,000 order, the mint awarded a contract to a foreign corporation rather than an American firm in an area of high unemployment", he said.

The day after the Mint awarded the contract, Annunzio introduced a bill to prohibit further "shenanigans", as he called it, without the approval of the secretary of the Treasury. He noted, the lowest U.S. bid was \$715,754. versus the Canadian bid of \$715,484, a cost differential of 1/100th of a cent per pound or one dollar for every 10,000 pounds of strip purchased.

Annunzio said it was a false savings. For had the U.S. bidder been successful, the company would have paid many times the savings in income taxes. "By one estimate", the congressman said, "this (\$270 savings) cost the Treasury over \$20,000. in lost income taxes alone."

It was furthered that the modest savings contributed to the increase in the "horrendous" trade deficit, took work from Americans and cost a U.S. firm profits that could be reinvested in America.

The bill that would prohibit the Mint from contracting with foreign firms to help supply America's money without approval from the Mint's boss, the secretary of the Treasury, passed the House immediately.

"We cannot afford for the Mint to save taxpayers another \$270." concluded Annunzio.

Well, Tom, I hope you find this story as humorous as I did and hope you can possibly use it in one of your future issues. I noticed in the Vol. 26, Sept-Oct. issue you carried an article on cleaning coins. If you are at all interested I could really elaborate on cleaning coins and preserving paper money as well in the form of articles in future issues.

It's been nice chatting with you.

Numismatically yours.  
Tony Carrato LM 67  
2904 Thunder Day Road  
Ridgeway, Ont., LOS 1N0

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EDITOR'S NOTE:

Yes, I remember you Tony.

I first met Tony at the C.N.A. Convention in London in July 1978, and enjoyed talking with him there.

I would welcome his article on cleaning coins and paper money. I'm sure our readers would benefit from getting his professional advice.

I also ask any other reader to submit articles or notices for future publication.

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YOUR OWN PERSONALIZED MEDALS

for

THE 1988 HOLIDAY SEASON

by Jerry Remick

ONA #1239



Dies are now available from Pressed Metal Products of Vancouver for personalized issues of 38 mm medals for Christmas 1988, Hanukkah 1988, and New Years 1989.

The 1988 Christmas die features three candles in high relief on a base of pine branches. "MEILLEURS VOEUX - MERRY CHRISTMAS - 1988" is around the outer part. This die was designed by Diane Levesque of Bic, Quebec.



The 1988 Hanukkah die shows a large Menorah (candle holder), and around the outer part "5749 HANUKKAH 1988". Edward Moschetti of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, designed the die.



The 1989 New Years die shows a view of the world. "HAPPY NEW YEAR" in seven languages and "1989" are around the outer part. Design is by Alan Trammell of Pressed Metal Products, and Serge Huard of Montreal.



A die is available with only "SEASONS GREETINGS" and another is available with "MEILLEURS VOEUX".

A collector can make a personalized die with his/her name, city, and province, for \$168.

The Christmas and the New Years dies can be used free of charge with one's personal die to make Christmas and also New Years medals.

A rental fee of \$20. is required to use the Hanukkah die.

The "SEASONS GREETINGS" die and the "MEILLEURS VOEUX" die can be combined with either the Christmas or New Years dies to make a small issue of medals. Use of both dies is free of charge. The issuer can have a jeweller engrave his/her name below the greeting. Dealers can have a small quantity on hand for sale to their customers. Last year I sold over 250 of these medals to people in my office, friends and a local coin dealer.

Another alternative is an issue of non-personal medals made by using the 1988 Christmas die for one side and the 1989 New Years die

YOUR OWN PERSONALIZED MEDALS (Cont'd)

for the other side. These medals can be sold by dealers to collectors who can use them as gifts.

Christmas medals are available on thick blanks in brilliant gold plated copper and in brilliant nickel-silver. The issuer can have medals struck in both metals for the same price as one metal.

New Years medals are available in the following five antiqued metals: copper, silver plated copper, gold plated copper, commercial bronze, and brass. One can have medals made in all five of the metals for the same cost as one metal.

Medals containing one ounce of pure silver are also available.

An issue of personalized holiday medals is relatively inexpensive. A personal die with one's name and address is \$168. A more elaborate die is slightly more expensive. 25 to 49 medals are \$4.93 each. 50 to 99 medals are \$2.91 each. 100 to 249 medals are \$2.40 each, and 250 or more medals are \$2.15 each. Postage is from \$11.00 to \$15.00. Each medal is shipped in a plastic envelope. Allow 4 to 5 weeks for manufacture.

For further details, please write Mr. Alan Trammell  
 Pressed Metal Products  
 505 Alexander Street  
 Vancouver, B.C., V6A 1C8  
 (Tel: 604 251-2454)

In 1987, over a dozen people and several United States Coin Clubs used the 1987 Christmas die for issues of personal and Club medals.

I can supply samples of the following holiday medals at \$2.75 postpaid each, or 3 for \$7.50 postpaid. Christmas 1988 with my own personalized reverse die and also Christmas 1988 with "SEASONS GREETINGS" or "MEILLEURS VOEUX" on the reverse in brilliant gold plate, and in brilliant nickel-silver. New Years 1989, and also Hanukkah 1988, with my personalized reverse die are available in antiqued copper, silver plated copper and gold plated copper. Also available in antiqued metals is a medal with the New Years 1989 design on one side and the 1988 Christmas design on the other side.

Write Jerry Remick, Box 9183, Ste. Foy, Quebec, G1V 4B1

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C.N.A. OFFER:

The C.N.A. has received over 6000 copies of the 1987 Charlton Coin Guide for distribution during National Numismatic Education Month. This event is co-sponsored by the C.N.A. and the J. Douglas Ferguson Memorial Historical Association.

These catalogues were made available free of charge, thanks to the generosity of Wm. Cross of Charlton International and are available free to all C.N.A. member Coin Clubs. Each catalogue has a retail value of \$1.75 each and gives the approximate dealers buying price for Canadian coins.

Requests for the catalogues, which will include a C.N.A. membership application, should be sent to...

Al Bliman  
 Chairman, National Numismatic Education Month  
 P.O. Box 3145, Station D, Willowdale, Ontario  
 M2R 3G5



# Communiqué

## \$100 Gold Coins

Year	Theme	Artist
1976	Montreal Olympic Games	Dora de Pedery-Hunt Toronto, Ontario
1977	25th Anniversary of Queen Elizabeth's Reign	Raymond Lee Toronto, Ontario
1978	Unity	Roger Savage Liverpool, Nova Scotia
1979	Year of the Child	Carola Tietz Ottawa, Ontario
1980	Transfer of Arctic Islands	Arnaldo Marchetti Montreal, Quebec
1981	Adoption of "O Canada" as National Anthem	Roger Savage Liverpool, Nova Scotia
1982	New Canadian Constitution	Friedrich Peter Vancouver, British Columbia
1983	400th Anniversary of Newfoundland	John Jaciw Windsor, Ontario
1984	450th Anniversary of Jacques Cartier's Landing in Canada	Carola Tietz Ottawa, Ontario
1985	Centenary of Canada's National Parks	Hector Greville Toronto, Ontario
1986	International Year of Peace	Dora de Pedery-Hunt Toronto, Ontario
1987	Calgary Winter Olympic Games	Friedrich Peter Vancouver, British Columbia
1988	A Tribute to the Bowhead Whale	Robert-Ralph Carmichael Sault Ste Marie, Ontario

### BIOGRAPHY OF THE ARTIST ROBERT-RALPH CARMICHAEL

Ontario artist Robert-Ralph Carmichael is one of Canada's most prolific and respected artists.

His paintings, many of which reflect the artist's love of the rugged beauty of Canada, have been seen by thousands in shows across Canada and Europe. Most recently, one of his designs depicting a "Common Loon" (one of Canada's most graceful birds), was chosen for the new Canadian circulating dollar coin. In 1988, another of his designs depicting the Quebec-based Saint-Maurice Ironworks was used on the Mint's annual commemorative silver dollar.

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BIOGRAPHY OF THE ARTIST ROBERT-RALPH CARMICHAEL - Cont'd)

Carmichael's art is showcased in some of this country's finest collections including the Canadian Art Bank in Ottawa, the University of Calgary and the Alberta Art Foundation.

Born in 1937 in the Ontario town of Sault Ste. Marie, Mr. Carmichael graduated in Toronto in 1959 with an Associate of the Ontario College of Art diploma. He also holds a B.A. from Carleton University in Ottawa.

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## Royal Canadian Mint Announces Theme

### For 1988 One Hundred Dollar Gold Coin

#### Lowest Maximum Mintage Ever

CHARLOTTETOWN (20 July 1988): On the occasion of the annual convention of the Canadian Numismatic Association, Maurice Lafontaine, Master of the Mint, announced that Canada's 1988 \$100 gold coin will bear the design of one of the largest sea mammals, the bowhead whale.

The 13th in a series which began in 1976, this year's gold coin pays tribute to the mighty bowhead whale. This magnificent sea mammal is now listed as a protected species by the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC), and the International Whaling Commission.

Lafontaine also noted that concern for the whale was not restricted to Canada. "Media and public opinion polls in many countries around the world have underscored that issues related to the environment are very important to most people. We hope that this coin helps to place added emphasis on the issues that must be solved".

The mintage for the issue is limited to the lesser of 95,000 coins or to the number of coins ordered between September 1, and November 30, 1988. This is the lowest maximum mintage ever pre-established by the Mint in this series. Jack Julien, Vice-President of Marketing, believes that the lower mintage is much more realistic in terms of the market and that it should help encourage sales.

Designed by Ontario artist Robert Ralph Carmichael, the reverse portrays a bowhead whale and her calf surrounded by a circle in frosted relief against a brilliant field. The obverse bears Arnold Machin's effigy of Queen Elizabeth II. The coin contains 1/4 ounce of fine gold alloyed with silver and has a diameter of 27mm and a thickness of 2mm.

The price for the new coin has been set at \$255 CAN (210 US). Orders will be accepted by the Mint starting September 1, to November 30, 1988, and should be addressed to: The Royal Canadian Mint, Box 445, Station A, Ottawa, Ontario, K1N 9H3. Or customers may place their orders by calling 1-800-267-1871, Ext. 0805. The coin will also be available from coin dealers.



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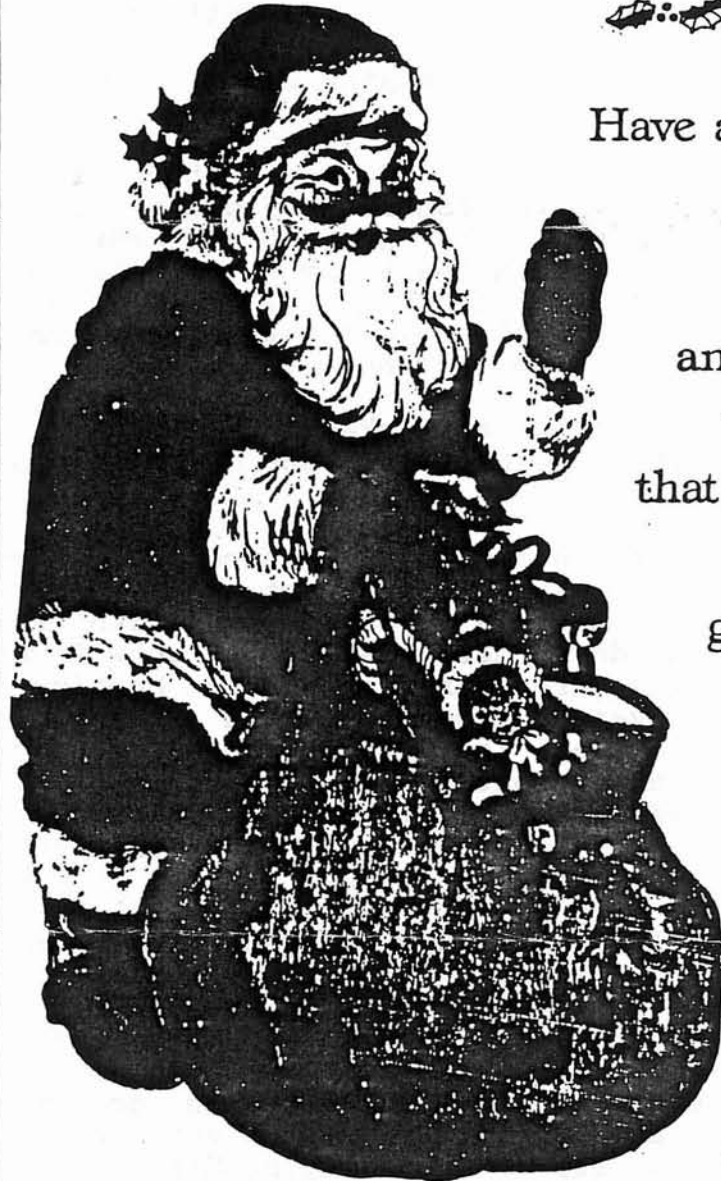
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that brings only

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Merry

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## P R E S I D E N T ' S M E S S A G E

Once again I wish to speak to all Members of the Ontario Numismatic Association and what better way than through the President's Column.

In the November 15 to November 28 edition of the Canadian Coin News was a very generous offer which could mean funds to Clubs and an inspiration to create something which will benefit all Numismatists. I will quote directly from the Editorial:

By Don Atanasoff, Managing Editor of Canadian Coin News.

"Many of the coin clubs in Canada have a monthly bulletin in which various members write interesting and informative feature articles for the benefit of other club members. CCN is asking that permission be granted to rerun some of those articles. Should we publish the article we will send the appropriate coin club a cheque for \$50. The money could be split between the author and the club, or a satisfactory arrangement could be made between the club and the author."

Club Presidents are asked to let Don know if they are interested and we at the O.N.A. urge the Member Clubs to take an active part in this offer.

I recently attended Stratford Coin Club's Annual Show and was very pleasantly surprised at the activity at the event. The Bourse Floor was always busy with all Dealers reporting an excellent day. Shortly after the show I was out to the Waterloo Coin Club's regularly scheduled Meeting and saw a good turnout for the evening. Speaking with Mike Hollingshead recently, he indicated that the Guelph Club had manned a Mall Display on Coin Collecting and had over 500 serious enquiries. In all cases mentioned something more than just talk took place and the three Clubs are to be congratulated for the work that they put forth to actively promote the hobby.

I would like to remind everyone, that, as mentioned in an earlier Presidents Message, our Life Membership Dues will be increasing from \$75.00 to \$100.00 effective Jan 1, 1989. Why not put this on your Christmas List and save some \$\$ before the price increase.

In Closing I want to take this opportunity to wish all our Members and their Families a very Merry Christmas and that 1989 will be a year of Good Health, Good Fortune and Good Times.



*Ken Wilmet*  
President





## From The Editor's Chair

Don Atanasoff, the Managing Editor of Canadian Coin News, has made a very generous offer to Coin Clubs and those who write articles for Coin Club Publications. In the President's message on Page 97, you will find the outline of that offer. As the Editor of the O.N.A. Numismatist and the Ingersoll Coin Club, it has always been our policy that articles printed may be reprinted by other Clubs and Organizations. All we ask is that the author be given credit, and also from where it was printed. If the author states that all rights reserved then it becomes another matter, and permission has to be granted from the author.

Here's an opportunity for all to upgrade their Publication, help Atanasoff get more articles for Canadian Coin News, and to improve your treasury. We know that space is limited in C.C.N. and all articles submitted will not be printed, but let's all get behind this offer and flood the C.C.N. with articles. Address - C.C.N., 10 Tempo Ave., North York, Ontario, M2H 2N8. I would like to see more of our members submit articles for our future Publications. I wish to thank those who helped me this past year, but I know there are others who could have written very interesting articles and news releases. Make it one of your New Year Resolutions to submit at least one article in 1989.

Also I would like the Area Directors of the O.N.A. to give me a brief outline of what has and is about to transpire in the Clubs in their area. Many Clubs hold an Annual Show and some are not printed in our Show Calendar. Directors could help me get a full listing of all those Shows. Remember - this is a free service, so how come all are not using this service? I would also like to know all the dates and locations of all the Clubs so include that in your report. It's when we all work together that we get results.

It's hard for me to not speak of finances and money. I have worked with it most of my life and been somewhat successful. C.C.N. gives you the opportunity to enrich your treasury. The O.N.A. also are asking for your support and another opportunity to put bucks in your Club funds by selling draw tickets. (Check elsewhere for details). Two Clubs in the past few years (Stratford & Ingersoll) have taken advantage of this offer and both Clubs have added over \$1000.00 to their treasury. You can do the same! Your members can sell a book of tickets just the same as the members of the above-named Clubs if they are given the chance. If your Club can't sell at least 10 books I would say very little effort has been put into this project. By the way, those 10 books would net your Club a \$20.00 rebate. The O.N.A. has made the offer - the rest is up to you.

Steps are being taken to update and secure new Audio Visual programs for Club use. These slide sets are not easily obtained and most often we have to go outside the country to secure the sets. If there are those who know of Audio Visual that is available, would you write to the Association and let us know.

Because we are producing our January-February issue of the Numismatist early in 1989, deadline for submitting material is January 6. In February there will be a Convention '89 issue printed and it should reach you by March 1st.

On behalf of the O.N.A. Executive and myself, I wish every member and reader the most joyous Christmas Season, and may the New Year be filled with unexpected surprises.

T. Masters



# Coins and Christmas puddings



ALAN MAJOR - from 'Coins and Medals', December, 1980  
(Published by Stanley Gibbons Magazines Ltd., London)

Those British housewives who still prefer to make their own Christmas pudding, although ready-made ones are available, often continue to follow the ancient custom of placing items in the mixture before it is cooked. These are usually old silver charms and coins, sixpences and threepences, that have been so used in the family for generations.

The origin of the custom goes back to pagan times. Throughout the Roman Empire the date 25 December had a sacred significance because it was the Dies Natalis Invicti Solis or "The Birthday of the Unconquered" and also the chief festival of the Phrygian god, Attis, and of Mithras, the soldiers' god whose cult was carried to Britain and other countries occupied by the Roman army. One belief is that coins in puddings originated in Roman times during the Feast of Saturnalia, when charms were hidden in various foods eaten during the feasting. It is difficult to accept another belief that our putting of coins into puddings started because it was the custom of the Romans to bury a dead warrior with a silver coin between his teeth as the fare to the Roman paradise.



George III silver  
threepence of 1772

This use of coins and other objects in puddings could also be associated with the former custom of people wearing amulets or charms, shaped like the moon, sun, stars, a horseshoe or black cat, to protect themselves from evil spirits. Later these, made of silver, were put in the food eaten at certain times of the year, silver coins being put in the plum

porridge, a gooier forerunner of the plum pudding mixture, to protect those who ate the porridge against the spirit world. Silver was used because it was also associated with protective magic and silver coins represented the moon. Later, the coins and charms were still put in the puddings - no longer for protection but as an element of luck and fun.

Even so, down through the centuries the coins and charms continued to be included in the mixture and special silver charms were made for sale to the public for use in their puddings. There were beliefs behind them, too. The silver coin, as is obvious, when found in a portion of pudding signified good luck and coming fortune in the following twelve months. A ring meant marriage for the finder before the next Christmas and a thimble found by an unmarried girl or woman denoted another twelve months of single life. Other small objects in silver from which the future could be read, such as a lucky black cat, were used.

Coins made of copper, nickel or cupro-nickel could not be used as these would taint the food and probably make it inedible. However, in the year of her marriage, 1840, Queen Victoria ordered that new gold sovereigns be put in the Christmas puddings to be eaten by the royal household and staff. At following Christmasses silver coins were used in the royal puddings because it was cheaper.

The silver threepenny piece, which was first issued in 1551 during the reign of King Edward VI, became the traditional coin for Christmas puddings

COINS AND CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS (Cont'd)

until it was withdrawn from circulation by the Bank of England. Many families, however, kept their 'pudding' coins.

If you have one or more silver 'pudding' coins that have been used for many years it might be worthwhile to examine and identify them. One coin thus used was noticed by a guest at a Christmas dinner several years ago. He discovered it was dated 1834 and was in fact a silver three-halfpenny piece of William IV.

Not unnaturally the coins occasionally go 'missing' after being put in the puddings. In a publicity stunt several years ago a New York store ordered 100,000 Christmas puddings and had special silver coins put into three of them. The puddings were then put on sale and the store advertised that the finders of the coins would be rewarded with 1,000 dollars each. The puddings sold out, but somebody must have swallowed one of the hidden coins because only two of them were returned and prizes claimed.

Similarly, on Christmas Day 1927, a Mr. Ernest Hatfield, his wife and family, sat down to eat their home-made Christmas pudding which contained a single silver sixpence as the good luck charm. After the last portion



George V

George VI

had been eaten the coin had not been found, or so it seemed. However, Mr. Hatfield had discovered it and kept it in his mouth while the rest of the family sat mystified and speculated on its whereabouts. This so amused Mr. Hatfield that he laughed and swallowed the coin. He assumed it would pass through him during digestion and after a while it was forgotten - that is until October 1954 when he felt something moving uncomfortably inside him, especially when he coughed. He was sent to hospital for an X-ray which revealed the sixpence. Consequently he had to undergo an operation to remove the coin he had swallowed twenty-seven years earlier! So be wary while consuming your home-made Christmas pudding this year!

SHADES OF THE PAST

T. Masters

The First Edition, 1958, of the Canadian Publishing Institute, Winnipeg, list the 1926 Canadian far 6, five cent in uncirculated condition at \$60.00.

Charltons Catalogue, 1963, list the same coin in uncirculated condition at \$300.00.

Those years between 1958 and 1963 saw a tremendous growth in Numismatics. That growth included the birth of many coin clubs, and it was during that period that the O.N.A. was formed. With many new organizations the number of coin collectors doubled and redoubled and these new collectors created a large demand which resulted in that drastic rise in many key date coins.

Since 1963 many changes have taken place in our hobby. Some of those clubs formed during that growth of 58-63 have disappeared along with some of our members. Others have managed to survive with good meetings and programs. Many new collectors have been introduced to the hobby, and the demand for those key coins are with us today.

Trend prices listed in Canada Coin News today list that same 1926 coin at \$4000.00. Many of us back in 1958 couldn't afford the \$60.00 but are paying the larger price today. From time to time we will be looking back at years past and numismatics of yesteryear.

# Canadian tire money, a national scrip

By Robert St. Cyr

In the field of paper money collecting there are a number of familiar terms that we associate with past forms of negotiable paper. In Canada they include scrip, cash scrip, cash orders and promissory notes. One of the latter is still in use, very popular, and an interesting collectible as well.

Canadian tire money was introduced by the Canadian Tire Corporation in 1958. The company was founded in 1922, and issued its first cash bonus notes to be given to each customer with every purchase. The amount given was a percentage of the total spent. Customers saved their notes, often until they had enough to pay the full cost of a special purchase. Frequently children would use them to buy their favorite fishing tackle or that dreamed of bicycle, at the Canadian Tire Store.

The small family-owned business has become a giant, with 401 associate stores and gas bars, with annual sales nearing the half million mark. The firm has approximately \$30 million of Canadian Tire Money in circulation. The two principal types are those featuring a Scotsman, "Sandy McTire", and the other with a depiction of the "animated tires" used as a sign in the early days.

"Sandy" was picked for the obvious connotation of frugality, and the animated tire was used for the Mor-Power gas bars, or gasoline stations.

The Scotsman notes were printed in several colors--gray-blue for the \$1, light brown for the half dollar, purple for the 25¢, pink for the 10¢, pale green 5¢ and pale blue for the 3¢. The tire notes are yellow for the \$1, brown for the fifty-cent, and light green for the 25¢, 10¢, and 5¢ notes.

Persons interested in obtaining examples of the "tire money" in un-circulated condition may write to: Robert St. Cyr, P.O. Box 3645, Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada, P7B 2E3.



Sandy McTire and an animated tire share top billing on the Canada Tire Corporation Limited promissory notes, issued since 1958. The Sandy notes are printed by Canadian Bank Note and the tire notes by British American Bank Note Company Limited.

REALIGNMENT OF DIRECTORATE AREAS

As stated in the Revised Constitution and ByLaws "Revisions of the boundaries of the areas may be made at the discretion of Executive".

This revision evens out the areas but does not change the total number of Directors. Shown after each area are the Counties, Regions, or Districts that are included.

Also shown are the Clubs that are active in the area.

The proposal was considered and APPROVED at an Executive meeting at Gary O'Blinsky's home on August 6, 1988.

The changes that were made will not become effective until the 1989 Convention and election.

NOTE: THE FOLLOWING AREA BOUNDARIES WERE APPROVED AT AN EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 6, 1988

- AREA 1 Essex, Kent, Elgin, Lambton, Middlesex.  
Clubs in Area 1 - 4  
WINDSOR, CHATHAM, SARNIA, ST. THOMAS.
- AREA 2 Huron, Perth, Oxford  
Clubs in Area 2 - 4  
STRATFORD, INGERSOLL, TILLSONBURG, WOODSTOCK.
- AREA 3 Niagara  
Clubs in Area 3 - 3  
NIAGARA FALLS, ST. CATHARINES, WELLAND.
- AREA 4 Brant, Hamilton-Wentworth, Haldimand/Norfolk.  
Clubs in Area 4 - 2  
BRANTFORD, HAMILTON.
- AREA 5 Waterloo, Wellington, Halton, Dufferin.  
Clubs in Area 5 - 3  
WATERLOO, CAMBRIDGE, GUELPH
- AREA 6 Bruce, Grey, Simcoe, Muskoka  
Clubs in Area 6 - 2  
HURONIA, CHAMPLAIN.
- AREA 7 Metro Toronto, Peel and York.  
Clubs in Area 7 - 6  
TORONTO, NORTH YORK, RICHMOND HILL, MISSISSAUGA,  
THISTLETOWN, SCARBOROUGH.
- AREA 8 Victoria, Durham, Peterborough, Northumberland,  
Hastings, Prince Edward, Haliburton.  
Clubs in Area 8 - 3  
VICTORIA-SIMCOE, OSHAWA, PETERBOROUGH.
- AREA 9 All East of Hastings and Algonquin District  
Clubs in Area 9 - 3  
OTTAWA, PEMBROKE, POINTE CLAIRE QUE.
- AREA 10 All North of Muskoka, Haliburton, Hastings, and Renfrew.  
Clubs in Area 10 - 4  
SUDBURY, NIPISSING, THUNDER BAY, MCKAY-CLEMENTS.

From time to time, Clubs in various areas may change but the boundaries of the areas will remain the same.

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Because of an error of omitting area #9 in the September-October edition of the Ontario Numismatist, we are printing the changes again in its entirety.

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CONVENTION CALENDAR

- Every Second Sunday (The Ottawa Coin and Stamp Dealers Association presents a show on the second Sunday of each month at the Nepean Sportsplex, on Woodroffe Ave., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Admission free. For info: write Allan Davis, Box 307, Carp, Ontario, KOA 1L0)
- January 22 1989 Metro Toronto Coin Exhibition (M.T.C.E.), Bond Place Hotel, 65 Dundas St. E., Toronto. Hours 10:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Admission \$2.00. 30 Bourse Dealers. Free Grading and Numismatic advice. Info - Ingrid K. Smith (416)920 6461.
- April 22-23 O.N.A. 27th Annual Convention & Show - Quality Inn, Woodstock, Junction of Hwys 59 & 401. Host Clubs - Ingersoll, Tillsonburg, and Woodstock. Limited number of Bourse Tables still available. Bruce Brace of Ancaster the Banquet Speaker on Saturday evening, April 22. Tours-Educational Forum - Wooden Money Breakfast, and Auction Saturday, April 22, 8:30 a.m. Admission \$1.00. Info: Chairman T. Masters, 823 Van St., London, Ont. N5Z 1M8, (519)438 2402.
- May 5-7 Expo Niagara - Skylon Tower, Niagara Falls, Ontario Canada's largest Coin, Stamp, and Card Show - 150 Dealers expected. Info: Expo Niagara, 165 King St., Welland, Ontario, L2B 3J4. More details later.
- June 11 Brantford 29th Anniversary Coin Show at the Woodman Community Centre, 491 Grey St., Brantford. Hours 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Free Admission. Info: Brantford Numismatic Society, P.O. Box 351, Brantford, Ont., W3T 5N3.
- July 27-30 C.N.A. Annual Convention and Coin Show - Convention Center Quebec City. Bourse hours: Thursday 2 p.m.- 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday 10:30 a.m.- 5 p.m.; and Sunday 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Preliminary program - all day and half day tours of Quebec City and surrounding countryside on July 25th & 26th. More information: Destination Quebec '89, Box 177, Station Saint Sauveur, Quebec, Quebec, G1K 6V7.
- October 15 Tillsonburg Annual Coin & Hobby Show, Tillsonburg Community (Fair Grounds). Info: W. Baxter, 46 Queens Street, Tillsonburg, Ont., N4G 3G9.

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OBITUARY

## ARTHUR LEFF -

Passed away recently after a lengthy illness at the age of 87. Arthur was Life Member #39 of the O.N.A. He was also a Life Member of the C.N.A. and A.N.A. and several Coin Clubs in Ontario and the United States.

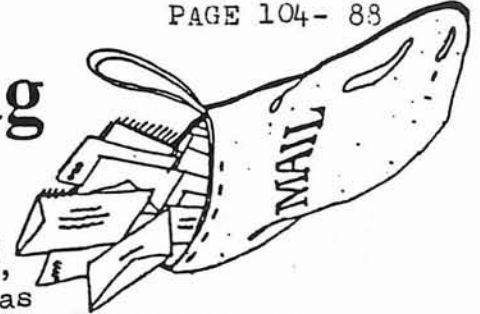
For the past several years, Arthur has been a resident of a Retirement Home in London. Before his retirement Arthur could be seen at many Coin Club meetings and most shows. His displays were welcomed at all Coin Shows and won many awards.

Arthur had a long and illustrious career in numismatics and will be missed by his many friends and collectors.

To the Leff family, the O.N.A. offers its sincere sympathy.

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# Memos from the Mailbag



Hello Tom:

As a member of your Coin Club, Association, or Society, I would like to suggest that as an attractive award at your next Coin Show, or as an award to a member of your Club for outstanding service, that you could present an engraved uniface medal with your own Club's, Society's, or Association's crest attached to a 16 inch long (32 inches circular) red, white, and blue ribbon, that allows presenting the award olympic style -- around the neck.

JÉRÔME H. REMICK

Your local engraver can engrave the blank side of the medal with the name of the recipient, details of the award, and the date.

As you know, uniface medals can be made as part of an order for your Club die medals, and you can use other dies with your Club crest such as Christmas or New Years as part of your order for the total number of pieces.

A gold plated medal can be awarded at a Coin Show as first prize, a silver plated medal second prize, and a copper medal as third prize. All of these on a ribbon.

At their October 8-9, 1988 Annual Coin Show, La Societe Numismatique de Quebec gave out seven 38 mm uniface crest awards suitably engraved to 7 of their 178 members. Winners at the October 9th Coin Show got engraved crest medals on a ribbon. In both cases the medals were put around the neck of the person and were worn for the remainder of the Show.

I personally feel that a medal on a ribbon to be worn around the neck makes a more moving, dramatic, and interesting presentation than just a medal in a box, as there is the ceremony of placing the medal around the person's neck and the receiver of the medal has it on display for all to see. It makes the receiver feel good and feel proud also.

The O.N.A., A.P.N.A., and even the Asscciation des Numismates Francophones du Canada and maybe the C.N.A. might consider such a format for their awards at their future Annual Conventions.

If you already have uniface medals with your crest on hand, you can send them back to Pressed Metal Products and they will attach the ring and ribbon on each medal and ship them to you in a box for \$1.50 plus 12% tax.

I believe that all Coin Clubs should give this suggestion serious consideration.

For further details and prices, please write Pressed Metal Products, 505 Alexander St., Vancouver, B.C., V6A 1C8.

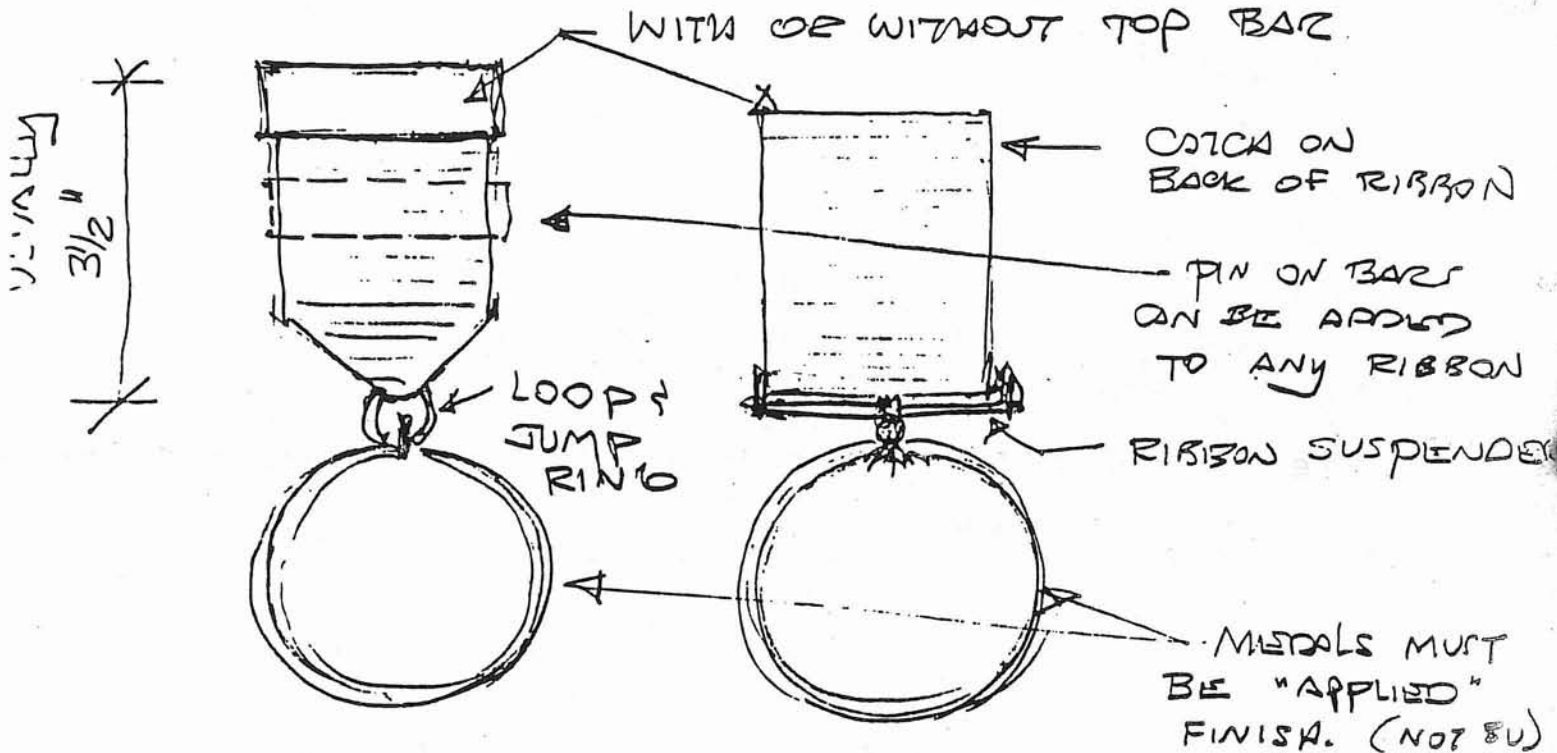
Sincerely and Best.Wishes

*Jerry Remick*

Jerry Remick



- PRESENTATION MEDALS



**Association News:**

CONSTITUTION & BY LAWS

In June the O.N.A. reprinted its Constitution & By Laws as amended in March of 1988. If any member wishes a copy of these By Laws would you apply in writing to the O.N.A. (address found on cover page) and mark envelope "Constitution & By Laws". A copy of the By Laws will be sent to you by return mail after your request has been received. Also copies of the revised By Laws are available from the O.N.A. lending library. Librarians address also found on cover page.

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Does your 1989 Coin Show appear in our listing? If not, it's because the Editor has not received that information. In order for your Show to be listed, get that information to the Editor at least three months prior to your Show date. This is a free service.

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DRAW TICKETS

In the very near future you will be receiving a book of O.N.A. Draw Tickets on a fabulous 7-day, 7-night, Mexican Fiesta for 2. (Value \$1500.) There are 6 tickets in each book and each ticket sells for \$2.00. One of those tickets is free to the seller when they have sold the other 5. The seller is obligated to return only \$20.00. Also on the front cover,

ASSOCIATION NEWS (Cont'd)

DRAW TICKETS (Cont'd)

if you designate your Club or the O.N.A. a further \$2.00 rebate will be returned to that designated Club after the draw and prizes have been distributed.

Here's a chance for you to win a trip or one of the five consolation prizes, and also help your designated organization. If more tickets are required write to our Draw Chairman, address found on the cover on back of tickets.

We need your help. Let's make 1989 a year that we have a record ticket sale. Thank you and good luck in the draw.

No 601

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Box 76,  
Sebringville, Ontario N0K 1X0

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**TO THE SELLER**

Your support in the sale of these tickets will enable the Ontario Numismatic Association to serve you and your club better.

**Note:**  
There is one free ticket in each book to the seller if book is completely sold.

A bonus of \$2.00 will be returned to any O.N.A. Club designated by you on the attached stub, after the draw, funds permitting.

As a special incentive, \$50.00 will be given to the seller of the 1st prize winning ticket.

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**IT'S RENEWAL TIME FOR 1989!**

Just a friendly reminder to let you know it's time for you to renew your O.N.A. Membership for 1989.

In order to get our mailing list in order, your help is required. The earlier you renew, the quicker we can get that mailing list in order. We don't want you to miss a single copy of the O.N.A. Numismatist. Renew now and make our Membership Chairman's job easier.

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**BEST CLUB BULLETIN AWARD**

For the first time ever the O.N.A. will be selecting a Club Publication they feel is the best for the past year. The rules drawn up by the committee are very simple, and hopefully many Clubs will compete for this award.

ASSOCIATION NEWS (Cont'd)

BEST CLUB BULLETIN AWARD (Cont'd)

RULES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 - Clubs must submit a minimum of 4 Publications in a calendar year.
- 2 - Judging will be selected by the O.N.A. Executive and, if at all possible, the judges will not share a conflict of interest with the Publications submitted.
- 3 - In order to encourage more Clubs to submit their Publication, and to produce a better quality, a Club winning in any given year will not be again eligible for another 3 years.
- 4 - The decision of the judges are final, but Clubs who submitted entrees may question the judges on how to improve their Publication.
- 5 - The names of the judges will be announced at each Convention when the award will be given.

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DON'T FORGET:

I want to draw your attention to 2 important issues. Nomination forms for the 1989-1991 O.N.A. Executive and the "Award of Merit" nomination are included with this Publication. Don't forget to make your nominations on both these forms. Without your participation there would be no election or no Award of Merit.

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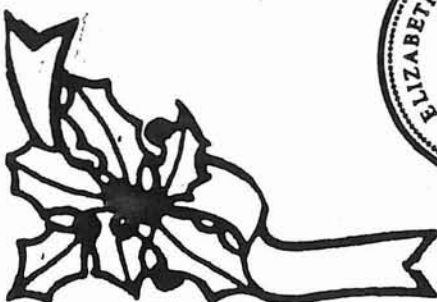
COINS FOR CHRISTMAS .....

T. Masters

For many years parents, grandparents, have given their children Canadian dollars at Christmas. I know in my case this is true, and for my sons I gave them a very nice collection of dollars at a cost issue of \$1.00 each.

I would hope that many of our members do something similar to this. Both my sons and my three grandchildren still have those coins that were given to them each Christmas and their collection keeps enlarging each year. Through this method I have introduced by family to the hobby. How many I will convert remains to be seen, but I know both my sons are very interested in numismatics but are not active participants.

Those who you know that are very interested can be given those coins which you order from the mint. The cost is more than those from the bank, but with the commemorative dollars issued each year, the history they portray and the 50% silver content in those coins, it could be a bargain for future years. We should make sure that those receiving these coins know their value so they are not spent at the corner store for their face value. Just another way to promote our hobby and to help with your Christmas shopping.



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## ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1989-91

In accordance with our By-Laws and Amendments passed at the Annual General Meeting, April 1985, Article 7, Section 5, we quote: "All nominations shall be made in writing, signed by a member in good standing or by an officer of a member club that is in good standing, and sent to the Chairman of the Election Committee. All nominations must be accompanied by a written acceptance from the nominee or a declaration signed by the nominators stating that the nominee shall stand for office if elected. Failure to do this, nomination shall be invalid and the nominee shall be so advised."

Nominations shall close January 15, 1989.

Nomination Chairman, P.O. Box 33, Waterloo, Ontario, N2J 3Z6  
(NOMINATIONS O.N.A.)

Use the following form to send in your nominations:

- PRESIDENT.....
- FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT.....
- SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT.....
- SECRETARY.....
- TREASURER.....
- DIRECTOR, AREA # 1a.....
- DIRECTOR, AREA # 1b.....
- DIRECTOR, AREA # 2.....
- DIRECTOR, AREA # 3.....
- DIRECTOR, AREA # 4.....
- DIRECTOR, AREA # 5.....
- DIRECTOR, AREA # 6.....
- DIRECTOR, AREA # 7.....
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- DIRECTOR, AREA # 9.....
- DIRECTOR, AREA # 10.....

