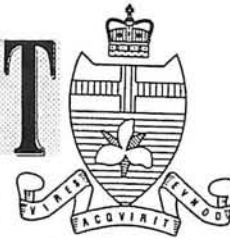




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## A NUMISMATIC VACATION

By Jeff Fournier

Summer's here and all of our thoughts are on that long awaited vacation! Tuck those coins away in a safe spot and prepare to put your hobby on hold until the warm weather leaves...NOT!



Summer is the perfect opportunity to add to your collection, take in some interesting coin shows and conventions and enjoy a leisurely tour of the many museums and other facilities which have numismatic displays.

By the time you read this, the CNA convention will be history, but for many (myself included) it represents one of the highlights of the summer vacation season. If you didn't attend this year, there's always next year's convention.

Plan to take in the ANA convention July 27-31 at

the Cobo Hall, Detroit Michigan. You won't want to miss this one. Anyone who attends an ANA convention is never disappointed by the activities planned, the bourse and educational seminars and workshops.

Planning on travelling across Canada? Many municipalities throughout the country have issued municipal medallions or trade dollars this year and this may be your chance to pick some up in person. In Ontario, Kitchener/Waterloo, Manitoulin Island, Marathon, Markham, North Bay, Tecumseh, Wawa and Windsor have all issued municipal tokens. So too have Summerside (PEI); Sayabec and Trois Pistoles in Quebec; McAdam, Miramichi Region, St. Andrews and Woodstock in New Brunswick; Gander (Nfld.); Cape Breton, Hansport and Kings County in Nova Scotia; Dauphin (Manitoba); Nanaimo, Chase and Fort St. John in British Columbia and Crowsnest Pass, Jasper, Vegreville and Wildwood in Alberta.

Plan to catch some of the numismatic exhibits in your travels as well. Of course you won't want to miss the Bank of Canada Currency Collection if your in the Country's capital (oh, and don't forget the Royal Canadian Mint). You might want to check out the newly unveiled Inco coin collection at the Big Nickel Mine in Sudbury. Or perhaps you'll be at the Glenbow Museum (Alberta) to sneak a peak at the coin collection on display there. There are many other collections on display throughout the country which I won't go into here but you may consider checking out. (continued on page 75)

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# EDITOR'S VIEWS



Many of our member clubs, for one reason or another, choose not to hold regular meetings during the summer months. Usually, summer meeting attendance is low, as members pursue other leisure activities (of the outdoor variety), after enduring months of our harsh Canadian winters.

Just because your club is not meeting, however, doesn't mean that you can't still enjoy some summer numismatic activities. This will be the subject of an article I'll be including in this month's bulletin (written by your's truly). In it you'll find a number of suggestions for enjoying your hobby even during the lazy hazy daze of summer!

Well folks, believe it or not, this bulletin represents the 7th edition of the "new look" ONA NUMISMATIST. Last July I enlisted the aid of my personal computer and a handful of numismatic writers from around the globe to give our organization, what I had hoped, would be a breath of fresh air.

So, what does everyone think? Are the bulletins keeping you coming back for more? I'd like to hear from you with your comments, critiques and suggestions for future issues - story ideas (volunteers would be nice for a few), features, news etc... How about writing to ye ol' ed' with your thoughts.

Now for my thoughts on the last year...First I should thank all the contributors who've so generously sent in articles for the bulletin - Jerry Remick (a very special thanks is due him!), Tom Masters, Tom Kostaluk, Peter Schwar, Al McQuistin, Ray Desjardin, John Regitko (for his promotional material which appeared in the special convention issue), our President (Ron Zerk) for his two president's messages and last, but certainly not least, Jim Charlton. Thanks a million!

For my part, I've enjoyed editing the newsletter, writing articles and designing the pages. I've met a few new collectors via Canada Post, and was reacquainted with many old ones. The classified section even helped me pick up a few good numismatic treasures to add to my collection.

On the down side, I feel a little isolated by the fact I haven't been able to attend any executive meetings, which I knew would happen before I took the job (as did the executive) - a young family, work obligations and distance (more than 4 hours travelling) have been the primary culprits here. Unfortunately, except for the assistance of Tom Masters, Bruce Raszman, Rolly Albert and Tom Kostaluk, I feel I haven't had a great deal of support from the organization.

I'm an idealist. I believe the ONA has potential. And I believe the bulletin has a large role to play in realizing this potential. But, because of a lack of communication on the part of the organization - namely, in getting information to me for the bulletin, and taking an active part in it - I don't believe this potential is being met.

For example, the ONA convention was, from all reports, a real success. Unfortunately, however, I could not attend this year and (again, unfortunately) heard none of the details about it (other than award winners received from Tom Kostaluk and draw winners, ticket sellers info. from Ken Wilmot) from the executive. No one wrote to tell me about the auction, the attendance, the meetings, the guest speaker and how all fared. What info. I did gather, I got from Can. Coin News! I hope this doesn't happen in the future. I was given a lot of pre-convention info., but the post-convention info. was almost non-existent! This is a shame after all the work the committee and executive did to pull it off (and apparently, it was a real success! (or so I've read in CCN and some of the club newsletters I receive).

These problems, I am sure, will be rectified in the near future to ensure that the bulletin can keep you informed of all the events going on in and around Ontario clubs and the ONA.

On another topic, I've read in the recent ONA executive minutes that there are a very few 1994 ONA medals remaining. If you haven't got yours, write the club soon to order. Also, all back issues are reportedly sold out. In the event that there are still some back issues floating around out there, please let me know so I can advise other members through this bulletin.

On a final note, please keep the club news coming in. If you have any story ideas or articles you'd wish to contribute, send those in as well. And don't forget that we have a free classified section elsewhere in this bulletin. It's there for you, the members to use. Why not take advantage. Enjoy the rest of the summer!

# A SECONDARY COLLECTION

To brighten up your numismatic hobby and to give you more interest in collecting numismatic items, I highly recommend that you consider, if you have not already done so, a secondary or minor field of numismatic collectables, preferably one that is quite different from what you already collect and if possible, one that fits in with your general interests or even your dreams.

A secondary field of collecting will most certainly add more variety to your hobby and keep you from getting bored with your primary numismatic collectable. It will give you a larger selection of numismatic material to be on the look-out for at coin shows and of course a larger selection of numismatic material from which to draw from for a display at any coin show or convention.



Some of the fields of collectables that make an interesting secondary field for any collector of Canadian decimals are Canadian tokens, medals or trade dollars of your own province or territory, or of another province. Foreign coins and banknotes are even better. Even cancelled cheques and stock certificates, some of which are very colorful, can make an interesting secondary hobby. A collection of Canadian coin club medals is a field that is wide open, as there are few collectors.

I must admit that tokens, medals and trade dollars from some provinces form a fairly lengthy series and are really major fields of collecting. However, there are provinces and territories in which these items are more limited in number. Also you can limit your collection to numismatic items issued in a particular city in your province or territory.

A collection of one minor coin or one crown size coin from each country now issuing coins makes an interesting secondary hobby and gives a good variety of material for display. The collection can then be enlarged to

countries that once issued their own coins, but no longer do so.

A minor secondary collection is a collection of coins showing all possible types of different shapes. This could be combined with a collection of coins showing each metal used in coinage, medals or tokens. I would love to see an exhibit on this subject. A few issuers of private medals have purposely used some or several metals not generally used for numismatic pieces.

Canadian coin club medals are virtually a virgin field for the collector. Most collectors in the field limit their interests to medals of one or several clubs such as the CNA or ONA. Very few collectors go after all club medals issued in their home province. There are no published catalogues on the subject (except for CNA medals), although numismatist Jeff Fournier is working on one. So here is a chance to make a catalog on the club medals issued in your province. Perhaps start with a medal from each club in your province and after that, broaden to collect them all.

My favorite secondary hobby to suggest to others is to collect one banknote in uncirculated condition from each country now issuing their own notes. There are 188 countries issuing banknotes today. This makes a colorful, interesting and educational hobby and if you have children it is a good hobby for the family to make the collection together. I know of several father and son teams collecting one or more notes from each country. The lowest denomination banknote from many countries is well below the face value of the Canadian dollar, so this is not as expensive a hobby as it may seem, especially if undertaken over several years. Banknotes from a number of countries are available in uncirculated condition at 50 cents each and those from many other countries at from 50 cents to \$1.50. Your non-collecting friends will find it most interesting to look at this collection. Once you have completed this collection, try to get one banknote from each country that once issued them, but no longer does so. Also, if a note-issuing country has had more than one name, try to get one note for each name. An example is Belize, which was formerly known as British Honduras. The most inexpensive dealer I know of is Dwight Musser, P.O. Box 905, Lacoochee, Florida, 33537.

Highly recommended is a thematic collection from several fields of numismatic collectables. Such a collection knows



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no bounds. It is the collector and not a catalog that decides what fits in with the thematic collection. Here is a chance to pursue a subject that interests you. It may have something to do with your work, interests in life, leisure time, or your dreams. Some of the subjects one often thinks of for a thematic collection are trains, animals, birds, fish, famous people, military leaders, native people, flowers, insects, buildings, bridges, a particular ruler, country's crests etc.

If sports are an interest to you, then there are medals, tokens, coins and banknotes relating to sports. One should be careful not just to limit a collection to olympic coinage as the subject is too vast. Maybe try a numismatic piece illustrating each sport from a variety of countries.

Recently, Marvin Kay, himself an anesthesiologist in the dental profession, showed us in the pages of the CNA journal, his most interesting collection of coins and banknotes from people in the medical field.

Perhaps, like me, you dream of the far off isles in the Pacific Caribbean and palm trees. Why not try collecting one note and coin from each of these enchanted islands.

A type collection of notes showing the different portraits of Queen Elizabeth II on banknotes is most interesting. I published an illustrated listing of over 20 types of portraits about a decade ago in the CNA journal. It all started with Elizabeth II as a youngster on a 1935 \$20.00 Canadian banknote.

Masonic pennies and masonic memorabilia and CNA convention medals along with private issues of CNA convention woods and medals and CNA convention memorabilia including ID badges are other interesting secondary hobbies.

Two books that will aid you with the thematic collecting are "1993 Standard Catalogue of World Coins" by Chester L Krause and Clifford Mishler, published annually and "Standard Catalogue of World Paper money", published by Albert Pick. You can borrow these from your club library, the CNA library or ONA library. All type coins and type banknotes are illustrated, including both sides.

There are other fields for a secondary collection. This is not an exhaustive article on them, but is meant to point out some fields where you can have fun with the hobby.

## MULTI USE DEBIT CARDS

By Jerry Remick

Multi-use debit cards or cash cards may soon make coins somewhat obsolete, where they are in use.

A debit card is an electronic purse that originally holds a fixed amount of electronic cash for which the user has paid for in advance. Each time the card is used, the purchase price is automatically deducted by an electronic reader, from a metal strip on the card. When the electronic purse is empty, the card cannot be used any longer. However, in some instances, one can insert the used card and a fixed amount of cash into a machine and recharge the card.



Some readers may be familiar with prepaid cards used for subway transport, such as those that have been in use in the Washington, D.C. subway system for a number of years and which can be purchased from a subway vending machine by inserting a \$5, \$10, or \$20 U.S. banknote.

A more recent development is the prepaid pay telephone card with a cash value (often \$5.25 in New York City). These cards are now in use in cities in more than 150 countries and are gaining popularity with collectors because of the colorful and popular pictures on them.

Debit cards and prepaid pay telephone cards are the size of a credit card and are made of cardboard, plastic coated cardboard or plastic. Usually an attractive picture, often in color, is on one side and on the other side there are instructions on how to use the card.

The latest development in debit cards is the multi-use debit card. Late last year, residents in Copenhagen, Denmark began using a single debit card to pay for parking meters, pay telephones, vending machines in vending stores, pay laundromats and other services, eventually including gasoline.

For several years now, students at a number of colleges and universities in the U.S. and Japan have been using college-issued debit cards for purchases from soft drink machines, photocopiers, school laundromats and even cafeteria meals.

Electronic debit cards are being used by employees at the Royal Canadian Mint and at the various U.S. Mints for cafeteria meals and vending machine products, as they are not allowed to have coins on their person when working. The card can be recharged by a machine once the paid amount is spent or nearly spent.

I do not think it will be very long until debit cards will be available for purchases at fast food outlets such as McDonald's Restaurants and maybe even at convenience stores.

Debit cards would be most useful for public bus transportation where exact change is now required for fares.

Some collectors, especially in Europe, are already collecting prepaid pay telephone cards and there are now dealers' price lists, catalogues and several monthly magazines on the subject. Collecting debit cards will undoubtedly become another phase of our numismatic hobby in the near future once the number of different collectable cards increases and are available to the general public.

Editors note: Beginning early this year, debit cards have been used in various Canadian cities, on a test basis. Sudbury is one of the test markets, and there are many participating merchants, including a couple major grocery chains, who are taking part in the experiment.

# NUMISMATIC VACATION

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Another numismatically related summer past-time is metal detecting. Just picture yourself strolling along the beach, a local park or ballfield, using your metal detector to find those long-lost coins. Many people do just that. And there are a number of clubs which are devoted to this treasure-hunting pursuit and likely one in your area. Why not join in on the fun.

While you're out and about this summer, be sure to check out the many garage sales, flea markets and so forth, which often will turn up some real numismatic gems. While some of these flea markets are open year round, others open only in the summer and others still, have the best vendor turn-out during the summer months. Take in the 400 market in Barry, the Courtise flea market near Pickering and don't forget the many, many local church bazaars, country fairs and the like that just might hold that numismatic treasure you've been after.



of summer re-runs on the tube.

While travelling around the country, check out the local coin dealers, many of whom will appreciate your business during these usually slow months (coin dealers like to take vacations, too!) There are many smaller and part-time dealers around who have some interesting and affordable coins and tokens for the sharp-eyed coin traveller. Check out the phone book yellow pages for lists of dealers in the area you'll be visiting, or better yet, ask a fellow collector familiar with the area of the dealers he's aware of. You might want to find this information out even before you leave for your trip - a little advance planning goes a long way, as we all know.

The summer months needn't be a time of coin collecting moratorium. The nice thing about our hobby is it can be enjoyed...at any time of the year.

How about taking a few days this summer and visiting some of the collector friends you've made over the years. Do a little coin talking and coin swapping over a couple of cool ones. And if you're venturing out to area well outside of your normal travel route, look up the names of some of the collectors in the areas you'll be visiting and drop in (ONA members are always welcome to stop by my place to swap some coin stories whenever they're passing through Sudbury!).

Are you planning a trip to overseas? Make sure you bring back a healthy supply of coins and banknotes from your destination. You'll spend many fun hours looking them over when you get back to Canada, and may be able to help a collector friend or two fill a few holes in their collections.

Rainy days are good opportunities to organize your collection - cataloging it, attributing foreign coins, putting coins in 2X2's and so forth. Or catch up on some of the reading you've been putting off for so long (dust off those old coin catalogs and leaf through back issues of CCN) instead of watching the endless stream

# SHOW & BOURSE



## JULY 21-24 - CANADIAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONVENTION

Bourse, displays and Auction. Royal Connaught Hotel, Hamilton, Ont. For info. call Tom Kennedy at (519) 271-8825.

## SEPTEMBER 11 - WOODSTOCK COIN CLUB SHOW

U.A.W. Hall, 126 Beale St. from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Displays and door prizes. Admission, \$1.00. For info. write: Woodstock Coin Club, c/o 549 Grace St., N4S 4N7. 539-5926.

## SEPTEMBER 18 - LONDON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY COIN SHOW

The Ramada Inn 1817 Exeter Road (North off Hwy 401). Hours: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admission \$1.00. Info? L.N.S., 543 Kininvie Dr., London, Ont., N6G 1P1.

## OCTOBER 1 - NORTH YORK COIN CLUB SHOW

Edithvale Community Centre, 7 Edithvale Dr. North from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free Admission. Info? North York Coin Club, P.O. Box 58508, Corner Plaza P.O., 197 Sheppard Ave., East, North York, Ont., M2N 6R7.

## OCTOBER 30 - STRATFORD COIN CLUB'S 32ND ANNUAL COIN SHOW AND

Kiwanis community center, Riverside Drive. Free admission, penny draws and lots more. Hours are from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Contact Ken Wilmot, P.O. Box 21031, Stratford, Ont., N5A 7V4

## NOVEMBER 19 - WATERLOO COIN SOCIETY COIN SHOW

The Rink in the Park, Seagram Dr., Waterloo. Hours 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free Admission and Free Parking. Info: Don Robb, P.O. box 22062, Westmount Postal Outlet, Waterloo, Ont., N2L 6J7. Tel. (519) 888-9655.

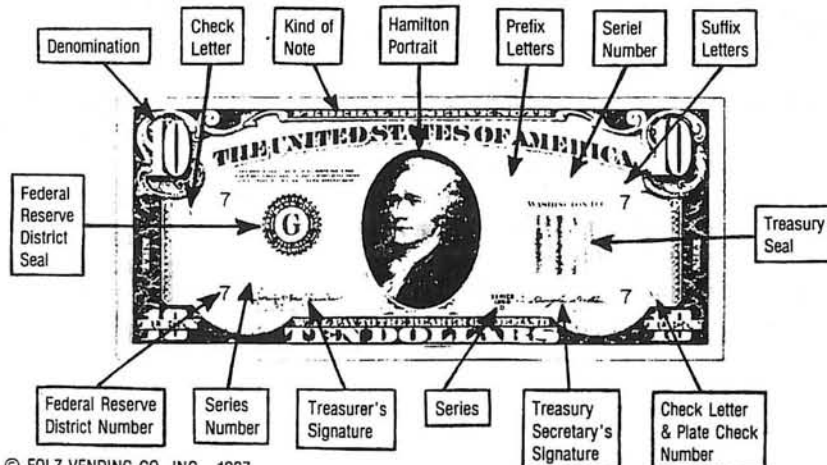
## SECOND SUNDAY EACH MONTH - OTTAWA COIN, STAMP, DEALERS ASSOC. SHOW

Nepean Sportsplex, Woodsroffe Ave., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Info: Allan Davis, P.O. box 397, Carp, Ont., D0A 1L0.

\*Send info. regarding shows, displays, special club events to: **JEFF FOURNIER, P.O. BOX 2111, STN. "A", SUDBURY, ONT., P3A 4R8.** Next deadline for the SEPT./OCT. issue of the "Ontario Numismatist" is SEPT.1/94\*

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### THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AND CODE LETTERS

The Government has authorized the 12 Federal Reserve districts, in each of which is a Federal Reserve Bank, to issue notes. Each district is designated by a number and the corresponding letter of the alphabet. The district numbers, the cities in which the 12 banks are located, and the code letters are:

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|------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| 1-Boston-A       | 5-Richmond-E  | 9-Minneapolis-I    |
| 2-New York-B     | 6-Atlanta-F   | 10-Kansas City-J   |
| 3-Philadelphia-C | 7-Chicago-G   | 11-Dallas-K        |
| 4-Cleveland-D    | 8-St. Louis-H | 12-San Francisco-L |



### SILVER CERTIFICATE

Silver Certificates were first authorized in 1878. These notes were issued against Silver Dollars held in the Treasury for their redemption. Later issues were backed by Silver Bullion, and the obligation to redeem them in Silver Dollars has been removed from the face of the notes since 1934. On June 24, 1968 The Treasury ceased the redemption of Silver Certificates. They are now ordinary circulating notes.

### REFUNDING CERTIFICATES

Refunding Certificates were issued under the Act of February 26, 1879. These notes were in tender to be more a form of Government Bond or Security, as they bore interest at the rate of 4% per year. The \$10.00 denominations made the notes available to people of moderate means. In 1907 the interest was stopped. Their redemption value today, with interest, is \$21.30.

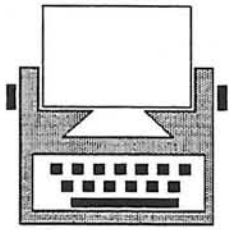
### GOLD CERTIFICATES

The first Gold Certificates issued for general circulation were the series of 1882. These notes were issued against Gold Coins held by the Treasurer for their redemption. The last issues were the small notes of 1928.

In 1933 all Gold Certificates were ordered to be returned to the Treasury for redemption. In 1964 these restrictions were lifted and collectors were permitted to hold them.

### TREASURY OR COIN NOTES

Treasury Notes were authorized in 1890. They were known as Coin Notes, because they were redeemable in either Silver or Gold Coin. There were only two issues, 1890 and 1891.



# CLUB NEWS



## **CHAMPLAIN COIN CLUB**

Nine were in attendance at the May 5th meeting, where the club constitution, June Banquet at the possibility of a coin show were discussed.

The June banquet was held on the 2nd to celebrate the club's 32nd birthday.

## **HURONIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION**

At the April meeting, 25 members and guests were in attendance. A presentation was given on security systems.

At the May meeting, 26 members and guests were present and a general report on the ONA convention was given. A slide presentation from the CNA entitled "Newfoundland Coinage" was shown.

The club's June meeting was held on the 16th.

## **INGERSOLL COIN CLUB**

The May newsletter mentioned that 1994 is the 29th year that the club has worked with the Ingersoll Kiwanis club to raise money for the Easter Seal disabled children. So far their total contribution to the charity has been \$23,000!...An excellent showing, Ingersoll members.

Recent features at the Ingersoll meetings included: a slide show on Canadian and U.S. gold in April, a white elephant auction in May, the story of the Voyageur dollar and a strawberry festival night at the June 20th meeting. As well, the club continues to produce an excellent newsletter and auction. The club will not meet during July and August.

## **LAKESHORE COIN CLUB**

The club's annual dinner was held on May 17th with a featured speaker - Jacques Villeneuve - giving a presentation on collecting.

## **MISSISSAUGA COIN CLUB**

The May 3rd meeting featured a coin grading session. Plans for the June 7th meeting included club elections, and a draw for a coin set. The club will break for the summer and resume meeting Sept. 6th.

## **NICKEL BELT COIN CLUB**

A club auction is held at all meetings throughout the year (no meetings in July and August).

At the May meeting, a business meeting and auction were held, a number of numismatic items were on display and grading was discussed. At the June meeting, Rolly Albert gave a brief presentation to the 15 members present.

## **NORTH YORK COIN CLUB**

The North York Coin club wrapped up another successful ONA convention, which proved to be a huge success. April's meeting (attended by 31) included a commentary on "How to Grade Coins" which was followed by a presentation of 12 coins which members were asked to grade. 33 attended the May 24th meeting which included an ONA convention report and a discussion on exhibiting by Paul Johnson. It was mentioned that in 1995, the club will mark their 35th anniversary.

The June meeting was to feature Don Bunjevac talking on "The United Church of Canada and its Paper Money for Use in China". The club will not meet in July but will resume again on August 23rd.

## **OSHAWA & DISTRICT COIN CLUB**

The May 15th meeting featured door prizes, an attendance draw and a donation auction. 37 members and guests attended. The last meeting of the season was scheduled for June 12th. The club will resume its meetings in September.

The newsletter reports that most of the membership attended the coin show at the Pickering Town Centre on May 28th. It was the club's 4th show at the mall and by far the best. All tables were sold well in advance and the dealers had a great day. There were several free public draws and many, many questions about numismatics and the club were fielded. The club is considering to start having displays at all future shows with prizes given for the efforts of the members.

## **SCARBOROUGH COIN CLUB**

The May meeting was highlighted by a slide show from the CNA on grading Canadian coins.

For the June 1st meeting, Terry Campbell was scheduled to show slides and talk about error coins. This will be the last meeting until Sept. 7th. Note the club's new mailing address: Scarborough Coin Club, P.O. box 562, Pickering, Ont., L1V 2R7.

## **TIMMINS COIN CLUB**

At the club's March 13th meeting, 17 were in attendance. Discussions for the April 8th and 9th coin display at the Timmins Square Mall were discussed. A set of the Post Cereal world bank notes was displayed and all in attendance were given an antiqued copper key chain from Falconbridge. A display of 1994 Wildwood tokens and Canadian Tire coupons was viewed. The month's program was entitled "The Ration Currency Coupons of Belorussia".

The April 10th meeting saw 12 in attendance. It was reported the Mall display was a success. Also reported was the formation of a new club in Kirkland Lake with membership at 12 persons. Three displays were presented: A collection of special serial numbered Bk of Canada notes, Stock certificates and two poster illustrations with history of the vessel Titanic and a display of odd and curious monies from Africa and South-East Asia.

10 were in attendance at the May 1 meeting. A 1 and 5 Rand note from South Africa was displayed. A discussion on Canadian Tire Money ensued.

## **WATERLOO COIN SOCIETY**

From the club's May newsletter..."President John McIntyre's April Fool surprise turned out to be a very interesting club project for the 40 plus members and guests in attendance. John had announced that a special collection would be presented to WCS members by an anonymous collector whose initials were P.C. For those of you that couldn't make it, the mystery initials turned out to stand for "Pocket Change" and WCS members were invited to empty their pockets and purses in an effort to discover what kind of collection could be put together out of circulating coinage.

The results were astounding! We were able to build nearly complete sets of coinage from 1968 to present for most denominations. It was not surprising, of course, that no one had a 1991 quarter in their pocket!

There were several cents dating back to the 1940's and one or two silver dimes. Goes to show you!"

The club's May auction featured over \$500 worth of coins. In the June bulletin, it was reported that a 35th anniversary "bunk note" would be produced with a limited mintage of 150. Also reported was the club's \$250.00 donation to the J. Douglas Ferguson Foundation.

The July newsletter documented the success of the club's annual Banquet on June 22. Brian Cornwell gave an interesting presentation of counterfeit coins. The July auction listed in the bulletin included trade dollars, silver dollars, nickels and large cents.

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# **MEMBERSHIP**

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

J1382 Aaron Kasman, Toronto, Ontario.

1383 Blagoj K. Belchevski, Scarborough, Ontario.

1384 Ronald Pitts, South Porcupine, Ontario.

1385 Sam Roach, South Porcupine, Ontario.

1386 Kian Jensen, South Porcupine, Ontario.

1387 George Goebel, Windsor, Ontario.

1388 W.H. McDonald, Willowdale, Ontario.

The following applications for membership have been received. If no written objection to these application is received, acceptance will appear in the next issue of the Ontario Numismatist.

1389 Mrs. May Bunnett, Willowdale, Ontario  
1390 Mrs. Lucille M. Colson, Willowdale, Ontario  
1391 R.M. Craig, West Hill, Ontario  
1392 Steven Bromberg, Orleans, Ontario  
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# KENNEDY HALF DOLLARS

By Thomas Masters

"Where were you?" Listening to your radio or watching a favorite television show, or going about your every day tasks?

Early in the afternoon on November 22nd, 1963, a flash interrupted all programs... "The President of the United States has been shot in Dallas, Texas. I repeat... John F. Kennedy, the President of the United States, has been shot. Keep listening for further details on his condition."

With these few words the North American continent and the World was made aware. The shock of it all began to set in from coast to coast and around the world. Later that afternoon after many news bulletins, the world was to be saddened with the report - "The President is dead". The shock had now set in round the world. Many people were asking the question "why". Today, 30 years later, many of the why's have not been answered, and may well never be answered. The sound of the Horses hoofs and the rumble of the caissons had hardly stilled when the wheels were put in motion to honour John F. Kennedy on the coinage of the United States. Should it be on the cent? Lincoln had adorned the cent since 1909, and many people thought a new design was necessary, or on the Jefferson nickel, the Roosevelt dime, or the Washington quarter dollar. All of these coins could have the design changed without an act of Congress, having all run the prescribed 25 years. But to remove one from either the cent, nickel, dime, or quarter, would be removing the portrait of a former president, so it was decided that the Franklin half would be the coin to be used.

Benjamin Franklin, who was one of the United States most honored citizens, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, a statesman, etc., was a very popular choice for the half dollar in 1948. but it was thought that the half dollar would have a greater impact on the people, and that the changing of the Franklin design by an act of Congress would also serve to honor a young President who had still so much to do and so much to give to the people of the United States, and to the people of the world.

The Franklin half was through, and in 1964 the Kennedy half rolled through the coin press like no other half dollar in the history of the United States coinage, and in 30 years of issue, the quantity minted has exceeded the total combined production for the previous 170 years of half dollars. Millions were minted but very few served as a medium of exchange. people from every walk of life put some away, so that they could tell their grandchildren about the coin and the man it depicted, or be able to present to them an honoured coin. Many hoarded great numbers with the hope of becoming rich over night, but with the great number minted this seems very unlikely. Only this last couple of years has one been able to pick one up in change, and many have disappeared into the melting pot for the silver content it held.

A few years ago the theme for ANA National coin week was "History in



Your Hands". Every coin that we pick up has a history if we research it. My point is that the Kennedy half is a very young series that has already had a most interesting history. Thus far it has been minted in three metal varieties - .900 fine silver in 1964, .400 clad silver from 1965 through 1970 and cupro nickel clad copper commencing in 1971. It also has the mint marks on both the reverse (1964) and the obverse (from 1968). It was also designed by three engravers. The obverse was designed by Gilroy Roberts, whose initials appear on the base of the bust. The reverse was designed by Frank Gasparro, and his initials appear beneath the eagle's left leg, and Seth G. Huntington's reverse of the 1976 Bicentennial. That was the year the U.S. celebrated their 200th anniversary, and Gilroy Roberts' obverse was unchanged except for the dual date 1776-1976. Seth Huntington's reverse design featured Independence hall in Philadelphia as the centre piece, the United States of America around the top, and "Half Dollar" across the bottom. "Two hundred years of Freedom" is to the left of Independence Hall and the motto "E. Pluribus Unum" is on the right and "Independence Hall" just below the Hall. This design was only used for the year 1976, and was issued in copper nickel clad and silver clad.



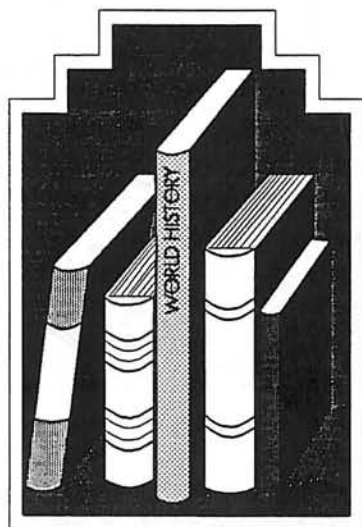
Also another interesting fact is that in 1970 the only Kennedy halves were those of the Denver Mint, and those just for the collectors who ordered sets.

The Kennedy Half is still a very young series, but in the eyes of this writer a coin that is much desired because of its beauty, history, ease to complete, reasonable cost, and in my opinion, barring unforeseen events, long life ahead.

John F. Kennedy had a great deal to offer to the world at the time of his death. May the Kennedy Half Dollar offer to the collectors of Numismatics everywhere its full potential for years to come.

## LIBRARY REPORT

By Thomas Masters



At the Annual meeting in 1993, I reported that 33 books were borrowed during that year prior to the Convention. Since the 1993 Convention, the use of the Library has seen another decline. Only 31 books were borrowed, and none through the mail. The high cost of mailing has discouraged those who used the mail to borrow these books. Most are borrowed when I take a selection of books to club meetings, and are returned the following meeting. It's a service I have been providing to several clubs which I have attended regularly for a number of years. Without this service our Library would see very little use.

Several books were added to the ONA Library since our last convention, and I would like to thank the following donors...the Royal Canadian Mint, J.D. Ferguson Foundation, Albert Kasman, Ken Wilmot, ONA, Thomas Kostaluk and Thomas Masters.

The ONA's bound copies of the CNA Journal began at number 10. I had the opportunity to acquire the CNA Journals from number 2-14 and it was my pleasure to donate...Volumes 2-1957, 3-1958, 4-1959, 5-1960, 6-1961, to the ONA library. To make our CNA Journals complete we need Volume 1-1956 of those Journals from that first year so we can have them bound. We would accept a donation, but I will also pay for that Volume so we can have a complete set. Will someone help us to secure that number 1 year ??

## THE DIONNE QUINTS

On May 28th, 1934, in a small farmhouse near Corbeil, Ontario (about 10 km from North Bay), five tiny babies were born to twenty year old Olivia Dionne. They were named Annette, Cecile, Yvonne, Emilie and Marie and they soon became known as the world-famous Dionne Quintuplets.

Hoads of people from around the world swarmed to see the five darling girls, who became instant celebrities.

One could scarcely go a day without seeing some news of the "Quints" in the local paper, or buying one of the many

products which they came to endorse - from cereal to soap they were everywhere. The famous five peered out from calendars and postcards. Dolls were created in their likeness and everywhere, the Quints were news.

## MUSEUM OPENED

Years later, the original Dionne Homestead, where the Quints were born, was opened for visitors on the grounds of the Pinewood Park Motor Inn, near the Southwest end of the city of North Bay. Later, the City purchased the 100 year old building, with the assistance of the people of North Bay and the Province of Ontario and moved it to its current location on the corner of Seymour St. and Highway 17.

Scattered throughout the refurbished building are articles of clothing, pictures, toys and other "Quints memorabilia" along with many of the Dionne's original furnishings.



## QUINTS ITEMS VERY COLLECTIBLE

Today, items featuring the Quints are highly sought after. Collectors particularly go for the original containers of food items and soaps which featured the girls.

Newspaper collectors eagerly look for copies of the May 28th newspapers which featured the story of the fantastic birth - a few samples of the stories which appear below:

### FROM THE NORTH BAY NUGGET'S LEAD STORY:

*"The stork was prolific when he visited a farm house two miles from Corbeil early this morning...Before he winged his way homeward, he had delivered five babies to Mr. and Mrs. Olivia Dionne. They were all girls.*

*It is admitted to be a record for Canada.*

*...When the Nugget and photographer arrived this morning, all was quiet at the Dionne residence. Mr. Dionne, who is 31, was not sure of the weight of the children. So a potato scale was produced and each of the youngsters placed in the pan and weighed. Their total weight amounted to 13 pounds, six ounces, with the first born leading the list at three pounds, four ounces. The two lightest tipped the beam at two pounds, four ounces..."*

### FROM THE CANADIAN PRESS - OTTAWA:

*"Mother of five children born at Corbeil today may be eligible for the "King's Bounty" of three pounds, it was learned at the Department of Secretary of State today.*

*The qualifying provisions for the bounty specify mothers of triplets. If these regulations are fully met, officials of the Department intimated, they saw no reason why the mother of quintuplets should not be eligible also."*

### FROM TORONTO:

*"The birth of five daughters to Mrs. Olivia Dionne, near Callander, Ontario is the first quintuplet birth in Canada, so far as he knows. Dr. F.C. Routley, General Secretary of the Canadian Medical Association, said today.*

*"If it is not a world record, it is a Canadian record, so far as I can recall" said Dr. Routley. "At any rate, I would say 'congratulations' to the mother and father."*

### 50TH ANNIVERSARY TOKEN STRUCK

*To help celebrate the Quints' 50th birthday, a commemorative \$1.00 token was issued in North Bay in 1984. Struck from nickel-plated-steel, they were popular with collectors and tourists. Gold-plated and pure silver specimens were also produced.*

*A few were bronze-plated and sold at the site of the Dionne Homestead, at the tourist information center in North Bay.*

## SIGNIFICANT EVENT

The three surviving Dionne's turned 60 this year and are still fondly remembered by many who lived through the 30's era.

It is easily forgotten just how significant an event this must have been during a time when most babies were born at home, without the conveniences of modern medicines or equipment such as incubators.

Furthermore, the frequency of multiple births has increased in recent years, largely due to the advent of fertility drugs. This makes the Quints, and their associated memorabilia, all the more collectible.



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# DREAM VACATION

1994

## LOTTERY RESULTS

### Ticket Sales by Clubs

Club	Books Sold
Brantford Numismatic Society	3
Cambridge Coin Club	5
Champlain Coin Club	3
Guelph Coin Club	1
Hamilton Coin Club	3
Huronian Numismatic Association	8
Ingersoll Coin Club	48
Kent Coin Club	2
Lakeshore Coin Club	4
Lake Superior Coin Club	5
London Numismatic Society	3
Mississauga Coin Club	3
Nickel Belt Coin Club	11
North York Coin Club	36
Ontario Numismatic Society	33
Oshawa Coin Club	6
Ottawa Coin Club (City of)	7
Peterborough Coin Club	5
Sarnia Coin Club	1
Scarborough Coin Club	5
St. Catharines Coin Club	5
St. Thomas Coin Club	2
Stratford Coin Club	80
Tillsonburg Coin Club	48
Waterloo Coin Society	54
Windsor Coin Club	16
Woodstock Coin Club	5
Woodville Coin Club	5
C.A.W.M.C.	1
Kingston Coin Club	1
Bancroft Coin & Stamp Club	1
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Total Book Sales	410