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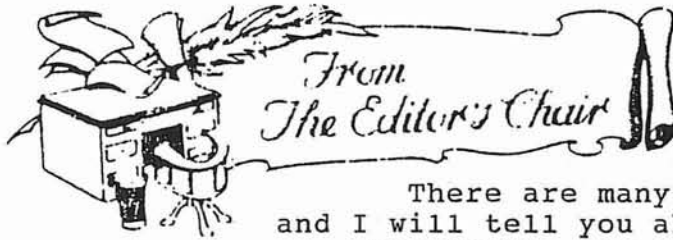
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*From  
The Editor's Chair*

What happens to your old coin catalogues when you purchase a new one each year?

There are many uses for these old coin catalogues, and I will tell you about them later in this message.

But first - just finished reading the current issue of the "Nickel Belt Coin Club News", and under a "Wanted" ad it mentions "I'm also looking for any old auction catalogues and coin journals for my personal collection". So there is one use for those back issues. I have a few early issues in my own collection - a First Edition of Charlton plus some early American issues.

Those early catalogues can also be used for a check list. I've stressed this with many junior and senior collectors who are collecting by date. Also the information in these books is not outdated - only the prices. I also like to use these old catalogues to write about "Shades of the Past". In the first edition 1959 of "A Guide Book of Canadian Coins, Currency, and Tokens" a 1948 Canadian dollar was priced from \$30.00 to \$90.00, and the 1949 from \$1.75 to \$4.00. Other interesting figures for the 1926 FAR nickel was \$2.25 to \$60.00. This to me is reason enough to save these books, and then if we can get enough collectors like Jeff in Sudbury, who knows,--these books may become collectors items, and who knows what price they may bring.

In our last issue, I printed the Royal Canadian Mint "The Coin Exchange". To date I have heard very little pro or con about this exchange. In the course of a month I attend several Coin Club meetings, and was surprised how many people didn't know about this exchange programme. When I spoke to some of these people, most didn't subscribe to any coin publication, and only belonged to the local Club. With the ever-changing scene on the numismatic market today, it's to all collectors' advantage to belong to the National, Provincial, and several Clubs, plus one should subscribe to a publication that specializes in their particular field. One can never know enough about his collection.

How many members and readers have borrowed a numismatic book this year? There are several sources where you can borrow these books. Most local libraries have a number of these books available. Your local Coin Club also may be able to provide you with the book you need. If you still haven't found that book, both the C.N.A. and O.N.A. have excellent libraries.

In last issue I reported I hadn't received the 1992 Dollar in change. Since I wrote that, have received two and passed them on explaining to both people about the new design.

Still not many of the Commemorative Quarters being circulated, but with the large mintage some are bound to turn up.

Just received "The Picus 1992" from the Classical & Medieval Numismatic Society. This Journal was sent on behalf of the J. Douglas Ferguson Historical Research Foundation. Still haven't this volume in the O.N.A. Library, but I can make it available from the Ingersoll Coin Club Library.

Would like to hear your comments on the R.C.M. Coin Exchange. I'll publish those responses if you give me permission.

T. Masters

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# OUT OF THE PAST

A 1937 ADVERTISEMENT RECALLS A GREAT COIN HOBBY SALESMAN

No, don't send in your coins---the offer from the February 1937 issue of HOLLYWOOD magazine has long expired. But examine how cleverly this ad is worded. For example, \$50. is offered for a 1913 Liberty Head Nickel. In a recent sale, a 1913 Liberty brought \$100,000. Surely, even in 1937 B. Max Mehl, the advertiser, must have known that less than a half dozen of the coins existed, all these were accounted for and there was no chance anyone would send him one.

The intent here was not to fool the public, but to tempt them into getting interested in numismatics. B. Max Mehl was trying to tell people that coins could be worth much more than their face value, and if you would send yours in, he would evaluate it and send you back its numismatic value.

The ad worked. Thousands were hooked on coin collecting. Many collectors today believe that the growth and present size of the hobby can be to a large degree related to Mr. Mehl's efforts.



## She Got \$400<sup>00</sup> for a Half Dollar

### I Will Pay CASH for OLD COINS, Bills and Stamps

These are simple matters that sell for big money. They are the things that you have in your pocket, your change, your old bills and stamps. They are the things that you have in your pocket, your change, your old bills and stamps. They are the things that you have in your pocket, your change, your old bills and stamps.

### It Pays to Post Yourself on the Big Values of Old Coins and Stamps

Knowing about coins pays. Andrew Higgins of Idaho was paid \$200 for a half dollar. He received the money. A valuable coin may come into your possession or you may have one now and not know it. Post yourself.

### HUGE PREMIUMS for OLD STAMPS

Some old stamps bring big premiums. An old 10c stamp, from an old booklet, was recently sold for \$10,000. There may be valuable stamps in some of your old letters. It will pay you to know how to recognize them.

### Let Me Send You My Big Illustrated Coin Folder—It will open your eyes!

### Use the Coupon Below

Send me your old coins and stamps for a large illustrated coin and stamp folder. I will pay you for your old coins and stamps. I will pay you for your old coins and stamps. I will pay you for your old coins and stamps.

**\$200 FOR A PENNY**  
I paid John D. Martin \$200.00 for one old Copper Cent of the year 1791. There are thousands of other coins worth large sums in every-day circulation.

**\$50 FOR A NICKEL**  
A penny that once almost never existed is a million dollars. I paid \$50.00 for a 1913 Liberty Head Nickel. There are only a few of these coins left in the world. I am paying.

**\$100 FOR A DIME**  
Another penny almost never seen for which I will pay a big premium is the 1840 "Star" dime. I offer \$100 for one of these coins sent me in good condition.

**\$150 for a QUARTER**  
There are many quarters worth large sums. I am offering \$150 for 1927 quarters. There are quarters of other years for which I will pay up to \$150.

**\$400 FOR A HALF DOLLAR**  
There are a great number of half dollars worth big premiums. I am offering \$400 for a 1913 Liberty Head half dollar. I will pay large sums for other half dollars of these years. I will pay for just one half dollar.

**\$1,000 FOR ONE DOLLAR**  
There are many silver dollars for which I will pay big premiums. I am offering \$1,000 for a 1906 Morgan silver dollar. I will pay large sums for other silver dollars of these years. I will pay for just one single dollar.

## I PAID \$200

to J. D. Martin of Virginia for just one Copper Cent

"Please accept my thanks for your check for \$200.00 in payment for the copper cent I sent you. I appreciate the interest you have in this transaction. It is a pleasure to do business with a firm that handles matters as you do. I wish to assure you that I will be a pleasure to sell all my friends or your friends the other day to come. J. D. Martin, New York."

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COVER STORY

A NICKEL'S WORTH OF FRAUD AND MYSTERY

by David Harper

There has never been a series of United States coins in numismatic history like that of the Liberty head nickel. The first and last issues have been surrounded by controversy, shady dealings, and attempts to defraud the public. This series has troubled two centuries.

The idea for the Liberty head series was born sometime during 1880, when the shield nickel was about 14 years old. It was in that year that Charles E. Barber first created the design. It took two years of experimenting and persuading but in 1883 the first Liberty head nickel was struck.



The design followed the then prevalent tradition of carrying the designer's likeness of Liberty on the obverse. In this case, the crowned Liberty faced left and is surrounded by 13 stars along the edges, representing the 13 original colonies. The date is found below the profile. The main feature of the reverse was a large Roman numeral "V", used to designate the denomination as being 5-cents. The "V" is surrounded by a

wreath of agricultural products which in turn is surrounded by the legends, E PLURIBUS UNUM and THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. The word "cents" was omitted which proved to be a costly error.



As soon as the new coin appeared, unscrupulous people noting the absence of the word "cents" quickly seized the opportunity to make a fast buck. Plating the coin with gold they passed it off as a 5-dollar gold piece. With the newness of the design, the size being the same, and the gold coloring, the coin fooled many a busy clerk. Later in the year the mint added the word "CENTS" to the design to prevent further attempts of fraud. The word "CENTS" was placed where E PLURIBUS UNUM was and the latter was pushed to an inconspicuous place above the "V".



The years that followed the initial issue passed without any further undue occurrences to mar the series. However, in 1913, the specter of dishonesty again haunted the series. In 1913, the design of the nickel was going to change to the buffalo version. The mint however, in case the buffalo design was scrapped, prepared dies for a 1913 Liberty head nickel. The buffalo nickel went through and the Liberty head dies were locked up

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A NICKEL'S WORTH OF FRAUD AND MYSTERY (Cont'd)

for good, or so they thought.

In 1918, an ad appeared in "The Numismatist" offering to buy 1913 Liberty head nickels, and in 1920, Samuel Brown came up with five of them. No one could explain their existence and Brown, who was an ex-mint employee was suspected of creating the five nickels himself. Whatever the case, the controversy is still raging and it will probably never be resolved.

This series, even with its derogatory history has done much to further the cause of numismatics. When the word CENTS was added to the nickel in 1883, many people hoarded the "centless" coins as oddities. Who knows how many new collectors were started in this way. The 1913 Liberty head nickel has also helped. B. Max Mehl, the "Grand Old Man of Numismatics", ran ads offering 50 dollars for one. These ads spurred many a person to look through his change. How many collectors began in this way?

Whatever the case, the Liberty head nickel series has served its purpose well. It was a successful issue for 30 years and it sparked the interest of many into becoming collectors. For this we should be grateful.



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## PRESS RELEASE

# Hoarders keep coins out of circulation

The mint may  
increase the supply

Canadian Press

OTTAWA - Special coins commemorating 125 years of Confederation are so popular with hoarders it may be a while before there are any in general circulation, a Royal Canadian Mint official said Tuesday.

Murray Church, director of communications and research for the mint, said the crown corporation has distributed 66 million commemorative 25-cent pieces and 12 million special \$1 coins under its Canada 125 program.

But few have stayed in circulation because people are hoarding them as fast as they reach the cash registers of the nation, he said.

"Everybody is a coin collector at heart," Church said, "I think the theme of the program--the beauty of Canada--has really struck a chord with people."

He said the mint believes cashiers have been doing the most hoarding because they tend to see them first. TWELVE QUARTERS: The mint is producing 12 quarters--one for each province and territory--and releasing them at the rate of one a month. Instead of the standard caribou on the back, each new quarter has a scene typical of the province or territory the coin is signifying.

In July, the mint began releasing the \$1 coin on which the Centre Block of the Parliament Buildings has replaced the traditional loon.



Canadian Press

This is a Royal Canadian Mint advertisement for coins commemorating 125 years of Confederation.

## CANADA'S FIRST COMMEMORATIVE COIN: THE 1935 DOLLAR

by W. Waychison



Canada's first circulating silver dollar coin, the 1935 dollar, is also known for being the country's first commemorative coin. Although there were several reasons for the issuing of both a silver dollar coin and a commemorative coin in 1935, Dr. James Haxby notes in Striking Impressions that the "immediate stimulus" came from a circular issued by the Royal Mint. The circular offered the Dominions the opportunity to participate in the production and sale of a silver jubilee medal designed by the Royal Mint. The Canadian government responded immediately with a notice of its intention to issue a silver dollar coin to commemorate the silver jubilee anniversary of the reign of King George V and Queen Mary.

For the obverse design the Deputy Master of the Royal Mint, Sir Robert A Johnson, suggested the use of the King's portrait as recently adapted by Percy Metcalfe for the coins of Southern Rhodesia, New Zealand, etc. The lack of time did not allow for a distinctively Canadian obverse die of the King to be prepared and to receive Royal consent. The lack of time also did not permit the customary competition for a reverse die and the noted sculptor Emmanuel Hahn was engaged to produce a design.

The concept of the voyageur reverse is attributed to Finance Minister Rhodes who suggested in November 1934 a canoe with a voyageur or Indian as a design. Over the next two months Emmanuel Hahn prepared various sketches. On January 3 1935 a final model was approved and shipped to the Royal Mint in London to be converted into a matrix. Approval for the coins legal status was completed by proclamation May 1 1935.

A total of 428,707 commemorative silver dollar coins were struck during 1935. Like all subsequent circulating silver dollars through to 1967, the coins are composed of 80 percent silver and 20 percent copper and measure 36 mm in diameter.

An average of 7500 silver dollars were struck from a pair of dies during 1935. This is an extremely low number when compared to the average 295,153 pieces struck from a pair of  
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(above) Preliminary sketches for 1935 silver dollar.  
( James Haxby: Striking Impressions)

one-cent dies during the same year. The unusually high number of silver dollar dies is attributed to "difficulties experienced in the preliminary work on this large coin".

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# focus on clubs

## Pennies for their thoughts could help make you rich

By PETER KENOE  
of The Sentinel-Review

The country's 125th anniversary commemorative coins are making coin collectors out of a lot of Canadians, according to members of the Woodstock Coin Club.

Harry Spice, club member and coin dealer, says it is no coincidence the Woodstock Coin Club is growing at the same time.

"If half the people who are collecting the new Canadian coins keep on collecting, then we will have an increase in the business," he said.

Membership in the Woodstock Club dropped to single digits in the early 1980s but the group has experienced a resurgence in its 35th year reaching 30.

Collectors of the 125th anniversary quarters are getting a new unexpected twist which Spice found out about at a Club meeting. Staff operating the mint while workers were on strike led to many coins being printed with the Queen's head upside down.

New members are welcome to attend meetings which draw members from London and Brantford. Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the poultry building at the Woodstock Fairgrounds. In July and August there are no meetings.

Speakers, auctions, draws and planning the fourth Coin Card and



HARRY SPICE, a member of the Woodstock Coin Club and coin dealer at the Woodstock Flea Market each Sunday, displays some of the 125th anniversary coins which he says have revived local interest in coin collecting.

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FOCUS ON CLUBS (Cont'd)

and Stamp Show make up the agenda of the 2½ hour meetings.

This year the third annual show drew 20 vendors from around Ontario.

In the past, the 4 Club has been instrumental in capturing the flavor of city and area history, through 10 medals produced since 1965, commemorating local people, places and events.

"If you collect one of anything you are a collector," Spice said. "If you collect a roll of something you are a speculator."

Spice, who has a booth at the Woodstock Flea Market on Sundays, and George Grey, who has a booth Saturdays at the Woodstock Farmer's Market, are Woodstock's only coin dealers.

Spice and other Club members enjoy talking coins and the history surrounding the changing faces and images that appear on them.

He began collecting coins in 1961 when a friend paying back a debt gave him pennies from 1920 and 1921. Eventually Spice sold the collection in 1973 to buy a house, car and some appliances. He did not pick up the hobby again until 1981 when a friend was selling his collection and he bought it.

Spice and other collectors do not keep collections at home for fear of break-ins, but precautions do not impede his search for better coins.

"You are always trying to upgrade," Spice said, "That is the name of the game....sell the one you have got and look for a better one."

For beginners, Spice suggests joining a Club and buying a book before buying a coin.

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BOOK REVIEW.....

"SOME DIE VARIETIES OF THE LARGE CENTS  
OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA AND CANADA"

by Jack Griffin

.....was released late this June at \$11.50 postpaid by the publisher: The Company of Adventurers Trading Out of York, 2010 Yongs Street, Toronto, M4S 1Z9 (telephone 416 488 9859).

The 41 page catalogue is printed on 8½ x 11 inch pages and is bound with a plastic spiral binding. There are no illustrations.

499 major die varieties with 232 minor varieties for a total of 731 different collectables are described for Canadian large cent issued from 1858-1920. 64 major die varieties and 189 minor die varieties for a total of 253 are described just for the 1859 Canadian large cent.

Almost another 200 die varieties are described for the large cents of Newfoundland (1865-1936) and Prince Edward Island (1871) and for the half cents and cents of New Brunswick (1861-1864) and Nova Scotia (1861-1864).

A catalogue number is assigned to each die variety and a detailed description of the variety follows. A rarity number from one to 10 is given for each die variety.

Ontario numismatist Jack Griffin has spent 45 years of research to produce this volume. It is easy to follow and worth the price. A copy should be in every Club Library.

ED. NOTE: This catalogue is now available from the O.N.A. Library.



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DIES FOR PERSONALIZED MEDALS - FOR CANADA'S 125th BIRTHDAY -  
FOR CHRISTMAS 1992 - AND FOR SAINT ELIGIUS (Patron of Numismatists)  
ARE AVAILABLE FOR USE AT NO CHARGE

by JERRY REMICK

A die for 38mm Club or personalized medals commemorating Canada's 125th birthday, Christmas 1992, and Saint Eligius (Patron of Numismatists) are available for use free of charge for issues of 38mm Club and personalized medals. Jerry Remick paid for all 3 dies.



A frontal view of the Parliament Building situated in Ottawa is featured on one die. "CANADA 1867-1992" is below. "THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CANADIAN CONFEDERATION - LE 125EME ANNIVERSAIRE DE LA CONFEDERATION CANADIENNE" is around the outer part. A maple leaf and a crown separate the two phrases. The design is a revised copy of a medal designed in 1985 by Serge Huard for Canada's 117th birthday. A similar view of the Parliament Building replaces the loon on the 1992 Canadian dollar coin.

The 1992 Christmas die shows a large deciduous tree with stars all along its branches which sparkle on the BU medals made from the die. "1992" is at the base of the tree. "MERRY CHRISTMAS" in English, Spanish, French, and the Cyrillic script, is around the outer part. Three holly leaves separate each greeting. The greeting in Cyrillic script translates "HAPPY BIRTH OF CHRIST". Cyrillic script is used in what was formally Russia, Bulgaria, and Serbia.



A full body portrait of Saint Eligius (Saint Eloi in French), seated, with hammer over his head about to strike a cylindrical apparatus he is holding in his left hand, containing a pair of dies with a coin blank between them, is featured on the other die. This is the way coins were made in Eligus' time---one at a time and by hand. The Latin inscription around the outer part translates "Saint Eligius, Patron of Those who Collect Coins". The Latin phrase was researched by Mr. Pierre Coulombe, professor of Latin at College Jean Eudes, situated in Montreal, Pressed Metal Produces, 505 Alexander Street, Vancouver, B.C., V6A 1C8, Tel- 604 251 2454, cut the dies and will fill orders for you.

A personal die with an inscription runs \$200. or slightly more. A die showing an object like a crest or building would run about \$325.

50 to 99 medals are \$3.80 each and 100 to 249 medals are \$3.30 each. Each medal is shipped in a plastic envelope. Medals are available in copper, gold plated copper, silver plated copper, commercial bronze and brass. A mixture of metals costs the same price as a single metal. Medals in pure silver are also available.

DIES AVAILABLE FOR USE AT NO CHARGE (Cont'd)



Specimens of Jerry Remick's personal medal, for Canada's 125th birthday, or for Saint Eligius, are available postpaid at \$3.25 each or 3 for \$9.25 postpaid in copper, gold plated copper, and silver plated copper, by writing Jerry Remick, Box 9183, Saint Foy, Quebec, G1V 4B1.

Eligius was born in 588 A.D. Early in the decade of the 630's, he was appointed Royal finance Minister by the Frankish King Dagobert I of Gaul (now France). At the same time, one of Eligius' duties was Mint Master at the Paris Mint. This was a "shoe-in" for Eligius, as he was a very talented goldsmith and coiner, having practiced both trades since he was a youth of twelve, when he began his apprenticeship at the mint in Lemoges, France. Eligius made at least a dozen coins for King Dagobert I which bear Eligius' symbols of "ELIGI" and his special upside down anchor. In 640, Eligius was appointed bishop of Noyon. Eligius was a great humanitarian in his day, fighting against slavery and other injustices of his barbarique age. He died in 659. Saint Eligius is also the patron of engravers, goldsmiths, metal workers, and blacksmiths. He is very well known in France where there are a number of Saint Eloi Societies as well as several towns named after him.

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UNITED STATES MINT ISSUES 3 NCLT COINS COMMEMORATING THE  
500th ANNIVERSARY OF THE DISCOVERY OF THE AMERICAS BY  
CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS by Jerry Remick

The United States Mint has just issued three non-circulating legal tender coins to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the discovery of the Americas by Christopher Columbus on October 12, 1492. They are: a nickel clad copper 50 cent coin, a .900 silver dollar, and a .900 gold \$5.00 coin. Proof and uncirculated versions are available in singles and in sets.

Surcharges included in the price of each coin shall be paid to the Christopher Columbus Fellowship Fund to encourage and support research, study, and labor designed to produce discoveries in all fields of endeavour for the benefit of mankind. These surcharges are included in the prices listed at the end of the article and are gold coin - \$35.00, silver dollar - \$7.00, and half dollar coin - \$1.00.

The half dollar coin is 1.205 inches in diameter, consists of nickel-clad copper and has an authorized maximum authorized mintage of 6 million. The proof version will be struck at the U.S. Mint in San Francisco, California, and the uncirculated version at the U.S. Mint in Denver, Colorado.



DISCOVERY OF AMERICAS BY CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS (Cont'd)

The obverse, designed by U.S. Mint Sculptor/Engraver T. James Ferrell, features a full-length portrait of Columbus at landfall, arms outstretched, with his disembarking crew and a small boat behind him to his right, and his ship behind him at his left. "LIBERTY" appears around the top of the coin. The inscriptions "1492" and "1992" appear in the foreground at the bottom, and "IN GOD WE TRUST" to the right of the dates.

The reverse, also designed by Mr. Ferrell, depicts Columbus' three ships under sail within an inner circular border, encircled at top by the inscription "500th ANNIVERSARY OF COLUMBUS' DISCOVERY", with "E PLURIBUS UNUM" at bottom center. "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA" appears around the top outer border of the coin, and "HALF DOLLAR" at bottom center along the outer border.



The dollar coin is 1.50 inches in diameter, consists of 90 % silver (0.76 troy ounces) and 10% copper and has maximum authorized mintage of 4 million. The proof version will be struck at the U.S. Mint, at Philadelphia, P enn., and the uncirculated version at the U.S. Mint in Denver, Colorado.

The obverse, designed by U.S. Mint Sculptor/Engraver John Mercanti, features a full-length portrait of Christopher Columbus holding a banner in his right hand, a scroll in his left hand, next to a globe of the world atop a pedestal, to his left. A scene with three sailing ships at sea appears above and behind Columbus at the top of the coin. "LIBERTY" appears to the left of the figure, and "IN GOD WE TRUST" and "1992" to the right. The inscription "COLUMBUS QUINCENTENARY" appears around the bottom border of the coin.



The reverse, designed by U.S. Mint Sculptor/Engraver Thomas D. Rogers Sr., depicts a split image of the Santa Maria and the U.S. Space Shuttle Discovery, with the Earth and a star to the upper right of the shuttle. The inscription "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA" appears around the top of the coin. "ONE DOLLAR" and "E PLURIBUS UNUM" appear to the right of the shuttle, and "1492-1992" at bottom center.

The \$5.00 gold coin is 0.850 inches in diameter, has a composition of 90% gold (0.24 troy ounces), 6% c silver and 4% cooper, and has a maximum authorized mintage of 500,000. The uncirculated and proof versions were struck at the U.S. Mint at West Point, New York.



DISCOVERY OF AMERICAS BY CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS (Cont'd)

The obverse of the coin, designed by U.S. Mint Sculptor/Engraver T. James Ferrell, features a profile of Christopher Columbus, at right, looking toward a map of the New World at the left, and the name "Christopher Columbus" at bottom center inside a circular border, Outside the circular border, "Liberty" is inscribed at the top center of the coin, "1992" at the 3 o'clock position, "In God We Trust" at bottom center, and "1492" at the 9 o'clock position.

The reverse, designed by U.S. Mint Sculptor/Engraver Thomas D. Rogers Sr., depicts the crest of the Admiral of the Oceans, an honor bestowed upon Columbus, overlapping a map of the western Old World with the date "1492". "E PLURIBUS UNUM" appears above the crest and map. The inscription "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA" appears at the top, "FIVE DOLLARS" at the bottom.

The Columbus coins are available postpaid as follows, with all prices in United States funds: Half dollar \$7.50 unc, and \$9.50 proof; dollar \$28.00 unc, and \$31.00 proof; and \$5.00 gold \$210. unc and \$225. proof. A boxed set of the three coins is \$230. uncirculated, and \$250. proof. A set of the half dollar and silver dollar is \$32. in unc and \$38. in proof.

Orders should be sent to Customer Service Center, United States Mint, 10001 Aerospace Drive, Lantham, Maryland, 20706 (telephone - 301 436 7400). For more data call 1-800-845 5555.

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**1992 Pewter Medal Issued for 30th Anniversary of  
Champlain Coin Club, Orillia, Ontario**

by Jerry Remick, CNA#128



Reverse of small medal

The Champlain Coin Club of Orillia, Ontario, has issued a 1992 medal in pewter to commemorate their 30th anniversary this year.

The obverse side shows a full body image of Samuel de Champlain modeled after a statue of him in the Orillia Park. "1962" is to the left and "1992" is to the right. "ORILLIA ONTARIO" is above and "CANADA" is below. The obverse side is also the Club's emblem.



Obverse of 2nd medal

The reverse side shows a large encircled "30" in the center. A belt is fastened to the bottom of the circle with "1962" on the left side of the belt and "1992" on the right side. "CHAMPLAIN COIN CLUB" is above. "ANNIVERSARY" is below.

The Medal, made by Precious & Pure of Thornton, Ontario, is available in two different sized formats in pewter. By error, the first medal type was made on a 1 1/4 inch diameter blank with the usual wire rim around the outer part, 65 specimens were made. The Champlain Coin Club had originally ordered a 1 1/2 inch medal with a wide rim of 3/8 inch. When the manufacturer of the medal was informed of the error, they cut a new set of dies and made 300 medals of 1 1/2 inch diameter with a 3/8 inch wide rim. The background is smooth on the smaller medal and rough on the larger medal.

Large size medal \$6.00 each post paid or two size set for \$12.00 the pair. Small medal not available by itself. Contact Harry Booth

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1992 PEWTER MEDAL (Cont'd)

at P.O. Box 881, Orillia, Ontario, L3V 6K8. Only a few of the sets are still available. If security registration desired, please add \$.00

What is now known as the Champlain Coin Club was founded in June 1962 and was part of the Victoria and Simcoe Coin Club, better known as the Woodville Coin Club. The latter Club was founded as an offshoot of the Peterborough Coin Club. The Champlain Coin Club has 35 members and meets the first Thursday of the month from September through June, in the basement of St. David's Church on St. James Street. There is an average turnout at meetings of between 15 to 25 members and guests.

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NOVEMBER- DECEMBER ISSUE

1993 is election year for the O.N.A., and nomination forms will appear in our next edition. Your input is very important. Make sure that the person who you nominate is willing to let their name stand for the office nominated.

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1993 AWARD OF MERIT

Do you know someone who you think deserves this Award???

I'm sure there is someone in every Ontario Club who could be nominated. Let's make the judges of this Award as difficult as possible with your nominations.

Nomination forms will appear in our next edition.

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1993 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL REMINDER

Bruce Raszmann is one of the hardest workers on the O.N.A. Executive. His position as Membership Chairman and Treasurer takes up a great deal of his spare time.

At the end of each year when your membership renewal is due, his position becomes more hectic.

YOU can help Bruce by renewing for 1993 NOW!!!!

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# SHOW AND BOURSE

- October 25      STRATFORD COIN CLUB 30th ANNUAL COIN SHOW, AUCTION AND BOURSE. Kiwanis Community Centre, Lakeside Dr., Stratford. 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. Free Admission. Info: Stratford Coin Club, P.O. Box 262, Stratford, Ont., N5A 6T1.
- October 31      (TOREX SHOW - Primrose Hotel, 111 Carlton St., Downtown  
November 1      (Toronto. Info: Ingrid K. Smith, (416) 586 0098, P.O.  
( 1993      (Box 865, Adelaide St. P.O., Toronto, Ont., M5C 2K1.  
(February 27-28)  
(June 26-27 )  
(October 23-24 )
- November 1      TILLSONBURG COIN CLUB ANNUAL COIN & HOBBY SHOW - Mount Elgin Community Centre - 5 miles South of 401 and 5 miles North of Tillsonburg on Highway 19 - Exit South off 401 on Highway 19, Ingersoll-Tillsonburg exit. Note change of date and location. Info: W. Baxter 46 Queen St., Tillsonburg, Ontario, N4G 3G9.
- November 1      WINDSOR COIN CLUB FAIR SHOW - Knights of Columbus Hall, 1140 Goyeau St., Windsor, Ont. Free Admission. Hours 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. Info: Ron Binder, 2279 Hall Ave., Windsor, Ont., N8W 2L8 (519) 254 6855.
- November 28      WATERLOO COIN SOCIETY COIN SHOW - The Rink In The Park - Seagram Drive, Waterloo, Ont. Hours 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. Free Admission. Info: Don Robb, P.O. Box 724, Waterloo, Ontario, N2J 4C2.
- Second Sunday      OTTAWA COIN, STAMP, DEALERS ASSOCIATION SHOW - Nepean  
Each Month      Sportsplex, Woodsroffe Ave., 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.. Info: Allan Davis, P.O. Box 307, Carp, Ontario, DOA 1L0.
- 1993  
February 6      HURONIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION COIN, STAMP, ANTIQUE SHOW - Bayfield Mall, Bayfield St. N, Barrie, Ontario. Info: P.O. Box 243, Barrie, Ontario, L4M 4T2.
- April 16-18      O.N.A. 31st ANNUAL CONVENTION & SHOW - College Inn, Guelph. Info: O.N.A., P.O. Box 33, Waterloo, Ontario, N2J 3Z6.
- July 20-25      C.N.A. ANNUAL CONVENTION - Keddy's Brunswick Hotel, Moncton, N.B. Info: Moncton Coin Club, P.O. Box 54, Moncton, N.B., E1C 8R9.

IF YOUR COIN SHOW DATE DOES NOT APPEAR IN OUR LINEUP, GET THAT INFORMATION TO THE EDITOR SO IT CAN APPEAR IN FUTURE ISSUES.

DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER-DECEMBER ISSUE.....November 14th

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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.

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