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THE HOBBY OF COIN COLLECTING...IT'S NO MYSTERY

By Stanley Clute

Welcome to the fascinating world of numismatics. Within the limits of your budget and area(s) of interest, this can be a challenging, exciting and rewarding hobby.

What is a coin collection? How does one start a collection? Most families have a few old coins or interesting banknotes tucked away in a drawer. Starting a collection requires only two steps: (1) organizing the coins and/or paper money that you already have, and (2) making some attempt to add to them with other coins, tokens, medals or banknotes which interest you. There are no hard and fast rules or boundaries to limit what you collect. A collection may, if you wish, include a bit of everything - coins, tokens, medals, wooden nickels, paper money, etc.

There is something very stirring about holding an old coin or token, banknote, or a more recent commemorative coin. Such pieces can acquaint you with a great variety of peoples, cultures, events, and places, far and near, past and present. It can be a real thrill to actually possess a small piece of history or a work of art. You might wonder about where your coin has been and through whose hands it has passed. These are some of the things that make coin collecting a unique passtime.

As a collector, you can, if you wish, study the history of the last 2,500 years through its monies, on account of the many examples which still survive. Not only are coins and paper money of Canada and the modern world collected but also the coins of the ancient Greeks, Romans, and Chinese, and coins of the middle ages.

A necessary tool of the collector is the reference book. There is a well-worn saying in this hobby: "buy the book before the coin." This is valid for two main reasons. First, by learning about the coins you have decided to collect, you run less risk of being overcharged and/or sold counterfeits or altered coins by unscrupulous people. Second, studying the coins you collect and learning about them helps to enhance the pleasure you will derive from your collection. Reference books have been written covering almost every phase of numismatics and many are readily available ranging in price from a couple of dollars upward. For example, a basic catalogue of Canadian coins can be purchased from a coin dealer or book store for under ten dollars. It will describe every coin minted by the Canadian government, tell you how many were made each year, and give current market values for each one. It may also give tips on how to grade coins. Grading is an important skill, for it is grade (i.e. condition or state of preservation) that determines the market value of a coin and must therefore be as accurate as possible.Continued on page 73....

EDITOR'S VIEWS



During the month of October, Canadian coin clubs are being asked to set one week aside and proclaim it coin week in their own community.

Bill Waychison, chairman of Coin Week Canada for 1996, would like to see our fine hobby exposed to the public, as much as possible, through displays at malls, libraries and news releases and so forth to the local media.

I'd like to encourage all ONA members and member clubs to do their part in promoting our hobby. Remember, only through promotion can we hope to keep our hobby alive. Without new collectors, our hobby will surely die.

One thing we mustn't forget is that many people in our communities are very ignorant of our hobby and are unaware, in many instances, that a coin club is even in existence. Please do your part to promote numismatics.

As well as setting up coin displays at malls and libraries, you might want to contact your local media - the newspaper, radio and television stations and so forth. Perhaps you could offer to be interviewed or maybe provide an interesting article about collecting to the local press.

On the first page of this bulletin, and continuing on page 73, is an article by Stan Clute which gives a nice introduction to coin collecting. Feel free to copy it (giving the author credit, of course) and use it in your local bulletin and/or send it to your local news media.

You might want to consider speaking about coin collecting at schools in your area or perhaps, at local service clubs, Boy Scout and Brownie meetings and so forth. There are plenty of opportunities to promote our hobby and I'm sure you and your club can think of many more great ideas!

I am pleased to introduce a new commemorative coin (a medal, actually) issued by my company, **CANADIAN NOVELTY COINS**, in an effort to bring more attention to coin collecting in general. It is a very limited edition, and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to Coin Week Canada to help offset the costs associated with running the program. This is the first in a planned series of medals to be issued annually for Coin Week Canada. More information is provided elsewhere in this bulletin.

Thanks again to Jerry Remick who has provided a number of interesting items for this month's bulletin including an interesting article on collecting Semi-Regal tokens, a branch of collecting which should be a part of any coin collector's decimal type collection.

I have begun, once again, to include a small classified add section in the bulletin. Should you have items you need, or for sale or trade, why not place an ad....it's free and it's effective.

Lastly, other than a number of articles from Jerry Remick, the cupboard is bare. Won't you consider sending me an article on your particular area of collecting whether it be decimals, tokens, medals, currency or what-have-you? The hard part is getting started, but the writing experience is really a rewarding one, and an educational one as well. Why not give it a try!

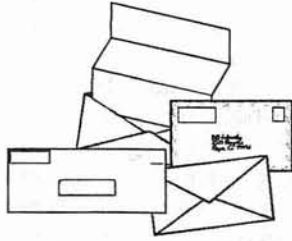
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CONTINUED FROM 1ST PAGE:...This need not be an expensive hobby. In fact, many coins from Canada and around the world are very cheap. Collectors should



tailor their interests to their respective budgets. At the other extreme, wealthier collectors may vie against each other in efforts to own extremely rare and valuable coins. While the investment potential of coins need not be the prime factor in

building a collection, neither should you overlook it completely. You should take care to select the best pieces that you can comfortably afford. Coins in superior condition will bring higher prices when resold, while those in poor condition are usually less desirable and may end up being sold at a loss.

You can buy and sell coins through knowledgeable dealers, many of whom advertise in numismatic publications. ~~Often these dealers have stores (maybe even some in your neighborhood) where you can go to buy and sell.~~ You can also transact business with dealers who have tables at coin shows. Most dealers are very friendly and helpful.



To buy through the mail, write to the dealer concerned and describe exactly what you want to buy. If the

dealer has offered coins for sale at a fixed price, enclose a cheque or money order for the full amount. Many dealers issue price lists of coins that they have for sale and will be happy to add you to their mailing list on request. A development of recent years, especially where ancient coins are concerned, is the "buy or bid" sale. The rules for this kind of sale are basically very simple. A dealer issues a list of coins for sale, each coin or lot with an estimated value. If you want to buy the coin outright before the end of the sale you may do so by paying the full estimated price. Alternatively you can place a mail bid for the coin (as in an auction) below the estimate and if the coin remains unsold at the closing date for the sale, it is then sold to the highest bidder. Such a sale often works to the collector's advantage.

Before sending coins to a dealer, check to make certain that he is willing to accept them for purchase or appraisal. Package the coins securely and send by registered or insured mail or one of the several secure alternatives currently available in Canada. Enclose an itemized invoice with the shipment and keep a copy for your own records. Enclose return postage and registration



fee (this is simple courtesy). If the dealer makes you an

offer, he will normally keep the coins in his possession until you reply either accepting or rejecting his offer.

As a collector, you need not feel alone in your hobby. Coin clubs in many cities across Canada are often eager to help novice collectors. Coin collectors are generally a friendly lot of people, willing to share their knowledge of numismatics and often participating in club events. The fraternal aspect of the hobby keeps many collectors active and enthusiastic for their entire lives. Many take great delight in traveling to numismatic conventions (the CNA puts on an annual convention each summer, usually varying the location from city to city across Canada each year), where they renew old friendships and make new ones, add to their collections and their numismatic knowledge, and learn something about the city in which the convention is held.

Coin clubs can be a boon to the collector in that you can meet other collectors of like interests, buy or swap coins, and learn about the hobby. Most clubs hold a meeting once a

month, with the possible exception of the Summer months of July and August. Since a novice collector might avoid going



to a coin club meeting because he/she doesn't know what to expect, let us now take a brief walk through a typical coin club meeting. Your experience with a coin club meeting begins when you first walk through the door. Some clubs actually have people delegated to greet newcomers as they arrive. In others your first meeting with some of the club's members will be more informal. Most clubs try to make visitors feel welcome and at home. The meeting begins as the club president calls the meeting to order. Guests are introduced to the meeting. The previous meeting's minutes are read and are followed by a (usually) brief business meeting in which club affairs are dealt with. After the business meeting finishes, a break is declared, during which refreshments may be served. This is a good chance for members and guests to meet and mingle. After the meeting convenes again, a door prize draw may be held. At this point the meeting will usually include some sort of feature educational program. This may take the form of a guest speaker, a numismatic slide set (many good ones are available through the CNA Library), or some other format.



The meeting may or may not wind up with a small

auction of numismatic items. In most instances coin club meetings are fairly informal in nature and provide a good chance for the visitor to get to know other collectors.

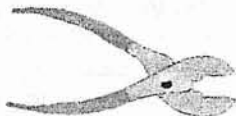
In addition to monthly meetings, coin clubs often undertake other activities to reach collectors and members of the general public. Such events may take the form of producing an annual coin show, promotional tables at other community events, sponsoring (i.e. organizing and doing the leg work for) national or regional numismatic conventions, etc.

Now a few comments about the proper care of your coins. In order to preserve them in the best possible condition, they should not be abused, mishandled, or stored loosely with other coins, since nicks, scratches, dents and other problems can develop. If it is necessary to handle your coins, they should be held between two fingers on the rim, NEVER on the faces where finger marks can damage a coin's surface.

Pressed board albums are commonly used for storing coin sets. 2" x 2" paper envelopes are available for storing individual coins. For extra protection the coins can be inserted in special chemically neutral plastic bags or holders before being placed in the envelopes. The clear plastic envelopes called "flips" are quite popular. When dealing with any storage method involving plastic, care should be taken to avoid any holders containing the chemical PVC as this can severely damage a coin and therefore lower its desirability and value.

An excellent method of storing coins is the 2" x 2" cardboard holder with a clear "cellophane" window. The holders actually come in 2" x 4" size and fold in the middle to form a "frame" around both sides of the coin. The white cardboard is excellent for writing information about the coin, while the clear window allows both sides of the coin to be viewed. After stapling, the staples should be "crimped" flat with a pair of pliers: this will facilitate storage and prevent the staples from damaging other coins with which they might otherwise come into contact.

You may wish to catalogue your collection for reference and security purposes. Choose a system which works well for you and contains a thorough description of each coin (e.g. country of origin, date, denomination, metallic composition, condition and, if known, the name of the previous owner) this latter is known as "provenance": the record of a coin's history of



ownership. A coin with a provenance from an important collection will command a greater price than the same coin without a provenance. Such a catalogue will be invaluable should any or all of your coins be stolen or lost, or if you decide to sell the coins or have them appraised.

Coins should be cleaned only as a last resort and only if absolutely necessary. If cleaning is necessary, coins should be cleaned only by experts no-one else. Older coins which retain the deep coloration of age are much more desirable than coins whose surfaces have been stripped and ruined by improper cleaning. Loose dirt can normally be removed by careful washing with water and good quality soap. The coin should then be patted dry with a soft towel. DO NOT brush or rub a coin with rough objects or abrasives. This can wear away the coin's surface, or leave scratches, both of which can be detrimental to a coin's value.

I hope that you have found information in this article that will be of use to you in your future collecting endeavors. Happy collecting.

Note: *Stanley Clute is a professional numismatist and an owner of the coin shop Millenium Coin and Stamp in Calgary, Alberta. He is a member of several numismatic organizations and past president of the Canadian Numismatic Association, Canada's largest organized numismatic body.*

To learn more about the coin club nearest you via Internet contact Jeff Fournier (in English) at jfem@cwconnect.ca or Claude Bernard (in French) at graphx@Mlink.NET.

MEMBERSHIP

The applications for membership which appeared in the January-February and March-April issues of the Ontario Numismatist have been accepted. The following applications for membership have been received and acceptance will appear in the next issue of the Ontario Numismatist.



- 1589 Frank Fesco, Ottawa, Ont.
 - 1590 Bob Taylor, Stittsville, Ont.
 - 1591 Vic Chumczuk, Ottawa, Ont.
 - 1592 Norm Belsten, Downsview, Ont.
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 - 1595 Laurent Bernier, Greenfield Park, Que.
 - 1596 Yvon Chicoine, Montreal, Que.
 - 1597 Brian Dufour, Amherstburg, Ont.
 - 1598 John Horne, Windsor, Ont.
- C110 Thistleton Coin & Stamp Club, c/o Robert Porter,
46 Bankfield Dr., Rexdale, Ont., M9V 2P8



SHOW & BOURSE

SEPTEMBER 22, 1996 - GARDEN CITY COLLECTIBLE SHOW

At the C.A.W. Hall, 124 Bunting Rd. 70+ tables, draws, snacks. 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Admission \$2 (adults) \$1 (children, seniors), under 14 free. Contact Wayne Gilroy, 23 Woodcrest Dr., St. Catharines, ON., L2T 2Y2 (905)682-1167.

SEPTEMBER 22, 1996 - LONDON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY COIN SHOW

At the Ramada Inn, 817 Exeter Rd. from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. Admission \$1. For more info. write to the LNS at 543 Kininvie Dr., London, Ont., N6G 1P1, 519 - 472 - 9679.

SEPTEMBER 27 - 29, 1996 - INTERNATIONAL COLLECTORS' FAIR

At the Holiday Inn, QEW at Lake St. Stamps, covers, postcards, coins, medals, paper money, sports cards. Friday from 5 pm to 9 pm, Sat. from 10 am to 5 pm and Sun. from 10 am to 5 pm. Call Trajan Publishing at 905-646-7744 for more info.

SEPTEMBER 28, 1996 - SCARBOROUGH COIN CLUB COIN DISPLAY

At the Cedarbrae Mall from 9:30 am - 4 pm. There will be members from the club present to answer questions on coin collecting. Contact the club at P.O. Box 562, Pickering, Ont., K1V 2R7 for more information.

OCTOBER 12, 1996 - DURHAM COIN '96

Sponsored by the Oshawa & District Coin Club, at the Pickering Town Centre, Hwy #2 and Liverpool Rd. from 9 am to 5 pm. Contact Earl MacLean, P.O. Box 30557, Oshawa Centre, Oshawa, Ont., L1J 8L8. Internet: papman@direct.com.

OCTOBER 19, 1996 - FALL BURLINGTON INTERNATIONAL COIN SHOW

At the Mainway Recreation Centre (Corner Mainway & Walkers Line). 9 am to 4 pm. For more info. contact Nancy Kanerva 905-335-0138 or George Butt, 905-335-9444.

OCTOBER 20, 1996 - TILLSONBURG COIN CLUB ANNUAL COIN & HOBBY SHOW

Mount Elgin community centre, 5 miles south of 401 & 5 miles north of Tillsonburg on Hwy. 19, exit south off 401 at Ingersoll - Tillsonburg exit. Info: Bill Baxter, 46 Queen St., Tillsonburg, Ont., N4G 3G9 or Wayne MacFarlane, 25 4th St. Tillsonburg, Ont., N43G 1H1, 519-842-2010.

OCTOBER 26-27, 1996 - TOREX SHOWS & AUCTIONS

At the Primrose Hotel, 111 Carlton St (Pearson Ballroom). Coins, paper money, cards, books, supplies, pens, watches, militaria. Sat. 10 am to 5 pm and Sunday, 10 am to 3 pm. Contact Ingrid K. Smith at 416-260-9070.

OCTOBER 27, 1996 - STRATFORD COIN CLUB COIN SHOW

34th annual coin show at the Kiwanis Community Centre, Lakeside Dr., 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. Free Admission. Write the club for more info.: R.P.O. box 21031, Stratford, Ontario, N5A 7V4.

NOVEMBER 8 - 10 - THE HOBBY SHOW

At the International Centre, 6900 Airport Rd. Fri. from 12 pm to 9 pm; Sat. from 10 am to 8 pm. and Sun. from 10 am to 6 pm. Contact Ted Curl, Seven Avon Court, Whitby, Ont., L1N 3H2, 905-428-6466, fax: 905-666-8316.

NOVEMBER 10, 1996 - WINDSOR COIN CLUB COIN & SPORTS CARD SHOW

At the Cabot Club, Tecumseh & Parent Streets. \$1 admission. Contact Ron Binder, 2279 Hall Ave., Windsor, Ont., N8W 2L8, 519 - 254 - 6855.

NOVEMBER 16, 1996 - WATERLOO COIN SHOW

At The Rink In The Park, Seagram Drive, Waterloo, Ontario. Hours: 10 am to 5 pm. 18 Dealers at 24 Bourse Tables. Free admission. For info., contact Don Robb, Box 22062, Westmount P.O., Waterloo, Ont., N2L 6J7, 519 - 888 - 9655.

NOVEMBER 17, 1996 - GARDEN CITY COLLECTIBLE SHOW

At the C.A.W. Hall, 124 Bunting Rd. 70+ tables, draws, snacks. 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Admission \$2 (adults) \$1 (children, seniors), under 14 free. Contact Wayne Gilroy, 23 Woodcrest Dr., St. Catherines, ON., L2T 2Y2 (905)682-1167.

NOVEMBER 30, 1996 - N.I.C.F. presents "COIN-A-RAMA

at Our Lady of Peace Hall, 6944 Stanley Avenue, Niagara Falls, Ontario. Over 40 dealer tables. Coins, stamps, cards, jewelry, paper money, tokens and medals. For info: N.I.C.F, 7581 Dorchester, Niagara Falls, Ont., L2G 7G4, 905-356-5006.

2ND SUNDAY @ MONTH - OTTAWA COIN, STAMP DEALERS' ASSOC. SHOW

Nepean Sportsplex, Woodsroffe Ave., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.. Info? Allen Davis, P.O. Box 397, Carp, Ont., D0A 1L0.

Send info. regarding shows, displays, special club events etc... to: O.N.A. Editor, P.O. Box 2111, Stn. "A", Sudbury, Ont., P3A 4R8, email: jfern@cwconnect.ca

SMALL MINTAGE COIN WEEK CANADA MEDAL



During the month of October, local Canadian Coin Clubs will choose a week to celebrate Coin Week Canada in their respective areas and focus on demystifying numismatics for the general public. An extremely limited edition 2" cast medallion has been produced to commemorate Coin Week Canada. The obverse features a polar bear and loon, while the reverse features a number of symbols of relevance to Canada and Canadian culture: a steam train, a group of Inuit people with hands interlocked, a totem pole, a Canadian flag, a fishing schooner and a pioneer. The souvenir medallions

are available to collectors in five different finishes at the following prices (mintages appear in brackets) All prices are postpaid: Antiqued gold plate (100) - \$7.99 Can. or \$6.49 U.S., Antiqued silver plate (25) - \$9.99 Can. or \$8.49 U.S., Antiqued bronze plate (25) - \$9.99 Can. or \$8.49 U.S., Bright gold plate (25) - \$9.99 Can. or \$8.49 U.S., Bright silver plate (25) - \$9.99 Can. or \$8.49 U.S. Medallions are available on a first come, first served basis. A percentage of all sales will go to the Coin Week Canada program. Orders should be made payable to Canadian Novelty Coins and sent to the following address:

CANADIAN NOVELTY COINS
P.O. Box 2111 Stn. A,
Sudbury, Ontario, P3A 4R8
Ph. 705-560-7385 Fax: 566-2025
email: jfern@cwconnect.ca

A TYPE COLLECTION OF THE PROVINCE OF CANADA SEMI-REGAL TOKENS IN THE STERLING SYSTEM ISSUED BY THREE BANKS

By Jerry Remick

To complete a type collection of decimal coins dated 1858 (1 cent, 5 cent, 10 cent, and 20 cent) and 1859 (1 cent) issued by the Province of Canada (Quebec and Ontario), I highly recommend collecting a set of a total of six type coins, dated from 1842 through 1857, and issued by three banks. The coins are in the sterling system of pence, shillings and pounds and were issued in large quantities by the Bank of Montreal (dated 1842 and 1844), the Quebec Bank (dated 1852) and the Bank of Upper Canada (dated 1850, 1852, 1854 and 1857). Each bank issued one type of half penny and one type of one penny coin. The coins are attractive, large, in copper and catalogue at from \$3.00 to \$12.00 in fine condition. If desired, the entire date series, cited above, may be collected. This would involve collecting only seven more coins than if you decided to collect a type series.

In 1841, the provinces of Upper Canada (Ontario) and Lower Canada (Quebec) were reunited to form the Province of Canada, and they remained so until July 1, 1867, when along with Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, these colonies formed the Dominion of Canada. The first coinage for the Dominion of Canada is dated 1870.

Major die varieties are limited to the half penny and one penny tokens issued by the Bank of Upper Canada, whose head office was in Toronto. There are two major die varieties for the half penny and one

penny tokens. The 1852 issues show either the reverse and obverse dies rotated 180 degrees or in the normal position, both varieties being equally common. The 1854 issues show either a plain "4" or a crosslet 4, the latter being much scarcer, especially in better than VG condition. There is a minor variety of the 1850 one penny with a small dot on the reverse just above the "P" of "PENNY".

Photos of all type coins and the above mentioned die varieties plus historical data and valuations on the issues by the three banks are presented in "COINS OF CANADA" by J.A. Haxby and R.C. Willey.

A number of minor die varieties are illustrated and catalogued in "THE CHARLTON STANDARD CATALOGUE OF CANADIAN COLONIAL TOKENS" edited by W.K. Cross.

Dr. Eugene C. Courteau made a very detailed study of the tokens issued by the three banks, resulting in the following three publications, each of which lists many very minor die varieties:

"THE COPPER TOKENS OF THE BANK OF MONTREAL", 1919; "THE HABITANT TOKENS OF LOWER CANADA (PROVINCE OF QUEBEC)", 1927; "THE ST. GEORGE COPPER TOKENS OF THE BANK OF UPPER CANADA", 1934. The booklets range from 25 to 32 pages and may be borrowed from major numismatic libraries such as that of the Canadian Numismatic Association, (Librarian, Geoffrey G. Bell, 118 Cameron Street, Moncton, New Brunswick, E1C

5V6, telephone 506-857-9403 - daytime).

Besides the bank tokens listed here, the only other coins issued for currency use in the Province of Canada are the decimal coins of 1 cent, 5 cents, 10 cents, and 20 cents dated 1858 and the 1 cent dated 1859. The 1858 and 1859 one cent coins are of the same type design, so only one of them is needed for a type collection. These decimal



coins, together with the bank tokens listed here, would make a very interesting and educational display at any coin show or convention.

A collection of the decimal coins and bank tokens mentioned in this article should be of particular interest to residents of Quebec and Ontario, as they were issued mainly for circulation in these two provinces. However, as with most coinages of that period, they circulated to some extent in the Atlantic Provinces.

A CHECKLIST OF SEMI - REGAL TOKENS BY TYPE

BANK OF MONTREAL HALF PENNY TOKEN

() 1842 and 1844 (Bank of Montreal building / Arms of the City of Montreal)



BANK OF MONTREAL ONE PENNY TOKEN

() 1842 (Bank of Montreal Building / Arms of the City of Montreal)



QUEBEC HALF PENNY TOKEN

() 1852 (A Habitant / Arms of Quebec City)

QUEBEC ONE PENNY TOKEN

() 1852 (A Habitant / Arms of Quebec City)

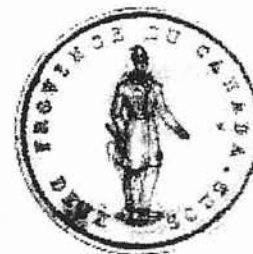


UPPER CANADA HALF PENNY TOKEN

() 1850, 1852, 1854 and 1857 (St. George slaying the dragon / 2 cornucopias, sword, crown and other objects.)

UPPER CANADA ONE PENNY TOKEN

() 1850, 1852, 1854 and 1857 (St. George slaying the dragon / 2 cornucopias, sword, crown and other objects.)



ANA SCHOOL OF NUMISMATICS DIPLOMA PROGRAM

The American Numismatic Association has unveiled a most interesting and educational program designed to acquaint the collector with the essentials of numismatics. The result will entitle the successful graduates to receive a special certificate and use of the title "Diplomate of Numismatics" for Level 1 study and "Master Numismatist" for Level 2 study. The Diplomate of Numismatics program (Level 1) consists of six courses, plus required readings which can be taken by correspondence courses, through classroom courses at the ANA annual Summer Conference in Colorado Springs, the ANA's three day travelling seminars, or any combination. Written exams must be successfully completed for all required courses and participants must finish the program within four years. The cost of the program is quite reasonable. While the material has an emphasis on United States numismatics, this is the only program available that allows the student to achieve a designate in numismatics. Below are the required courses and readings for Level 1:

- * Introduction to Numismatics
- * Grading Coins Today
- * Grading Mint-State U.S. coins
- * Detecting Counterfeit and Altered U.S. coins
- * Minting Processes and the History of the United States Mint
- * Errors and Varieties
- * Money Talks - the First Year

The American Numismatic Association invited a select few well-known numismatists to become Charter Graduates of the School of Numismatics Diploma Program. Twenty one individuals were required to write a comprehensive examination on numismatics and complete it successfully. The graduates were recognized as having ventured into the world of numismatics and brought the hobby to other people. Their work in the numismatic community is distinguished and has made lasting contributions to the world of numismatics. The following well-known numismatists were awarded a Charter Graduate certificate during a special Press Conference at the 1996 ANA convention in Denver:

Dr. William Bischoff
Robert Hoge
Harvey Stack
Dr. Richard Doty
Ed Rochette

James Halperin
Margo Russell
John Davenport
J. P. Martin

Will Rossman
Ken Bressett
Chester Krause
J.T. Stanton

Q. David Bowers
Paul Johnson
Dr. Alan Stahl
Arthur Fitts III

Scott Travers
Anthony Swiatek
Eric Newman
Bill Fivaz

The one Canadian to become a Charter Graduate of this program is Paul Johnson, primarily for his work in the educational field. Paul is the Coordinator of the CNA / NESAs Numismatic Correspondence Course and has worked on numerous educational seminars for the C.N.A. during the past number of years. He has organized numerous educational seminars for the CNA as well as other associations, coordinated the CNA Audio-Visual Program and developed such CNA references as "The Club Organizational Handbook" and the "Exhibits and Judging in Numismatics" handbook.

The photo included here shows ANA President, Ken Bressett (middle) presenting Paul Johnson (left) with his "Master Numismatist" graduate certificate from the American Numismatic Association. James Taylor, ANA Education Director (right) looks on. Taylor coordinates all educational projects within the American Numismatic Association.



If you would like further information and a brochure about the ANA School of Numismatics Diploma Program, contact *The American Numismatic Association, 818 North Cascade Avenue, Colorado Springs, Colorado, 80903-3279. Phone (800) 367-9723 or fax (719)634-4085. Internet: anaedu@money.org*

NEW ISSUES

WAWA ISSUES \$3.00 TOKEN

By Jerry Remick

The Rotary Club of Wawa, Ontario has issued a \$3.00, 1996 dated municipal token valid until December 31, 1996. It is identical in design to their municipal tokens issued annually from 1989 to 1995. This is their first \$3.00 token. The 1995 token had a \$2.00



value.

The obverse side shows a view of a 30 foot high steel sculpture of a Canada goose with wings outstretched. The statue is situated at the entrance to Wawa.

The reverse side shows four images, representing the major industries in Wawa and surrounding area: a mine shaft for mining, a fish that has just jumped out of the water for fishing, a spruce tree for forest products and a moose for moose hunting. A Wawa Rotarian designed the token.

ohnson Matthey Limited of Toronto struck 2,000 tokens on 32mm copper-nickel blanks with a milled edge. Each are electronically heat sealed in a vinyl pack with ten tokens to a sheet.

The tokens are available for \$4.50 each postpaid for the first token and \$3.50 postpaid for

each additional token from: THE ROTARY CLUB OF WAWA, ATTN. KENNETH E. THOMPSON, P.O. BOX 280, WAWA, ONTARIO, P0S 1K0. Back issues are available for the years 1993, 1994 and 1995 at \$2.00 each plus \$1.50 for the first token and 50 cents for each additional one ordered.

Wawa, meaning "Wild Goose" in Ojibway, is so named because of the geese that once rested on Wawa Lake during migration. Wawa is situated near the northwest corner of Lake Superior. The area offers excellent trout and salmon fishing, as well as moose hunting.



The items catalogued in the book were selected "because they were issued by a commercial enterprise as money in exchange for goods or services and they were valid for a reasonable period of time." The 58 page handbook is on 8.5" by 11" pages and stapled together. There are 3 holes punched in the left side, so the book can be kept in a three ring binder and supplementary pages added in the future. More than 250 photographs illustrate the book. About 450 Canadian commercial trade coupons are catalogued.

The handbook is divided into two sections. The first, lists coupons issued by gasoline and oil companies. The second lists coupons issued by other types of businesses.

Coupons in both sections are listed alphabetically under the name of their issuer. Photos of one or both sides of each type of coupon are given with the actual size of the coupon printed in centimeters under the photo. The denomination for each type note are listed, as well as the color of ink and paper for each denomination. Varieties are listed as well. Valuations and numbers printed are not given.

CANADIAN COMMERCIAL TRADE COUPONS CATALOGUED

"THE HANDBOOK OF



CANADIAN COMMERCIAL TRADE COUPONS, FIRST EDITION" by Jean Guy Cote was released on April 20, 1996 at \$12.95 retail. It is available by mail for \$15.00 postpaid from Jean Guy Cote, 238 Davenport Road, Suite 207, Toronto, Ontario, M5R 1J6.



CLUB NEWS

Time for a little change! Instead of simply reiterating what's been going on around the clubs, I thought it might be a good idea to look at what some of the clubs in Ontario, and even Canada, have done, which I feel could be really helpful to a good many of the clubs who receive the ONA Numismatist.

The North York Coin Club's bulletin has a numismatic question most months. Members come to the meeting prepared to answer what usually is, a very thought provoking question. Also at their meetings, members often give brief talks about their collecting interests. Both of these ideas are worth noting, as they help promote member involvement.

The Scarborough Coin Club, when short of articles for their newsletter, often include an article from a back issue of the CNA journal....a great idea as many club members may not belong to the CNA or may not have been a member at the time the particular article was published. Just remember, as the Scarborough Coin Club does, to give the author credit for the article.

The Stratford Coin Club has, for several years, issued "swan bucks" - wooden nickels with the club's logo on one side and a different theme on the other each year. These have been tremendously successful.

The Nickel Belt Coin Club issued a 40th anniversary medal this year and it too, has proven tremendously successful. In fact, their limited edition sets sold out!

The Halifax Coin Club issued souvenir scrip this year to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the schooner Bluenose and a municipal amalgamation.

I truly believe that as coin clubs, we should try to issue some type of numismatic item, similar to what these clubs have done. What better way to promote our hobby and our clubs, then with an issue of commemorative medals, tokens or scrip.

The Waterloo Coin Society won the 1995 ONA Newsletter of the Year award this year. Coincidentally (or is it really!?) they have one of the strongest and most active clubs in the province. What does this say about the club newsletter? Only that it's tremendously important. Don't underestimate the importance such a newsletter has to the well-being of your club.

Another excellent effort by the Waterloo club....they collected \$147,247 worth of Zehrs tapes and were reimbursed \$327.22 by the grocery chain. Could other clubs not embark on a similar project to raise funds? I know for a fact that this would go a long way in keeping many clubs solvent.

The Champlain Coin Club has had a number of hobby nights, where members show their collections other than coins or stamps. It's a little off the topic of coins, perhaps, but definitely adds a lot of fun to a club meeting and helps members get to know each other much better.

Turning to the West, the Calgary Numismatic Society has an annual award (the Donald D. Paterson Award) which is presented each year to the person who contributes most to the hobby of numismatics in that area. What kind of awards does your club give out on an annual basis? If you don't recognize your members for outstanding achievements and the work they've done for the club, they may begin to feel unappreciated and lose interest. Think about it. Maybe its time to institute an award of your own.

These are only a few of the ideas I've garnered from the club newsletters over the years. There are many more. In the future, I'll look at some others, in the hopes that they will help your club to become stronger.

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YOU TOO, CAN BE FAMOUS!



A few issues ago, I asked the ONA executive to submit a photo of themselves for inclusion in this newsletter. (I thought the membership might be interested in seeing some of your mugs in case they ever bumped into you at a convention or coin show). Well, the ol' mailbag has been o'r flowin with responses. A few of the pictures are reproduced here. Can you match the picture with any of the names on the first page of this bulletin?

Seriously, folks...I haven't had even one response. A little dissapointing. So, I guess I'll have to ask again. And yes, I am still interested in writing your story about how you got started in collecting. Anyone willing to send me some info. so I can include it in this bulletin? Our members would



love to hear about you. We all have a story to tell. As Mark Twain said "no man has an uninteresting life" - (or something to that effect). Come on executive... submit your mugs....and members, tell us why you collect coins. We're looking forward to hearing from you and publishing your pictures and stories!

PRIZE WINNERS IN NEW MEMBER DRAW

A draw was held following the ONA Registrants/Dealer Reception at the 1996 ONA Convention for the "New ONA Member" prizes promoted in the special application form that was sent to all local coin clubs. The actual drawing of the winning tickets was conducted by Pierre Morin of the Royal Canadian Mint. Some prizes were distributed to the winners during the Convention, others were given to a member of the local coin club known to be frequented by the winner or to the ONA Area Director. A few were mailed out. The original coin designer sketches are being distributed over the next month, since they were first going to be photocopied for an article and also photographed for inclusion in new audio visual slide presentations. Note that all new 1995 members and anyone that had renewed by December 31, 1995 was automatically eligible, as were all Life Members.

PRIZE

WINNER

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| 1 | First of three copies of "My 2 Cents Worth" by Jack Veffer (donated by the author) | #1555 Catharine Rainville, Maidstone, Ont. |
| 2 | Second of three copies of "My 2 Cents Worth" | #1534 L. Seguin, Hammer, Ont. |
| 3 | Third of three copies of "My 2 Cents Worth" | #1275 Francis Hollingshead, Guelph, Ont. |
| 4 | A set of 50 different wooden nickels (donated by CAWMC) | #1581 Ronald Cheek, Kanata, Ont. |
| 5 | First of 2 sets of 25 different Canadian trade dollars | #1155 Ross King, Chesley, Ont. |
| 6 | Second of 2 sets of 25 different Canadian trade dollars | #1554 Wm. Rainville, Maidstone, Ont. |
| 7 | A new one-year subscription to either Canadian Coin News, Canadian Stamp News, Canadian Sports Card Collector or Canadian Antique News (donated by Paul Fiocca, Publisher of Trajan Publications) | #1197 Wm. Jarema, Stratford, Ont. |
| 8 | A set of 6 RCM pogs of the new \$2 coin consisting of 5 different reverses, one common obverse and one autographed by Brent Townsend, designer of the \$2 coin | #LM52 Grover Criswell, Salt Springs, Florida |
| 9 | A set of 2 photographs of Raymond Taylor's successful submissions of his 1988 \$20 coins, mounted on cardboard and autographed | #1328 Harry James St. Thomas, Ont. |
| 10 | A set of 6 numismatic reference works published by the J. Douglas Ferguson Historical Research Foundation consisting of Currency and Medals of Prince Edward Island, Aspects of the Numismatics of North America, Yukon Numismatica, Coins of New Brunswick, Canadian Welcome Home Medals 1899-1945 and the limited edition presentation hard-cover Interpam Book (donated by the Foundation) | #LM41 Ross Wilby Burlington, Ont. |
| 11 | A sketch submitted to the RCM by Stewart Sherwood for the 1979 "Year of the Child" \$100 coin design judging competition | #1582 T. H. McFerran Gloucester, Ont. |
| 12 | A set of 2 sketches that were submitted to the RCM by Raymond Taylor for the 1978 "Unity" \$100 coin design judging competition | #LM1 J.B. Hartford, Dunedin Beach, Florida |

CLUB PRIZE WINNERS IN ONA NEW MEMBER DRIVE

A draw was held at the ONA Club Delegates Meeting of the 1996 ONA Convention for the club portion of prizes in the "New ONA Member" promotion. The draw was promoted in the special application form that was sent to all local coin clubs by John Regitko, ONA Club Services Chairman. Some prizes were distributed to the club representative present at the Club Delegates Meeting, some were given to the ONA Area Director if no club representative was present at the meeting, while a few will be mailed out to the winning clubs in the near future. The original coin designer sketches are being distributed over the next month, since they were first going to be photographed for inclusion in new audio visual slide presentations.

PRIZE	WINNER
1 First of 3 copies of "My 2 Cents Worth" by Jack Veffer (donated by author)	Huronia
2 Second of 3 copies of "My 2 Cents Worth"	Peterborough
3 Third of 3 copies of "My 2 Cents Worth"	Windsor
4 First of 4 hard-cover copies of 'Canadian Bank Notes' (donated by Bill Cross, Publisher of Charltons)	St. Catharines
5 Second of 4 hard-cover copies of 'Canadian Bank Notes'	North York
6 Third of 4 hard-cover copies of 'Canadian Bank Notes'	Cambridge
7 Fourth of 4 hard-cover copies of 'Canadian Bank Notes'	Scarborough
8 A set of 50 different Canadian wooden nickels (donated by CAWMC)	Scarborough
9 A new one-year subscription to a choice of either Canadian Coin News, Canadian Stamp News or Canadian Antique News (donated by Paul Fiocca, Publisher of Trajan Publications)	Woodstock
10 A set of 6 RCM pogs of the new \$2 coin consisting of 5 different reverses, a common obverse and 1 autographed by Brent Townsend, designer of the coin)	Nickel Belt
11 A set of 50 different Canadian trade dollars	Windsor
12 A set of 6 numismatic reference works published by the J. Douglas Ferguson Historical Research Foundation consisting of Currency and Medals of Prince Edward Island, Aspects of the Numismatics of North America, Yukon Numismatica, Coins of New Brunswick, Canadian Welcome Home Medals 1899-1945 and the limited edition presentation hard-cover Interpam Book (donated by the Foundation)	Waterloo
13 A sketch by Stewart Sherwood submitted to the RCM for the 1979 "Year of the Child" \$100 coin design judging competition	Nickel Belt
14 Another sketch by Stewart Sherwood for the 1979 "Year of the Child" \$100 coin design competition	Thistletown
15 A set of 2 sketches submitted to the RCM by Raymond Taylor for the 1979 "Year of the Child" \$100 coin design judging competition	Mississauga
16 A set of 2 sketches submitted to the RCM by Raymond Taylor for the 1980 "Arctic Territories" commemorative \$1 nickel coin judging competition	Waterloo
17 A sketch by Raymond Taylor for the 1984 "Jacques Cartier" commemorative \$1 nickel dollar	Ottawa
18 A sketch by David Craig for the Canada 125 coin design contest for the "Northwest Territories" 25 cent	Sarnia

WINNERS IN THE 1996 ONA CONVENTION HOST CLUB DRAW

A draw was held at the ONA Banquet of the 1996 ONA Convention for winners in the "Host Club" Draw. Tickets were drawn by by John Regitko, organizer of the special draw. Some of the prizes were distributed to the winners at the Banquet, others were given to a member of the executive of the local coin club known to be frequented by the winner. A few were mailed out. The 12 original coin designer sketches are being distributed over the next month, since they were first going to be photographed for inclusion in new audio visual slide presentations. Thank you for your patience!

PRIZE

WINNER

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| 1 | A lot of 50 wooden nickels (donated by CAWMC) | Randy Larsen, Stillwater Lake, NS |
| 2 | First of 2 lots of 25 Canadian trade dollars | P. Wiedemann, Cambridge, ON |
| 3 | Second of 2 lots of 25 Canadian trade dollars | K. Osovitch, Temperance, Mich |
| 4 | First of 3 copies of "My 2 Cents Worth" by Jack Veffer (donated by the author) | Chris Boyer, Kitchener, ON |
| 5 | Second of 3 copies of "My 2 Cents Worth" | Lou Vesh, West Guilford, ON |
| 6 | Third of 3 copies of "My 2 Cents Worth" | Mike Hollingshead, Arkell, ON |
| 7 | First of 4 hardcover copies of Charlton's CANADIAN BANK NOTES" (donated by Bill Cross) | P. Wiedemann, Cambridge, ON |
| 8 | Second of 4 hardcover copies of Charlton's CANADIAN BANK NOTES" | Jim McHugh, Cambridge, ON |
| 9 | Third of 4 hardcover copies of Charlton's CANADIAN BANK NOTES" | Ralph Luft, Kitchener, ON |
| 10 | Fourth of 4 hardcover copies of Charlton's CANADIAN BANK NOTES" | K. Osovitch, Temperance, Mich. |
| 11 | First of 5 gift certificates "Good for 100 business cards" (donated by John Regitko) | Ron Zelk, North York, ON |
| 12 | Second of 5 gift certificates "Good for 100 business cards" | Pierre Morin, Ottawa, ON |
| 13 | Third of 5 gift certificates "Good for 100 business cards" | K. Osovitch, Temperance, Mich. |
| 14 | Fourth of 5 gift certificates "Good for 100 business cards" | Norm Belsten, North York, ON |
| 15 | Fifth of 5 gift certificates "Good for 100 business cards" | George Smith, Hamilton, ON |
| 16 | First of 2 certificates "Good for a set of 100 letterheads and envelopes" | Jim McHugh, Cambridge, ON |
| 17 | Second of 2 certificates "Good for a set of 100 letterheads and envelopes" | P. Wiedemann, Cambridge, ON |
| 18 | Set of 2 books published by the J. Douglas Ferguson Historical Research Foundation: Coins of N.B. and The Currency and Medals of PEI (donated by the Foundation) | Peter Kuchma, Kitchener, ON |
| 19 | A copy of "Coins of the Modern Olympic Games (Volume 1) by Michele Menard (donated by the J Douglas Ferguson Historical Research Foundation) | Bruce Raszman, Kitchener, ON |
| 20 | Set of 6 pogs distributed by the RCM at the unveiling of the new \$2 coin design (5 different reverses, 1 common obverse, 1 autographed by the coin's designer) | Martin Lamoureux, Scarborough |
| 21 | A cerlox-bound library copy of the CNA Correspondence Course (donated by Paul Johnson, Chairman of the CNA Education Committee) | David Phillips, Port Alberni, BC |
| 22 | Set of 2 sketches submitted to the RCM for 1980 \$1 "Arctic Territories" by Raymond Taylor | Earl Salterio, Calgary, Alta. |
| 23 | A sketch by Raymond Taylor for 1992 Canada 125 25 cent "Nova Scotia" | Stanley Osovitch, Toledo, Ohio |
| 24 | A set of 2 sketches by Stewart Sherwood for 1979 \$100 "Year of the Child" | Jeff Jennings, Guelph, ON |
| 25 | A sketch by David Craig for 1992 Canada 125 25 cent "Quebec" | Len Trakalo, Brantford, ON |
| 26 | A sketch by David Craig for 1992 Canada 125 25 cent "Alberta" | Patrick Whalen, Masury, Ohio |
| 27 | A sketch by Raymond Taylor for 1985 Dollar "200th Anniv. of Fredericton" | Ron Zelk, Toronto, ON |
| 28 | A sketch by Raymond Taylor for 1988 Calgary Olympics "Children on a downhill sled" | R.M. MacDonald, Pickering, ON |
| 29 | A sketch by Raymond Taylor for 1992 Canada 125 25 cent "British Columbia" | Lou Vesh, West Guilford, ON |
| 30 | A sketch by Raymond Taylor for 1986 Dollar "Transpo 86 Vancouver" theme | Peter Kuchma, Kitchener, ON |
| 31 | A sketch by Raymond Taylor for 1988 100 Dollar "Whaling" | Stan Osovitch, Toledo, Ohio |
| 32 | A set of 6 numismatic reference works published by the J. Douglas Ferguson Historical Research Foundation (donated by the Foundation) | |
| 33 | A set of the past fifteen years of CNA Journals (donated by George Fraser) | Denna Benn, Arkell, ON |
| 34 | A plaster cast copied from the original that was sculpted by Dora de Pedery-Hunt for the new Queen appearing on the obverse of Canada's coinage (donated by Dora de Pedery-Hunt) | George Fraser, Toronto, ON |

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