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## A ROSE FOR WINDSOR ON 1997 O.N.A. CONVENTION MEDAL

By Jerry Remick

A large rose covers the obverse side of the 1997 Ontario Numismatic Association Convention medal. The rose commemorates Windsor Ontario, known as the "City of Roses" and the host city for the 1997 convention. The reverse side of the medal shows the crest of the Ontario Numismatic Association.

Pressed Metal Products of Vancouver struck the medal on 38mm antiqued blanks in the following metallic finishes (final mintages in brackets): antiqued copper (100), antiqued gold plated copper (52) and pure silver (40).

The rose side of the medal was designed by John Rosnovan, vice-president of the Windsor Coin Club. The initials R.S. near the stem of the rose are for Richard Sharpe, Windsor Coin Club computer expert.

Medals can be ordered by sending a cheque payable to "ONA Convention '97" at P.O. Box 40033, 75 King St., South, Waterloo, Ont., N2J 4V1. The bronze medals are \$10.00 and the silver medals are \$35.00. Please add \$5.00 for postage. Gold-plated medals are only available in the registration packages, which can be sent by mail for those not attending (an additional \$5.00 charge).

100, 1 3/4" round woods showing the same rose design as is shown on the medal and on the other side the issuers name and other date are available at 50 cents postpaid from O.N.A. President Ken Wilmot, Box 76, Sebringville, Ontario, N0K 1X0.

The 1997 Convention, hosted by the Windsor Coin Club, will be held April 18-20 at the Ramada Inn, 480 Riverside Drive, just a few blocks from Windsor's gambling casino. Contact Ron Binder (519) 254-6855 for details.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

With this issue of the Numismatist history is being made. .

This year there are two nominations for the position of President. It is important that you exercise your right and cast a ballot.

With this Numismatist you will find a Ballot, a small envelope with the word "BALLOT" across the front, and a large addressed envelope. Please look over the Ballot and mark your selection for President, place in the small envelope, seal, and place in the larger envelope. On the outside envelope place your name so that Bruce Raszmann can verify that you are an eligible voter. Only paid up Members are eligible to cast a vote! After Bruce has verified the legitimacy of the envelope, he will remove the sealed Ballot envelope which will be turned over to the Election Committee for counting. All ballots must be received prior to the Convention. Don't put off! **DO IT NOW!**

If you receive this Numismatist and there is no Ballot in it, it indicates that our records show you have not renewed for 1997 and this will be your last Newsletter. If you wish to renew now, a Ballot will be sent to you upon receipt of your renewal.

I encourage all Members to cast your vote in a truly democratic fashion.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the Dream Vacation Draw tickets that you received a while ago. When you send in your ballot why not include the ticket stubs and money. If you were unable to sell these tickets or did not wish to participate in the Draw return the full book of tickets so our records are complete. As mentioned previously, the Dream Vacation Draw is one of our major fund raisers and is used to promote Numismatics at both Provincial and Club Levels.

Before closing, I would like to suggest that you mark April 18 - April 20, 1997 on your calendar as the dates for the next O.N.A. Convention being held at the Ramada Inn, Windsor, (Across from the Casino). The Convention will be hosted by the Windsor Coin Club. Additional information and a Registration Form are found elsewhere in the Newsletter.



Ken Wilmot  
President

# EDITOR'S VIEWS



At this very moment, the Windsor Coin Club is hard at work preparing for the 1997 edition of the ONA Convention. Start making your plans now to attend. Be sure to mark April 18-20 on your calendar which is when the convention will be held. The big weekend will take place at the Ramada Inn, Windsor (right across from the Casino).

Included in this issue of the ONA Numismatist is all the information you will need to register for the convention. Please read everything over carefully if you plan to attend.

What's on for the convention? Well of course, there will be a fine contingent of bourse dealers. Chuck Moore will be conducting the auction, several specialty clubs will be holding their meetings and the annual banquet will be held once again.

Also, you will note that election time is quickly approaching. Last issue, I included a nomination form and this month, you will find inside, a ballot so that you may vote for a new president. This year, Ken Wilmot, our current president, will run for the position once again along with Harrow Farrow, our current vice president. Please take a moment to cast your ballot.

Bruce Raszman advises me that a second notice for dues has been sent out to roughly 157 members who had not renewed at February 4, 1997. The list presently stands at 137 plus 4 clubs. Please, if you haven't renewed yet, please do so as soon as possible.

On page 1 of this bulletin, you'll notice there is a new vacancy for a director. Earl MacLean has stepped down. Thanks Earl for all of your help in the past! Is there anyone interested in assuming this position?

If anyone is interested in filling this vacancy, please contact Ken Wilmot, our President.

We're also looking for a new editor as I will be shortly stepping down. Again, if you are interested, please let Ken Wilmot know. I would like to give up the editorship after the March/April bulletin but have agreed to do the May/June bulletin if a suitable editor hasn't been found by that time.

I hope you enjoy this addition of the ONA Numismatist. And many thanks to this month's contributors....Jerry Remick, Chris Boyer and Tom Masters. Please keep those articles coming.....we'd like to hear from more of you!!

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# **A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO COLLECTING ERROR COINAGE**

By Chris Boyer

"Error" coins, or coins with some sort of abnormality, have been popular to collect for several decades. Here in Canada in the 1960's, collectors such as Hans Zoell, John Regitko and Bill English did a lot of research on error coins, and helped explain how certain error coins came to be. Zoell wrote several books in an effort to catalogue the different kinds of errors. There was even a Canadian error collectors' club called the Coin Irregularity Association of Canada (CIAC), whose publication was called the KAYAK, which were both popular at the one time. In the United States, there were two clubs called CONE (Collectors of Numismatic Errors) and NECA (Numismatic Error Collectors of America) dedicated to the hobby of error coin collecting. While there is no longer an error collecting club in Canada, the hobby of error coins is still popular, and can make an interesting pursuit for the young numismatist. Many "error" coin types can be gleaned from pocket change with some diligent searching and a little knowledge.

## **ERROR COINS DEFINED**

Perhaps North America's most knowledgeable expert on the subject of error coins is Alan Herbert, who lives in the United States. He has written a number of books on the subject and is recognized as an expert authenticator of error coins. He prefers to call "error" coins MINTING VARIETIES, since coins with abnormalities are really coins that have had something go wrong during the minting process, and are not "errors" in the true sense of the word. Regardless of how you call them, "error" coins can have their cause traced to one of three categories. Herbert has found that in almost all mints in the world, minting varieties can occur in the Planchet, Die, or Strike phase in minting a coin. What follows is a brief description of each category of his P,D,S system, and some of the error coins one can find in pocket change as examples.

## **CATEGORY ONE -- PLANCHET ERRORS**

A planchet is the name numismatists use to call the blank disk on which the coin is struck. These disks or planchets are punched out of a rolled strip of metal, much the same way as cookie dough is rolled out and cut. Any irregularity in the way the planchet is made (which usually later shows up on the struck coin) is known as a PLANCHET ERROR. Some of the planchet error coins you can find in circulation include: "laminations" (a crack or missing portion caused during the rolling process); "clips" (small portions missing from the coin caused during the punching-out process); or a "thin planchet" (coin metal which is rolled too thin).

## **CATEGORY TWO -- DIE ERRORS**

The dies are like metal punches used to strike the blank planchets and leave the design of the obverse ("heads") and reverse ("tails") on the struck coins. Any abnormality of the dies which later appears on the struck coin is known as a DIE ERROR. Examples to be found in pocket change of die errors would be "doubled dies" (a shadow or doubled image of the design), "die cracks" (an extra raised line of metal on the coin), or a "grease-filled die" (portions of the design are missing due to grease or dirt being trapped in the die face).

## **CATEGORY THREE -- STRIKE ERRORS**

Modern coins are produced by the lightning-fast action of a coinage press, which exerts great pressure on the coinage dies to leave the design on the blank planchet. Should a coin be struck abnormally during this phase of the minting process, the result is known as a STRIKING ERROR. Examples in this category include "off-centre struck" coins (the planchet is not properly centred during the strike so the design appears off-centre), "multi-struck" coins (coins that are struck two or more times by the dies), and "struck through" coins (coins which are struck through a piece of cloth, a strand of thread, a piece of wire, etc...).

### **A WORD OF CAUTION**

There are many types of error coins, too numerous to mention here. However, not every coin with some sort of odd appearance is an error coin. Many such "oddities" can be easily explained by asking yourself, "Could I make a similar coin by going to the workshop and using tools?" Coins which are scratched, punched, bent or deformed usually mean you can answer "yes" to the above question. Coins which are NOT error coins include the following:

- 1) Coins with glue on them
- 2) discoloured coins
- 3) hammered coins
- 4) coins with circular scratches from a parking meter
- 5) counterfeit (fake) coins

There are some types of coins which have man-made (as opposed to mint-made) changes on them which are interesting to collect, although still not error coins. These include:

- 1) love tokens (engraved coins made into pendants)
- 2) magician's coins (often hollowed-out or two-headed)
- 3) hobo nickels (engraved to add features onto the head)
- 4) elongated coins (oval shaped with a design on one side)
- 5) counter-stamped or counter-punched (with a punch)

### **HOW CAN I FIND OUT MORE?**

To learn more about error coins or to find out about a coin which you might have, try contacting the following:

C.O.N.E.C.A (Combined Organization of Numismatic Error Collectors of America), P.O. Box 18943, Seattle, Washington, U.S.A., 98118-0943

Ken Potter, P.O. Box 760232, Lathrup Village, Michigan, U.S.A., 48076-0232

Happy hunting!

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# 1996 TRANSACTIONS OF THE CANADIAN NUMISMATIC RESEARCH SOCIETY AVAILABLE

By Jerry Remick

The Canadian Numismatic Research Society published the 1996 issue of their annual "TRANSACTIONS" at the end of December, 1996. Volume 32 contains 40 indexed articles, covering 116 pages published in 4 quarterly issues in 1996. The articles are based on original research and cover most areas of Canadian numismatics, especially tokens, medals and scrip.

Volume 32 of the "TRANSACTIONS" is available from the editor, Mr. Harry N. James, P.O. Box 22022, Elmwood Square Post Office, 204 First Avenue, St. Thomas, Ontario, N5R 6A1. The cost for Canadian residents is \$16.00 postpaid for a bound copy and \$15.00 postpaid for an unbound copy. The cost for United States residents is \$16.00 U.S. postpaid for a bound or unbound copy.

The Canadian Numismatic Research Society has 45 members at present. Membership is by invitation only.

## MEMBERSHIP

The applications for membership which appeared in the November-December issue 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.

- 1610 George Smith, Hamilton, Ont.
- 1611 R.M. MacDonald, Pickering, Ont.
- 1612 Harvey Helliweu, West Hill, Ont.
- 1613 Mrs. Gwen McDonald, Willowdale, Ont.
- 1614 Jim Harvey, Timmins, Ont.
- 1615 Kelvin Pankiw, Timmins, Ont.
- 1616 Helen Phippien, Timmins, Ont.
- 1617 Louis Leblanc, Timmins, Ont.



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# MASTERS' KOIN KORNER

## NUMISMATIC PAST

By Thomas Masters

For the next few issues I will be relating to you some unusual experiences I have encountered in my many years as a coin collector. In those years, I have come in contact with some very interesting and delightful characters. I'm sure all will agree with me whether it's collecting coins, stamps, or metal detecting, the excitement of the find is an experience that makes our hobbies so thrilling.

All of us, I'm sure can remember the events that led you into your hobby. Mine started as a young boy, and also the results of my first character. This man, Jack, travelled around the country in a touring Dodge Brothers car, selling household wares. He would arrive in our town every 3 months or so and board at our house for 2 or 3 days. In the evening, he would give to my youngest brother a cent or two just to see how fast he could run to the store to purchase a bag of sweets. His laughter at my brother's antics could be heard all through the house. On one occasion, he gave me a U.S. Barber half dollar (minted from 1892 until 1915). I had never seen a coin like this before and possibly had never had that much money of my own before. Let's put that half dollar in its proper perspective....At that time, 50 cents would buy 10 loaves of bread....10 pounds of sugar....over 2 pounds of butter.....and enough milk to keep the family for a week. This coin became the first coin in my collection and was instrumental in being the foundation of what I have become today. I can't remember how long I kept the coin or who I traded it to several years later. This character Jack, then is responsible for me becoming interested in numismatics, and he must take some blame for these articles you will be reading (I hope) in the future.

Let's jump forward to the early 60's. Travelling home on highway 2 just west of the village of Delaware, I stopped at a farm auction sale. The front lawn was covered with furniture from the house and the auctioneer was quickly running through these lots. I took my position sitting upon an old Raymond sewing machine. For some reason I had gone through 3 drawers filled with thread, bobbins, needles, etc.... and in the back of one drawer there was a cardboard box about 2 inches square that was filled with coins. The auctioneer asked for a bid. Someone bid a quarter, I bid a half, and I had the machine. The box of coins contained mostly common English coins of very little value except for one coin...a Canadian 1913 broad leaf 10 cents in very fine condition. That coin today trends for about \$400 and yes, I still have it in my collection, but the sewing machine is long gone.

Let's visit another farm auction near Granton. One of my other interests is old books, and a box of books was being offered. I'm sure the auctioneer was surprised to even get a bid, but I bought 2 boxes of books for 50 cents. Most or all of the books were given away, but while leafing through the pages, I discovered several shinplaster notes. (25 cent Canadian notes of 1870-1900 and 1923), a 1923 Dominion of Canada Edward Prince of Wales \$2.00 note, a 1935 Bank of Canada Prince of Wales \$5.00 note, and a Bank



of Canada Princess Elizabeth (our present Queen) \$20.00. Those last 3 notes were sold to a Mr. Gray for \$55.00, not a bad return for a 50 cent bid. Also in those pages was a small hole cut out of the pages and a Canadian 1912 Gold 5 Dollar coin appeared. Graham Esler, one of the present curators of the Bank of Canada Museum in Ottawa, purchased that coin for a princely sum of \$60.00, a fair price at the time. Today's market price is about \$400.00, so you see, the bargains work both ways.

Next issue, I'll relate some other interesting finds. Hope you have enjoyed it as much as I have reliving those past memories! To be continued.....

## 1997 EDITION OF "CANADIAN MUNICIPAL TRADE TOKENS AND RELATED ISSUES HANDBOOK" RELEASED

By Jerry RemickThe 1997 edition of "CANADIAN MUNICIPAL TRADE TOKENS AND RELATED ISSUES HANDBOOK" by Jack P. Sauchenko, was released in December, 1996. It is available postpaid at \$27.82 to Canadian residents and \$22.00 U.S. to U.S. residents from Jack P. Sauchenko, 13559 124 A Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta, T5L 3B4, telephone and fax (403) 455-1566.

The 1997 edition of this handbook contains 215 pages (8.5" X 11") with three holes punched in the left margin for a binder.



The 1997 edition has been completely redone with the addition of a short line before each entry to allow the collector to add a checkmark if he has the piece.

The catalogue lists all Canadian municipal tokens and trade notes, as well as some issues of merchant tokens, which have been issued through 1996. 5,897 tokens and notes, as well as all of their die varieties and metallic varieties are catalogued.

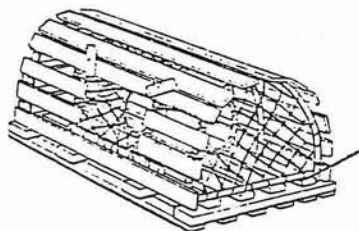
All pieces are listed by date under the municipality in which they were issued. Municipalities are listed under the province or territory in which they are situated.

The following data is given for each piece: municipality, denomination, designer, a description of both sides, the year of issue, metal, weight, diameter, type of edge, mintage, mint and a valuation. Illustrations of both sides are given for nearly all pieces catalogued. This is the only up-to-date catalogue of Canadian municipal trade tokens that covers all metallic varieties and that is illustrated.

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## CATCH THE BIG ONE

## COIN WORLD EDITOR TO SPEAK AT BANQUET

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Richard Giedroyc, the International Editor of Coin World, the largest numismatic publication in the world, has agreed to be the Guest Speaker at the 1997 O.N.A. Banquet.

A frequent visitor to many shows all over the world, Giedroyc has a special place in his heart for the Canadian shows and comes up to them when he is able. In his position at Coin World, he also writes a popular "Readers Ask" column, a question and answer section based on correspondence with readers of that newspaper.

Over the years at Coin World, he has been the author of several special publications which include "A Beginners Guide to Ancient Coins", "Pursuing Excellence", "Collecting Coins and Medals of the Olympics", and "Pomp and Circumstance, Heraldry on Coins" to name but a few.

Previous to joining Coin World in 1984, Giedroyc was a partner in Paris Bergman Galleries, a Coin and Jewelry firm in New Jersey and was the owner of the Classical Coin Newsletter. Married, with three children, Richard's primary collecting focus is on Ancient Roman Coins and Soviet special privilege Paper Money. He is also a collector of Antique Toys and Stamps.

## CONVENTION TOUR

Saturday, April 19, 1997, 10:30 - 2:00 P.M.

Whether it be an Agri Farm Tour, A Windsor Casino Tour, Bird Watch, Black History Tour etc., we will be travelling to Colasanti's.

This stop has something for everyone. Allow 1 1/2 to 2 hours for this stop.

Then:

Pelee Island Winery, Canada's southern most island Winery. Visit the bottling plant, and sample their wares in the Wine Garden & Gift Shop.

## REGISTRATION KITS

Will you be a lucky person? This year's kit will contain many outstanding items. Scheduled to be included is a Gambling Token which could win some lucky person up to \$2,000.00. While this may not entice you, consider that you will also receive the Gold Plated, Convention Medallion. With only 50 available to registrants, these kits will sell out quickly. The Registration form is found elsewhere and it is suggested that you do it now to avoid disappointment

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# Ontario Numismatic Association

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## ACTION REQUIRED!

TO: ALL ONA MEMBER CLUBS

SUBJECT: CLUB DELEGATES MEETING  
1997 ONA CONVENTION - WINDSOR  
SUNDAY, APRIL 20 - 9:00 A.M.

I would like to take this opportunity to issue a personal invitation to your club to appoint a delegate to the 1997 ONA Convention, and to attend the ONA Club Delegates Meeting scheduled for Sunday, April 20, starting at 9:00 a.m.

Over the past number of years, including the last 2 as Club Services Chairman, I have noticed the same clubs sending a delegate to the Club Delegates meeting. It seems it is always the same clubs that do not appoint a representative to attend the meeting. Let's have each and every club represented, by at least one person! If the President cannot attend, how about one of the other other members of the Executive? If even that is not possible, how about an active member of your club? Surely there is someone interested enough that attends the convention anyway!

A full breakfast of bacon and eggs, rolls, home fries, juice, coffee & tea will be served. To encourage as many representatives as possible to attend, the Windsor Coin Club, host of this year's ONA Convention, and the ONA have agreed to underwrite the majority of the cost of the breakfast. Consequently, each person attending will only be required to register to the tune of \$3.50. For a hotel-catered full breakfast, you will certainly agree that a vote of thanks is due to the host club for agreeing to underwriting the difference!

Various ONA Chairmen will present brief reports on the status of their area of involvement: Tom Masters (Book Lending Library), Ken Koch (Audio Visual Lending Library), Bruce Raszman (Treasurer), Ken Wilmot (President) and an update on ONA Club Services by myself.

Verbal club reports, containing ideas of what might be beneficial to other coin clubs, will be also be requested from club delegates.

Enclosing a copy of the ONA Convention Program of Events and the Registration Form, for your delegate's use. Although a club delegate does not have to register for the convention itself, please help us plan for the Club Delegates Breakfast Meeting by assuring that we are notified of who will be attending the Club Delegates Meeting.

☞ **IMPORTANT:** NOTE THAT DELEGATES WHO MAKE US AWARE VIA THE REGISTRATION FORM BEFORE THE CONVENTION THAT THEY WILL BE ATTENDING ON BEHALF OF YOUR CLUB WILL BE CHARGED \$3.50 FOR THE FULL BREAKFAST. ANYONE THAT DOES NOT ADVISE US IN ADVANCE WILL BE CHARGED \$10.00. FURTHER, WE CANNOT GUARANTEE AVAILABILITY OF TICKETS AT THE CONVENTION.

☞ **IMPORTANT:** FURTHER, EACH CLUB THAT MAKES US AWARE PRIOR TO THE CONVENTION THAT THEY WILL BE SENDING A DELEGATE TO THE CLUB DELEGATES BREAKFAST MEETING WILL RECEIVE A NUMBER OF BOOKS WHICH CAN BE USED AT YOUR MEETINGS FOR YOUR LIBRARY, DOOR DRAWS OR DONATION AUCTION. NOTE THAT WE ARE ASSEMBLING ONLY ASSEMBLING SETS OF BOOKS FOR THOSE CLUBS THAT ARE MAKING US AWARE OF THEIR PRESENCE IN ADVANCE.

I look forward to seeing representatives from your club at the Club Delegates Breakfast meeting!

Numismatically yours,

John Regitko,  
ONA Club Services Chairman

# ONA INSTITUTES POLICY OF LOANING TAPES TO INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

Two pamphlets on new VCR tapes dealing with numismatic, created by John Regitko, ONA Club Services Chairman, were sent to all coin clubs in the past few months. The 24 tapes are available to local coin clubs for a shipping charge of \$5.00 to cover the cost of shipping (one way) and handling. Because some tapes are quite short and would not constitute a full program at a meeting, multiple tapes can be borrowed at the same \$5.00 charge if they are ordered and shown at the same time.

There is a second group of videos that might be considered too long for a club meeting or contain purely background on a numismatic topic. Examples of these are the 56-minute video on Alex Colville, designer of the Canadian 1967 Centennial coinage reverses, or the National Geographic Society production "Atocha: Quest for Treasure" at 60 minutes. The history of the Hudson's Bay Company, narrated by Peter C. Newman, has nothing to do with numismatics but offers an excellent 44-minute background on the company that issued the many varieties of tokens that formed the major medium of exchange in early Canada. The 97-minute feature movie from Columbia Pictures, "Who's Minding the Mint," although nothing to do with numismatics, does cover a lot of printing machinery...and a lot of money is thrown around. Can such shenanigans as portrayed in the movie ever happen? Conceivably, but unlikely, but the movie is a lot of fun!

These longer movies may be requested by any member, on the same basis as a club: A fee of \$5.00 should accompany your request which covers cost of packaging and shipping to you. You will be responsible for return shipping charges. Because we have acquired multiple copies of these videos, there is no great hurry to return them, however, we suggest one month maximum.

It is recommended that the borrower invite some of his numismatic friends over for fun & fellowship and coffee and donuts as well as the viewing of the video. Requests should be sent to Kenneth G. Koch, AV Chairman, 219 Southwood Dr., Kitchener, Ont. N2E 2B2. He can also be reached via E-mail at [kenkoch@ionline.net](mailto:kenkoch@ionline.net). Order by catalogue number and name to assure accuracy in filling your request.

We are pleased to publish background on the videos that might be considered longer than what most clubs would care to show at a regular club meeting and are therefore candidates for being borrowed by individual members. We will ship 2 videos at any one time for a total shipping and handling charge of \$5.00 one way, with the tapes being returned postage paid.



## "ATOCHA: QUEST FOR TREASURE"

**PRODUCER:** National Geographic Society

**SYNOPSIS:** In 1622, the Spanish galleon *Nuestra Senora de Atocha* sank off the coast of Florida. In her hold, she carried 40 tons of gold and silver bars, some 70 pounds of emerald, priceless jewellery and thousands upon thousands of pieces of gold and silver coins. For more than 300 years, men have died trying to find her and her priceless cargo. Join modern day treasure-hunter Mel Fisher, who, after a 16-year search, found the riches that so many have sought and a few even have died for. Cameras take you deep underwater to reveal startling detail of the false starts and the discoveries of the fabulous numismatic treasure unearthed (unwatered?).

The quantity and the quality, after 350 years, of the numismatic material and other precious cargo is almost unbelievable. The quality and content of the video is excellent!



#V-17

## “SECRETS OF MAKING MONEY”

**PRODUCER:** NOVA & WGBH/Boston

**SYNOPSIS:** The best defense in an escalating battle against counterfeiting is being incorporated in the world's most counterfeit money: the U.S. paper money, which also happens to be one of the world's most recognized national symbols. This video

explains in glorious detail the many features incorporated in the new \$100 note design (the \$100 note is the most counterfeit denomination). All other denominations will be revised over the next couple of years.

U.S. currency has remained unaltered for almost six decades. With the high-definition lasers, offset-printing presses, colour copiers, scanners and laser printers, something had to be done to thwart both the professional counterfeiter as well as the casual experimenter. We find out in excellent detail the process of making the unique paper from remnants of Levi jeans, cotton and linen, and how security threads are added to the paper, also the many things considered before settling on the design and counterfeit features: UV light, holograms, crumble resistance, wear resistance, high-tech ink on high-tech presses, subjecting it to washer/dryer problems, watermarks, even tumbling the notes in a cement mixer to make sure they withstand abuse.

What would counterfeiting be without the appearance of J.S.G. Boggs, probably North America's best known "counterfeiter" who actually draws U.S. notes and passes them off for purchases much to the chagrin of the U.S. Government agencies that are forever on his back. In this video, he passes off colorful notes with designs that he thought might make more sense than keeping Benjamin Franklin on the \$100 note.

Stacy Keach, who appears in many movies and is probably best known for his starring role in the TV series Mike Hammer, is the narrator.

This NOVA production was first shown in the U.S. on PBS (Public Broadcasting System).

If the ONA were to start rating its videos, this one would rate 10 out of 10. We predict that once word gets out about the quality and content of this video, it will become the most sought after tape in the ONA Audio Visual Lending Library (that is why we purchased 4 copies for now).



#V-16

## “WHO'S MINDING THE MINT”

**PRODUCER:** Columbia Pictures

**SYNOPSIS:** Jim Hutton, Dorothy Provine, Joey Bishop, Milton Berle, Walter Brennan and Bob Denver, star in this comedy full of fun and laughs.

A money checker at the U.S. Mint (Jim Hutton) is in real big trouble. He has inadvertently lost \$50,000. Unfortunately, he can't prove his innocence. So, he decides to secretly print up that amount of money in the Mint before anyone discovers the loss. But he needs help, and that's when the fun and the laughs begin.

He first collects a printer (Walter Brennan) and a safecracker (Jack Gilford), and before long the money checker ends up with a pawnbroker (Milton Berle), a sewer-worker (Joey Bishop), an ex-skipper (Victor Buono), and an ice-cream vendor (Bob Denver). By the time the hilarious antics are over, our motley crew of amateur crooks have gone way beyond \$50,000 - they've printed up more than \$7,000,000 worth of the glorious green stuff.

Ignore the fact that the Mint does not print paper money (it's the Bureau of Engraving and Printing in the U.S., where the story is based). Also ignore the fact that it has nothing to do with numismatics.

Do consider the fact that a lot of printing machinery is shown in the movie...and a lot of money is thrown around. Do consider that shenanigans such as shown could conceivably happen. So sit back and enjoy! This full-length movie is great for a video party. It's full of laughs!



#V-07

## “THE MONEY MAN”

**PRODUCER:** British Broadcasting Corporation  
(shown on CBC's "Adrienne Clarkson Presents")

**SYNOPSIS:** We have all heard of people who have turned art into money, which happens most often when a work of art is sold long after the artist is dead. But how many of us know someone that has turned money into art. In this documentary, money as art is explored in an amusing and thought-provoking way.

Pittsburgh artist J.S.G. Boggs certainly is no ordinary artist, because the subject that interests him most is money. Money that he draws and engraves and then attempts to use as currency. He works pain-stakingly at the drafting table to create original and detailed bills that look at first glance very much like the real thing. The fact that he makes minor changes does not detract from the bills or their appearance as genuine articles. For example, his signature appears under "Chief Cashier," while the second signature is of the "Grave Digger." The Washington, D.C. seal has been changed to "Playtime, D.C.," while the statement "This Note is Legalart. I made this one for you" appears where the statement of authenticity normally appears on the genuine bill. To assure that no one accepts these \$50 and \$100 bills without knowing that he is the artist rather than the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, he only draws one side. Although most of his notes are drawn actual size, he has drawn notes at up to 100 times actual size.

On completing a bill, he then tries to spend it. And that's when the fun...and the trouble...starts. Although he has supported himself with his works of art for a number of years, including exclusively in 1988, he has had run-ins with the U.S. Treasury Department which has confiscated his money amid accusations that he was counterfeiting. The video follows Boggs as he makes his art and tries to spend it with various degrees of success. The run-around he receives from the U.S. Treasury Department is also caught on tape by a photographer from the BBC.

Adrienne Clarkson brings us up-to-date on his newest problems with the authorities at the conclusion of the program.

A fantastically interesting adventure that leads us to question the definition of art. Each member of the audience will have to ask themselves if what Boggs does is art or counterfeiting. No one will be bored. It is highly entertaining. It is highly recommended!



#V-24

## “MAKING MONEY”

**PRODUCER:** Dave Hood Entertainment, Inc.

**SYNOPSIS:** We didn't know exactly what kind of audience to recommend this one to, since the promo from "Kid Vision" says it is intended for a younger crowd. However, after viewing it, we think there is enough in its light-hearted approach (with some attempt at humor) to recommend it for everyone. Basically, it covers how U.S. money is made, both at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and at the Denver Mint.

After we get past the part about being stranded on an island with a parrot and a monkey and find out how the professor's transporter works, we are whisked to Washington where our walk towards the printing facility passes the historic buildings that appear on the reverses on U.S. notes. Miss Penny is our tour guide of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, where a number of details are revealed. For example, paper money is not made from paper at all, how many tons of ink are used each day, how many notes each printing press can print each hour, how many different passes through printing presses each note must make, how notes are bundled and packaged, and much more. A short visit to the Denver Mint briefly explains how blanks are made, the process blanks go through before being struck (cleaning, the uplifting of edges, etc.) and the striking of the blanks between the dies.

Entertaining in its presentation and educational in its content!



#V-06

## “ALEX COLVILLE - THE SPLENDOR OF ORDER”

**PRODUCER:** TVONTARIO

**SYNOPSIS:** We do not normally have access to a detailed background on Canada's coin designers. This video, originally shown on Ontario's public television network, delves into the background of the designer of coins whose popularity has only been matched by the Canada 125 coin program exactly 25 years later, in 1992. The world-renowned artist that is the subject of this video is the only person ever to have designed the reverses on all denomination of circulating Canadian coins.

Colville was featured on TVOntario because he was born and grew up in Toronto. He was a war artist and a teacher before he switched to painting full-time. One of his two official dealers is located in Toronto (the other in London, England). His work has appeared on postage stamps, magazine covers, record album covers...and of course Canada's 1967 Centennial coinage, from the 1 cent to the dollar. Books featuring him and his works of art are available from book stores throughout Ontario.

An in-depth look into the background on one of the celebrated coin designers and one of Canada's most famous artists on the International stage!



#V-14

## “DORA DE PEDERY-HUNT - HER EARLY YEARS”

**PRODUCER:** Scott Douglas

**SYNOPSIS:** This video covers an informal speech given by Dora de Pedery-Hunt at the Scarborough Coin Club. It was taped by Scott Douglas and donated by him to the ONA for the Audio Visual Lending Library (however, the introduction and the question and answer session have been deleted).

Although Mrs. Hunt has designed the 1976 \$100 Olympic gold coin, the 1981 CNA Convention medal and hundreds of medals, she is best known as the designer of Canada's obverse design of all denominations of Canada's circulating coinage since 1990.

Mrs. Hunt provides details of her early life in Hungary, her migration to Canada, her start as an artist, background on her early works, as well as her philosophy on happiness and working hard. She reveals details about herself that are sometimes humorous and sometimes sad, but always interesting.

Since Mrs. Hunt is usually available to speak “live” at club meetings within a 200 km radius of her Toronto home, this video is intended for use by anyone that cannot experience her charm and vitality firsthand at a local coin club meeting.



#V-19

## “THE MODERN MINTING PROCESS”

**PRODUCER:** American Numismatic Association

**SYNOPSIS:** J. P. Martin, senior numismatist and authenticator for the ANA, leads us on an insider's tour of the Denver Mint in Colorado. A movie camera covered the speaker's presentation and incorporates pictures of the slides that were shown in the presentation. All you need is your VCR machine and a TV. You will get an overview of how coins are made, how rolls of specially prepared metal are used to make the planchets, how planchets are processed and prepared to be struck, how the blank disks are struck, the quality control procedures, and how the coins are packaged and distributed to banks.

Anyone who has wondered how America's circulating coinage is produced will enjoy this tape. No similar video is available from the Royal Canadian Mint showing how our own coins are manufactured. Since the inside workings of the Denver Mint is not all too dissimilar to Canada's circulating coin production at Winnipeg, this video offers a good introduction of how Canada's coins are probably produced.



#V-20

## “WORLD WAR II NUMISMATICS”

**PRODUCER:** Florida United Numismatists

**SYNOPSIS:** This video covers a presentation given at an educational seminar at a Florida United Numismatists Convention. A movie camera covered the speaker's presentation and also incorporates pictures of the slides that were shown in the presentation. All you need is your VCR machine and a TV.

The speaker breaks his presentation down into categories. *Emergency Coinage* covers the 1943 U.S. steel cent, the Canadian 1943 chromium plated steel 5¢ piece, Swedish Iron coins, Japanese aluminum coins and coins struck at the London Mint for Iceland. *Occupation Coinage* covers Nazi coins made for Czechoslovakia in silver (rare), for Hungary in aluminum, for Belgium in zinc and for Denmark in iron. The U.S. struck a zinc plated steel 2 franc piece for Belgium in 1944.

Paper currency is broken down into *Overprints* (by Germany, Japan and the U.S.), *Invasion Money* (Philippines, Malaya, Netherlands East Indies and Oceania), and *Allied Military Currency* (printed by both the U.S. and Russia for use by soldiers in Germany, Austria, Japan and France, and by Germany for French West Africa). Some *Guerrilla Currency* of the Philippines was backed by the U.S. and redeemed after the war. The British 10 Pound notes counterfeited by Germany are also covered.



#V-11

## “COMPANY OF ADVENTURERS”

**SUBTITLE:** History of the Hudson's Bay Company

**PRODUCER:** CBC (narrated by Peter C. Newman)

**SYNOPSIS:** This video covers the early history of the Hudson's Bay Company, from its original charter granted by Charles II through the early people involved with the Company...explorers, traders, Indians...to its diversions into real estate and gas & oil ventures. It covers the ships that brought the white man over from Europe, the outposts, the relationships between the white man and the Indian, its monopoly and its post-monopoly's shifting fortunes.

The presentation is sprinkled with comments by well-known historian and author Peter C. Newman and interviews with the people that were very much involved with the Hudson's Bay Company's operations in the trading posts around Hudson Bay and Northern Manitoba. Although there is not a single reference to the Hudson's Bay Company tokens in the video (or any other reference to numismatics), it is nevertheless worth a watch because of the very interesting information it reveals about the company that gave us one of Canada's early popular medium of exchange. The rich, long history of a group of dedicated Europeans that, for the most part, worked side-by-side with native Indians, is very well told!



#V-22

## “PAPUA NEW GUINEA: ODD & CURIOUS MONEY”

**PRODUCER:** American Numismatic Association

**SYNOPSIS:** Charles Opitz collected odd and curious mediums of exchange for 35 years. He has published two books on the subject and exhibited parts of his collection numerous times. This lecture, including his slide presentation, was caught

by a video camera at an ANA educational seminar. He describes his firsthand experiences in Papua, New Guinea involving local forms of money.

You will see and learn where odd and curious money is found in Papua, New Guinea, types of feathers and beetles used on ritual headdresses, birds of paradise that are used as money, the “money pole” used at weddings, how brides are purchased, and the use of boar's tusks and dog's teeth for necklaces. Examples of stone axes, cowrie shells, pigs teeth, turtle shells and other forms of primitive money are shown.

# NEW CLUB FOR TOKEN & MEDAL ENTHUSIASTS!!!

By Jerry Remick

Late in 1996, Jeff Fournier, editor of the "Ontario Numismatist", and the CNA Chairman of the Club Services Committee, founded the Canadian Novelty Coin Club. The first issue of the Club's quarterly newsletter, "THE CANADIAN NOVELTY COIN CLUB NEWS", consisting of 12 illustrated pages (8.5" X 11"), was mailed out at the end of December.

The Canadian Novelty Coin Club is for collectors of modern Canadian commemorative and municipal medals, municipal trade tokens and notes, merchant tokens and souvenir currency (scrip).

Book reviews and an article on the history of the Sherritt Mint were included in the first issue, as well as articles on new issues of medals. The Wellings Mint will be covered in the next issue. Articles on both new and old issues of Canadian municipal tokens, merchant tokens, medals and scrip, as well as articles on die varieties of these items, will be covered in all issues of this newsletter. New books on Canadian medals, tokens and scrip will be reviewed in the newsletter. Canadian decimal coins are not covered.

A two page listing of inexpensive Canadian medals and municipal tokens for sale was included in the first newsletter.

A new printing of 50 hand signed copies of Jeff Fournier's book "Ontario Municipal and Commemorative Medals", listing over 600 Ontario pieces, is announced in the newsletter at \$10.95 postpaid (\$9.50 U.S.). The reprint is on 8.5" X 11 inch pages. The original edition is on 5.5" X 8.5" pages.

Membership in the Club is \$14.95 (\$13.95 U.S.) per year and may be sent to Canadian Novelty Coin Club, Attn. Jeff Fournier, P.O. Box 2111, Stn. A., Sudbury, Ont., P3A 4R8, telephone 705-566-3545 or fax 705-566-2025.

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## C.N.A. HAS UPDATED LIBRARY LISTING



The Canadian Numismatic Association has completely updated both its audio-visual and book catalogues. It has been five years since the book catalogue was last revised. The C.N.A. library has long been one of the most popular benefits to its members. Geoff Bell, C.N.A. librarian, has added an author's index to enable researchers to more easily locate reference material. Both publications are available to members at: **C.N.A. LIBRARY, P.O. Box 1799, Shediac, NB, E0A 3G0**. Cost of the book catalogue is \$5.00 if mailed in Canada and \$7.00 if mailed outside Canada. Postage and handling is included. Membership in the Canadian Numismatic Association is available at: C.N.A., P.O. Box 226, Barrie, Ontario, L4M 4T2.



# SHOW & BOURSE

## **MARCH 22, 1997 - CAMBRIDGE COIN SHOW**

At the Cambridge Newfoundland Club, 1500 Dunbar Rd, Cambridge, Ont., 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. For information, tables, contact: Verne Shaull; 519-621-3810/519-624-2086 or Jim Pemberton (519)-621-1140.

## **APRIL 12, 1997 - HAMILTON COIN CLUB SPRING SHOW**

At the Royal Canadian Legion, Barton St. East across from Centre Mall. Hours: 9am to 4 pm. Contact Nancy Kanerva, 905-319-3817 or George Butt 905-335-9444.

## **APRIL 13, 1997 - KENT COIN CLUB ANNUAL COIN AND CARD SHOW**

At Best Western Wheels Inn, 561 Richmond St., Chatham, Ont., Free admission, 25 dealer tables, hourly draws, displays. Info? Lou Wagenac, 109 King St. West, Chatham, Ont., N7M 1E2, 519-352-4150.

## **APRIL 18-20, 1997 - ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION CONVENTION**

At the Ramada Inn, 480 Riverside Dr. West. Sponsored by the Windsor Coin Club. Contact Ron Binder, 519-254-6855.

## **MAY 3, 1997 - PETERBOROUGH COIN SHOW**

At Portage Place, Chemong Road. Hours: 9am to 5pm, no admission charge. Coins, displays, draws. Contact Evelyn Robinson, 705-745-5050.

## **MAY 10, 1997 - BURLINGTON INTERNATIONAL SPRING COIN SHOW**

At the Brant Hills Community Centre, 2300 Duncaster Dr. Hours: 9 am to 4 pm. Contact Nancy Kanerva 905-319-3817 or George Butt at 905-335-9444.

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## "LOONIE" NOW TEN YEARS OLD

By Jeff Fournier



Talk by the Canadian Government of the need for a circulating dollar coin began as early as 1978. It was recognized that Canada might be in need of a dollar coin based on several economic and social considerations. Discussions took place for several years with public forums and meetings being held. Reports were tabled from a number of concerned organizations.

As a result of a government order dated February, 14th, 1985, a House of Commons document was produced entitled "A New Dollar Coin: A Report Of The Standing Committee On Miscellaneous Estimates". This

report examined the need for a dollar coin and concluded that such a need did exist, for a number of reasons.

To begin with, inflation had eroded the value of the dollar, to a point where demand for it had been increasing steadily. This was costly in light of the fact that the life expectancy of a dollar bill was only about one year. Research had shown that a coin, on the other hand, would last over 20 years, thus saving the government millions of dollars over the long term.

Secondly, it was felt that a coin could be more easily distinguished by the blind, than could a \$1 note.

Finally, it was costing vending machine operators, transit systems and Bell Canada considerable amounts of money to process and handle \$1 bills and the large amounts of change required to be used in vending machines, turnstiles and pay phones.

All of these were reason enough to forge ahead with plans to introduce a \$1 coin for Canada.

The RCM studied and recommended the adoption of an eleven-sided coin of gold color to ensure the coin could be easily distinguished from the others in the Canadian series. Furthermore, it was felt that a gold-colored coin portrayed a sense of "high value".

Two Canadian companies were in the running to supply materials for the new coin - Sherritt Gordon Mines Ltd. and The International Nickel Company Ltd.

INCO proposed a coin composed of "nigold" - an INCO developed process which involved the plating of a pure nickel blank with a thin layer of gold then heat treating it to encourage dispersion of the nickel into the gold surface. The surface, when hardened, would exhibit an appearance similar to 18kt gold.

Sherritt Gordon had developed an "aureate" metal - a bronze-plated nickel blank - which they proposed should be used for the dollar coin.

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In this issue of the Numismatist, you will find the results of the Dream Vacation Draw Winners and a listing showing ticket sales by Clubs. Once again, I must thank all our Members and especially those from the Host Club, Windsor for their great support. Our First Prize trip journeyed to Lively and was sold by a member of the Nickel Belt Coin Club (Sudbury).

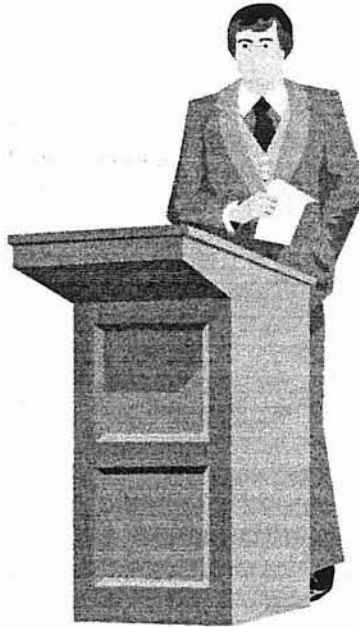
For me, one of the most exciting happenings at the Convention was the Election. Balloting closed Saturday at 10:00 A.M. and ballots were recorded later that day. The response to the Election showed there was a definite interest in the process. A total of 313 ballots were sent out with 203 ballots returned. This represented approximately 65% return of the eligible votes. This must be a record for any election in Ontario!!

Thanks go out to all who supported Harvey Farrow and myself. This showed a true meaning to the word democracy. I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge my thanks to the two Clubs which supported me financially. It meant a lot to me to have both the Waterloo Numismatic Society and the Stratford Coin Club make donations towards my election expenses. Thanks are also warranted to those people who worked so hard behind the scenes, both campaigning and talking the Election up. Finally, my thanks goes to the Election Chairman, Bruce Raszmann, and the two Scrutineers, Bazil Latham and Mike Hollingshead.

I have asked several people to report on the various activities of the Convention. These will be found elsewhere in the Numismatist.

The past two years were fruitful and, as we close in on another millennium, we must not

relax as there is much to be done. Our Club support has been strong and we have added another Coin Club to our roster. The South Wellington Coin Society had its founding meeting on March 20, 1997 and signed up many Charter Members. Anyone interested can obtain additional information by writing to Mike Hollingshead, General Delivery, Arkell, Ontario. N0B 1C0.



The Convention netted several new Members and our hope of continued support will keep the Association a strong and vital organization. The Executive of the O.N.A. has pledged an all out effort to enhance the benefits in belonging to the O.N.A. As President, I promise to do everything possible to make our Association the very best. One way is through open dialogue. You are invited to contact me, or any member of the executive, for any Association matter you wish

to discuss. I can be reached by phone at 519 393-6694 or by writing to me at Box 76, Sebringville, Ont. N0K 1X0.

I would like to thank Harvey Farrow and Earl MacLean, who have retired from the Board of Directors, for their input over the years to the Association. We welcome Chris Boyer and Terry Campbell as the new Members on the Board and look forward to their input. The support of the Executive over the past two years has meant a great deal to me and I count on it again in the future.

In closing, I wish to thank all those who supported me in my bid for the Presidency of the Ontario Numismatic Association.

**Ken Wilmot**

# EDITOR'S VIEWS



Another O.N.A. convention is history! And judging by the reports I've received so far (which you'll see in this issue of the ONA Numismatist), it was another success. Thanks to the Windsor Coin Club for all their hard work, and to the ONA executive and members who made this year's convention the success it was.

I have a few things to report this issue. First of all, I have agreed to continue on with the ONA newsletter at least until the end of December. Things are up in the air after that, but we'll keep you posted.

Secondly, Bruce Raszmann has informed me that there are a limited number of Bronze ONA medals left from the convention. Please write to the address at the front of this bulletin if you're interested in purchasing any. They are \$10.00 each plus \$2.00 for postage. All of the silver pieces are sold out.

There is a fair bit of news about the convention in this issue, so I held off on publishing a few articles which I had planned including in this issue. They will, however, appear in the next issue, as will some photos of the convention.

As usual, I can use your articles and would appreciate a few on Canadian decimals, currency and so forth. We could sure use the variety!

Keep those club newsletters coming in as well. I will be reporting on the club happenings in some of the future issues of the ONA Numismatist.

I would be interested in hearing a little more about how coin clubs are doing in Ontario. Seeming that the numismatic year is quickly coming to a close (many clubs meet until June and take July and August off), I thought it might be nice to have a report from each of the clubs about some of the ups and downs of the past year or so. A paragraph or two would suffice, but any length would be acceptable for publication in the Numismatist. Won't you or someone in the club put something together in the coming weeks and send it to me. I prefer to receive the information by email, but fax, disk or old-fashioned hard-copy is ok, too. I believe we can all benefit by hearing about the trials, tribulations and successes of other clubs in the province.

Keep in touch, and happy collecting. Until next time.....

**Send show dates, club information and articles directly to Jeff Fournier**

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General inquiries about the ONA, membership etc... should be addressed to the ONA at the address at the front of this newsletter.

# O.N.A. AWARD OF MERIT COMMITTEE REPORT

By Don Robb, Committee Chairman

Your Committee, comprised of Mike Hollingshead, Paul Johnson, John Regitko, Ken Wilmot and Chairman Don Robb, is proud to present the following report:

For 1997 we have made our traditional "Award of Merit" and "Fellow of the O.N.A." Awards, and we have also introduced brand new "Executive" Award. More about that later.

## CORNWELL WINS AWARD of MERIT

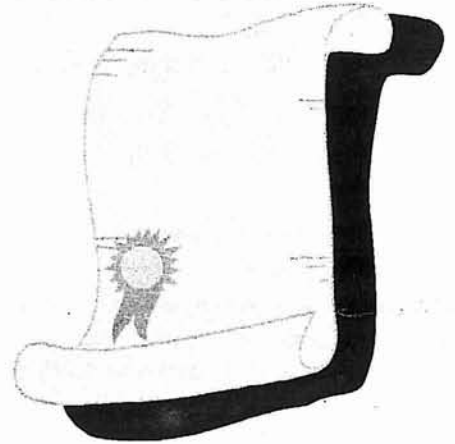
It is with much pleasure that we announce **Brian Cornwell** of Toronto as our 1997 "Award of Merit" recipient. This Award was introduced in 1962 to recognize individuals in Ontario who make the greatest contribution to the advancement of numismatics. Brian qualifies in so many ways:

- Collector and researcher of Canadian decimal coins since 1975 with special attention to the 5 cent silver series.
- Has also been a collector of Canadian pre-confederation tokens, historical medals and C.N.A., O.N.A. and Coin Club medals
- Member and past president of the Canadian Numismatic Research Society.
- Governor of the J.D. Ferguson Historical Research Foundation.
- Regular columnist in Canadian Coin News.
- His articles regularly appear in the C.N.A. Journal.
- Speaker at Coin Club functions, eg. banquets and regular meetings, and also at C.N.A. Educational Forums.
- In 1992 Brian was appointed Chairman of "Task Force 2000", a C.N.A. sponsored committee to study the future needs and opportunities for our hobby in Canada.
- He contributed 3 Chapters to the C.N.A. sponsored "Canadian Numismatic Correspondence Course".

Brian was presented with a framed "Award of Merit" certificate and an engraved Silver Medal at the Banquet during the 1997 O.N.A. Convention in Windsor.

## BELSTEN NEW "FELLOW OF THE O.N.A."

**Norm Belsten** is our newest "Fellow of the O.N.A. This Award recognizes outstanding service to numismatics in an individual's local area. This includes work with numismatic clubs and the promotion of numismatics. Over the past many years Norm has certainly earned this Award. A few of his qualifications are as follows:



- Involved with coin collecting since 1964 and with the collection of wooden money since 1969.
- Charter member in 1975 of the "Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors" club.
- Served as president of C.A.W.M.C. for 6 years, and for the past 4 years as a Governor.
- Chairman and founding member of the "Southern Ontario Chapter" of C.A.W.M.C. in 1981.
- Active in several Coin Clubs including Thistleton, Scarborough, Richmond Hill and North York.
- General Chairman of the 1996 O.N.A. Convention when it was hosted by the Southern Ontario Chapter of C.A.W.M.C
- Has displayed, catalogued and researched Wooden Money for several years.

Norm was presented with his framed "Fellow of the O.N.A." Award and an engraved Bronze Medal during the Banquet held at the 1997 O.N.A. Convention in Windsor.

## **BILL CROSS WINS O.N.A. "EXECUTIVE" AWARD**

This Award is a new initiative for the O.N.A. It will enable the O.N.A. to honour individuals who generously support the O.N.A. and also promote the O.N.A. and the numismatic hobby in general. It is basically a "Certificate of Appreciation" which can be presented to deserving individuals who are unable to qualify for the traditional O.N.A. Awards.

Bill Cross of Charlton's in Toronto is the first person selected to receive this new Award. Bill has been extremely generous to the O.N.A. He has donated literally hundreds of numismatic books and catalogues to the O.N.A. These items were then distributed by the O.N.A. to Numismatic Clubs in Ontario.

Since he could not be at the Convention in Windsor, Bill was presented with his framed Certificate by Chairman Don Robb on April 8, 1997 in Toronto.

# **MEMBERSHIP**

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

- 1618 Charles D. Moore, Walnut Creek, Ca.
- 1619 Roman Gadzala, Timmins, Ont.
- 1620 Richard J. Johnson, Woodstock, Ont.
- 1621 Victor Shewchuck, Oshawa, Ont.
- 1622 Stacey Shewchuck, Oshawa, Ont.
- 1623 Colin MacMillan, Kitchener, Ont.
- 1624 Mrs. Eric Baxter, St. Catherines, Ont.
- 1625 Tom Clarke, St. Claire Beach, Ont.
- 1626 Verrol Whitmore, Burlington, Ont.
- 1627 Bill Merkley, London, Ont.
- 1628 Michael Findlay, Mississauga, Ont.
- 1629 Cameron Bevers, Waterloo, Ont.
- 1630 Todd Sandham, Waterloo, Ont.
- 1631 Vincent Sidebotham, Elmvale, Ont.
- 1632 Hubert Grimminck, London, Ont.



# **ONA NEWSLETTER OF THE YEAR AWARD GOES TO LONDON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY**

*(A COPY OF THE ADDRESS GIVEN AT THE 1997 ONA CONVENTION)*

Anyone who has ever edited a newsletter before knows about the tremendous amount of work that goes into it.

Even a simple one or two page newsletter can consume many hours of an editor's day.

Imagine, if you will, what it would be like to produce a monthly newsletter, chock full of interesting and informative articles about local, provincial, national and even international numismatic news. Imagine that such a newsletter was crisp, clean, legible and profusely illustrated. Now, think of the dedication of an editor who could produce such a newsletter each and every month and who, by year's end could have a publication which, in total, numbered nearly 200 pages.

Indeed, such a newsletter would be worthy of accolades and should be recognized both for the efforts of the editor, and for the club members' contributions in producing such a fine publication.

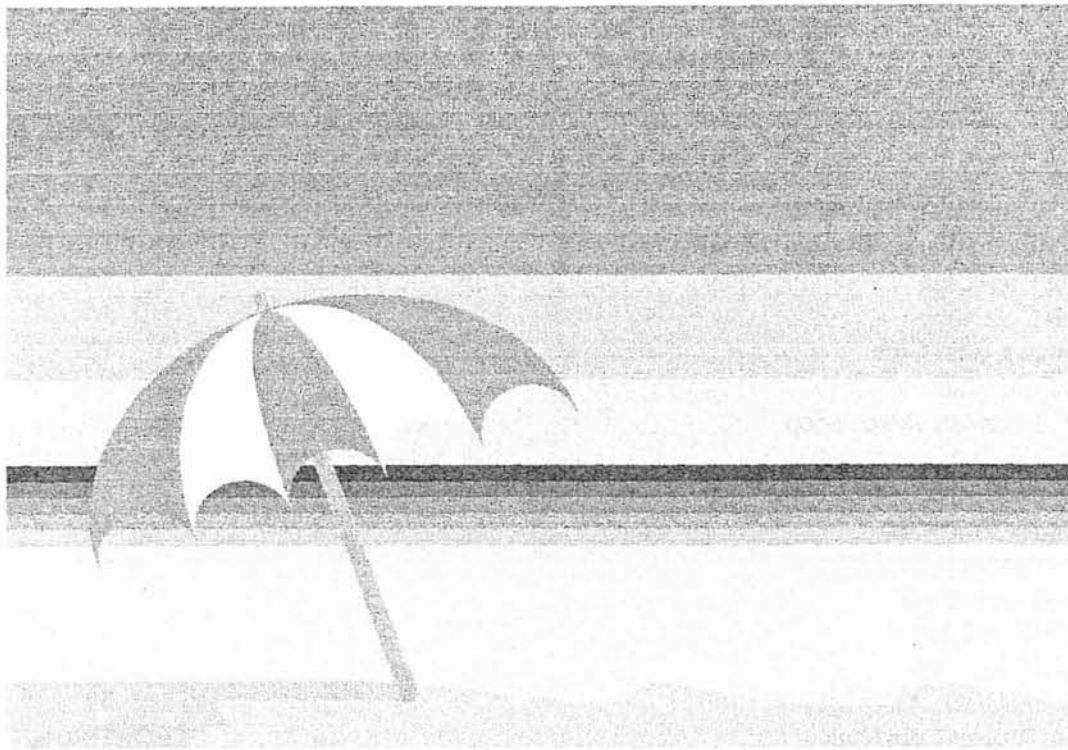
This year, the ONA is pleased to recognize such a newsletter and the people behind it, by presenting the annual club newsletter of the year award to THE LONDON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY and its editors, William Clarke and Ted Leitch.

Anyone who has seen a copy of the LNS newsletter knows full well that it is certainly deserving of this award.

To this fine organization, and especially to its two hard-working editors, thank you from the ONA, for a job well done, and congratulations on winning **THE 1996 ONA NEWSLETTER OF THE YEAR AWARD!**



# DREAM VACTATION DRAW WINNERS



**FIRST PRIZE (DREAM VACATION DRAW WINNER): Farrah Dorion, Lively, Ontario**

**SELLER'S PRIZE (\$100 CASH): John Krystia, Nickel Belt Coin Club**

**SECOND PRIZE (\$100 CANADIAN GOLD COIN): K. Salter, Scarborough, Ontario**

## **FIVE CONSOLATION PRIZES**

- 1) Canadian Coin News Subscription: Vivian Trask, London, Ont.
- 2) C.N.A. Membership - C. Anderson, North York, Ont.
- 3) 1997 Silver Dollar - Gord Sidsworth, Scarborough, Ont.
- 4) 1997 Proof Like Set - Yvon Chicoine, Montreal, Que.
- 5) 1997 Proof Like Set - Pat Melligan, Port Perry, Ont.

The Ontario Numismatic Association would like to thank all those who sold tickets or purchased them. Your support enables us to carry out our many programmes. Thank you.

Bruce Raszmann, Draw chairman

# DREAM VACATION TICKET SALES BY CLUBS

CLUB	BOOKS SOLD
Brantford Numismatic Society	5
Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors	1
Cambridge Coin Club	5
Champlain Coin Club	3
City of Ottawa Coin Club	12
Hamilton Coin Club	5
Huronian Numismatic Association	11
Ingersoll Coin Club	38
Kent Coin Club	2
Lake Superior Coin Club	1
London Numismatic Society	4
Mississauga Coin Club	1
Nickel Belt Coin Club	7
North York Coin Club	13
Ontario Numismatic Association	39
Oshawa & District Coin Club	5
Peterborough Numismatic Society	6
Sarnia Coin Club	1
Scarborough Coin Club	10
St. Catherines Coin Club	9
Stratford Coin Club	75
Strathroy Coin Club	3
St. Thomas Numismatic Association	3
Taylor Evans Coin Society	3
Thistletown Coin Club	1
Tillsonburg Coin Club	4
Timmins Coin Club	7
Toronto Coin Club	1
Waterloo Coin Society	49
Windsor Coin Club	76
Woodstock Coin Club	12
Woodville Coin Club	2
 <b>NON - O.N.A. MEMBER CLUBS</b>	
Bancroft Coin & Stamp Club	1
Kingston District Coin Club	1
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<b>TOTAL BOOK SALES</b>	<b><u>419</u></b>

# MASTERS' KOIN KORNER

By Thomas Masters

A few years ago I attended a coin show and banquet in Michigan. I was sitting next to an elderly gentleman, and in the course of the evening he was amazed that a Canadian would collect American coins. He told me that he and his wife (who had just passed away) had put aside every American half dollar they had received since their marriage. This period of time was in excess of 50 years. He asked me if I was interested in seeing some of these coins, and never to turn down an opportunity of this sort, I said yes. After the banquet was over we journeyed to his home, which was only a short distance from where the show was taking place. What he showed me was mind boggling. Taking me to the stairs that led upstairs, he proceeded to push and pull on one of the steps, and before long that step came loose revealing about a bushel of halves. Then on to another room and the baseboard was removed to reveal another hoard. Still a further cache was uncovered from beneath the floor in an upstairs bedroom. In all he showed me 5 different locations, all containing U.S. halves. He also said that I had only seen a portion of what was stashed on the property.

I asked him if he wasn't afraid that someone would come in while he was away and loot the place, or come in while he was home and force him to reveal the hiding places. His only answer to that was that he would only tell them of one location, and in the event of his death, his son knew where every

coin was hidden, and the combination on how to spring the steps, floor boards and baseboards.

He offered me a handful of halves for little more than face value, which I gladly bought. I corresponded with this man for several years until recently when I was informed he had passed away.

I truly hope that his son did know where those coins were hidden, or had talked his father into putting them somewhere where they would be a lot safer. Today, those coins which this man thought safe could be located by anyone with a metal detector, and the combinations to the various locations could be broken with an ax or crowbar. I often wonder how many more collections are hidden away in this manner.

A few years ago I attended the Valley Forge coin show in Pennsylvania. I had taken a number of rolls of U.S. coins with me, with the hope that I might sell or trade them for some choice Canadian material. I was introduced to the Reid Brothers from Maryland, and was assured they were honest bourse dealers. It was Friday and Bill Reid said he wouldn't have time to go through those coins, and if I would leave them with him he would give me a price on Sunday before the show concluded. I left him the coins and picked out several very nice Canadian 25 cent pieces. When I asked the price he said put them in your briefcase, we'll dicker the price on Sunday. I had a ball park figure as to what I should get



for my coins, so when Sunday afternoon came around I was again at the Reid table. He had worked out a price which was almost \$200.00 more than I had figured. Then I asked him how much for those quarters I had picked from his case on Friday. I couldn't believe the small amount he wanted. He did say that Canadian coins at that time in his area were hard to sell, so that may account for what I considered a very good buy. I purchased and sold coins to the Reids for several years after our meeting at the Valley Forge show.

Next month I'll tell you of large hoards of coins that were hidden over many years.

We read from time to time when buildings are being torn down, that bags, boxes and jars of coins are found in various places. One such incident of this was several years ago just north of London in the village of Birr, when they were tearing down a portion of Jack Leggs General Store. It was never revealed what the coins found were or how many were in the cache. I wonder how many are not found, and some lost forever.

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# SHOW & BOURSE

## **MAY 10, 1997 - BURLINGTON INTERNATIONAL SPRING COIN SHOW**

At the Brant Hills Community Centre, 2300 Duncaster Dr. Hours: 9 am to 4 pm. Contact Nancy Kanerva 905-319-3817 or George Butt at 905-335-9444.

## **MAY 24, 1997 - NIAGARA FALLS COIN CLUB COIN SHOW**

At Niagara Square (McLeod Rd. and Montrose Rd.) Hours: 10 am to 4 pm. 30 tables. For info.: Andy Greco, 905-227-3534.

## **MAY 25, 1997 - SIMCOE COIN SHOW**

At the Royal Canadian Legion, 200 West Street. Hours: 10:30 am to 4 pm. Admission \$1. Thirty tables of coins and paper money. Contact Ian Ward, 26 Kennedy Rd., Simcoe, Ont., N3Y 5A6, 519-426-8875.

## **JUNE 7, 1997 - SCARBOROUGH COIN CLUB COIN SHOW**

At the Cedarbrook Community Centre, 91 Eastpark Blvd., Scarborough, Ont., from 9 am to 3 pm. Free admission and parking. Contact Rick Craig, Scarborough Coin Club, P.O. Box 562, Pickering, Ontario, L1V 2R7.

## **JUNE 28-29, 1997 - TOREX 1997**

At the Primrose Hotel, Pearson Ballroom, 111 Carlton St., downtown Toronto. Hours: Sat. 10 am to 5 pm. Sun. 10 am to 3 pm. Coins, paper money, cards, books, supplies, pens, watches, militaria. Daily admission \$5. For info: Ingrid K. Smith, 416-260-9070.

## **JULY 3, 1997 - HAMILTON COIN AND COLLECTIBLE SHOW**

At the Royal Canadian Legion, 1180 Barton St., E. Hours: 9am to 4 pm. Admission \$2 family, \$1 seniors. Coins, paper money, stamps, militaria, toys, jewellery, watches etc... Contact George Smith, 1 Rosscliffe Dr., Hamilton, Ont., L9A 4E5, 905-385-6945.

## **JULY 23-27, 1997 - C.N.A. CONVENTION**

Moncton, New Brunswick - Display info. or bourse info.: Moncton Coin Club, P.O. Box 54, Moncton, NB, E1C 8R9.

## **SEPTEMBER 6, 1997 - HAMILTON COIN CLUB FALL SHOW**

At the Royal Canadian Legion, Barton St. E., across from Centre Mall. Hours: 9 am to 4 pm. Admission \$1, includes 1 prize ticket. Free parking, lunch bar, displays. Contact Nancy Kanerva, 905-319-3817 or George Butt, 905-335-9444.

## **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 307, Carp, Ont., K0A 1L0.

**SEND SHOW INFO. TO ONA EDITOR, P.O. BOX 2111, STN. A, SUDBURY, ONT., P3A 4R8, PHONE: 705-566-3545, FAX 566-2025 OR EMAIL [jfern@cyberbeach.net](mailto:jfern@cyberbeach.net).**

# 29 MUNICIPALITIES ISSUE MUNICIPAL TOKENS IN 1996

By Jerry Remick



29 Canadian municipalities issued municipal trade tokens dated 1996. Wildwood, Alberta issued two differently designed municipal tokens, bringing the total number of differently designed tokens for 1996 to 30.

A listing of the municipalities that issued 1996 municipal tokens and the metal or metals in which they were struck is shown in the table accompanying this article. The base metal issue is listed first. It was sold in the issuing municipality at face value, except for Wildwood, Alberta where the first three metal types were sold at face value. Summerside P.E.I. sold their \$1.00 token

in Nickel Bonded Steel at \$2.00 locally.

The number of municipalities issuing trade tokens annually for the years 1982 through 1995 is shown in the accompanying table:

Year	Number of Municipalities
1982	82
1983	86
1984	93
1985	77
1986	67
1987	60
1988	47
1989	46
1990	37
1991	33
1992	29
1993	24
1994	27
1995	26
1996	29

The recession, the higher cost of making tokens (necessitating the increase in the denomination from \$1 to \$2 and in some cases \$3, \$4 or even \$5) and perhaps the public's disinterest with these tokens, are partly to blame for this steady decrease in the number of municipal trade token issues annually.

The \$1.00 denomination, so common for municipal trade tokens during most of the 1980's has been slowly replaced by higher denomination. In fact, only three municipalities issued tokens having a face value of \$1.00 in 1996 (although one of these - Summerside, P.E.I., sold their \$1.00 token locally for \$2.00).

Before a municipality jumps from a \$1.00 denomination to a \$2.00 denomination, perhaps they should consider an intermediate denomination such as \$1.25, \$1.50 or \$1.75. In 1996, for example, Hamilton, Ontario issued a \$1.50 face value token.

In 1996, municipalities used the following diameters for their trade tokens: 32mm (1 municipality), 33mm (23 municipalities), 38mm (4 municipalities) and triangular (1 municipality).



# **“LOONIE” NOW TEN YEARS OLD** (CONTINUED FROM FIRST PAGE)

The Regional Municipality of Sudbury (Inco being the city's largest employer) gave a well documented brief in favor of the Inco metal. Such a contract for the raw nickel needed to produce the dollar coins would be a big boost to the Sudbury economy.

A report in the Sudbury Star by reporter Denis St. Pierre tells of the incident which ensued.

*When the Conservative federal government announced the contract for the production of the loonie, in the spring of 1986, Supply and Services Minister Stewart McInnes made a serious gaffe.*

*McInnes mistakenly told reporters that Inco would supply the unrefined nickel for the (dollar coin) and that it also would produce, in Sudbury, the nickel blanks for the coins. To say the least, the news was greeted warmly by Inco and Sudbury politicians. Inco even sent a thank-you telex to the Minister.*

*But then McInnes's mistake was uncovered. It was learned that it was actually Sherritt Inc. that had been selected to produce the (dollar) blanks at its Alberta refinery and that Sherritt would only buy unrefined nickel from Inco. (The Sudbury Star, March/95).*

The Commons report stated that intensive wear had, in fact, revealed the “Nigold” metal to be too vulnerable to wear due to its thin coating. Furthermore, it would have been much more costly to produce than Sherritt's aureate metal. It was also felt that it wouldn't be wise to make Canada the only country in the world to use gold in a circulating coin (for export reasons). Plans for the dollar coin's design were discussed and in May of 1985, James Corkery, Master of the Royal Canadian Mint announced that it would have a coat-of-arms on the reverse.

Toronto Star coin columnist, Bob Aaron, urged readers to write the Mint Master to save the popular voyageur canoe design and within a year, the RCM had reversed its decision and decided that the voyageur design would be retained.

## **DIES LIKELY STOLEN**

On November 3, 1986, a shipment containing the newly prepared master dies for the new dollar coin failed to arrive at its destination - the Royal Canadian Mint's Winnipeg plant. To the embarrassment of Mint officials, the original voyageur design had to be replaced by the now familiar loon, designed by Echo Bay, Ontario artist, Robert Carmichael.

The Canadian Press, under the Access to Information Act was able to obtain the RCM's review of the loss which cited a series of mistakes by government staff and criticized the RCMP for its sloppy police work.

While the RCMP claimed the master dies were lost, the report argued they were more likely stolen.

Furthermore, several security breaches occurred including the fact that both the obverse and reverse master dies were shipped together, instead of separately, which should have been the case (this would cut losses if a shipment did happen to get lost or stolen).

Secondly, according to the review, no one asked the courier who came to pick up the package containing the two master dies, for identification.

And last, but certainly not least, the die shipments should have been handled by a high security firm such as brinks, rather than a regular courier.

## **LOON INTRODUCED**

To say the least, the road to a new dollar coin for Canada was a bumpy one, but on June 30, 1987, it was finally released.

The Bank of Canada, in an attempt to ease the transition from a banknote to a coin did not stop issuing dollar notes until June 30, 1989.

Since the “loon's” introduction, its popularity has gradually increased, though the public's initial reaction was mostly negative. Vending machine sales, however, quickly increased - according to the Canadian Automatic Merchandising Association - and most machines were converted to accept the dollar coin. Today, most people seem satisfied with the dollar coin and complaints, in general, have diminished accordingly.

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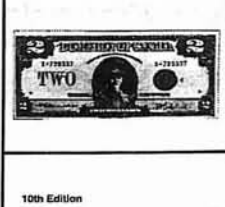


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TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 1996 TO DECEMBER 31, 1996

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Petty Cash @ Jan. 1, 1996	\$ 16.48	
Bank Balance @ Jan. 1, 1996 (General Fund)	\$2176.00	
Bank Balance @ Jan. 1, 1996 (Library)	\$ 69.84	
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	\$2262.32	\$2262.32

RECEIPTS

Memberships (Regular, Junior & Club)	\$3276.00	
Balance 1995 Convention Net Profit	\$ 100.19	
O.N.A. Convention Draw	\$1346.59	
1996 Convention Net Profit	\$ 866.49	
Club Ticket Rebate	\$ 118.00	
Premium U.S.A. Money	\$ 6.88	
Donation Auction & Donations	\$ 190.00	
Display Case Rental	\$ 245.00	
Penny Draw Tickets	\$ 20.00	
Return of Convention Advance (1996)	\$ 350.00	
Transfer From Contingency Account	\$5000.00	
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	\$11519.15	\$11519.15

EXPENSES

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Photo's	\$ 16.38	
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	\$9823.26	\$ 9823.26

Excess Receipts Over Expenses		\$1695.89
Petty Cash @ December 31, 1996	\$ 11.78	
Bank Balance @ December 31, 1996 (General Fund)	\$ 3916.59	
Bank Balance @ December 31, 1996 (Library)	\$ 29.84	
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	\$ 3958.21	\$3958.21

GENERAL ACCOUNT - BANK RECONCILIATION

Bank Pass Book Balance @ December 31, 1996	\$4433.62
2 Outstanding Cheques	\$ 487.19
Statement Bank Balance @ December 31, 1996	\$3946.43

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CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT

Bank Balance @ January 1, 1996 \$3530.37

RECEIPTS

Interest Guaranteed Investment Certificates	\$1290.29
Interest Cashable Savings Certificate	\$ 236.25
Matured Guaranteed Investment Certificate	\$8000.00
Matured Cashable Savings Certificate	\$4500.00

	\$14026.54	\$14026.54
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EXPENSES

Cashable Savings Certificate	\$4500.00
Guaranteed Investment Certificate	\$6000.00
Transferred To General Account	\$5000.00

	\$15500.00	\$15500.00
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Excess Receipts Over Expenses \$-1473.46

Bank Balance @ December 31, 1996 \$2056.91

CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT ASSETS

Guaranteed Investment Certificates	\$16000.00
Cashable Savings Certificate	\$ 4500.00

INSURANCE ACCOUNT

Bank Balance @ January 1, 1996 \$3289.79

RECEIPTS

13 (1996) Club Premiums @ \$35.00 Each	\$ 455.00
1 (1996) Club Premium @ \$45.00	\$ 45.00
2 (1996) Additional Named @ \$10.00 Each	\$ 20.00
15 (1997) Club Premiums @ \$35.00 Each	\$ 525.00
1 (1997) Additional Named @ \$10.00	\$ 10.00
Canadian Numismatic Association Premium	\$ 700.00

	\$1755.00	\$1755.00
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EXPENSES

Insurance Premium	\$1529.20
Photocopies & Postage	\$ 39.26

	\$1568.46	\$1568.46
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Excess Receipts Over Expenses \$ 186.54

Bank Balance @ December 31, 1996 \$3476.33

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CASH ASSET SUMMARY @ DECEMBER 31, 1996

Cash & Bank Balance - General Account	\$ 3958.21	
Bank Balance - Contingency Account	\$ 2056.91	
Guaranteed Investment Certificates - Contingency	\$16000.00	
Cashable Savings Certificate - Contingency	\$ 4500.00	
Bank Balance - Insurance Account	\$ 3476.33	
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	\$29991.45	\$29991.45
 Cash Assets (1995)		 \$31582.48
 Decrease In Cash Assets		 \$ 1591.03

LIFE MEMBERSHIP ACCOUNT

Bank Balance @ January 1, 1996 \$553.92

RECEIPTS

Life Memberships	\$420.00	
Interest Guaranteed Investment Certificates	\$505.00	
Transferred From Draw Account	\$500.00	
Transferred From General Account	\$500.00	
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	\$1925.00	\$1925.00

EXPENSES

Guaranteed Investment Certificate	\$1000.00	
Membership Dues (1996)	\$ 690.00	
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	\$1690.00	\$1690.00

Excess Receipts Over Expenses \$235.00

Bank Balance @ December 31, 1996 \$788.92

LIFE MEMBERSHIP ASSETS

Guaranteed Investment Certificates \$8700.00

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## CANADA'S NEWEST COIN CLUB

By Mike Hollingshead

The South Wellington Coin Society was launched in beautiful downtown Rockwood this spring. Rockwood is a charming rural village of 800 in the southern end of Wellington County, between Guelph and Halton Hills (Acton/Georgetown). The club hopes to service members that lie outside the driving ranges of the Mississauga, Cambridge and Waterloo Coin groups.

The SWCS encourages ACTIVE membership and does not solicit "mail order" memberships. The club meets in the brand-new Rockwood Public Library, with all the modern conveniences of wheelchair access and large screen television/VCR. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month. Due to the large Grand River Conservation Authority campground on the outskirts of Rockwood the club plans to meet in July and August, making it one of the growing number of clubs that are meeting year round without a summer recess. The doors open at 7:00 and the meetings begin at 7:30.

The June meeting will feature the fascinating CNA slide presentation produced by Norm and Noreen Howcroft, "Steam Locomotives on Canadian Medals and Trade Dollars".

Already the SWCS has made generous donations of numismatic books to the Rockwood Public Library. This not only improves the availability for area residents to access coin literature, but solves the problem of having a club librarian!!! Thirteen books were donated in May and the club hopes to make the small Rockwood Library one of the best sources of coin hobby books in Southern Ontario, by monthly book donations. For info on the new club contact:

Robert Zmija  
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# EDITOR'S VIEWS



Summer is nearly upon us, the ONA convention is history and for most local clubs (with the exception of the Waterloo Coin Society to name at least one), June will be the last meeting until September. How did your club fair out this year? Were there many improvements over last? Has your membership increased? These are questions that should be pondered now, and where improvements are needed, should be worked upon over the summer months by the executive in anticipation of the new meeting year beginning in September. On another note, the annual CNA convention will be hosted by the Moncton Coin Club this year from July 23-July 27. If you can attend, it should be a lot of fun. This year being the 500th anniversary of Cabot's famous voyage to Canada gives another justification to head East this summer. More on the CNA convention is included within. Speaking of summer.....don't let your collecting go by the wayside at this time of year. Rainy days are perfect for cataloguing your collection, catching up on some of your numismatic correspondence and replacing old and damaged coin holders with new ones. If you'll be travelling anywhere in Canada this summer, keep an eye open for municipal tokens and medals to add to your collection. They make great souvenirs, also, of your summer vacation. Many municipalities have or will be issuing souvenir "coins" this year. Collecting them is a great way to learn more about the area you've visited as most of them have an important historical landmark, person or event commemorated on them. Take Charlottetown for example, who has issued a token commemorating the opening of the new mammoth confederation bridge! Also, there are many sights to take in with a numismatic slant. If you're in Sudbury, you might want to drop by to take a look at the Big Nickel. A little further West, in Echo Bay, you'll see a giant replica of a Canadian \$1 coin (our loon!) and to the North, in Virginia Town, is a giant replica of a Canadian gold Sovereign. There are also many great numismatic displays to visit including ones at the Bank of Canada Currency Museum, Glenbow Museum and Big Nickel to name only a few. Enjoy your summer.....but enjoy your hobby as well!!! In closing, I would like to thank everyone who submitted club reports, ONA reports and articles to this issue of the ONA Numismatist. Keep them rolling in! Until next time.....

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# THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL'S BIRTH

By Thomas A Kostaluk



One day in the early 1870's, a young man was writing to the girl that he was later to marry. In his letter, he described his father's home in Canada. The house, he explained, was built upon heights overlooking the Grand River at Brantford, Ontario, and on the edge of a nearby cliff was a grassy depression so

like a couch that the family called it "THE SOFA SEAT". "This is my dreaming place" the young man wrote.

## EXPLORING THE WORLD OF SPEECH

The family background and early education of Alexander Graham Bell had a profound influence on his career. He was born in Edinburg, Scotland on March 3rd, 1847, the son of Alexander Melville Bell, a Professor at the University of Edinburgh, and Eliza Grace Symonds, a daughter of a surgeon in the Royal Navy.

His mother, who was a portrait painter and an accomplished musician, began to lose her hearing when Graham was a boy of twelve.

His father enjoyed a world-wide reputation as a teacher an author of textbooks on correct speech, and as the inventor of "Visible Speech", Graham as he grew up became expert in their use for that purpose. The boy's Grandfather, Alexander Bell, was also a specialist in the art of good speech.

Both Father and Grandfather studied the processes of speech with scientific thoroughness, and their methods and Melville Bell's textbooks were widely used.

## GRAHAM BELL GOES TO BOSTON

When the spring of 1871 came, Graham was ready to make a career for himself and the best opportunity appeared to be in Boston.

He went to Boston endowed with talent and ability. They seem to have combined for the purpose of helping him to invent the telephone. His knowledge of speech and hearing and their mechanisms, his growing interest in electricity, his

training in music and his sensitive ear, and his desire to serve humanity through work for the deaf, all were what led him towards his great gift to mankind. The idea that deaf children could be taught to speak was relatively new in America. The prevailing view was, "Nothing can be done".

## "IT SPEAKS! THE TELEPHONE"

In August, when Bell was once more on holiday at his parents home, he put the matter to the test. He connected the homestead at Tutelo Heights with the City of Brantford by telephone, and in another test he made a connection with the village of Mount Pleasant.

In 1876 he came to test his nearly perfected telephone over a distance. On August 10th, 1876, the world's first long distance telephone call was made successfully one-way over the telegraph line from Brantford to Paris, Ontario.

in 1881, when Alexander Melville Bell left his homestead to live near his son in Washington, D.C.,

Brantfordites turned out in force to say farewell, and this homestead would be long remembered, because he said, pointing to the building, "UNDER YON ROOF OF MINE, THE TELEPHONE WAS BORN".



## BELL'S LEGACY TO THE WORLD

"Alexander Graham Bell can truly be called a citizen of the world".

Born in Edinburg, Scotland on March 3rd, 1847, he worked in Canada and in the United States. He became a United States citizen in 1882. He once said, "Though I cannot claim to be a Canadian....I have a warm spot in my heart for Canada.

He died at Bein Bheargh, in August, 1922, and was buried on his beloved Cape Breton Hillside overlooking the Bras D'Or Lakes, Canada.

## THE TELEPHONE CITY

In the words of the inventor himself, at the unveiling of the Bell Memorial in 1917, "Brantford became my thinking place". Here, that the



telephone was invented, the first draft of Patent specifications was prepared, here also the first public demonstration of this result was given to the world. Brantford has an indisputable claim to this distinction and is rightfully named "THE TELEPHONE CITY" June 9th 1909.

The Homestead was marked as a National Historic Site in 1953 by the Government of Canada.

## ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL AT CAPE BRETON, NOVA SCOTIA

Alexander Graham Bell and his family first visited the Cape Breton Town of Baddeck in the summer of 1885. The Bells, enroute to Newfoundland made a stop in Cape Breton at the suggestion of Mrs. Bell's father. Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the telephone, fell in love with Cape Breton Island during this visit and came back 37 summers. From his home in beautiful Baddeck, Bell pioneered advances in medicine, genetics, aeronautics and agriculture to name only a few. As for Alexander Graham Bell, the Brasd'or Lakes reminded him of the Salt Locks of his beloved Scotland and he felt very much at home not only with the scene but also with the people of Cape Breton, with their Scottish

background and names reminiscent of the Highland Clans. For many years the Bells had been seeking a summer retreat of salt water, mountains and valleys and cool climate.

"I have travelled around the globe. I have seen the Canadian and American Rockies, the

Andes, the Alps and the Highlands of Scotland, but for simple beauty, Cape Breton outrivals them all".

ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL, 1902-1903.



## CANADIAN TIRE CLUB MEETS AT O.N.A

By Mike Hollingshead

The CTCCC had one of their usual ONA meetings! This means we saw lots of new faces and met many members that aren't able to attend our "Toronto crowd" meetings. The first part of our meetings, as always, was devoted to mixing with old friends and, naturally, trying to weasel needed coupons out of lucky members that may have acquired a stash since the last meeting. The standard greeting is "Okay, now bring out the good stuff!". Member Hubert Grimminck of London astounded convention goers with a display he set up in the bourse area of his "mostly" complete collection of CTC coupons archived in beautiful glass covered, oak-framed cabinets. Mighty impressive to see a complete uncirculated set of the 1958 "original" gas bar issue, even more so to see

it displayed so tastefully. Back at the meeting there was a frenzy of activity to complete last minute deals before Donald R. Robb presented a slide display of CTC error coupons that set most collectors to drooling in their chairs. Don's presentation shed new light on the printing process that is involved in the production of coupons. The faces and backs are printed in two separate passes and the faces are a two pass process of their own! Serial numbers are printed later. The signatures are cut into the face dies and are printed in one of the two passes. The coupons are printed "50 up" meaning sheets are five across and ten down.



An auction saw active bidding by three or four new members that took the opportunity to snatch up scarce coupons and fill in their collections from the floor. Membership secretary Donald R. Robb noted that 1997 saw record numbers of new members joining, possibly as a result of CTC's promotion of their 75th Anniversary coupons!! The CTCCC now ranks as one of the largest numismatic clubs in Canada with over 265 members!! Should other enlightened collectors wish to join the ranks of Canada's hottest growing hobby, send \$10 for a 1997 membership and receive as many back issues of our quarterly newsletter that the editor can spare!! Make that cheque payable to "CTCCC" and send it to:

**Donald R. Robb**  
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# MASTERS' KOIN KORNER

By Thomas Masters

How many have ever been to Coyles on Highway 19 just north of Tillsonburg? If you have been to Coyles, how many visited the Cheese House just behind Coyles on the side road. This Cheese House just recently changed hands, but the two fellows who started the business had a large hoard of cents. When you came into the store, there on your left stood a milk can that was full of pennies. I used to joke with these owners about me getting them out and into my van, and they told me if I could pick it up and carry them out they would be mine. They were on very safe ground. I couldn't get the can off the ground. They also told me that they had filled on other milk can and several pails of pennies. Seems that many people, when



they received some pennies in their change, would drop them in the can. I have often wondered just how many pennies were in that milk can, and also how much that milk can weighed. Those two fellows sold the Cheese House and started a frozen food business in Tillsonburg. I wonder if they paid for part of that new business with those pennies, or are they still saving them for a rainy day. Just in case you think you could lift that milk can, I'll

bring in a cigar can full of pennies to show you just how much a few weigh.

It was back in the 40's when I met this man on Waterloo Street in London. I used to call at his home on numerous occasions and always noticed an old grandfather clock that stood in the corner of the hallway inside the front door. This clock I presumed was broken because it never ran and the front panels were covered with plywood. I made friends with his family and often talked about coins. One day I got a call from one of the family that their father had passed away and would I come to the house, they had something to show me. Upon arriving, they showed me the clock and asked me to move it from the wall. To my surprise I found this task impossible. With the help of one of the sons we were able to do so, and found in the back slot that had been cut where their father had been putting his coins in hiding for many years. None of the family knew the secret, and they found it out when the will was read. This grandfather clock was over half full of coins from cents to dollars. I never got a chance to see or buy any of these coins. I have often wondered what they were and who got most of them.

A lawyer in Woodstock asked me if I would do an estate evaluation for him in Ingersoll. On the day of the appraisal when I arrived they were moving furniture from the house. I was assured that everything was in order, and that none of the coins had been removed. From the basement, boxes wrapped in plastic arrived on a table set up for me in the

dining room. These boxes were musty and damp, and not an ideal way to store coins. As the afternoon wore on the only furniture left in the house were the table and 2 chairs that we needed to open the boxes and record the contents. Rolls of silver dimes, nickels, halves, and dollars, plus boxes, cans, jars of various coins, folders of all the Canadian coins from cents to dollars, proof sets, and various other mint products. As each of these boxes were brought up from the basement there appeared to be more and more sand. When I asked about this sand I was informed they had been buried in the basement, and that they were sure there was another box. I never got to the basement, but at about 5 pm, they arrived with what they hoped was the lost box. This hoard of several boxes, and many of the silver coins in tubes were listed and valued at current silver prices. The listing alone took most of the day until nearly 6 pm. The biggest job still lay ahead to get a reasonable valuation that the estate could recover when the coins were sold. This was one of the largest and most unusual collections I have valued in my long association in the hobby, and lawyer and family seemed very satisfied with my final monetary figure.

Oh...by the way....I didn't get to purchase any of the material or knew who did purchase it.



# SHOW & BOURSE

## **JUNE 7, 1997 - SCARBOROUGH COIN CLUB COIN SHOW**

At the Cedarbrook Community Centre, 91 Eastpark Blvd., Scarborough, Ont., from 9 am to 3 pm. Free admission and parking. Contact Rick Craig, Scarborough Coin Club, P.O. Box 562, Pickering, Ontario, L1V 2R7.

## **JUNE 8, 1997 - BRANTFORD NUMISMATIC SOCIETY 37TH ANNIV. SHOW**

At the Woodman Community Centre, 491 Grey St. Hours: 9 am to 5 pm. Free admission, draws, 32 dealers. For info: Edward T. Anstett, 30 Pusey Blvd., Brantford, Ont., N3R 2S2 (519)759-3688.

## **JUNE 28-29, 1997 - TOREX 1997**

At the Primrose Hotel, Pearson Ballroom, 111 Carlton St., downtown Toronto. Hours: Sat. 10 am to 5 pm. Sun. 10 am to 3 pm. Coins, paper money, cards, books, supplies, pens, watches, militaria. Daily admission \$5. For info: Ingrid K. Smith, 416-260-9070.

## **JULY 3, 1997 - HAMILTON COIN AND COLLECTIBLE SHOW**

At the Royal Canadian Legion, 1180 Barton St., E. Hours: 9am to 4 pm. Admission \$2 family, \$1 seniors. Coins, paper money, stamps, militaria, toys, jewellery, watches etc... Contact George Smith, 1 Rosscliffe Dr., Hamilton, Ont., L9A 4E5, 905-385-6945.

## **JULY 23-27, 1997 - C.N.A. CONVENTION**

Moncton, New Brunswick - Display info. or bourse info.: Moncton Coin Club, P.O. Box 54, Moncton, NB, E1C 8R9.

## **AUGUST 10, 1997 - SOUTHWESTERN ONTARIO NUMISMATICS COIN AND COLLECTIBLE SHOW**

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## **SEPTEMBER 6, 1997 - HAMILTON COIN CLUB FALL SHOW**

At the Royal Canadian Legion, Barton St. E., across from Centre Mall. Hours: 9 am to 4 pm. Admission \$1, includes 1 prize ticket. Free parking, lunch bar, displays. Contact Nancy Kanerva, 905-319-3817 or George Butt, 905-335-9444.

## **SEPTEMBER 19-21 - INTERNATIONAL COLLECTORS'S FAIR, NIAGARA FALLS**

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<u>Instructor</u>	<u>Topic</u>
* Paul Petch	Canadian Coins and Commemoratives
* John Regitko	The Coining Process
Chris Boyer	A Review of Canadian Paper Money
Ted Leitch	Canadian Tokens
* Dr. Marvin Kay	Collecting Strategies
Susan Maltby	Coin Preservation
* Brian Cornwell	Coin Grading
* Paul Johnson	(Moderator)

### \* **Planning Committee**

There will be ample opportunity to ask questions and to obtain a better understanding of Canadian numismatic topics. The majority of the instructors were original writers of the CNA / NESAs Numismatic Correspondence Course and all have an excellent knowledge in their area of interest. This course is being planned as the next step in the educational process. The material presented is more in depth and detailed than the original Correspondence Course, but is easy for every collector to understand. Although there were chapter tests to complete in the Correspondence Course, no testing of the participant's knowledge will take place during the course.

The day long course will include one hour for lunch where participants can dine in the college cafeteria. The cost for lunch is the responsibility of each individual. Morning and afternoon coffee breaks are also scheduled with complimentary coffee and tea being available.

An informal optional dinner will be held at the end of the course for interested registrants. This will be held at the restaurant in the Travelodge Hotel which is located near Humber College.

Dinner selections from the menu are reasonably priced and will provide registrants and instructors a further opportunity to talk about numismatics. Simply check the box on the registration form if you wish to stay for dinner. Again, the cost for dinner is the responsibility of the individual.

Each participant will receive a special CNA / NESAs "Certificate of Participation" at the conclusion of the course as well as receiving a complimentary selection of numismatic books and magazines to take home.

Humber College was chosen for its excellent facilities and reputation as a learning center. It is located at 205 Humber College Blvd., just south of Finch Avenue and east of Hwy. 427 in Etobicoke which is in the north west section of the Metropolitan Toronto area. Free parking is available. The C.N.A. will send each registrant a detailed map of the Humber College location with a written confirmation of your inclusion in the course.

The number of participants is limited for this course and you are encouraged to register as soon as possible. Not only will you learn more about Canadian numismatics but you will have fun as well! Any questions about the course prior to registering can be obtained by contacting the C.N.A. Executive Secretary by telephone at (705) 737-0845, by fax at (705) 737-0293 or Email at [cna@barint.on.ca](mailto:cna@barint.on.ca).

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# O.N.A. CONVENTION REPORT

By Marvin Kay (This report appeared in the North York Coin Club Bulletin)

It was an honour and a privilege for me to represent the North York Coin Club at the annual meeting of the Ontario Numismatic Association which took place in Windsor, Ontario, April 18, 19 & 20, 1997.

When I registered on Friday afternoon, I received a large box which was distributed to all registrants. It was easy to see that John Regitko was behind the voluminous contents of the registration kit. Among other items, the kit contained two Charlton catalogues, Jack Veffers' book entitled "My Two Cents Worth", a deck of cards from the Windsor Casino, a city map, plus numerous woods. The one item I found disappointing was the convention program. In my opinion, the printing was of very poor quality.

During the three days I spent in Windsor, I saw so many members of the North York Coin Club. Those whom I can remember seeing included Basil Latham, John Regitko, Dick Dunn, Ron Zelk, Norm Belsten, Paul Johnson, Roger Fox, Ted Boxall, Albert Kasman and Brian See.

In my capacity as immediate past President of the Canadian Numismatic Association, I attended the executive meeting on the Saturday morning. During the meeting, I made a presentation on behalf of the North York Coin Club offering to host the 1999 convention of the CNA.

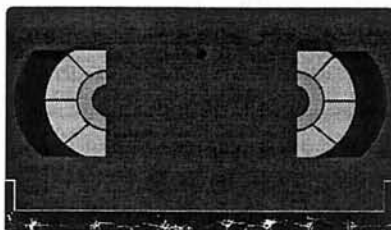


Another presentation was made by Chris Boyer on behalf of the Waterloo Coin Society. After we had made our presentations, we

were asked to leave the meeting room while the CNA executive deliberated the question. It would seem that it was not an easy decision for them to make because Boyer and I were kept waiting outside for about 15-20 minutes. Finally we were invited back into the meeting room where I learned that the decision was made in favour of Kitchener/Waterloo. However, we were asked to consider hosting the convention in 2002.

On Sunday morning, I attended the Club Delegates' breakfast meeting. Of the 30+ clubs that are ONA members, only 14 were represented. One would think that if the City of Ottawa Coin Club could manage to get a delegate all the way to Windsor, surely more of the clubs in between could have sent representatives.

John Regitko chaired the meeting. Here are some of the highlights..... There has been increased use of the audio-visual items in the ONA library. During the past two years, 36 new numismatic video tapes



have been added to the library. And in June, several more will be available. The ONA library also has an extensive 35mm slide set (collection) and Regitko is working at improving the roster of speakers available to member clubs.

The St. Catherines and Scarborough Coin Clubs were very pleased with the ONA insurance program because this allowed them to set up displays in local shopping malls. Waterloo Coin Society has increased participation by young people by inviting local boy scout groups to some of their meetings to

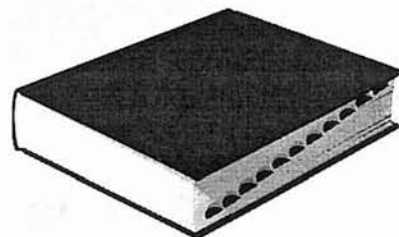
help them to acquire their collector's badge.

The Stratford Coin Club has increased its membership by advertising in local papers and putting displays in shopping malls.

The Ingersoll Coin Club stressed the importance of starting the meetings on time. And over the years, the club has made donations to the Easter Seal campaign totalling \$27,000.00!

It was announced that over 400 books of ONA draw tickets had been sold.

The prize for the best local coin club bulletin was won by the London Numismatic Society. The chair stressed the need for all clubs to send in copies of their monthly bulletin to the ONA editor to be



considered for this annual award.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Regitko distributed several coin books to each delegate to take back to his home club. Once again, these books were made available through the generosity of Charlton Press.

In the bourse room, there were over two dozen dealers, all of whom seemed to be doing brisk business.

The educational displays included cases showing Canadian Tire notes, coins with sailing ships, and a tribute to Alexander Graham Bell. All were of very high quality.

Thanks again for the honor and privilege of being appointed to represent the North York Coin Club.

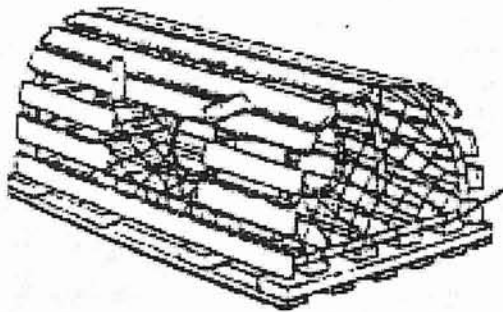
# MONCTON COIN CLUB

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## PRESS RELEASE

The Moncton Coin Club, hosts of the Canadian Numismatic Association's 1997 annual convention, July 23-27, have unveiled their convention logo. It consists of a conventional lobster trap with the theme "catch the big one." The logo has, of course, double meaning. "Catch the big one" refers to the big lobster or the big coin show.



### CATCH THE BIG ONE

Lobster traps are usually in the form of a half cylinder 2.5 to 4 feet long with wood frames covered with wood lathes and netting. Most traps are divided into two compartments: the "kitchen" where fresh or salt bait such as herring or mackeral is placed, and the "parlour" from which escape is difficult. One to three funnel-like mesh entrances lead into the kitchen and another from the kitchen to the parlour. To make the trap sink and hold position, they are weighted with flat stones or concrete. Usually the position of each trap is marked by a wooden or plastic buoy brightly painted for easy identification. Each

year, Canadian fisherman set over 3 million traps.

Collectors are getting trapped into the idea of going to Moncton to taste this delicacy. A giant lobster party is but one social event at the convention sure to please registrants.

Geoffrey Bell, chairman of the convention has also announced the appointment of Wayne Gillcash as co-chairman. Gillcash will be responsible for all finances and security. Bell is also pleased to announce Terry Campbell as official convention photographer. Campbell is the well-known columnist for Canadian Coin News. Other key appointments were bourse - Michael Wilson; publicity - Geoff Bell; display - Steven Oatway; registration - Jim Birch; admission - Peter Gillis; banquet - David Segee; and logistics - Dwight MacKinnon. All members of the Moncton Coin Club have volunteered for at least one committee. Bell stated, "Moncton has done a bang-up job in 1983 and 1993 hosting the national convention and this will be the best yet. The committment of every member of the club to helping out will make this a fun show to put together".

For more information, contact the Moncton Coin Club at phone or fax: 506-857-9403 or P.O. Box 54, Moncton, N.B., E1C 5Y6.

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# NEW WORLD PAPER MONEY BOOKS ISSUED

By Jerry Remick

The third edition of the **"STANDARD CATALOG OF WORLD PAPER MONEY, CURRENT ISSUES 1961-1997, VOLUME 3"** by Colin R. Bruce II and George S. Cuhaj was released early this spring. The catalog retails at \$34.95 U.S. It is available by mail for an additional \$3.25 for postage and handling for U.S. residents and \$10.00 U.S. for those residing outside the United States, from the publisher: Krause Publications, Book dept., QXHW, 700 East State Street, Iola, Wisconsin 54990, telephone 715-445-2214. Credit card customers may call toll free 800-258-0929.

The 736 page soft covered catalogue is printed on 8.5" X 11" pages and contains more than 9,000 listings of banknotes from over 250 note-issuing authorities from 1961-1997. More than 6750 photos of banknotes illustrate the book.

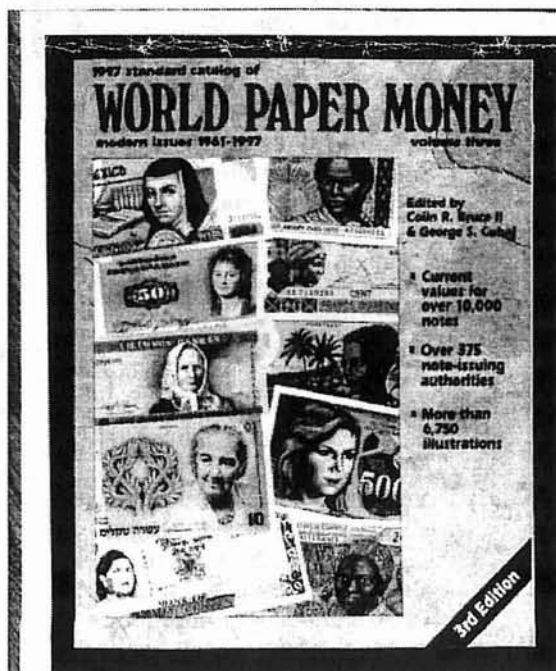
A short historical and descriptive text and an index map situating the country are presented at the top of the page for each country whose notes are catalogued in this volume. Photographs of both sides of nearly all type notes are given. Included for each note description are a catalogue number, denomination, issue date(s), color, description of the main design elements on the note, printer's name and valuations in up to 3 conditions. Signature and other varieties are listed. Signature charts of actual signatures are given form some countries.

Much useful data is included in the introductory section, including a chart of months and a table of standard international grading terminology and abbreviations -- both tables covering the major languages. A foreign exchange table is also included.

For coverage of bank notes from 1650-1960, the collector must purchase the **"STANDARD CATALOG OF WORLD PAPER MONEY, GENERAL ISSUES, VOLUME II, EIGHTH EDITION"** by Albert Pick. This catalog, published in February 1997, retails at \$55 U.S. If ordered by mail with Volume III, U.S. residents should add \$2 and those living elsewhere \$5. If ordered alone, postal charges are \$3.25 for U.S. residents and \$10 U.S. for those living elsewhere.

The 1072 page hard covered catalog is printed on 8.5" X 11" pages. It covers more than 18,000 government-issued banknotes, issued by 230 authorities from 1650-1960. There are more than 5,000 photos of type notes. The 8th edition features expanded signature charts and variety listings.

A short historical and descriptive text and an index map situating the country is presented at the top of the page for each country. Photographs of both sides of most type notes are shown. Valuations, except for current notes are generally in three grades: VG, VF and Unc.



# COLLECTING EVERYTHING

By Jeff Fournier

You enter the bourse of a large coin show and are immediately surrounded by thousands of coins, medals, tokens and paper notes from all over the world. Your eyes widen, a smile forms on your face, your heart begins to palpitate and your hands tremble. Droplets of sweat begin to pour from your forehead. In your hands, you carry an



ever-growing want-list of numismatic items, though in fact, anything ever minted is fair game for your collection. You head for the nearest bourse table and begin leafing through a dealer's album of five cent pieces, earmarking a half-dozen or so that interest you. You glance at his well-stocked paper money album, gingerly removing several colorful foreign notes from their folders and carefully placing them down next to the five



cent pieces. Your hands move to the junk box and massage a number of large, beautifully struck commemorative medals

which you gently introduce to your pile of soon-to-be purchased coins.

Purposefully, you remove your wallet and begin counting its contents, scanning to ensure there are no replacement notes. As you do this, you eye your credit cards, recalling that they're already at their limit - a direct result of the last coin show you attended.

You hand the cash to the dealer, move on to the next table and the scene is repeated. By the end of the day, your wallet is empty.

You are now, however, the proud owner of several pieces for your decimal collection, two dozen foreign banknotes, three Canadian



notes, a smorgasbord of commemorative medals and at least twenty or more municipal tokens, not to mention a pocket full of woods. All this and still you had to pass on at least a dozen pieces due to lack of funds.

You return home, exhausted, and begin sorting through your hoard with the ease and efficiency of a seasoned expert.

Your eyes swell with tears as you lovingly handle your coins, readying them for storage, appreciative of their beauty and historical significance, but saddened by the remembrance of the other coins that "got away". Face it....you're a coin "junkie"!



Now, you may think this story is a slight exaggeration (it probably is a bit of a stretch), but the point is this: can you, or should you be collecting everything that comes your way? Who can afford to do this these days? Can't a compromise be found for those of you who want to collect everything but still have a budget to follow?

Some collectors have found their niche and specialize in a particular area of numismatics such as Canadian halves, foreign crowns, municipal tokens, military medals and so forth; but what about the rest of you - and there are quite a few - who simply can't decide and just like collecting everything.

Well, I generally recommend developing a specialty, but I can feel for you, so here's my solution.





If you're like most Canadian collectors, you're almost certainly a lover of decimals. But do you really need one of every Canadian coin that's ever been minted? Certainly not! To do this, you'd need a



King's ransom and at that, probably wouldn't be able to complete such a collection anyway.

What to do?

Why not assemble a type collection? It's the perfect alternative to the monotony of a series collection. Jerry Remick's checklist for Canadian type coins should steer you in the right direction (available from Les Editions St. Eloi Inc., Box 103, Sainte Julie, Que., J3E 1X5 at \$7.00ppd) You'll be able to use it to guide yourself in acquiring an example of all major coin types in the Canadian series. You can be the judge as to what condition the coins should be in and which dates you'll want to include. By choosing the more common dates from each type, you'll be able to purchase examples in better condition, and still have money left over for other decimals such as, perhaps, error and variety coins.

Your currency collection could consist of one or two examples from each series of Bank of Canada notes, with a sampling of the various

denominations and monarchs. You might also include a couple issues of notes issued by private banks. You'll have to be the judge as to what you can afford.

If you have a hankering for foreign coins and currency, collect only one inexpensive example from as many countries as you can find a coin for.

Concentrate on topicals that interest you the most.

An inexpensive book available to collectors that will guide you in this

area is entitled "A Checklist of Countries Currently Issuing Their Own Currency" by Jerry Remick and Available from Canadian Novelty Coins, P.O. Box 2111, Stn. A, Sudbury, Ont., P3A 4R8 at \$5.95 ppd (or \$4.95 ppd to the U.S.)



You might want to include a few ancient coins in your collection, as everyone likes to hold a really old coin in their hand. Ancient coins are great conversation pieces.

How about a little exnumia - tokens, medals, wooden nickels and so forth. Your emphasis could be on acquiring at least one piece from all the many types of exnumia which exist. For example, when collecting tokens, you may want to choose one or two nice examples from these general categories: transportation tokens, dairy tokens, merchant tokens, municipal

tokens, pre-confederation tokens, communion tokens etc... You could do the same for medals: municipal medals, coin club medals, advertising medals, commemorative medals, military medals (including awards and decorations), governor general medals and personalized medals. Then there are Masonic pennies, wooden "nickels", spinners, scrip (gas bar scrip, municipal currency, "funny money" etc...).

Concentrate on getting as many different sizes, shapes and metallic compositions as you can.

So there you have it - my solution to systematically collecting everything - without re-mortgaging the house. It's not the ideal solution but it's not a bad compromise for those of you who just can't seem to decide what you want to collect. At least its a way of limiting your purchases and giving you some direction.

As a last few bits of advice, take your time when collecting; only buy quality material; buy what you like; stay within a budget; collect systematically, not haphazardly and above all, have fun.



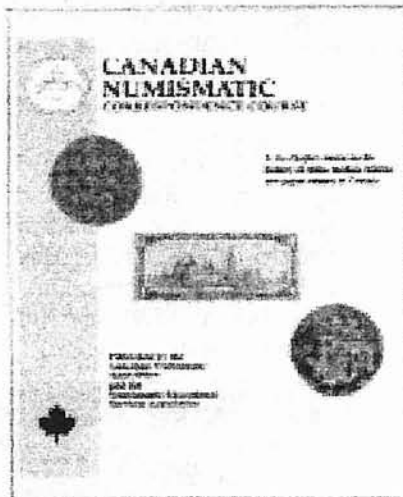
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## COINS & SUPERSTITION

By Jeff Fournier

Money -- possibly the most inventive and influential creation of humankind -- figures prominently, not only in our every day financial transactions, but in our modern-day superstitions as well. Many of these superstitions are rooted in ancient customs and beliefs passed down to us for generations.

Today, it is not uncommon for people to carry a "lucky" coin in their pocket or purse, or to throw a coin into a fountain and make a wish. We've all heard the old remark "find a penny, pick it up, all that day you'll have good luck!" And certainly, if you've ever given a purse or wallet as a gift, you were careful to place a coin in it first, to ensure the recipient would receive good luck and fortune.

Our earliest records of superstitions relating to money actually date back to the 7th or 8th century, BC, when coins first came into general use in Asia Minor, in the Kingdom of Lydia.

Umbrian sailors, according to ancient scribes, were said to have thrown coins over the sides of their vessels as offerings to the sea gods who, it was hoped, would grant a safe journey. This was, in fact, the precursor to the modern-day custom of throwing money into a wishing well.

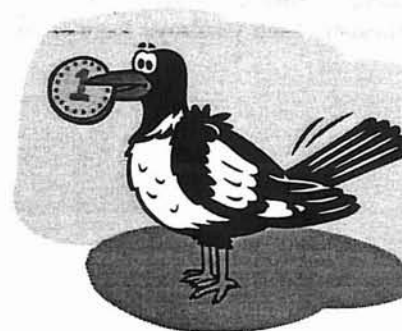
The naval custom of placing a coin at the foot of the mast may have its roots in an old Roman custom of putting coins in the mouths of the dead to pay their way across the River Styx - assuring the dead of a safe passage into the afterlife.

And a similar custom, practiced by the Chinese, was to place a small coin in the mouth of the deceased as a good-luck charm.

In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, encased coins were produced (a coin encircled by a metal collar) and impressed with the inscription "good luck". These were carried or worn in the hopes the individual would receive good fortune.

By mid-20th century, our own modern-day superstitions about money were beginning to take form, such as the belief that the \$2 bill, nicknamed "deuce", was somehow synonymous with the devil.

What other superstitions relating to coins and money do you know of, and how did they first come about?



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## A PROMISE COMING TRUE!

At time of writing I have listened to the Politicians promise everything from lower taxes to a balanced budget. Now I know everyone will be tired of listening to the political GOBBLY GOOK, but I wanted to get in my own promise.

While probably considered a computer nerd, I'd like to let everyone know that I hope to be online before the next issue and at that time will reveal the address that will reach me. While this may not affect most Members, I feel there is a significant number of members who can take advantage of it.

One Convention is just over when planning the next is under way. I would once again like to thank the Windsor Coin Club Committee for the great effort they put into the Show this year! I have heard nothing but praise for your efforts.

The 1998 Convention will be held in Ottawa at the Citidal Hotel on Lyon Street. I am sure with the Mint and Bank of Canada Museum so close there will be plenty of opportunity to take in both. Now is the time to block off the dates for the Convention. April 17 to April 19, 1998. More information will be forthcoming shortly.

Kenneth Wilmot



### PICTURES COMPLIMENTS OF PAUL JOHNSON

Clockwise from left: 1) Paul Johnson showing his certificate presented to him for attending 25 consecutive O.N.A. banquets, 1973-1997; 2) Don Robb (right) presents Brian Cornwell (left) with O.N.A. "Award of Merit" for 1997; 3) Banquet speaker: Rich Giedroye from Coin World.



# EDITOR'S VIEWS



Oh, the lazy, hazy days of summer are upon us! For me, it's truly been a summer of relaxation and taking it easy....no yard work for me this year. No pesky grass cutting. Gardening work -- what's that? Painting and driveway sealing --- no sir! NOT FOR THIS GUY!!! And about my job -- who needs it! I'm semi-retired!!

Please, don't get the wrong idea, folks! I'm not on permanent vacation. I didn't renounce my duty as husband, father and co-worker and purposely relinquish the title of "Jack-of-all trades" (master of none, or so I've been told). Actually, this summer, I've been nursing a damaged Achilles tendon - a severed one, actually. Who'd have thought such a little thing could cause such a big headache.... surgery to reattach the tendon, 3 months in a cast (Aug. 19th is "CO" day -- i.e: cast off day) and then, another several weeks of therapy to follow. No swimming for me this summer. Bungee jumping, parachuting, white water rafting and the ironman triathlon will have to be put off until next summer, I guess.

Thank goodness for an understanding wife who's taken on most of the household duties, and to an understanding boss who's been letting me work from home for the past week (which I will continue to do until sometime into September or October anyway). But enough about me....on to numismatics!

In this edition, we have a real potpourri of info., articles and other items for you. I wanted to keep reading light while you lounged around the pool sipping your Long Island Iced Teas!

By the time you receive this bulletin, the CNA will be history. We'll have a report on it in an upcoming issue if one of our members who attended sends an article in.

Meanwhile, enjoy the rest of the summer and why not take in some of the fine numismatic exhibits this summer while you vacation away. Check out the Glenbow museum coin exhibit when you're in Alberta, the Big Nickel coin collection when in Sudbury, the early Indian Wampum, tokens, medals, coins and paper money at the Midland Museum, the Bank of Canada Currency Museum and Royal Canadian Mint in Ottawa and the Chateau Ramazey collection in Montreal.

Check the local yellow pages while you're on the road and drop in on the many coin dealers in the country. Investigate the flea markets and antique shows....who knows what you might find. Catch up on your numismatic reading. And last but certainly not least, introduce a friend to collecting. Encourage a child to start a collection. Circulate some inexpensive "collector coins" in your area -- promote the hobby -- and have a great summer!!

**Send show dates, club information and articles directly to Jeff Fournier**

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# MASTERS' KOIN KORNER

By Thomas Masters

Most Coin and stamp collectors and those who metal detect are interested in history. For those who are, and when visiting the Toronto area, they should take some time to visit Larry Becker's Warehouse at 438 Limestone Crescent in North York. Here in this warehouse is a collector's dream, where such items as all kinds of militaria memorabilia, postcards, hats, comic books, stock and bond certificates, old paper money, coins, medals, plaques, bottles, and countless other things are there for your enjoyment and purchase.

During your metal detecting you may have discovered some medals etc. of the past. These medals have a significant bit of history, any may also be worth a few dollars. Also, if you don't want to part with them, Larry may be able to give you some background history on that find. It seems Larry is never too busy to spend a few minutes with anyone who drops in, and to give them a special tour of his place.

The will be the final episode on some special events I have experienced in my long association in numismatics. Future columns will relate to stories relating to specific coins. My experience may find its way back into the column from time to time in the future.

The two instances will deal with large and small cents and happened in the villages of Komoka and Delaware in 1962 or 1963. When calling on Matheson's Grocery Store in Komoka, a woman brought into the store a 6 quart basket of

pennies and asked Gert Matheson to take them off her account. Gert was none too pleased, but knowing I was interested in coins, offered me the chance to go through them - count, roll; and tell her how many were in the basket so she could take the amount from the owner's account. This basket couldn't be carried by the handle because of the weight, and for the rest of the day, rested on the floor boards of my vehicle. Several hours were spent counting, sorting, and rolling this hoard, and I got several George V coins (1920-1936) and various other dates in the George VI coins that might be in shorter supply in later years (1937-38-39-44 & 48). Also in the hoard were 3 or 4 large Canadian cents, the dates which have escaped me, leading me to believe they were of the common large cent variety. A lot of pleasure was derived from sorting through these coins in a time when going through rolls from the bank was very popular.

The other incident happened in front of McTaggart's General Store in Delaware while waiting for him to open at 7:00 a.m. There was a tap on the side window of my truck and a man who I had never seen before offered me a bag of large cents. He said there were 32 large Canadian cents and 1 Strait Settlement Coin, and asked for \$7.50 for the lot. This figured out to less than 25 cents each and he indicated that McTaggart had told him I might be interested in buying these coins. I bought the coins and that

evening, while sorting through them, discovered coins from Victoria (1858-1901), Edward VII (1902-1919), George V (1911-1920). The prize in this purchase was a 1907H which alone was worth more than the total paid for the lot.

Coins do turn up in very unexpected places even today. My phone rings about people wanting to sell their coins and some from strange places. One such this last month was from the morgue at one of our local funeral homes.

I was taken downstairs to where they kept the caskets. From one of these a bag of coins was removed, and we went into another room where there were bright lights and a stainless steel table. A cover was placed on this table and the coins dumped from the bag. I was told that this room was the morgue, and the table where we had the coins was where they prepared the body for burial. Yes, I purchased the coins, and coins do turn up in strange places.



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## Press Release

### For Immediate Release:

### COIN COLLECTORS CELEBRATE COIN MONTH CANADA DURING OCTOBER 1997

**Windsor, Ont. April 19 1997:** The Canadian Numismatic Association, at its executive meeting today at the Ontario Numismatic Association Convention, approved the designation of October 1997 as COIN MONTH CANADA ("CMC"). The CNA has been the leading organization and sponsor of Coin Week Canada and is pleased to officially expand the event to the month of October in 1997.

Participating coin clubs and collectors throughout the country will schedule coin shows, displays and other special events of their choosing within their communities during October to celebrate COIN MONTH CANADA. The CNA and numismatists throughout the country hope to develop synergy in promoting the hobby both by having local groups coordinate Coin Month activities within their communities with their local meetings, etc. and by promoting the hobby in a unified fashion during October.

*"The development of COIN MONTH CANADA has been a popular request by several collectors and member clubs and is a logical progression for our hobby" indicated Yvon Marquis, President of the CNA. "This move provides the vehicle for the necessary promotion of our hobby by allowing an adequate and flexible time form for collectors through to the country to participate in their own way." added Bill Waychison, Chairperson, Coin Month Canada -1997.*

The Canadian Numismatic Association is Canada's leading numismatic association with membership in excess of 1,800 persons and numerous member organizations. The CNA will hold its annual convention, July 23 - 27 1997 in Moncton, NB. Information regarding numismatics, the CNA, and several of its member organizations may be obtained on the Internet at the *Canadian Numismatic Network* site at <http://home.ican.net/~nunetcan>.

For further information contact Yvon Marquis, CNA President, CP 687, Bic Québec G0L 1B0 or Kenneth B. Prophet, Executive Secretary, PO Box 226, Barrie, Ont L4M 4T2; tel: (705) 737-0845; fax: (705) 737-0293.



## The C.N.A. Canadian Numismatic Course Saturday, November 1, 1997

Would you like to learn more about the hobby of coin collecting? The Canadian Numismatic Association has an exciting one day course for you.

- a classroom setting
- seven different instructors
- a wide range of topics relating to Canadian numismatics
- fun and fellowship

Date : **Saturday, November 1 - 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM**

Location : **Humber College**  
**205 Humber College Blvd., ( south of Finch Avenue and east of**  
**Etobicoke, Ontario Hwy. 427 )**  
**( free parking is available )**

Registration

Cost : **\$ 25.00 per person** ( includes Certificate of Participation,  
handouts, coffee and numismatic books )

This one day course is the first of its kind planned by the Canadian Numismatic Association and is being co-sponsored by the Numismatic Educational Services Association. The course is an ambitious event with the goal of educating collectors about the beauty, historical and economic importance of Canadian coins, tokens, medals and paper money. The seven well qualified instructors will present a topic and supplement the discussion with slides, videos, overheads, demonstrations, handouts and displays of actual numismatic material.

<u>Instructor</u>	<u>Topic</u>
* Paul Petch	Canadian Coins and Commemoratives
* John Regitko	The Coining Process
Chris Boyer	A Review of Canadian Paper Money
Ted Leitch	Canadian Tokens
* Dr. Marvin Kay	Collecting Strategies
Susan Maltby	Coin Preservation
* Brian Cornwell	Coin Grading
* Paul Johnson	(Moderator)

### \* Planning Committee

There will be ample opportunity to ask questions and to obtain a better understanding of Canadian numismatic topics. The majority of the instructors were original writers of the CNA / NESAs Numismatic Correspondence Course and all have an excellent knowledge in their area of interest. This course is being planned as the next step in the educational process. The material presented is more in depth and detailed than the original Correspondence Course, but is easy for every collector to understand. Although there were chapter tests to complete in the Correspondence Course, no testing of the participant's knowledge will take place during the course.

The day long course will include one hour for lunch where participants can dine in the college cafeteria. The cost for lunch is the responsibility of each individual. Morning and afternoon coffee breaks are also scheduled with complimentary coffee and tea being available.

An informal optional dinner will be held at the end of the course for interested registrants. This will be held at the restaurant in the Travelodge Hotel which is located near Humber College.59

Dinner selections from the menu are reasonably priced and will provide registrants and instructors a further opportunity to talk about numismatics. Simply check the box on the registration form if you wish to stay for dinner. Again, the cost for dinner is the responsibility of the individual.

Each participant will receive a special CNA / NESA "Certificate of Participation" at the conclusion of the course as well as receiving a complimentary selection of numismatic books and magazines to take home.

Humber College was chosen for its excellent facilities and reputation as a learning center. It is located at 205 Humber College Blvd., just south of Finch Avenue and east of Hwy. 427 in Etobicoke which is in the north west section of the Metropolitan Toronto area. Free parking is available. The C.N.A. will send each registrant a detailed map of the Humber College location with a written confirmation of your inclusion in the course.

The number of participants is limited for this course and you are encouraged to register as soon as possible. Not only will you learn more about Canadian numismatics but you will have fun as well! Any questions about the course prior to registering can be obtained by contacting the C.N.A. Executive Secretary by telephone at (705) 737-0845, by fax at (705) 737-0293 or Email at [cna@barint.on.ca](mailto:cna@barint.on.ca).

Please complete the registration form and mail it with your cheque made payable to the "Numismatic Educational Services Association".

**C.N.A. Canadian Numismatic Course  
Saturday, November 1, 1997  
Humber College, Etobicoke  
Registration Form**

Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Address : \_\_\_\_\_

City : \_\_\_\_\_

Province : \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code : \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone : \_\_\_\_\_

Coin Club Affiliations : \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to register for the C.N.A. Canadian Numismatic Course on November 1, 1997. Enclosed is a cheque for \$25 made payable to the "Numismatic Educational Services of Canada".

I understand that I will receive a written confirmation of my registration in the course.

I would like to stay for dinner at the end of the course.

*(The cost of the dinner is the responsibility of the individual)*

Return this form to the Canadian Numismatic Association,  
P. O. Box 226, Barrie, Ontario L4M 4T2 Canada.

Telephone : 705 - 737 - 0845 Fax : 705 - 737 - 0293

Email : [cna@barint.on.ca](mailto:cna@barint.on.ca)



# SHOW & BOURSE

## **AUGUST 10, 1997 - SOUTHWESTERN ONTARIO NUMISMATICS COIN AND COLLECTIBLE SHOW**

At Paris Fair Grounds, 139 Silver St., Hours 9 am to 5 pm. \$1 admission includes free draw. Over 40 tables of coins, paper money, jewellery, cards, nostalgia. Info: Ted Bailey, 281-A Grand River St., Paris, On, N3L 2N9. (519)442-3474.

## **AUGUST 24, 1997 - ST. THOMAS COIN AND SPORT CARD SHOW**

At the Elgin Labour Temple, 18 Princess Ave. 10:30 am to 4 pm. Admission \$1. Info: Jim Hooper, 817 Talbot St., St. Thomas, Ont., N5P 1E9, (519)633-7038.

## **SEPTEMBER 6, 1997 - HAMILTON COIN CLUB FALL SHOW**

At the Royal Canadian Legion, Barton St. E., across from Centre Mall. Hours: 9 am to 4 pm. Admission \$1, includes 1 prize ticket. Free parking, lunch bar, displays. Contact Nancy Kanerva, 905-319-3817 or George Butt, 905-335-9444.

## **SEPTEMBER 19-21 - INTERNATIONAL COLLECTORS'S FAIR**

Presented by Trajan Publishing at the Skyline Brock Hotel, 5685 Falls Ave., Niagara Falls, Ont. Hours: Fri.: 5pm to 9 pm. Saturday: 10 am to 5 pm; Sunday: 10 am to 5 pm. Coins, stamps, postcards, medals, vintage cards, paper money, coin auction, door prizes and much more. For info: 905-646-7744.

## **SEPTEMBER 28, 1997 - LONDON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY COIN SHOW**

At the Ramada Inn, 817 Exeter Rd. (off Hwy. 401 at Wellington Rd.), 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. Admission \$1. Info: (519)472-9679.

## **OCTOBER 4, 1997 - PETERBOROUGH COIN CLUB SHOW**

At Portage Place Mall, Chemong Rd., 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. No admission charge. Info: Evelyn Robinson, 36 Stewart Pl., Peterborough, Ont., K9J 3L9, (705)745-5050.

## **OCTOBER 18, 1997 - BURLINGTON INTERNATIONAL FALL COIN SHOW**

At the Brant Hills Community Centre, 2300 Duncaster Dr. (between Upper Middle Rd. and Hwy. #5). 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. No admission. Info: Nancy Kanerva, (905)319-3817 or George Butt (905)335-9444.

## **OCTOBER 19, 1997 - TILLSONBURG COIN SHOW**

At the Community Centre, 45 Hardy St., Sponsored by the Tillsonburg Numismatic Society. 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Admission \$1. Info: Wayne MacFarlane, 74 Parkwood Dr., Tillsonburg, Ont., N4G 2S2, (519)842-6666.

## **OCTOBER 25-26, 1997 - TOREX 1997**

At the Primrose Hotel, Pearson Ballroom, 111 Carlton St., downtown Toronto. Hours: Sat. 10 am to 5 pm. Sun. 10 am to 3 pm. Coins, paper money, cards, books, supplies, pens, watches, militaria. Daily admission \$5. For info: Ingrid K. Smith, 416-260-9070.

## **NOVEMBER 7-9, 1997 - THE HOBBY SHOW**

At the International Centre (3 kilometres North of the airport). Over 200 different hobbies and crafts. Fri. 12:00 pm to 9:00 pm; Sat. 10:00 am to 8:00 pm. Sun. 10 am to 6 pm. Info: Ted Curl, The Hobby Show, 7 Avon Court, Whitby, Ont., L1N 3H2 (905)428-6466, fax (905)666-8316.

## **NOVEMBER 22, 1997 - WATERLOO COIN SOCIETY SHOW**

At the Rink in The Park, Seagram Drive. 10:00 am to 5 pm. Free admission. Info: Don Robb, Box 22062, Westmount PO, Waterloo, Ont., N2L 6J7, (519)888-9655 email: don robb@ionline.net

## **NOVEMBER 29, 1997 - N.I.C.F. PRESENTS "COIN-A-RAMA", NIAGARA FALLS**

Our Lady of Peace Hall, 6944 Stanley Avenue, Niagara Falls, Ont. 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Coins, Stamps, Cards, Jewellery, paper money, tokens, medals, etc.... For info: 7581 Dorchester, Niagara Falls, Ont., L2G 7G4 (905)356-5006.

## **APRIL 17-19, 1998 - O.N.A CONVENTION, OTTAWA, ONT.**

More information to follow in future editions of this newsletter.

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

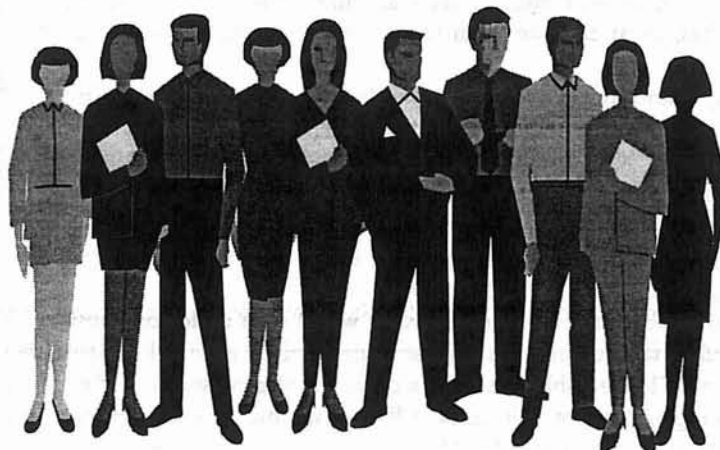
Nepean Sportsplex, Woodsroffe Ave., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.. Info? Allen Davis, P.O. Box 307, Carp, Ont., K0A 1L0.

**SEND SHOW INFO. TO ONA EDITOR, P.O. BOX 2111, STN. A, SUDBURY, ONT., P3A 4R8, PHONE: 705-566-3545, FAX 566-2025 OR EMAIL jfern@cyberbeach.net.**

# **MEMBERSHIP**

The applications for membership which appeared in the March/April issue of the Ontario Numismatist have been accepted. The following applications for membership have been received. Acceptance will appear in the next issue of the Ontario Numismatist.

- 1633 Serge Laramee, Boucherville, P.Q.
- 1634 Sandy Campbell, Baddeck, NS
- 1635 Sean Issacs, Ottawa, Ont.
- 1636 Pierre Morin, Gloucester, Ont.
- 1637 Frank Rossi, Ottawa, Ont.
- 1638 David Sirianni, Ottawa, Ont.
- C111 South Wellington Coin Society, c/o Robert Zmija, 251 Mason Blvd., Acton, Ont., L7J 1A7
- C112 Niagara Falls Coin Club, c/o Smokey milojevic, 3372 Baker Cres., Niagara Falls, Ont., L2J 3L9



# BOOK REVIEWS

By Jerry Remick

## NEW CANADIAN PAPER MONEY BOOK RELEASED

The 10th edition of "THE CHARLTON STANDARD CATALOGUE OF CANADIAN GOVERNMENT PAPER MONEY" edited by Walter D. Allan, is now available retail at \$19.95 Canadian and \$17.95 U.S. It is available by mail to Canadian residents at \$22.95 postpaid and the U.S. residents at \$20.95 U.S. postpaid from the publisher, The Charlton Press, 2040 Yonge St., Toronto, Ont., M4S 1Z9, telephone (800)442-6042. The book was published late this spring.

The 318 page soft covered book is printed on 5.5" X 8.5" pages and contains 450 photographs. It catalogues all issues of Canadian Government paper money, starting with French Colonial Playing Card Money issued from 1685-1757 and continuing through the various issues of banknotes, including those currently in circulation. The various chapters catalogue: French Colonial Issues, Army Bills, Provincial Issues, Municipal Issues, Province of Canada Issues, Dominion of Canada Issues and Bank of Canada Issues. The final two chapters cover Special Serial



Numbers on Notes and Paper Money Errors. An 8 page Introduction includes a discussion of grading, a short historical section on Canadian Government Banknotes, Printing Methods, The Numbering of Dominion Notes and the Numbering of Bank of Canada Notes.

Banknotes are evaluated in grades from Good or Very Good through Uncirculated condition. Photos of both sides of each type note are presented, as well as the following descriptive data for each type note: a description of both sides, color, issue date, printer and signature combinations. Background data is presented for each issue of

banknotes. Varieties are catalogued for each type of note as well.

## 1998 EDITION OF WORLD COIN CATALOGUE 1901 TO PRESENT

The "1998 STANDARD CATALOG OF WORLD COINS, 29TH EDITION, 1901 - PRESENT" by Chester L. Krause and Clifford Mishler and edited by Colin R. Bruce II was issued in May 1997 at \$48.95 U.S. retail by the publisher, Krause Publications, Dept. NARI, 700 East State Street, Iola, Wisconsin, 54990-0001, telephone (715)445-2214. Postal Orders from the publisher are and additional \$3.25 for United States residents and \$10.00 U.S. for those living outside the United States. Credit card customers can order by calling toll free at 1-800-258-0929. A free copy of Krause Publications' catalogs of books and periodicals is available from the above address.

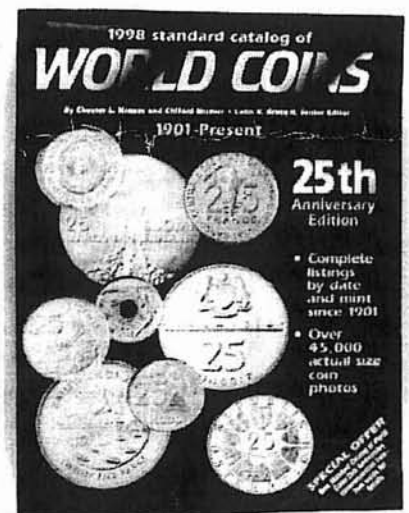
This catalog provides complete coverage of 20th century coinage, featuring updated, current prices for virtually every coin produced from 1901 to early 1997. Included are current prices of circulating coins, commemoratives, bullion issues, mint and proof sets, patterns, trial strikes, essai coinage, coin-like medallic issues, and historically significant tokens.

The coins of all issuing authorities are covered. The listings are illustrated by more than 45,000 actual-size coin photographs.

The book's 1792 pages (8.5" X 11 inches, soft covered) contain listings by date and mint for world coins, and each issue is valued in up to four grades of preservation. Actual precious-metal weights for silver, gold and platinum coins are given.

For each country, there is an index map locating it and a few paragraphs on its history, geography, population, resources and exports.

The book contains numerous charts and aids to assist world coin collectors, among which are: an illustrated instant identifier, a standard international numeral systems chart, a guide to grading terminology and abbreviations, a glossary of legend abbreviations, a chart on intrinsic weights of coins, a date conversion chart, a mint index, a coin denominations listing, a chart of coin sizes, a listing of foreign exchange rates and a cross-referenced country index. A user's guide and grading guide are also included.



# NEW ISSUES

By Jerry Remick

## PEMBROKE CENTENNIAL COIN CLUB WOOD



The Pembroke Centennial Coin Club, Pembroke, Ontario, marked their 30th anniversary in 1997 by issuing 100, 1.5" woods, printed in purple.

Pembroke's historic town hall covers the entire obverse side and the reverse features an anniversary inscription.

The wood is available at \$1.50 postpaid from: Glenda McKenzie, RR#1, Cobden, Ontario, K0J 1K0. Glenda is Secretary-Treasurer of the Pembroke club.



## 1997 SAULT STE MARIE TOKEN

The Rotary Club of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., issued a 1997 \$2.00 municipal token to mark the 75th anniversary of Rotary Community Days, which has been held annually beginning in 1922. The club held its

first meeting in June of 1918 with 53 members present.



The Rotary International symbol is featured on one side of the token and a clown, automobile and museum are on the other.

Lawrence Medallie Art of Mississauga, Ont. struck the 33mm tokens in the following formats (prices, postpaid are in brackets): Nickel bonded steel (\$3.00); Gold Plate (\$11.00); Antiqued Silver plate (\$10.00), Antiqued Copper Plate (\$9.00) and a set of the 3 plated issues in a case at \$39.50 ppd. There were 25, 000 NBS tokens struck. Plated numbers will be based on the number ordered.



Orders can be sent to the Rotary Club of Sault Ste. Marie, P.O. Box 272, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., P6A 5L8, phone: 705-945-1279.

## WAWA GOLD CENTENNIAL \$5 TOKEN

The Rotary Club of Wawa has issued a \$5.00 token this year to mark the Centennial of the discovery of gold in Wawa in 1897 by a First Nations couple, Louise Towab and William Teddy.

The reverse side of the token shows a caricature of a jubilant prospector

and the obverse shows the Wawa Goose.

Johnson Matthey Limited of Brampton, Ontario struck 2,000 tokens on 32mm, gold-plated, copper nickel (75% copper and 25% nickel) blanks with milled edge. Johnson Matthey packaged the tokens electronically in heat sealed, round vinyl pack with ten tokens each in a detachable vinyl pack. The tokens are free from scratches and



other bag marks. The detailed engraving is of high relief.

Tokens are available at \$6.50 ppd. for the first specimen and \$5.50 postpaid for each additional specimen form: The Rotary Club of Wawa, Attn. Kenneth Thompson, P.O. Box 280, Wawa, Ontario, P0S 1K0. Back issues are available at the following prices exclusive of postage: 1993, 1994 and 1995 at \$2.00 each and 1996 at \$3.00. Please add \$1.50 for postage if this is the first token of your order, and 50 cents for each additional token.

## LOOK FOR MORE NEW ISSUES IN THE NEXT ONTARIO NUMISMATIST!

(if anyone comes across any Ontario Medals or Tokens not listed in the Ontario Numismatist, let us know about them so we can let other readers know too!)

# NUMISMATIC COURSE GREAT FOR JUNIOR, NOVICE COLLECTORS!

By Chris Boyer



The **Canadian Numismatic Course** being offered this fall by the Canadian Numismatic Association is a great opportunity for junior and novice collectors to get an overview of Canadian numismatics. The newcomer to numismatics, in particular, will benefit from the interaction with expert instructors, first-rate displays, and contact with other collectors. It will be a unique opportunity to, in effect, "take" the CNA/NESA Correspondence Course in person.

## ROOTS OF THE CANADIAN NUMISMATIC COURSE

The Canadian Numismatic Course moderator and organizer, Paul Johnson, who was the coordinating editor of the CNA/NESA Correspondence Course, is enthusiastic about the November 1 workshop in Toronto. He has been working with a committee to organize this fall event for several months now. Johnson has reserved optimism about the success of the Canadian Numismatic Course. When he originally released the Correspondence Course in 1995, he never imagined how successful it would be, as it is now going into its second printing. Johnson predicts this one-day course will also surpass expectations, given the Southern Ontario location (Humber College in Etobicoke) and the good initial response to the publicity. Johnson points out that he is prepared to open up a second session to accommodate all the participants. Based upon the success of this first Canadian Numismatic Course, other similar courses could be planned across Canada in following years.

## WHAT PARTICIPANTS CAN EXPECT

Paul Johnson and his committee have pulled together a panel of experts, many of them the original authors of the Correspondence Course. These presenters will cover, each in about an hour's time, the contents of the 12 course chapters in overview fashion, plus expand on some of the topics, which should appeal to the more advanced collector. The \$25.00 registration fee covers not only admission to the course, but a certificate of participation, numismatic books and handouts, and complimentary refreshments. The academic setting of Humber College will be complimented by audio-visual equipment to aid the course participants during the coverage of the numismatic topics.

## COURSE CONTENT AND INSTRUCTORS

All of the twelve chapters covered in the original Correspondence Course will be addressed by the following seven instructors, under the following headings:

1)Canadian Coins and Commemoratives	Paul Petch
2)Coin Striking and Errors	John Regitko
3)Canadian Paper Money	Chris Boyer
4)Canadian Tokens	Ted Leitch
5)Collecting Strategies	Marvin Kay
6)Coin Preservation	Susan Maltby
7)Coin Grading	Brian Cornwell

All of the presenters (with the exception of Chris Boyer and Susan Maltby) were the original authors of the Correspondence Course. All of the presenters have achieved a degree of expertise in their field of numismatics, and will complement their presentations with numismatic displays, slides, videos, and hand-outs.

The day-long course begins at 9:00 am Saturday, November 1st and runs in approximately one-hour class intervals, with breaks for coffee and lunch. Following the presentation of course certificates by the moderator at 5:00 pm, participants are invited to attend an optional dinner in the nearby Travelodge Hotel, to meet with the instructors and chat in an informal setting.

### CHALLENGE TO ALL COIN CLUBS

Although the \$25.00 course participant's fee is very reasonable given the scope and magnitude of the course, for the junior collector, this fee may represent a very large sum.

In order to encourage young numismatists to attend the course and gain an invaluable experience in Canadian numismatics, coin clubs with junior members should consider sponsoring (at least partially) one or more young collectors to attend the course. That is just what is happening in one Southern Ontario coin club - The Waterloo Coin Society, who has about ten active young numismatists. These young numismatists are being invited to apply for full funding of the \$25.00 to participate in the course. The juniors are requested to send a letter requesting the funds, explaining why they think the course might benefit them. Successful participants would be asked, upon completion of the course, to submit a brief article outlining their experiences, to be published in the Waterloo Coin Society Newsletter. In this way, young numismatists (who stand to benefit greatly from the Numismatic Course) will be able to attend, and to express their gratitude by contributing back to the host club via the newsletter. Other clubs would do well to offer to sponsor their young numismatists as well.

### HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Initial response to this "first of its kind" event has been good, including participants from outside of the Toronto area. Those wishing to attend, or those clubs intending to sponsor young numismatists and others, should apply without delay to:

*The Canadian Numismatic Association  
P.O. Box 226, Main Post Office,  
Barrie, Ontario  
L4M 4T2*

Please include your name, address, telephone number, any coin club affiliations and the course fee of \$25.00 payable to the "Numismatic Educational Services of Canada". Those wishing to stay for the optional dinner at the end of the course should also indicate that with their registration. Ken Prophet, Executive Secretary of the C.N.A., will send out confirmation of your registration in the course, along with a map to the course location. Ken Prophet can be reached at the above address or:

*By Phone: 705-737-0845  
By Fax: 705-737-0293  
Internet: cna@barint.on.ca*

# SEVERAL COIN CLUBS CELEBRATING SIGNIFICANT ANNIVERSARIES IN 1997

By Jeff Fournier



This year, several Canadian coin clubs have been celebrating significant anniversaries including the Hamilton Coin Club (45th anniversary), Lakeshore Coin Club (35th anniversary), Miramichi Coin Club (30th anniversary), Ontario Numismatic Association (35th anniversary), the North Shore Numismatic Society (25th anniversary), The Woodstock Coin Club (40th anniversary), the Champlain Coin Club (35th anniversary), and the Societe D'Archeologie Et De Numismatique De Montreal (135th anniversary).

All of these clubs have contributed to numismatics at the local level, and some at the Provincial and National levels as well; and each has a rich and varied history and a membership - both past and present - of many well known Canadian numismatists. I thought it might be appropriate at this time to look at the histories of some of these clubs.

## THE HAMILTON COIN CLUB

The Hamilton Coin Club was formed in August of 1952 under the initiative of Eugene Culp. Hamilton city Alderman MacCline invited the group to hold its first formal meeting at the Old City Hall.

Subsequent meetings were held in downtown Hamilton at the YMCA. From 1956 until 1966 the club met at the Wentworth Arms Hotel, due to a large increase in membership.

The club had initially been organized as the Hamilton Chapter of the Canadian Numismatic Association, but in January of 1957, it adopted the name Hamilton Coin Club since the CNA had abolished its system of Chapters.

The Hamilton Coin Club has hosted several CNA and ONA conventions and is still an active club today.

## THE CHAMPLAIN COIN CLUB

The Champlain Coin Club, based in Orillia, Ontario, was founded in 1962. Though a small club, they have been fairly active, holding regular monthly meetings and annual dinners. I have very little information about the history of the club, but would be pleased to hear from anyone who can provide me with more details (write to Jeff Fournier, P.O. Box 2111, Stn. A, Sudbury, Ont., P3A 4R8)



## THE MIRAMICHI COIN CLUB

The organizational meeting for the Miramichi Coin Club was held on June 20, 1967 at the United Church Centre in Newcastle, New Brunswick. Those present at the meeting chose the club name because it was representative of the area but did not identify with any specific part of the region.

The club has participated in many projects. It has held displays in stores and banks, staged annual shows, entered floats in parades, sponsored educational programs and donated books to libraries and money to air cadets.

## THE LAKESHORE COIN CLUB

The story of the Lakeshore Coin Club's founding actually begins with Bunny Turner who owned a coin shop in the Quebec city of Pointe Claire. The year was 1961, and Mrs. Turner's coin shop had just opened. Collectors from around the area would drop into her shop and she began questioning whether they would like to form a coin club. Encouraged by their response, she decided to hold a meeting at her home on Fifth Avenue where those present drafted a constitution, decided on an executive, set dues and picked a date, place and time for an official meeting. The executive elected were Mr. W. Dunford as President, Mr. A. Barnett as Vice President, Mr. I. Dutton as Secretary and Mr. G. Simons as Treasurer. Mr. L. Barton - a longtime collector in the area who often frequented Turner's coin store was named as charter member #1.



The inaugural meeting of the Lakeshore Coin Club was held on February 12th, 1962 at the Unitarian Church between Lakeshore Road and Cedar Avenue in Pointe Claire. About 50 people were in attendance.

Subsequent meetings featured guest speakers (such as noted numismatists Fred Bowman - a member of the club - and Doug Ferguson), auctions and monthly draws. The club held their first coin exhibition in 1963. In 1967, the club formed a standing display of Canadian coins at Stewart Hall in Pointe Claire.

The Lakeshore Coin Club is still quite active today and meets at Stewart Hall, 176 Bord du Lac, Pointe Claire.

#### **NORTH SHORE NUMISMATIC SOCIETY**

In December of 1972 a group of people gathered and held a meeting to organize a coin club for the North Shore of Vancouver. The meeting was spearheaded by Jack Brewer and was held at the Vancouver Recreation Centre with the following people in attendance: Mr. & Mrs. Brewer, Mr. and Mrs. G. Lazeo, Janet Levine, John Loven, Don Mitchell, Al Partington, Jeremy Day and Ray Mah. Jerry Day was appointed the club President, Ray Mah, Vice President and John Loven Secretary.

The executive learned that a previous North Shore Numismatic Society was still in existence, although it was inactive at the time. The executive was able to obtain the constitution and membership roster of the former club, and decided to set up the newly organized club by following the old constitution and by including the past list of members with the new.

The club held its first coin show on October 25th and 26th, 1975. This paved the way for other shows such as the 33rd Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association annual show held in 1978 at the Coach House Inn in North Vancouver and the annual CNA convention, held in 1990 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Vancouver.

In 1976, a design competition was held so that a club crest could be chosen. The winning design was based on an old Indian Legend about the North Shore Lions - the Ko and Klondike spirits. It was submitted by Dennis Vince.

#### **SOCIETE D'ARCHEOLOGIE ET DE NUMISMATIQUE DE MONTREAL**

The Societe D'Archeologie et de Numismatique de Montreal (SANM) was founded on Nov. 9/1862. Its headquarters are at the Chateau Ramezay in Montreal. The society started renting here in 1895, from the city. In 1929, they bought the building. (The Chateau Ramezay was built in 1705 and is open to the public. Of special interest is its museum.)

The aims of the SANM are to promote the study of numismatics and research in archeology. At present there are over 300 members.

#### **THE WOODSTOCK COIN CLUB**

The Woodstock Coin Club was formed in June of 1957 by an enthusiastic group of local collectors. The first meeting was held on June 26th at the old Y.M.C.A building, now the site of Canada Trust. Many members of the London Coin Club attended and assisted in the early stages of the Woodstock Coin Club's formation.

Soon, an executive was elected and included Jack Griffin as President, Jim Walker as Vice President, Bill Allen, Secretary and Gordon Bowerman as Treasurer. Two directors - Albert White and Charles Piper - were also elected.

A small bulletin was printed for each meeting and a full slate of events were planned. Before long, the club grew in numbers until membership reached 30. A banquet was first held in January of 1960 with 130 registrants.

By the mid-1970's, club membership began to slump, due in large part to a slump in coin collecting in general. The club ceased activities for some time until it was revived by Charles Laister a number of years later.

One of the highlights for the club came in 1989 when they, along with the Ingersoll Coin Club and Tillsonburg Coin Club, hosted the annual ONA Convention.

#### **THE ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION**

At the 2nd annual banquet of the Waterloo Coin Society, held at the Walper Hotel in Kitchener on March 11th, 1961, delegates from various numismatic societies met to discuss the formation of a provincial numismatic association. The Waterloo Coin Society was requested to study the feasibility of such a club and a committee, consisting of executive members of the Waterloo club and other well-known numismatists, was formed. The committee submitted a report of its findings during a conference in October of 1961 at the London Numismatic Society's annual banquet. The report indicated a definite need for an Ontario Association and thus, steps were taken to ensure its formation.

In March of 1962, the Ontario Numismatic Association was formed and incorporated as a non-profit educational and social organization dedicated to the collector. A founding convention was held and hosted by the Waterloo Coin Society. An executive was elected consisting of Rod R. Rekofski (President); Lloyd T. Smith (1st Vice President); Ed Knight (2nd Vice President); Ruth Mueller (Secretary); Bruce H. Raszmann (Treasurer); and Walter Griggs, Rudy Sauro, Peter DeGraaf and Robert Willey (Regional Directors). At present, the organization has grown to include 11 Regional Directors, an Editor, Librarian, an Audio-visual Service Director and a Speakers Circuit and Convention Coordinator.



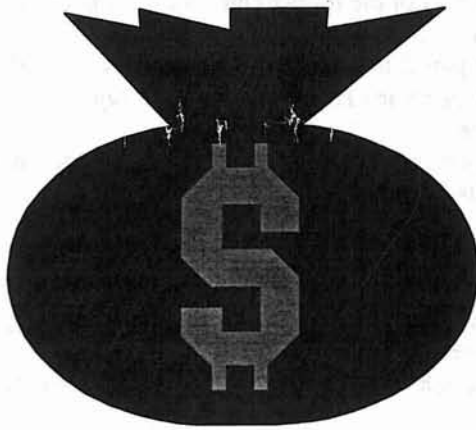
Ontario coin clubs were contacted and appeals made for memberships, numismatic books for the library and for audio-visual programs that member clubs could use for their meetings.

Today, the ONA is still active on the Canadian numismatic scene. Their main communication medium is a newsletter which is sent to all members and member clubs. It keeps them abreast of numismatic happenings in the province and around the globe, offers insightful articles of interest to collectors and reports on club news and so forth.

One of the highlights of belonging to the ONA is the opportunity to attend a yearly convention which is held at various locations throughout the province and offers numismatic groups a chance to get together, attend the club delegate breakfast and voice opinions and share experiences about their club activities.

Congratulations to all of these clubs for reaching these historic milestones!

## CLASSIFIEDS REVIVED!!



A while back, we were running classified ads for members - free of charge - but due to low use (only a handful of members ever placed an ad), I discontinued them. But, I thought I'd give them a try again, so here goes. If you have any ads you'd like to place, send it in to the ONA, Classifieds, c/o Jeff Fournier, P.O. Box 2111, Stn. A, Sudbury, Ont., P3A 4R8. Please keep your ads to 3 typewritten ads and include your name, address and phone number.

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Also, why not join the Canadian Novelty Coin Club - monthly newsletter about medal and token collectors - New issues, old issues, info. about Mints and lots more. Interested in hearing more? **CANADIAN NOVELTY COINS, P.O. Box 2111, Stn. A, Sudbury, Ont. P3A 4R8. FREE** Token or medal (our choice) to any collector who sends us a S.A.S.E!!!!

**DONATIONS WANTED:** AFTER FOUR YEARS of teaching at Taylor Evans Public School in Guelph, teacher Chris Boyer has accepted a transfer to Paisley Road School in Guelph, a few minutes up the road. Chris was reluctant to leave at first, partly because of the success of the Taylor Evans Coin Society, of which he was part. However, a wise parent suggested that he could come back once a month to keep the Taylor Evans Club going, while starting another club at his new school, which he will do. Chris would welcome any donations of coins or supplies for the new coin club which can be given to him at any WCS meeting or mailed to: Paisley Road Coin Club, 406 Paisley Road, Guelph, Ont., N1H 2R3.

**DID YOU ATTEND THE CNA? WE'D LIKE TO HAVE  
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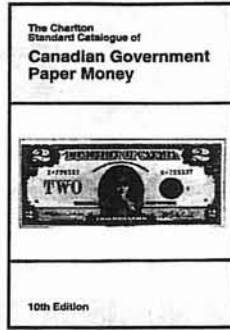
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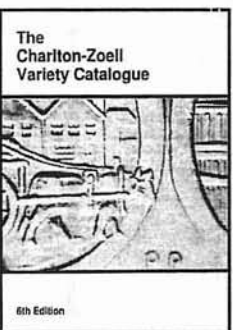
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## COIN MONTH CANADA

By Jeff Fournier

What is coin month? It's an opportunity to let your family, friends, neighbours and co-workers know about the hobby of coin collecting. It's a time when all coin collectors should promote the hobby in any way they can. It's a time when we must let everyone know that our hobby is for all - young, old, rich and poor.

Take a little time during the month of October to do a little promoting for the hobby. Set up a display at a local mall, museum or library. Donate a coin book to the library or to a neighbourhood school. Talk to your service club about your hobby (the Lions Club, Rotary Club and many others are always looking for interesting subjects).

The main thing is - get out there and get the word out.

Today, we are inundated with entertainment choices....Video Games, the Internet, sports, TV, videos, hunting, fishing, boating and so on. Our time is precious. Our children are involved as are we in many extracurricular activities. Our working days aren't getting any shorter. So....we, as coin collectors must **SHOUT** to be heard. Not in the literal sense, of course. But we can do some of the things I mentioned here and a lot more, too!

If you do belong to a coin club, you could make a contribution to the hobby by simply advertising the club by putting up a few meeting notices at the grocery store or wherever there are public bulletin boards.

You can volunteer some time at your meeting educating your own members about your particular branch of the hobby, whether it be decimal collecting, currency collecting, token or medal collecting....

Perhaps your club could organize a fun and educational evening with a local Scout or Girl Guide group and let them know how easy it is to start a coin collection.

Use your imagination and you'll be able to come up with many ideas for yourself. But please, do get involved.

The CNA -- official sponsors of Coin Month Canada -- and the Coin Month chairperson, Bill Waychison, have done a lot of work to see to it that our hobby is promoted at least 1 month of the year. Please get involved and let the world know all about our great hobby. We'll all benefit by your efforts!!!



# EDITOR'S VIEWS



I'd like to take a moment right off the mark, to thank Jerry Remick, John Regitko, Chris Boyer and Terry Campbell for contributing to this month's edition of the ONA Numismatist. Without support from people like these, our newsletter would be mighty dull. So thanks a million. And to all of you who have ever thought about writing a little something for the ONA newsletter, why not give it a whirl today. A few ideas....why not write a short autobiography about how you started collecting. So far, I've received only two from our executive members - Bob Voaden and Tom Masters - which appeared in past issues of this newsletters. I would like to see other executive members send in their stories, as well as other members.

Perhaps you might want to write a brief blurb on a recent coin show or convention you've attended. We don't hear too much about these. Terry Campbell writes about his most interesting trip to the CNA convention in this issue. I'm sure readers would be interested in hearing about other shows in the province or even out of it.

Do you have a unique collecting interest? Why not tell us about it. These are only a few ideas, but there are many more. So, why not put pen to paper or sit down at the computer and compose a story for the ONA Numismatist today. There's no time like the present.

I've already mentioned Coin Month Canada in our lead article this issue, but it deserves another mention. I would like to stress that everyone can do a part in promoting our hobby -- even a small contribution can help. Please make it a point to promote the hobby in some way during the month of October and let others know what a great pastime it can be.

You'll notice in this issue a 1 page promo about our classified ads. The ads are free to ONA members - why not take advantage. Sell your duplicates or place an ad with your wish list. Perhaps another ONA member will be able to help you out in some way, or vice versa.

There are a number of fall coin shows going on in Ontario this year. Why not take at least one of them in. Support the clubs/organizations and dealers involved, and you just might add a few pieces to your collection while meeting some interesting fellow collectors.

I hope you enjoy this edition of the ONA Numismatist. Until next time.....

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO ALL OUR MEMBERS.

I wanted to come up with a novel way to make the following announcement and finally came up with this. While my comments are not what I wanted to place in the Presidents Message, they are necessary.

To start with I will use the opening lines of many humorous stories: "I have good news and bad news!" While I can't ask which one you would like first, I will give the bad news first.

The Ontario Numismatic Association is faced with a dues increase. After a review of the operations the Executive passed a motion to increase the Regular and Club dues by \$5.00.

In reviewing the records it was noted that the last increase was in 1983, 14 years ago, when postage cost 30 cents for a letter. With the expanded Numismatist and increased postage it now costs a minimum of 82 cents to mail our Newsletters.

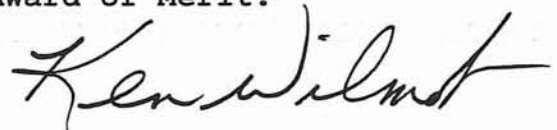
While the O.N.A. have reserves, we have been drawing on them for the past two years to the point where we can no longer afford to operate without a change in cash flow. The following shows the old and new rates for all the classes of Membership.

	1997 RATES	1998 RATES
Regular Membership	\$ 10.00	\$ 15.00
Husband & Wife	\$ 12.00	\$ 17.00
Junior	\$ 3.00	\$ 5.00
Clubs & Corporate	\$ 15.00	\$ 20.00
Life Membership	\$150.00	\$150.00

(Life Membership to be reviewed at a later date.)

Now I'd like to tell you the GOOD NEWS!! The 1997 rates will apply to all Memberships that are renewed by Jan. 1, 1998. Here is a chance to get the renewal or new membership at the old rates. Note: This applies to Clubs, Corporate and Life Memberships also. Get your Membership Renewals in now to save money and help make Bruce Raszmann's job easier.

The 1998 Convention will be held in Ottawa at the Citadel Hotel on Lyon Street. I am sure with the Mint and Bank of Canada Museum so close there will be plenty of opportunity to take in both. Now is the time to block off the dates for the Convention. April 17 to April 19, 1998. More information will be forthcoming shortly. I would like to remind everyone out there to start thinking of nominees for the O.N.A. Award of Merit.



Kenneth Wilmot

# A TYPE COLLECTION OF CANADIAN GOVERNMENT \$1.00 BANKNOTES

By Jerry Remick

A type collection of Canadian government \$1.00 banknotes is an interesting way to put together a small and fairly representative collection of our banknotes which have been in circulation at various times since Confederation.

To aid the collector to form such a collection, an illustrated checklist of fifteen types of Canadian Government \$1.00 banknotes in circulation in Canada since Confederation is given at the end of this article.

I have listed the major varieties for type notes so that collectors may check off the particular variety they have in their collection.

Since they are inexpensive, I would advise collectors to include specimens of the two major varieties of the 1954 issue ("Devil's Face" in the Queen's hair and modified portrait with "Devil's Face") and the two major varieties of the 1967 Centennial issue (with serial number and 1867-1967 replaces serial number).

The six 19th century \$1.00 type notes in the check list are a bit on the expensive side, so some collectors may not wish to purchase them. However, specimens in good or even very good condition of several of these notes are affordable, if purchased at the rate of one banknote every few years.

My advice is to start a collection of \$1.00 type notes by acquiring the banknotes issued for Queen Elizabeth and King George VI, in the condition you can afford them. Spread out your purchases and perhaps you can purchase better grade banknotes. Once you have completed the type notes for these two monarchs, acquire specimens of the banknotes issued with the portrait of King George V and after that, continue to acquire notes that were issued previously. Collect your banknotes slowly, so as to get the best condition you can afford.

## DEALERS AND AUCTIONS

The sale price of banknotes at an auction is often below catalogue value, so this is a good method of acquiring banknotes. A listing of all pieces to be sold at quite a large number of auctions throughout the year is printed in the pages of Canadian Coin News, avoiding the necessity of having to purchase an auction catalogue. Mail bids are encouraged. A yearly subscription to Canadian Coin News is \$29.95 / year (\$32.19 for Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Newfoundland) and may be sent to Canadian Coin News, c/o Trajan Publishing Corp., 103 Lakeshore Rd., Suite 202, St. Catherines, Ont., L2N 2T6.

You may wish to contact the following dealers who, from time to time have a large selection of Canadian banknotes in their auctions: Charles D. Moore, P.O. Box 5233 P, Walnut Creek, California, 94596-5233, tel: 510-946-0150 or Jeffrey Hoare Auction Inc., 345 Talbot St., London, Ont., N6A 2R5, tel: 519-663-1087.

Two Canadian dealers issuing free price lists of foreign banknotes with a good selection of Canadian notes are: Milt Blackburn, P.O. Box 33888, Station D., Vancouver, B.C., V6J 4L6, tel: 604-731-5922 and Ian Marshall, Parkway Mall, P.O. Box 62509, 85 Ellesmere Road, Scarborough, Ont., M1R 5G6.

A good selection of Canadian banknotes is available from dealers who have bourse tables at any con convention or coin show.

## CANADIAN PAPER MONEY SOCIETY

Classified advertising in any of the four quarterly issues of the Canadian Paper Money Newsletter is another way of acquiring banknotes you require. There is also an illustrated yearly journal of 50 pages (8.5" X 11"). Membership is \$25.00 yearly and may be sent to Dick Dunn, P.O. Box 562, Pickering, Ont., L1V 2R7.

## REFERENCE BOOKS

A catalogue covering Canadian Government banknotes, describes and illustrates the various varieties for each type note and gives valuations for a number of grades of preservation.

The most complete reference book is "THE CHARLTON STANDARD CATALOGUE OF CANADIAN GOVERNMENT PAPER MONEY - 10th edition" edited by Walter D. Allan. The latest version can be purchased at some larger book stores, coin dealers or directly from the publisher at 2010 Yonge St., Toronto, Ont., M4S 1Z9, tel: 416-488-4653. The price is \$22.95 postpaid.

A large section on banknotes is also included in "COINS OF CANADA" by J.A. Haxby and R.C. Willey, the most current version of which is available from the publisher, Unitrade Press at 99 Floral Parkway, Toronto, Ont., M6L 2C4, tel: 416-242-5900.

# A CHECKLIST BY TYPE TYPE OF CANADIAN GOVERNMENT \$1.00 BANKNOTES

**1866 ISSUE:** Samuel de Champlatin, Coat-of-arms of the Province of Canada, and the name of a city/graphic design.

CHECK	MAJOR VARIETIES ON OBVERSE SIDE
	a) Payable at Montreal
	b) Payable at Toronto



**1870 ISSUE:** Jacques Cartier and allegorical female pointing to Canada's location on a globe/graphic design with the name of a city.

CHECK	MAJOR VARIETIES ON REVERSE SIDE
	a) Montreal
	b) Toronto
	c) St. John
	d) Halifax
	e) Victoria



**1878 ISSUE:** Countess of Dufferin; scalloped border/Great Seal of Canada and the name of a city.

CHECK	MAJOR VARIETIES ON REVERSE SIDE
	a) Montreal
	b) Toronto
	c) St. John
	d) Halifax



**1878 ISSUE:** Countess of Dufferin; lettered border/Great Seal of Canada and the name of a city.

CHECK	MAJOR VARIETIES ON REVERSE SIDE
	a) Montreal
	b) Toronto
	c) St. John
	d) Halifax



**1897 ISSUE:** Earl and Countess of Aberdeen and logging scene on a river; green tint in background/Parliament building and a large "1" at both sides.



**1898 ISSUE:** Earl and Countess of Aberdeen and logging scene on a river; addition of "1" and "ONE" in all 4 corners; brown tint in background/Parliament building; large "1" at both sides replaced by two small "1"s.

CHECK	MAJOR VARIETIES ON REVERSE SIDE
	a) "ONE" at both sides of note curved inward
	b) "ONE" at both sides of note curved outward



**1911 ISSUE:** Lord and Lady Grey/Parliament Building.

CHECK	MAJOR VARIETIES ON OBVERSE SIDE
	a) Green Line on lower part of banknote
	b) Black line on lower part of banknote



**1917 ISSUE:** Princess Patricia/Parliament Building

CHECK	MAJOR VARIETIES ON OBVERSE SIDE
	a) No seal over "ONE" at right side
	b) Black seal over "ONE" at right side
	c) Black seal only at right side



**1923 ISSUE:** King George V/Library of Parliament

CHECK	MAJOR VARIETIES ON OBVERSE SIDE
	a)Black seal
	b)Green seal
	c)Blue seal
	d)Red seal
	e)Bronze seal
	f)Purple seal



**1935 ISSUE:** King George V/Allegorical female figure of Agriculture.

CHECK	MAJOR VARIETIES
	a)English text
	b)French text



**1937 ISSUE:** King George VI/Allegorical female figure of agriculture.



**1954 ISSUE:** Queen Elizabeth II/Western Prairie Scene

CHECK	MAJOR VARIETIES ON OBVERSE SIDE
	a) "DEVIL'S FACE" IN HAIR
	B) NO "DEVIL'S FACE"



**1967 CENTENNIAL ISSUE:** Queen Elizabeth II and Centennial symbol/Parliament Building.

CHECK	MAJOR VARIETIES ON OBVERSE SIDE
	a)Serial number
	b)1867-1967 replaces serial number



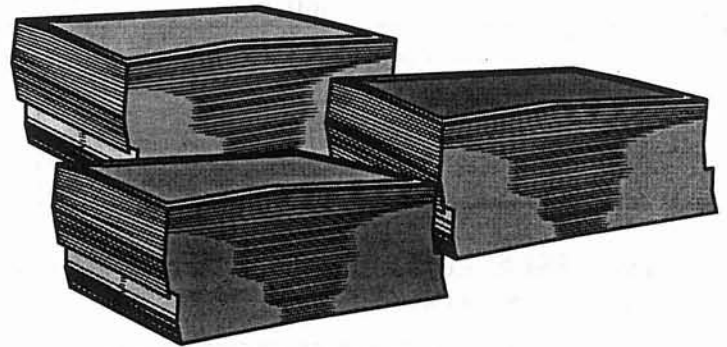
**1973 ISSUE:** Queen Elizabeth II/Parliament Building and Ottawa River.



## MEMBERSHIP

The applications for membership which appeared in the July/August issue of the Ontario Numismatist have been accepted. The following applications for membership have been received. Acceptance will appear in the next issue of the Ontario Numismatist.

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September 30, 1997

Attention: - O.N.A. Member Clubs  
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Re: AN URGENT CALL FOR HELP  
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There are many numismatists who make an outstanding contribution to the promotion and advancement our our great Hobby. Unfortunately, too many of these people are not recognized for their efforts.

Our objective is to offer appropriate recognition to a select few of these deserving individuals. To do this, your Awards Committee must have your help.

Help us by identifying and nominating deserving individuals who could be eligible to receive one of the following Awards at our Annual Convention in 1998:

\* AWARD of MERIT:  
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This Award was introduced in 1962 to recognize the person in Ontario who has made the greatest contribution toward the advancement of Numismatics.

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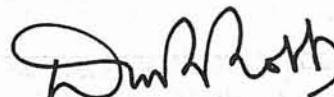
This Award recognizes individuals for outstanding work in their local area. This includes work with the local Coin Club and promoting numismatics in their community.

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This was a new initiative in 1997. This Award enables the O.N.A. to honour individuals who generously support the O.N.A. and also promote the O.N.A. and the Hobby in general.

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You and your Club have the opportunity to ensure that a deserving individual in your area becomes eligible for one of these Awards. Your Awards Committee urges you and your Club to help.

Yours sincerely,



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O.N.A. Awards Committee,  
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## ONA BANQUET FEATURES NUMEROUS HIGHLIGHTS

The Saturday evening banquet, habitually one of the two highlights of an ONA Convention (the other highlight from a collector's point of view is the annual general membership meeting), was reasonably well attended, in line with the attendance at other years' banquets that were more centrally located.

The theme for the evening was definitely based around fun and fellowship, from the guest speaker to the draws, give-aways and the shenanigans that were planned by various participants.

The guest speaker, Richard Giedroyc, International Editor, Coin World of Sidney, Ohio, presented a humorous and light-hearted presentation of those numismatic items that people collect and keep around the house which the non-collecting spouse or friends might consider, well, weird. His slide presentation highlighted numerous items that hit home his point that coin collectors will go to any extent to collect things that others would throw into the trash. Ash trays with coins embedded or numismatic crying towels would fall into the category, as would a lamp shade that would look much better in the attic or basement. It was pointed out that some of the material displayed in the slides which definitely fell into the "weird" category, such as a set of mugs imprinted with denominations of paper money or coin clocks, were given to Giedroyc by the Banquet's Master of Ceremonies at one of the TICF Banquets a few years ago.

And speaking of the Master of Ceremonies, John Regitko brought his usual blend of humour, informality and lots and lots of prizes to the event. He told the audience that, apparently, Giedroyc was strip-searched while crossing the border into Canada. He had to ask three times but they did it, finally!

Since Regitko's birthday fell on April 19, the very night of the banquet, a cake was brought out to the usual chorus of "Happy Birthday to you." It was pointed out by him that wife, Monina, made it absolutely clear that she did not want to see any of the hundreds of books and other give-aways back in the basement...they had to be given away before the banquet was concluded. And who received the framed certificate that read "Objects in mirror may be dumber than they appear" to place on the mirror in their bathroom?

As far as the meal was concerned, most people commented: "What a waste!" Other than enough chicken to feed even the most hearty eaters, there were plates full of Roast Beef. Not to worry, we understand that the hotel staff had a good meal afterwards.

Copies of the book "My 2 Cents Worth" by the late Jack Veffer were handed out to everyone, as were blank planchets from the Royal Canadian Mint. Spouses received a cookbook from the Kraft Kitchens that is not sold to the public. The lone Young Numismatist was asked to collect a dollar from everyone wearing a tie (he got to keep the proceeds, including the two wooden dollars collected), was given a \$1 Proof "hockey" coin donated by the Royal Canadian Mint and also received a 1-year subscription to one of the Trajan hobby publications, including Canadian Coin News.

The usual fun was had with give-aways for anyone finding red dots under their dinner plates and coffee cups. Also qualifying for prizes were the holders of unusual tickets that had the words "Special Prize" discreetly printed on them. Then there were prizes for those that attended from farthest away, closest, the most loonies and toonies in their pocket or purse, the oldest woman in attendance, the highest denomination of Windsor Casino token, who came with the oldest car and more.

Without exaggeration, hundreds of draws were held for prizes donated by a lot of supporters, including dealers Andy Grecco, London Coin Centre, Rainbow Collectibles, Certified Coins of Canada, Peter Kostyk, Laurent Bernier, B.C. Coins, Colonial Acres Coins, Terry's Coins, Tina Smith, Monnaies de Versailles, Brian See, Newcan Coins, Ted's Collectibles and P.B. Numismatic Coins. In addition, donations were received from Canada Wide Woods, Ken Wilmot, Serge Peltierre, John Regitko and the Canadian Numismatic Association.

A major donor was the Royal Canadian Mint with numerous sets of Olympic prints, \$1 Proof coins and hundreds and hundreds of \$2 coins (too bad they were made out of chocolate). Another major donor was Bill Cross, owner/manager of Charlton Press, whose various price guides and catalogues on coins, Government paper money and chartered bank notes were won by virtually everyone present, as were books on collectibles such as Royal Doulton, Beswick and other collectibles. The J. Douglas Ferguson Historical Research Foundation donated a quantity of hardcover books dealing with the coinage of P.E.I., while its Chairman of the Board, Bill McDonald, donated numerous publications through his company, Marlcourt Books.

We will not repeat in this space the "announcements" that were made by mock-representative for the Mint, Mike Hollingshead, lest someone takes it seriously, but let us just say that, according to the announcement, the Mint was cutting their wholesale pricing in half, allowing collectors to order directly at the new wholesale price, an announcement of the new \$3 coin made from cardboard and other things almost too unbelievable to be believed. It was pointed out by the Master of Ceremonies that Hollingshead would probably not be ever asked to represent the Mint if he was going to give the farm away.

Stan Coblentz, Chairman of the 1997 ONA Convention, thanked the ONA for giving the Windsor Coin Club the opportunity to host this year's convention. He also thanked his committee for the hard work that went into the planning and execution of the convention. Yvon Marquis, President of the Canadian Numismatic Association, brought greetings from the national numismatic body, while the President of the ONA, Ken Wilmot, thanked the members of the Windsor Coin Club, the convention committee, dealers, registrants and banquet attendees for participating.

Don Robb, Chairman of the ONA Awards Committee, introduced his committee that assisted in selecting this year's participants of the ONA's highest awards: Mike Hollingshead, John Regitko, Paul Johnson and Ken Wilmot. Robb then announced their selection of the ONA Award of Merit, Brian Cornwell, and the recipient of this year's "Fellow of the ONA" award, Norm Belsten.

Paul Johnson received a special President's Certificate of Appreciation for his attendance at his 25th consecutive ONA Banquet. It was touch-and-go if he would attend or not, since wife, Mary-Ellen, had her gall bladder removed the day before (don't they perform miracles these days that allows you to go home so quickly?). He drove in on Saturday just to attend, so a number of things were arranged: a 25th anniversary cake was brought in by the hotel staff; a get-well greeting card was passed around for everyone to sign for Mary-Ellen; and a telephone call, via a cellular phone right from the banquet, was made to wish her well by everyone.

Ray Desjardins invited everyone to attend the 1998 ONA Convention scheduled for Ottawa, Ontario next year. As the final activity at the Banquet, ONA President, Ken Wilmot, invited everyone for a post-Banquet celebration to the well-stocked Hospitality Suite.

And a good time was had by all!

## ONA CLUB DELEGATES MEETING FEATURES TRUE AND TRIED IDEAS FOR LOCAL CLUB

The ONA Club Delegates Breakfast Meeting was held on Sunday morning, April 20, during the ONA Convention, starting off with a full-course buffet breakfast in one of the banquet rooms of the Ramada Inn's dining room. The Windsor Coin Club's convention committee, in their determination to entice numismatic representatives from coin clubs throughout Ontario to attend and make them feel welcome, agreed to underwrite the cost of the breakfast. by setting the cost charged to attendees at an unbelievable \$3.50. This included as many trips to the full breakfast buffet spread as you could handle and coffee or tea.

After the leisurely breakfast and multiple trips to the buffet, the group retired to a meeting room. Ken Wilmot, ONA President, opened the meeting with a welcome message and a listing of some of the accomplishments of his Executive over the past two years. He thanked the Windsor Coin Club and Chairman Stan Coblentz and his committee for hosting the 1997 ONA Convention. He then introduced John Regitko, ONA Club Services Chairman who chaired the balance of the meeting.

Following the introduction of everyone present along with their club affiliation, John Regitko, ONA Club Services Chairman, presented a report on activities involving his area of responsibility. He stated that borrowing from the ONA Audio Visual Lending Library was up considerably, thanks to the 24 new VCR tape programs that were introduced during his term. A 6-page write-up in a recent ONA Numismatist announced the fact that numismatic tapes that might be a bit too long for a regular club meeting could now be borrowed by any ONA member directly. The 6 pages summarized those tapes, which is bound to further increase borrowing from the Library.

Regitko then passed out a "sneak preview" pamphlet listing the next installment of new VCR video tapes that will be introduced in time for the Fall programs of coin clubs. They include *French Influence on North American Coin Designs*, *Cut Coins*, *Collecting Credit Cards*, *Making Ancient Coin Collecting Fun*, *U.S. Coins of the Philippines* and *Effects of Great Inflation on Coinage from the 17th through 20th Centuries*, all produced by the American Numismatic Association. The Florida United Numismatists' contribution is *U.S. Errors and Varieties*, while Media Resource Corporation produced *Collecting Colonial Coinage*.

The Long Beach Coin Exposition produced *Phone Card Collecting in America*, where we learn about one of the fastest growing areas of collecting in the world from Murray Church, publisher of *Money Card Collector*, one of the important publications about this new hobby area. Mr. Church was formerly Vice-President of Communications at the Royal Canadian Mint, Ottawa, before moving to Sidney, Ohio to take charge of *Money Card Collector* for Sidney Press, the same people that own *Coin World*.

The final "sneak preview" video, entitled *Treasures of a Lost Voyage* and sub-titled "The Richest Shipwreck in American History," was produced by Discovery Productions/Discovery Channel. It covers the sinking of the steamship S.S. *Central America* in 1857 that took with her hundreds of lives and over 3 tons of gold - the largest treasure trove in American history. Among her cargo also was hundreds of millions of dollars worth of gold bullion and coins minted from gold uncovered by prospectors during the California Gold Rush. This video follows a high-tech crew of adventurers and scientists on the most ambitious deep water salvage effort ever undertaken. It was stated that this video, 52 minutes in length, as well as at least 3 other videos mentioned above that are longer than 40 minutes, would be available for borrowing by individual members for just the cost of postage.

The meeting was then opened to club representatives. Basically, the insurance program was praised by Gary Oblinsky from the St. Catharines Coin Club and Dick Dunn of the Scarborough Coin Club, with others agreeing that they could not hold a show at Malls if it was not for the insurance coverage that was arranged by Ken Wilmot.

It was nothing but good news from the Waterloo Coin Society. Don Robb, reporting on their behalf, advised that they have a membership of around 100, with anywhere between 40 to 60 attending meetings. He mentioned that the Boy Scouts came out to the club annually which puts them in contact with coin collecting. He further stated that one week prior to their annual show, they arrange a Mall Day where they are able to promote the show to the general public, as well as obtain new members. Don was also pleased to advise that the Waterloo Coin Society was selected by the Executive of the Canadian Numismatic Association, who met during the ONA Convention, to host the 1999 CNA Convention.

Larry Walker, representing the Stratford Coin Club, advised that they had reasonably good success by inserting an advertisement in the local newspaper, inviting readers to attend their meetings. By promoting the video on the Atocha, available from the ONA Audio Visual Lending Library, in advance, they experienced a larger than normal turnout at the meeting.

The best speech, it was agreed afterwards, was made by Tom Masters, representing the Ingersoll Coin Club (he has been its President since 1975). Their membership is around 100. Their bulletin is published 10 times a year, each with 8 to 10 pages long. Each bulletin publishes the auction lots that are being offered at the upcoming meeting which, from experience, brings in additional bids and additional bidders. Also included are strictly mail bids. Meetings always start on time so that juniors or working people can get home in plenty of time, and they always have a social period at meetings along with educational programs. The Ingersoll Coin Club has supported the Essex County Easter seals organization and over a 33 year period has raised \$27,000 in donation. A Penny Jar, exhibits, bourse and plenty of fun and fellowship round out the meetings.

John Regitko then proceeded to hand out 5 numismatics books to the representative of each club present, for use by the club as they see fit: for their library, door draws or donation auction if they require funds to carry on with their meetings and bulletins.

Ten draws were held for 9 sets of books donated by Charlton Press and the late Jack Veffer and 1 certificate, donated by Canada Wide Woods, good for the manufacture of a club die. The die was won by the Waterloo Coin Society which the club can use for its own promotional wooden nickels as well as for one side of any WCS member that chooses to make up a personal wood.

Ken Wilmot announced the winner of the ONA Club Newsletter Award, for club bulletin judged best by a panel of judges. It was awarded to the London Numismatic Society (other than the colorful certificate, a cheque for \$50.00 was presented to the Editors).

In his closing comments, the Club Services Chairman stated that although the attendance was in line with previous years, however he wondered why only half of the local coin clubs that are members of the ONA could send a representative to THEIR annual meeting.

John thanked the Windsor Coin Club and their convention committee for deciding, on their own volition, to underwrite the majority of the cost of the breakfast, with only about a third, namely \$3.50, being charged to each person present. The announcement was greeted with a round of applause.

The meeting was then turned over to Ken Wilmot for final comments and an invitation to enjoy the rest of the convention that was, by then in full swing.

Certainly quite a lot was covered in just over an hour!

# ONA NUMISMATIST TO PUBLISH FREE ADS FROM MEMBERS

At a recent ONA Executive meeting, a program was approved whereby free ads will be published in the ONA Numismatist under certain conditions. The criteria for acceptance of complimentary ads for trading, buying or selling is as follows:

The first 70 words of a member's ad will be published complimentary in each issue, with 10 cents charged for each additional word (100 words maximum).

The material must be numismatic in nature or tie into the hobby in some fashion.

Complimentary ads will be accepted only from current members. Ads must contain the member's name and mailing address and must not direct orders to someone else.

At the same time, the Executive confirmed the following costs for member display ads in the ONA Numismatist:

- Full Page - \$50.00 for single insertion; \$120.00 for three consecutive insertions
- Half Page - \$30.00 for single insertion; \$ 75.00 for three consecutive insertions
- Quarter Page - \$20.00 for single insertion; \$ 50.00 for three consecutive insertions

Non-members submitting ads must pay a \$15.00 surcharge per insertion (single or consecutive).

All ads submitted, whether complimentary or display, must be legibly printed or typed, as the ONA cannot be responsible for errors.

The ONA, its elected and appointed executive, nor any member assumes any responsibility for accuracy of content of an ad, including grading, rarity, potential future value or any other claims made by the advertiser.

All ads (accompanied by cheques payable to the Ontario Numismatic Association if a cost is involved) should be send to the editor of the ONA Numismatist. Ads will be inserted in the first available issue following receipt unless the sender asks for it to be held for a specific issue.

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News Release

## Waterloo Coin Society Wins National Award

The Waterloo Coin Society was awarded the prestigious "Club of the Year Award" at the Canadian Numismatic Association Convention in Moncton, New Brunswick.

The Louise Graham Memorial Club of the Year Award was presented to the Waterloo Coin Society at the annual convention of the C.N.A., on Saturday, July 26, 1997, in Moncton, New Brunswick. Club delegate Don Robb received the engraved medal and cheque on behalf of the club, which has been serving local coin collectors since it began in 1959. Based on its regularity of meetings, variety of topics, and unique programs, the Canadian Numismatic Association chose the Waterloo Coin Society as recipient of its highest club award for 1996. The award is named after the late Louise Graham, who was a prominent numismatist active in the Canadian Numismatic Association.

Also receiving an award at the C.N.A. Convention was young collector Braden Jennings, who was awarded a **Royal Canadian Mint Youth Award** for his involvement in numismatics (coin collecting). Jennings, 13, who is a student at a Guelph junior high school, is also a member of the Waterloo Coin Society, and travelled to the convention as another club delegate to receive his award. For contributing coin articles to the club newsletter, putting together displays, and promoting numismatics, Braden was awarded a plaque and a cheque for \$250 by the Royal Canadian Mint. The Mint has been awarding the RCM Youth Award since 1995; the Waterloo Coin Society won the award last year for involving youth in its club programs.

The Waterloo Coin Society was recently chosen to host the 1999 Canadian Numismatic Association Convention at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel in Kitchener. The CNA Convention is Canada's premier event for collectors, featuring educational forums and Canada's largest bourse (coin dealer floor). The 1999 event coincides with the host club's 40th anniversary, 1959-1999.

The Waterloo Coin Society currently has about 100 members from the Kitchener, Waterloo, Guelph, Cambridge and surrounding areas, including some members from Toronto. The club meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 8 p.m. at the Rink in the Park, Seagram Drive, Waterloo. The meetings consist of an educational program, a 40-lot auction, and exchanges with coin dealers. New members and guests are always welcome. Members and dealers offer free appraisals of any numismatic items, including coins, medals, tokens, and banknotes.

There are many interesting members of the Waterloo Coin Society. For instance, club delegate **Don Robb** is involved in Canada's fastest-growing collecting experience, the Canadian Tire Coupon Collector's Club (CTCCC), as the club's secretary-treasurer. CTCCC founding president **Mike Hollingshead** is also a member of the Waterloo Coin Society, and has founded a new coin club in Rockwood, the South Wellington Numismatic Society. The founder of Canada's largest school coin club, the Taylor Evans Coin Society (TECS), **Chris Boyer**, is the current president of the Waterloo Coin Society. There are many other interesting collectors from all walks of life in the Waterloo Coin Society--why not come out and find out more?

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*For more information about this news release and about the Waterloo Coin Society, please contact:*

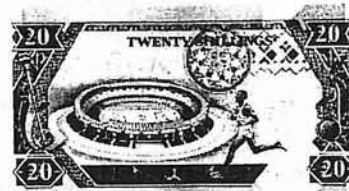
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# COLLECTING MADE EASIER FOR BEGINNERS

By Chris Boyer

Given the wide range of numismatic items to collect, it can be difficult for the beginning collector to know where to start, particularly on a limited budget. Date collecting or collecting a complete date set of a particular denomination is popular, but can sometimes bore the collector with monotony. Some of the key coins can fetch steep prices, too! Banknote collecting, as well, can be an expensive proposition, and can tend to be monotonous also since only slight variations in a banknote (e.g.: signatures) are the only major differences between two notes of the same series. Canadian numismatist and author Jerry Remick has come up with creative solutions to the challenges of variety and affordability with two recent books for the collector, which are the subject of this article.



## COLLECTING CANADIAN MADE EASIER



In 1995, Remick published the first edition of his book, "A GUIDE TO TYPE COLLECTIONS OF CANADIAN DECIMAL COINAGE", for which he received a Royal Canadian Mint Youth Award. Designed to be used by the young collector, the author proposes the collection of Canadian decimal coinage **by type**, that is, including only pieces which represent a major design change. Thus, the necessity of collecting all the dates and varieties of a particular coin series, as with date collecting is eliminated. Furthermore, the money saved in such a strategy will permit the young collector to buy a better grade of coin. Remick reiterates the collecting dictum of "buying the best grade of coin one can give one's budget".

As an example, let us examine the Canadian one cent series, 1858 to date. The purchase of a complete date set of this series of coins would cost hundreds of dollars in the average grades, since some of the die varieties, particularly those for 1891, are scarce and thus expensive. Using Jerry Remick's check list, the young collector would only need to acquire some 19 different types of Canadian cents to make a collection which represents the major design changes since 1858. The relative cost to obtain such a collection would be much lower, particularly since many specimens can be had in pocket change. Remick suggests beginning with the one cent series, or perhaps just with one monarch, and then upon completion, moving onto another series, say the five cent circulating coinage, etc...

Another emphasis of Jerry Remick's in this type collecting strategy is to focus on coinage that actually circulates. Given the ever-increasing number of commemorative coins that were not intended to circulate, and the non-circulating legal tender coins (NCLT coins) being minted, it can be difficult, particularly for the novice collector on a small budget, to acquire all the coins issued by the Royal Canadian Mint. Remick has included some of the more expensive Canadian circulating coins in his guide (e.g., the \$5 and \$10 gold pieces) since they actually did circulate; however, this was done to be inclusive, and to offer the more advanced collector an extra dimension of challenge.

The book "A GUIDE TO TYPE COLLECTIONS OF CANADIAN DECIMAL COINAGE" also includes references to resources, collection storage materials, grading of coins, membership forms for various numismatic clubs, and dealer advertising. The check list itself provides information on the type coin collected, with spaces for the collector to record date, grade, and current value for each piece. Each circulating denomination is represented, including coinage of the Maritimes. Copies can be purchased by contacting:



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## WORLD BANKNOTE COLLECTING PROVIDES BROADER PERSPECTIVE



Remick's most recent book entitled "A CHECKLIST OF COUNTRIES CURRENTLY ISSUING THEIR OWN PAPER MONEY" can provide the young collector with a second and equally-affordable numismatic pursuit. In fact, the author suggests that young numismatists should pursue a second and contrasting topic to collect, in order to provide variety. What is more, the study of world banknotes provides the opportunity to pursue not only numismatics, but a world education -- on the geography, history, and monetary units of the 212 countries currently listed. As stated in the introduction,

"...world currency collecting is ideally suited for youngsters, who will learn a great deal about the various countries in the world (their cultures, scenery, people, buildings, rulers, coats of arms, flags, languages, monetary units and general economies) in a colorful, meaningful and enjoyable way."

Remick's book lists a variety of world banknote dealers who issue price lists for uncirculated notes. Many of the dealers listed can provide very inexpensive uncirculated notes (some for only 25 to 50 cents) which can be checked off as they are acquired. The checklist itself alphabetically lists the issuing country, the monetary unit used by that country, and the U.S. dollar equivalency. The book also includes a checklist of the countries using money issued by other countries (e.g. Panama uses the U.S. dollar for its currency). What is more, Remick offers information on storing and labeling the collection, where to obtain world paper money references, and information on membership in "THE INTERNATIONAL BANKNOTE SOCIETY" This 22 page booklet, published in 1997 is available for \$5.95 postpaid Canadian or \$4.95 U.S (Wholesale rates are also available) from:



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## FOCUS ON THE YOUNG COLLECTOR

It is clear to see why Jerry Remick was a recipient of the 1995 Royal Canadian Mint Youth Award. His type collection book is clearly intended to be used by young collectors, who are looking for an interesting and affordable way to collect Canadian coins. His latest paper money checklist is also designed to be used by the novice collector, which is his sincere wish. In his own words, the two collections "contrast nicely, give a broad numismatic range and prevent boredom. They represent a lifetime of collecting". Hats off to you, Jerry!

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# C.N.A. CONVENTION REPORT

By Terry Campbell



*Mussels at the lobster fest*

photo opportunities of some boats in Northumberland Strait. We stopped on the New Brunswick shore and took some more pictures of the bridge before returning to Moncton.

Kathy was so enthralled by the bridge that she had to buy a book about it. Once was found, but with a price tag of \$49.95, we passed. However, two magazines and some post cards helped to satisfy the need. Some t-shirts featuring the bridge were looked at but they remained on the racks.

Thursday morning at ten saw the opening of convention by CNA president Yvon Marquis and Moncton's mayor. I was the official photographer of the CNA convention. This involved going around to the various meetings on the 9th floor and recording them on film. Meanwhile, I had to make time for wheeling and dealing. I had bought a collection the week before Moncton and was able to liquidate a lot of that at the convention.

Thursday evening the Royal Canadian Mint held their annual CNA reception at 6:30 pm in a nearby theatre. Kathy and I walked there, having located it earlier in one of our scout missions. It was here that Danielle Wetherup announced that the Mint would not be striking 25 cents or dollar coins for circulation in 1997.

Friday saw more meetings and continued camera follies. Prices no coins were cheap -- fifty five dollars for a 1926 far six 5 cent piece; \$20 for a 1925 5 cent piece; \$14 for a 1923 one cent piece and \$13 for a 1925 one cent piece. All of these coins were in VG or better condition.

Friday night saw the lobster fest in nearby Cognac at the local marina. We had driven down in our own van as we wished to leave before the buses returned. We were departing Moncton early Saturday morning to be back in Toronto on Saturday night.

Our thanks to the Moncton Coin Club, its membership and their respective spouses for their fine hospitality!

Kathy Beacham and I drove down to Moncton from Toronto to attend the CNA convention. We left Sunday evening, July 27 and drove through the United States (cheaper gas) on the way down. We arrived in Moncton Tuesday morning shortly after 9 a.m. After checking into the Keddy's Brunswick Hotel, where the convention was being held, we strolled downtown and did some banking. We stopped into the Moncton City Hall and obtained maps of the city at the tourist information center located there.

Further walking took us to the Champlain Mall where a light lunch was enjoyed. We had to hurry back to the park across the street from the mall in order to witness the tidal bore at 12:37 pm. Here we saw a mama duck and her six ducklings go surfing on the bore.

Wednesday saw us up and on the highway to the Confederation Bridge, which we used to visit Prince Edward Island. We spent the day in Summerside, P.E.I., where Kathy

managed to obtain a set of five Summerside P.E.I. tokens, one of which bears the image of the Confederation Bridge. Our trip back across the bridge gave us a few



*The bourse floor Friday morning*



*The Royal Canadian Mint Reception*



# SHOW & BOURSE

## **SEPTEMBER 28, 1997 - LONDON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY COIN SHOW**

At the Ramada Inn, 817 Exeter Rd. (off Hwy. 401 at Wellington Rd.), 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. Admission \$1. Info: (519)472-9679.

## **OCTOBER 4, 1997 - PETERBOROUGH COIN CLUB SHOW**

At Portage Place Mall, Chemong Rd., 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. No admission charge. Info: Evelyn Robinson, 36 Stewart Pl., Peterborough, Ont., K9J 3L9, (705)745-5050.

## **OCTOBER 18, 1997 - BURLINGTON INTERNATIONAL FALL COIN SHOW**

At the Brant Hills Community Centre, 2300 Duncaster Dr. (between Upper Middle Rd. and Hwy. #5). 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. No admission. Info: Nancy Kanerva, (905)319-3817 or George Butt (905)335-9444.

## **OCTOBER 18, 1997 - DURHAM COIN 97**

Sponsored by the Oshawa and District Coin Club at the Pickering Town Centre, Hwy. #2 and Liverpool Rd. Hours: 9:30 am to 5 pm. No admission charge. Contact Earl MacLean, P.O. Box 30557, Oshawa, Ont., L1J 8L8, 905-728-1352, email: papman@idirect.com.

## **OCTOBER 19, 1997 - TILLSONBURG COIN SHOW**

At the Community Centre, 45 Hardy St., Sponsored by the Tillsonburg Numismatic Society. 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Admission \$1. Info: Wayne MacFarlane, 74 Parkwood Dr., Tillsonburg, Ont., N4G 2S2, (519)842-6666.

## **OCTOBER 24-25, 1997 - TIMMINS COIN CLUB ANNUAL FALL COIN MONTH SHOW**

At the Timmins Square Mall, from 4 pm to 9 pm, Oct 24 and from 9 am to 4 pm Oct. 25. Contact Bill Waychison at waychiso@ntl.sympatico.ca.

## **OCTOBER 25-26, 1997 - TOREX 1997**

At the Primrose Hotel, Pearson Ballroom, 111 Carlton St., downtown Toronto. Hours: Sat. 10 am to 5 pm. Sun. 10 am to 3 pm. Coins, paper money, cards, books, supplies, pens, watches, militaria. Daily admission \$5. For info: Ingrid K. Smith, 416-260-9070.

## **NOVEMBER 7-9, 1997 - THE HOBBY SHOW**

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## **NOVEMBER 22, 1997 - WATERLOO COIN SOCIETY SHOW**

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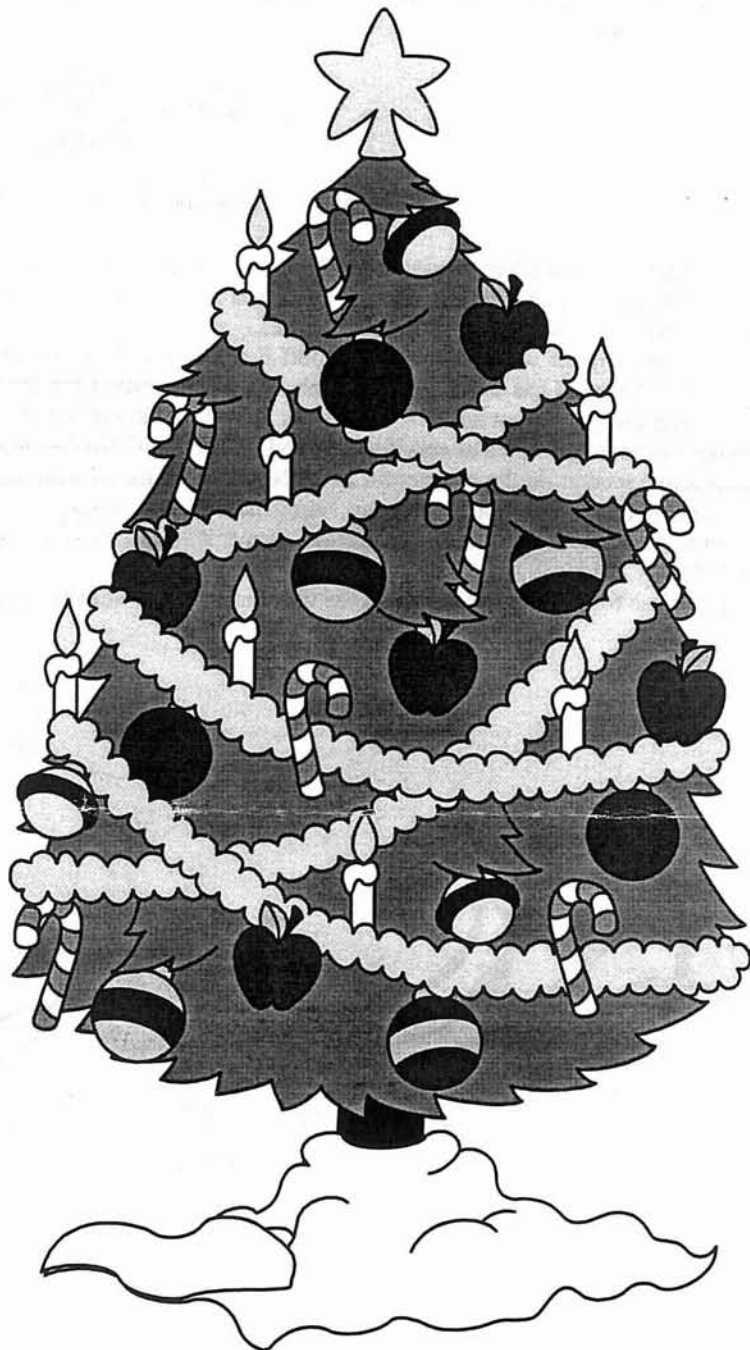
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## MERRY CHRISTMAS!



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

# A MAJOR CHANGE

Important events are taking place in the O.N.A. Over the past several years Jeff Fournier has acted as Editor of the Numismatist. His efforts have been greatly appreciated but the Executive received a proposal from Don Atanasoff to take on the challenge of editor of our publication. His proposal was accepted and Don will be taking over the position in January 1998. I believe Don will have an outline of his plans and where he can be reached in this issue but I would urge anyone wishing to correspond with him to mark his address down:

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Don's qualifications are excellent, having been Editor of Canadian Coin News and Today's Seniors. Currently he is involved with Tourist and Association Publications. He has expressed a desire to revise the lay outs and format. We look forward to these changes as everything must grow or it withers and dies.

The Executive and myself would like to thank Jeff Fournier for all the effort he has put into the publication over the past few years. I know at times, it has been a difficult job to get information for the publication. This is one area which we hope will improve. We want to get current notification of Coin Shows, and important meetings.

John Regitko has been appointed as coordinator of NUMISMATIC NETWORK CANADA-O.N.A. This appointment will mean a much more active section on the internet for the O.N.A. Following up with that, I have recently subscribed to a provider and will be up and running by the time you receive this Numismatist. I can be reached at: [wilmot@cyg.net](mailto:wilmot@cyg.net) (I hope!).

Don't forget to mark down the dates of the O.N.A. Convention in Ottawa at the Citadel Hotel and Conference Centre. April 17 to April 19, 1998.

I am going to close for now and wish you all the very best Holiday Season and may 1998 be everything you wish for.

Kenneth Wilmot

President



# EDITOR'S VIEWS



This will be my last editorial for the ONA Numismatist. Beginning with the January edition, Don Atanasoff will be your new editor.

Late last year, I let Ken Wilmot know that I would be unable to continue on as editor for 1997, mainly because of my growing business concerns. The Numismatist was simply taking too much time out of my business (Canadian Novelty Coins) and I couldn't justify to myself the 20 or so hours per issue that I was spending on the newsletter for the small honorarium I was receiving (\$33 per issue approximately). I enjoyed doing the newsletter but from a purely economic point of view, it just wasn't viable any longer. However, the ONA was in a bind. Though they looked for a new editor, they could not find one so, I agreed to stay on for another year and the ONA agreed to begin paying me \$100/issue beginning in January of 1997.

The understanding was that I would do the newsletter until December 1997 and that after that, if I continued to do it (starting in 1998) I would be paid \$150.00 per issue. It was agreed that the ONA would still have the option of finding a new editor for 1998 if they chose to do so.....which as you know now, they have done. They have made a business decision and one they believe to be best for the organization in choosing a new editor -- Don Atanasoff.

Don Atanasoff comes to the ONA with a wealth of writing and editing experience and a good knowledge of the Canadian Numismatic scene. He, under his business, will be paid by the ONA for his services. I have no doubt that he will do a fine job for the organization..... BUT.... he will need your help. Without your articles, I'm afraid you'll be making his job a difficult one.

Times are a changin. Our lifestyles are very busy and there are few takers for a volunteer job as editor for an organization such as ours. It is, and will most likely be necessary in the future, to pay for our future editors. Yes, time is precious. But, we are now able to do an editing job at home that only 10 years ago would have been impossible -- not only editing, but page layout, design and even printing. Such is the way it is in this technological age where computers are becoming increasingly powerful and easier to use. Yes, we do have to pay for an editor now but, I believe we will be getting a quality product because of it.

In closing, let me say I have enjoyed serving the membership immensely during my 4 years as editor. I have had great help from Bruce Raszman our secretary and I have surely appreciated the articles from Jerry Remick, Tom Masters, Chris Boyer, Marvin Kay, Jim Charlton and the many other individual collectors and clubs who have contributed pieces over the years.

I have tried very hard to give you a variety of information useful to our hobby. And I have tried to keep the material original. I've always believed that if this newsletter only contained reprints from Canadian Coin News and the CN Journal, then I'd just be wasting the readers' time. If I did print articles in the ONA Numismatist that appeared elsewhere, I did so only because I deemed them valuable enough to merit a second printing, or because I felt I could embellish the end product substantially with graphics and pictures to help breath new life into the article.

I hope I've made a difference in the organization by my efforts. And I hope that I've given encouragement to collectors who have read what I've written or edited. If I have aided the hobby and perhaps given collectors more reason to enjoy it, then I've been successful in doing what I set out to do when I began as editor in July of 1993. I am leaving you as editor, but I will certainly still be active in the hobby and would love to hear from any members who would like to correspond to share numismatic information or otherwise. Feel free to contact me at any time: Jeff Fournier, P.O. Box 2111, Stn. A, Sudbury, Ont., P3A 4R8, 705-566-3545, fax: 566-2025, email: jfern@cyberbeach.net.

All the best to you and yours during the coming holiday season!!

# MEET OUR NEW EDITOR!

As former New York Yankee catcher Yogi Berra used to say: "It seems like deja vu all over again."

And for me, that's exactly what it seems like as I embark on my tenure as editor and designer of the Ontario Numismatic Association Bulletin starting with the first issue of January, 1998.

Perhaps you might remember my name, as it wasn't that long ago that I was editor of both Canadian Coin News (CCN) and Canadian Stamp News (CSN). That was back in the late 1980's when Metroland Printing Publishing and Distributing purchased the newspaper from Scott McLaren.

Although I was not in charge of these papers for a great deal of time (they were subsequently sold to Paul Fioca - Trajan Publishing), I made the acquaintance of many of the current group of the ONA executive such as President Ken Wilmot, John Regitko, Mike Hollingshead, Tom Masers and many more. I have a lot of fond memories of my time with CCN and I genuinely missed the people associated with the hobby after the publication was sold.

I fondly recall John Regitko's coin shows at the old Lakeshore Inn in Toronto's West end. It was here I first became acquainted with numismatics, thanks in large part to John's efforts. He took the time to invite me to all his shows, explain the nuances of the hobby, and made sure that I was kept abreast of all that was going on so that I could keep the readers of CCN up-to-date.

As many of you may recall, John often had a dinner arranged after the first night of his show where everyone sat around, had a great dinner, and caught up on some idle coin gossip. It was my privilege to entertain the troops at one of these events as John turned the spotlight on and had me as a guest speaker.

I remember having a fit trying to write a speech that would keep everyone enthralled, but I couldn't come up with one. Then it dawned on me, I could try out my comic act. So I put together a string of newspaper bloopers that even left John Regitko (the king of corn) with a smile on his face. How do these headlines grab you: "Prostitutes Appeal to Pope", "Accused Rapist Finds God in Jail", "Sister reunited After 18 years in Supermarket Check-out Line". Yes, it was the high watermark of my speaking career.

I also recall being a guest speaker at an ONA convention in Stratford where I outlined the production process of CCN from beginning to end. I was presented with an ONA medal and a certificate for my efforts, something I am still very proud to have received.

Now, several years and a few pounds later, I am looking forward to once again renewing my association with the ONA. It was just a few months ago that Ken Wilmot asked me if I'd be interested in looking after the ONA Bulletin and I jumped at the chance to once again become involved with the hobby. Back in my CCN days, I remember the columns coming in one after another, from the likes of Jeff Fournier, Terry Campbell, Don Robb and Jerry Remick, to name a few.

And now I am going to be seeing them in print once again. Yes, come to think of it, it does seem like deja vu all over again.

Note: For those of you who wish to have items published in the January issue of the ONA Bulletin, could you please forward them to: Don Atanasoff, 723 Woodhill Dr., Fergus, Ontario, N1M 3M8. Or, if you have something to discuss, you can call me at 519-787-0010.





# 1998 O.N.A. CONVENTION PROGRAM



## FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 1998

18:00	Security commences	ROOM XXX
18:00 - 21:00	Registration Table open	ROOM XXX
18:00 - 21:00	Bourse Room open to registered dealers; Exhibit set-up	ROOM XXX

## SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 1998

08:00	Canadian Numismatic Association Executive Meeting	ROOM XXX
08:00	Bourse Room open to registered dealers; Exhibit set-up	ROOM XXX
08:00 - 18:00	Registration Table open	ROOM XXX
09:00 - 10:00	Registrants' preview of bourse	ROOM XXX
09:00 - 12:30	Canadian Tire Corporation Coupon Collectors (CTCCC) Meeting	ROOM XXX
10:00 - 16:00	Hospitality Suite open to registered guests	ROOM XXX
10:00	Official opening of 1998 Convention at entrance to the Bourse Room	ROOM XXX
10:00 - 18:00	Bourse open to the general public	ROOM XXX
10:00	Conducted Tour (participants meet in front lobby of hotel)	
13:00 - 15:00	Canadian Association of Token Collectors (CATC) Meeting	ROOM XXX
14:00	<b>Charles Moore NUMISMATIC AUCTION</b>	ROOM XXX
15:00 - 17:00	Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors Meeting	ROOM XXX
18:00	<b>Bourse Room closes</b>	
18:30 - 19:00	Pre-Banquet Reception: Cash Bar	ROOM XXX
19:00 - 22:00	<b>BANQUET</b>	ROOM XXX

*All banquet attendees are invited to a reception after the banquet*

ROOM XXX

## SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 1998

08:30 - 10:00	O.N.A. Club Delegates Meeting	ROOM XXX
09:00	Bourse open to registered dealers; Exhibits set-up	ROOM XXX
10:00 - 15:00	Hospitality Suite open to registered guests and dealers	ROOM XXX
10:00 - 16:00	Bourse open to the general public	ROOM XXX
10:00 - 11:00	O.N.A. General Meeting	ROOM XXX
12:00 - 14:00	O.N.A. Executive Meeting	ROOM XXX
16:00	O.N.A. Draw for the "Dream Vacation"	ROOM XXX
16:00	Bourse Room closes	
16:00	<b>SHOW CLOSES</b>	
17:00	Security ends	

( XXX = room number to be determined )

# TERRY CAMPELL'S COIN AUTOBIOGRAPHY



I first began collecting coins as a 13 year old teenager. I had collected stamps prior to that. A move to Whitby in 1965 resulted in a change in both school and friends. One of my future friends in the new school, Gary Umphrey, got me interested in coins. His mother, Jean, accelerated that interest by taking us to the Oshawa and District Coin Club, on the fourth Sunday of the month, at the Steel Workers Hall on Albert St., in Oshawa. By the time I was 16, I had become the club's junior director. The Oshawa and District Coin Club was a booming place in the 60's, like most other coin clubs in that era.

The dealers such as Dick Lockwood, Lloyd Carney, Rick Morse, Lee Ayou and others certainly treated us kids well! They knew that today's kids are tomorrow's customers.

It was a time for fun and learning. Neither Gary or I collected Canadian coins. They were way too expensive! We settled for second best, British Commonwealth coins. But then Gary and I wound up competing against each other, in the coin club's auctions, for these treasures. That was no good! We split up the British Commonwealth. Gary got Hong Kong, Sumatra, Mauritius, British North Borneo, et al. I got British India, Ceylon, Australia, New Zealand, New Guinea, Fiji, et al. That worked a lot better.



In the 70's, I started displaying coins. The more that I did, the better I got. From displaying I went on to judging. I judged at Torex's O.N.A.'s and smaller club shows.

My writing career began in the 70's when I wrote articles for Krause's World Coin News and Canadian Coin, Stamp and Antiqued News about various auctions and shows. An article on Ceylon's coffee and tea plantation tokens appeared in the American Numismatic Association's Numismatist.



I married in 1983. My Fiji coin collection and my British Commonwealth paper money collection went to the auctioneers in 1984, to help pay for my first house. These collections did well.

Many of these pieces had pictures in the catalogue. I sold the first house in 1986 and bought two more. The rest is history!

An advertisement appeared in the 1987 Canadian Coin News looking for a writer to replace Stanley Clute as the Questions and Answers person. I applied for the job but didn't hear anything back for over four months. I had forgotten about it, to tell you the truth, when I got a letter from Metroland Printing, Publishing and Distribution in December 1987. I was hired! My first column appeared in the January 12, 1988 Volume 25, Issue #18, of Canadian Coin News. It has been a lot of fun since then, writing the Questions and Answers Columns. It has also been a learning process. Doing research on various topics of coins and currencies from around the world.

I joined CONECA also in 1988. That was an eye opener! I thought that I knew it all at that time. After joining them I realized just how little I really knew.



Late in 1993, I decided to write a book on Canadian error coins. I went to the two Canadian numismatic publishers: Charlton's and Unitrade. Both of them wanted to do the book. Unitrade gave me the better package, so I went with them. Both of them wanted to know what computer program I was using. HUH? What were they talking about? It's called Remington two fingers. NYET, NO, NON, NEIN! Has to be a computer!

@#\$!?!?^#\*& etc... etc... A computer shopping I went. Two thousand dollars later, I'm computerized. Now what do I do with it. PLUG IT IN! Brilliant deduction, Watson! Really though, it wasn't that bad, although it may have seemed it at the time. What is a coin book without pictures. A big nothing! So camera shopping I went. What do I know about a 35mm camera and coin photography? Zero! Thanks to Dave and Jim Hayashi of the Japan Camera in Whitby, I managed to bumble my way through the trials and tribulations of coin photography. They even compliment me now on the quality of my pictures! I think that they're just after my business! Whoever said that you can get rich by writing a book didn't know what the heck they were talking about! By the time you pay for the computer, purchase the software to make it run, buy the camera, pay for all the film and its development; you're talking almost \$3,000. That kind of money can buy an awful lot of nice coins. Canadian Error Coins, An Introduction, took a year and seven months in the Publisher's Hands to come forth. Needless to say, I was not a happy camper!



Now a new book is being planned. The first One Hundred, or something similar, will be the title. This will cover my first hundred Questions and Answers Columns, which appeared in Canadian Coin News. I will add a lot to these columns, with lots more pictures. The answers in several instances will be expanded and or changed to reflect my added years of wisdom as a coin writer.



# AN HISTORIC AUCTION

By Marvin Kay



We have all heard the cliché, “the air was thick with tension”. This expression became real to me as I sat in on the Jeffrey Hoare Militaria Auction on Saturday, October 25th. Coming up were two lots of military medals. One lot, #2169, consisted of five pieces belonging to Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, the Canadian soldier who was so dismayed by the carnage surrounding him during the First World War that he wrote the poem, “In Flander’s Fields”. The second lot of twelve pieces belonged to his father, Major David McCrae. Poised at the back of the auction room were several television camera-men. And scattered throughout the audience were several radio and print reporters ready with their notebooks and miniature tape recorders.

The auctioneer, neatly groomed in jacket and tie, called the room to order. In his deep bass voice he opened the bidding at \$38,000, nearly twice the estimated value in the auction catalogue. At a rapid pace, the bidding increased in \$2,000 increments until it reached \$150,000. At that point the auctioneer accepted \$5,000 increases. The bidding quickly reached \$300,000 after which raises of \$10,000 were made. The curator of the McCrae House Museum in Guelph did his best to try to acquire the medals for his museum, but he was forced out of the bidding at \$280,000.

where I was seated, I could not determine how many other people were in on the bidding. The pace slowed only slightly now that there were only two people left in the bidding war. Moments later, the \$400,000 level was reached and the lot was hammered down. There was a round of applause from the audience, but I, not sure why people were clapping. Perhaps it was a release of tension.

The auctioneer quickly went on to the father’s medals, lot #2170. This time the bidding started at \$2,000 which was below the published estimate of \$3,000. In a pace as rapid as in the previous lot, the bidding went up by \$2,000 jumps to \$130,000. Two people who were bidding on the first lot continued their fight for this lot. but it was too much for the first winner and a new winner acquired this lot. As soon as the auctioneer’s hammer hit the table his mysterious bidder ran from the front of the room to avoid publicity, but he was pursued by two nearby reporters into the stairwell.

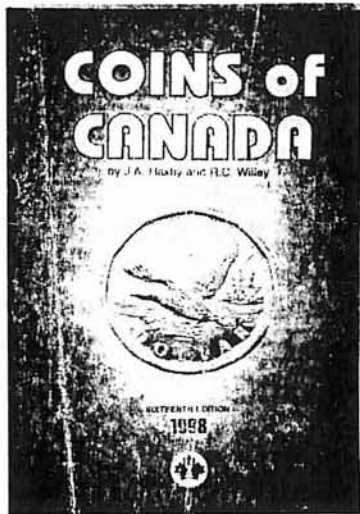
In the meantime, the winner of the first lot was surrounded by reporters. I was fortunate to be standing close by this gentleman as the media swooped down on him. This was a scrum of monumental proportions as microphones were shoved dangerously close to his face. But he was quite humble as he answered their numerous questions. He said modestly it was something that most Canadians who loved their country would have done. He plans to donate the medals to the McCrae house to be displayed in time for Remembrance Day, 1997. Later, I learned that his diffident gentleman was Mr. Arthur Lee who immigrated to Canada 32 years ago. When commissions and taxes are added in, his bill will be about half a million dollars. He is showing his love for Canada in a way that few of us could ever hope to match.

At this time, I still do not know the identity of the reticent gentleman who acquired lot #2170. Let’s hope he will be as generous as Mr. Lee and keep the medals in Canada.

# BOOK REVIEWS

By Jerry Remick

## NEW EDITION OF CANADIAN COIN, TOKEN & BANKNOTE CATALOGUE



The 16th edition (1998) of "Coins of Canada" by J.A. Haxby and R.C. Willey was released early in November, 1997 by the publisher, Unitrade press, 99 Floral Parkway, Toronto, Ont., M6L 2C4, telephone 416-242-5900. It is available either in English or French ("Monnaies Du Canada") at \$11.95 with a spiral binding and \$10.95 with the

normal perfect binding. If ordered from the publisher, please add \$3.00 for postage and handling.

The 254 page catalogue is printed on 6" X 9" pages and is subdivided into 12 chapters: Canadian Decimal Coinages 1858 to date, Collectors' Issues, Bullion Issues, Ottawa Mint Gold Sovereigns, Pre-Confederation Provincial Decimal Issues, The Issues of the French Regime, Pre-Confederation Colonial Issues, Trade and Transportation Tokens, Dominion of Canada Notes 1867 1 1935, Bank of Canada Notes 1935 to date and Bullion Values. A 16 page Introduction at the beginning of the book and a 3 page Glossary of Terms at the end of the book provide useful data for the reader.

Short descriptive and historical texts are included with each type coin, token and issue of bank notes.

Photos illustrate both sides of each type coin, token and bank note. Detailed enlargements show major die varieties. A brief descriptive grading section covering grades from good through EF or Au is given for each major type coin. Mintage figures and valuations in up to 8 grades of preservation (from good-4 through MS-63) are given for each date coin; fewer grades are valued for the more recent coins.

A very important and unique feature of this catalogue is the inclusion of Robert Willey's detailed research on the minor changes to the portrait of Queen Victoria on decimal coinages of Canada and Newfoundland. Clear photos of each type portrait are shown and the portrait type is indicated for each decimal coin catalogued.

The informative historical data on the various coins, tokens and bank notes used in Canada since its earliest

beginnings, provide informative and educational reading for both the collector and the non-collector. A good gift for the non-collector.

## MANY COLOR PHOTOS IN 1998 U.S. COIN CATALOGUE

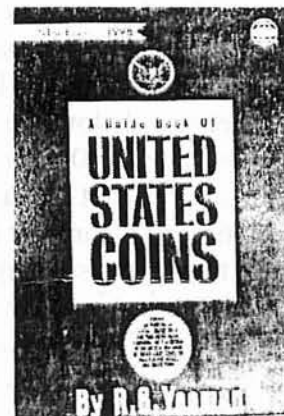
The 1998 (51st) edition of "A GUIDE BOOK OF UNITED STATES COINS", by R.S. Yeoman and edited by Kenneth Bressett was released at the end of June 1997. It is available retail at \$11.95 U.S. for the hard cover version and at \$8.95 for the soft cover spiral bound version. Mail orders from the publisher require an additional \$3.50 U.S. for postage and are available from Whitman Coin Products, Dept. 442, P.O. Box 700, Racine, Wisconsin 53401, telephone 414-631-5066.

The 327 page "Red Book", as it is popularly known because of its red-colored hard cover, is the standard reference work for United States coinage, the first edition having been published in 1946. The book, printed on 5" X 7.5" pages, catalogues all United States coins, including Colonial and Territorial pieces, in all metals from 1616 to date. There are sections on Commemorative Silver and Gold Coins, Private or Territorial Gold Coins, Civil War and Hard Times Tokens, Misstruck Coins, Uncirculated and Proof Sets, Leshner Pieces, Feuchtwanger Cents, Hawaii and Alaskan Coins and Tokens, Coins of the Philippines issued while under United States Sovereignty and Gold and Silver Bullion coins.

A mintage figure and valuations in up to seven grades of preservation are given for each date coin. Major die varieties and errors are illustrated and catalogued. The following data is presented for each type coin: a color photograph of both sides, metallic composition, historical background and grading characteristics for each grade of preservation catalogued.

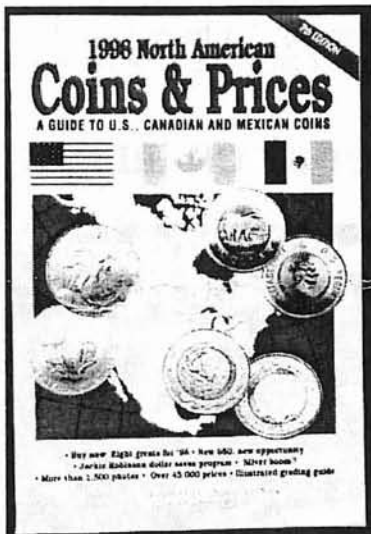
A table of type coin values, listing values for ten grades of preservation, is given for the commonest data for each type coin at the beginning of the section for each denomination. There is a plus or a minus sign after some prices in each table to indicate those prices which have gone up or down since the previous edition of this annual catalogue.

According to the publisher, "Prices in the 1998 edition reflect a general softness in the coin market, but specialized collecting interests, the Colonial coins in particular, were the most active, and coins have increased



in value approximately 10% in many cases. Many of the gold Territorial pieces also saw value increases. In the regular U.S. series, prices fluctuated both up and down with subtle market corrections. Commemorative coins were mostly down in value from previous years.

## 1998 NORTH AMERICAN COIN CATALOGUE



"1998 NORTH AMERICAN COINS & PRICES -- A GUIDE TO U.S., CANADIAN AND MEXICAN COINS", edited by David C. Harper, was released early in October 1997 at \$16.95 U.S. retail. It is available by mail for an additional \$3.25 for shipping to U.S. residents and \$10.00 U.S. for shipping to other countries from the publisher: Krause

Publications, Book Dept., NDR7, 700 East Stated St., Iola Wisconsin 54990, telephone 715-445-4087. Charge-card customers can order the book toll free at 1-800-258-0929.

The 528 page soft cover book (6" X 9") provides total coverage of U.S. coins including: Colonial issues, issues of 1792, commemoratives, American Eagle bullion coins, and minting errors and varieties. Also included are Canadian and provincial coins since 1823, including collectors singles and sets and all gold, silver and platinum coins. Mexican coins issued since 1701 are catalogued.

The book begins with 2 introductory chapters, totalling 96 pages, which include chapters on grading, how to organize a collection, how to store and preserve a collection, how to acquire coins for a collection, how coins are manufactured, the U.S. Mint, coins as investments and coin collecting organizations. A nine page glossary of coin terms follows the 12 introductory chapters.

More than 400 pages of the book are dedicated to listing over 45,000 current prices for U.S., Canadian and Mexican coins, accompanied by more than 1500 photos. 68 pages catalogue Canadian and provincial coins. 132 pages are devoted to Mexican coins. 217 pages catalogue U.S. coins. All type coins are illustrated. Enlarged photos illustrate major die varieties. Mintage figures are presented for date coins.

Each U.S. and Canadian coin is priced in up to 9 grades of preservation from Good-4 through Mint State-63, MS-65 or proof. Mexican coins, depending on the date, are priced in up to 4 conditions from Good through proof.

## 52ND EDITION (1998) OF "THE CHARLTON STANDARD CATALOGUE OF CANADIAN COINS"

The 52nd edition (1998) of "THE STANDARD CATALOGUE OF CANADIAN COINS" W.K. CROSS (editor and publisher), was published early in September 1997 at \$12.95 retail. The book is available at \$16.45 postpaid from the publisher, The Charlton Press, 4040 Yonge ST., Suite 208, Toronto, Ont., M4S 1Z9, Telephone 1-800-442-6042.

The 326 page soft bound book (5.5" X 8.5") catalogues legal tender coinage used in Canada from the 17th century issues of the French Colonial regime through the 1997 coinage. Specimen coins, collector coins, collector sets, platinum coins, gold coins, foreign coins used in Canada in the 17th century, patterns, trial pieces, official fabrications and test tokens are also catalogued.

The book contains more than 1250 photos and 8000 price listings in up to eight different grades for each coin from "Good-4" through "Mint State-63) or "MS-65". Photos of both sides are given for all type coins in the decimal series, as well as specifications such as metal, weight, diameter, edge type, etc.... Enlarged photos of major die varieties are included and the die varieties are priced. Mintage figures are given as well.

Historical and descriptive texts are included for each denomination in the Canadian and Newfoundland decimal series with a shorter text for most type coins.

All valuations have been completely reviewed and revised, reflecting current market trends.

A 32 page introductory section, including an 11 page illustrated grading section with 7 additional pages of text on grading and

a section on the manufacture of Canadian coins, begins the catalogue.

Tables on "The Gold Content of Canadian Coins", "The Silver Content of Canadian Coins" and "The Bullion Values of Canadian Decimal Coins" and a three page glossary of numismatic terms conclude the catalogue.



## HOW TO SELL YOUR COIN COLLECTION FOR THE MOST MONEY

"HOW TO SELL YOUR COIN COLLECTION FOR THE MOST MONEY" by James Hirtle is available at \$12.95 U.S. retail. It is available to Canadian residents at a special price of \$14.00 U.S. postpaid and to U.S. residents at \$14.95 postpaid from Chesapeake Coin Company, P.O. Box 495, Westminster, Maryland, 21158-0495.

The author of this 92 page (6.5" X 9") soft covered book has had over 40 years experience in the coin business. He takes the reader behind the scenes in the coin business and in simple terms explains how the business of purchasing collections operates by giving a number of stories about people selling a relative's collection, which they inherited, or their own collection and how they got the most money for the collection from a dealer. Jim Hirtle also points out mistakes made in selling a collection.

The book focuses on the sale of small collections in the \$1,000 to \$5,000 range. While the emphasis is on the sale of United States coins, banknotes and tokens, the general concepts given for selling a collection can be used in any other country. The book is written for the non-collector, but is useful to the collector as well.

Basically, the author advises to get the collection appraised before it is sold and then use this appraisal value to get bids from a number of dealers. Author Jim Hirtle goes into detail on this thesis in the book's eleven chapters followed by a 16 page glossary of numismatic terms used by dealers.

Some of the questions answered in the book are the following: How do you tell "good" coins from common coins? Is a small collection better or worse than a large collection to sell? Is a given collection even worth getting an appraisal? How do you approach dealers to get the most money? Stories about mistakes people made in selling their collection are given to point out what not to do. Collectors should keep a copy of this informative book with their collection to aid themselves and their heirs in selling their collection.

## A HISTORY OF MONEY

"MONEY: A HISTORY", edited by Jonathon Williams was published May 26, 1997 at \$29.95 U.S. retail. There is no charge for shipping to any address within the U.S. For shipping to any address within Canada, the charge is \$7.50 U.S. for the first book and \$1.00 for each additional book from St. Martin's Press, 175 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y., 10010-7848, telephone 800-221-7945.

The 256 page hard covered book is printed on thick glossy 8 X 10 inch pages and includes 200 color and 650 black and white illustrations, most of which are coins. A map is included with each chapter to show the location of the countries covered.

The book is divided into nine chapters written by coin specialists from the British Museum's world famous Dept. of Coins and Medals. The first chapter traces the development of monetary and quasi-monetary systems from the ancient civilizations of Mesopotamia and Egypt to the invention of coinage in Lydia (Ancient Greece) in the 7th century B.C. and in the next chapter its establishment throughout the Greek and Roman empires. The next 4 chapters look at money in Medieval Europe, the Islamic lands, India and South East Asia and lastly China and the Far East. The last 3 chapters trace the development of money in Europe's Early Modern period, which was aided by bullion from the New World; Africa

and Oceania, including salt and feathers used in making payments in Africa; and the Modern Period.

The book also examines the consequences of the globalization of the world monetary economy in the 19th and 20th centuries from more than a purely Western perspective.

Jonathon Williams, editor of this book, is a curator in the Dept. of Coins & Medals at the British Museum. He is a specialist on Roman and Iron Age coins.

This is an interesting, easy to read and informative deluxe book on the history of money that belongs in all club libraries. It is an impressive Christmas gift for numismatists and non-numismatists.

## NEW CD-ROM BY CHARLTON



At the end of October, the Charlton Press released a CD-ROM with the latest editions of their following catalogues: the 52nd edition of "THE CHARLTON STANDARD CATALOGUE OF CANADIAN COINS" and the 10th edition of "THE CHARLTON STANDARD CATALOGUE OF CANADIAN GOVERNMENT PAPER MONEY". Entitled "THE CHARLTON CANADIAN NUMISMATIC LIBRARY - 1998". The CD-ROM retails for \$24.95 (\$19.95 for U.S. residents). It is available from the publisher for an additional \$3.00 for postage and handling.

According to Charlton Press, the CD-ROM has the following features: Zoom in function for banknotes which allows you to study closely the intricate details of the notes; Full text retrieval (FTR) search engine which allows you to look for specific coins, banknotes, topics and values, using key words or search variables; "Cut and Paste" features which allow you to easily update spreadsheets to help manage your collection and a "Master Coin Collection" spreadsheet including the following popular formats: Excel and Lotus 123. System requirements are Windows 3.1, Windows 95 or Windows NT and a Compact Disk drive.



# SHOW & BOURSE

## **DECEMBER 14, 1997 - TILLSONBURG COLLECTIBLES SHOW**

At the Tillsonburg Community Centre, 45 Hardy Ave., Hours 11 am to 4 pm. Admission \$2 adults and 12 and under free. Over 50 tables. Contact Ian Ward, 26 Kennedy Rd., Simcoe, Ont., N3Y 5A6, 519-426-8875.

## **DECEMBER 28, 1997 - WOODSTOCK COLLECTIBLES SHOW**

At Oxford Auditorium (Fairgrounds), 875 Nellis St. 10:30 am to 4 pm. Adults \$2, 12 and under free with adult. Over 100 tables. Contact Ian Ward, 26 Kennedy Rd., Simcoe, Ont., N3Y 5A6, 519-426-8875.

## **FEBRUARY 21 - 22, 1998 - TOREX**

At the Primrose Hotel, Pearson Ballroom, 111 Carlton St., downtown Toronto. Hours: Sat. 10 am to 5 pm. Sun. 10 am to 3 pm. Coins, paper money, cards, books, supplies, pens, watches, militaria. Daily admission \$5. For info: Ingrid K. Smith, 416-260-9070.

## **JUNE 27-28, 1998 - TOREX**

At the Primrose Hotel, Pearson Ballroom, 111 Carlton St., downtown Toronto. Hours: Sat. 10 am to 5 pm. Sun. 10 am to 3 pm. Coins, paper money, cards, books, supplies, pens, watches, militaria. Daily admission \$5. For info: Ingrid K. Smith, 416-260-9070.

## **APRIL 17-19, 1998 - O.N.A CONVENTION, OTTAWA, ONT.**

More information to follow in future editions of this newsletter.

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# LAKESHORE COIN CLUB ISSUES MEDAL

By Jerry Remick

**E**arly this fall, the Lakeshore Coin Club of Pointe Claire, Quebec (an ONA member club) issued a 38 mm medal to celebrate the 35th anniversary of the founding of their club which held its inaugural meeting in 1962.

A frontal view of historic Stewart Hall is featured on the obverse side. "35TH ANNIVERSARY 1962-1997" is inscribed below the building. The Lakeshore Coin Club logo covers the reverse side.

The medals were produced by Canadian Novelty Coins of Sudbury, Ontario. 50 sets of medals were made in the following 5 metal formats: antiqued bronze, antiqued silver plate, antiqued gold plate, bright silver plate and bright gold plate. An additional 100 medals were made for individual sale in antiqued gold plate. The bright pieces have been enamelled to enhance their beauty.

A set of 5 different medals with a numbered certificate of authenticity is available for \$39.95 plus \$2.50 postage and handling. The individual gold plated medals are available for \$9.95 plus \$1.00 postage and handling. Ontario residents should add 8% PST. The medals are being distributed by Canadian Novelty Coins, P.O. Box 2111, Stn., A, Sudbury, Ontario, P3A 4R8, phone 705-566-3545, fax: 566-2025, email: [jfern@cyberbeach.net](mailto:jfern@cyberbeach.net).

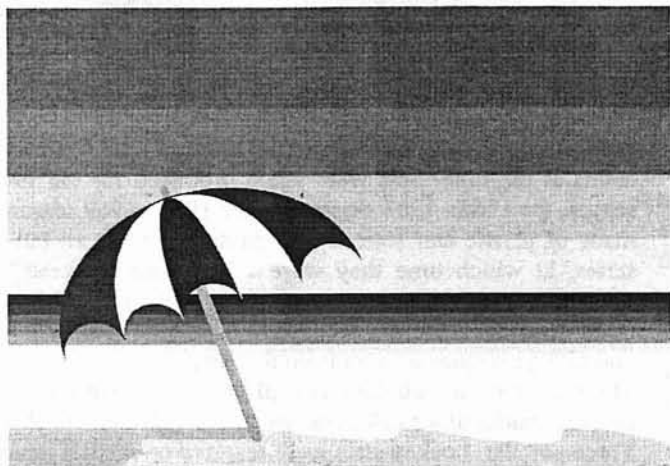
The story of the Lakeshore Coin Club's founding actually begins with Bunny Turner who owned a coin shop in the Quebec city of Pointe Claire. The year was 1961, and Mrs. Turner's coin shop had just opened. Collectors from around the area would drop into her shop and she began questioning whether they would like to form a coin club. Encouraged by their response, she decided to hold a meeting at her home on Fifth Avenue where those present drafted a constitution, decided on an executive, set dues and picked a date, place and time for an official meeting. The executive elected were Mr. W. Dunford as President, Mr. A. Barnett as Vice President, Mr. I. Dutton as Secretary and Mr. G. Simons as Treasurer. Mr. L. Barton - a longtime collector in the area who often frequented Turner's coin store was named as charter member #1.

The inaugural meeting of the Lakeshore Coin Club was held on February 12th, 1962 at the Unitarian Church between Lakeshore Road and Cedar Avenue in Pointe Claire. About 50 people were in attendance.

Subsequent meetings featured guest speakers (such as noted numismatists Fred Bowman - a member of the club - and Doug Ferguson), auctions and monthly draws. The club held their first coin exhibition in 1963. In 1967, the club formed a standing display of Canadian coins at Stewart Hall in Pointe Claire. The Lakeshore Coin Club is still quite active today and meets at Stewart Hall, 176 Bord du Lac, Pointe Claire.



# DREAM VACATION DRAW



The ONA's annual dream vacation draw will once again be held at the convention in 1998.

In this issue of the Numismatist, we've included a book of tickets which we'd encourage you to sell. A portion of the proceeds will be sent back to the club designated on the ticket stubs sent back into the ONA.

For more information, please contact Ken Wilmot, whose address appears at the front of this newsletter.

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The applications which appeared in the July/August issue of the Ontario Numismatist have been accepted. The following applications for membership have been received. Acceptance will appear in the next issue of this newsletter.



- 1639 Peter M. McDonald, Montreal, Que.
- 1640 Miss Stephanie J. Gamulo, Windsor, Ont.
- 1641 Jerome Foure, New Glasgow, Que.
- 1642 Brian McDonald, Kitchener, Ont.
- 1643 Mrs. Joyce Gall, Barrie, Ont.
- 1644 Ken Booth, Orillia, Ont.
- C113 Paisley Road Coin Club, 406 Paisley Road, Guelph, Ont., N1H 2R3

## AWARDS UP FOR GRABS



Just a reminder that there are three awards which will be presented this year by the ONA at the April 1998 convention they are: the Award of Merit, Fellow of the ONA and the Executive Award.

There are many numismatists who make an outstanding contribution to the promotion and advancement of our great hobby. Unfortunately, too many of these people are not recognized for their efforts.

The ONA awards committee, headed by Don Robb would like to recognize some of these individuals with the above mentioned awards. Don asks for your help in identifying and nominating deserving individuals who could be eligible to receive one of these awards. You and your club have the opportunity to ensure that deserving individuals in your area become eligible for one of the ONA's awards.

Do your part and nominate somebody today.

# HOCKEY LEGENDS FEATURED ON TOKENS/MEDALS

By Jeff Fournier



What do Bobby Orr, Wayne Gretzky and Phil Esposito have in common with numismatics? All three of these Canadian hockey legends have, at one time or another, appeared on tokens and/or medals. And they are not the only players who have been immortalized in metal.

Hockey is Canada's national sport and a popular winter pastime of enthusiastic players and "armchair" supporters of the fast-paced game.

If you are a hockey fan, perhaps your love for it has gone beyond the game itself to include the collecting of hockey cards featuring your favorite hockey heroes. This is not surprising, since the card hobby has gained an incredible following of people like yourself over the past decade.

What you might not have been aware of, as token or medal collector, however, is the many and varied numismatic pieces featuring famous hockey players from the past and present, which are available.

Some of you may be familiar with the hockey "coins" struck as a promotional giveaway during the 1960-1961 hockey season, and distributed through Sheriff deserts and Salada tea. If you are familiar

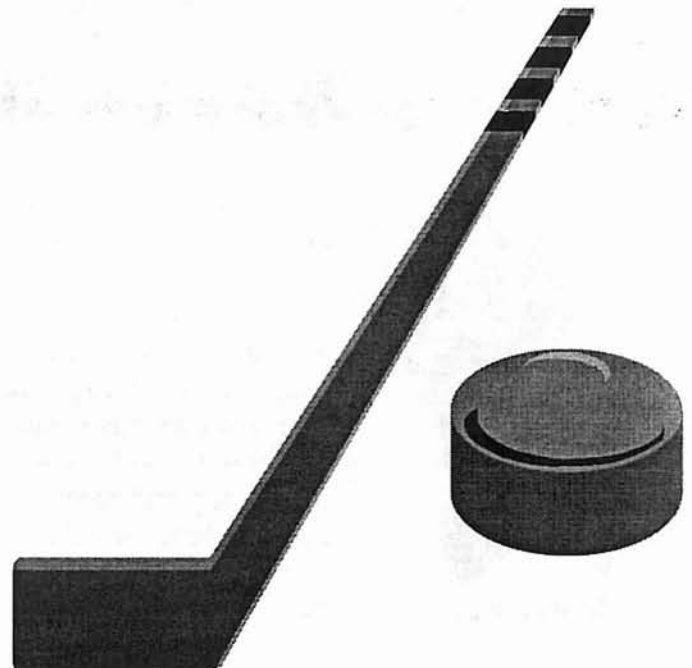
with them, then you know that they featured stars from the six NHL teams at the time. Sets were again produced for the 1961 - 1962 season, the 1962 - 1963 season and the 1968 - 1969 season. All were made of plastic and were 1 3/8" in diameter for all but the 62-63 series, at which time they were 1.5". Some of these "coins" (a misnomer since they are more properly termed medals) are actually quite valuable, especially if they are in pristine condition and feature one of the marquee players from that era.

These have been well documented in many of the hockey card and sports memorabilia catalogues which are widely available.

Three popular hockey stars were featured on medals issued in 1968 by a Sudbury, Ontario coin dealer named Chuck Martin. Bobby Orr, the famous Boston defenceman, born and raised in Parry Sound and who's feats on the ice were truly spectacular, was one of the featured stars. So too was Eddie Shack, a Sudbury native and left winger who's aggressive, crowd-pleasing style made him a favourite of the fans: "Clear the track, here comes Shack" was an often used phrase when Shack was on the ice. Also featured in the series was Phil Esposito, the Sault Ste Marie native who's on - ice goal-scoring escapades dazzled a generation of fans.

Martin commissioned the Lombardo Mint of Sherbrooke, Quebec to strike the medals - on one side depicting a portrait of one of the players as mentioned, and a hockey puck and stick with the words "World Famous Hockey Stars" on the other side. They were issued in nickel-silver, though the author has seen some struck in bronze as well.

In 1972, a medal was issued with one of Montreal's greatest players - Jean Beliveau. The medal features a portrait of Beliveau on one side and logos of a number of service clubs on the other. It was issued in





nickel-silver, gold plate and bronze by the inter-service clubs council for a skatathon which raised money for minor hockey in Canada. The medal was struck by the Lombardo Mint, and is 38 millimeters in diameter.

For the 1982-1983 season, the Calgary flames hockey team issued a series of tokens as a salute to the athletic prowess of the players, the abilities of the coaching staff and to all the behind the scenes people in the Calgary Flames organization.

The Flames had been in existence since 1972, but were based in Atlanta and known as the Atlanta flames, until 1980 when Nelson Skalbania and a group of Calgary businessmen purchased the Franchise and moved them to Calgary.

Canadian Artist Heather Dickinson was



commissioned to produce the series of drawings used as the artwork for the tokens, which were struck at the Royal Canadian Mint. Included in the series were right wing, Lanny McDonald; center and left wing, Mel Bridgman; center, Kent Nilson; defenceman, Paul Reinhart; center, Jim Peplinsky and goalie, Don Edwards. Each piece was struck in 4 metals: bronze, cupronickel, silver and pure gold.

Bobby Orr was again featured on a numismatic piece in 1982, although this time, it was on a token as opposed to a medal.

The token was issued in Orr's hometown of Parry Sound, and was valid for a period in 1982. It was struck by the Sherritt Mint of Fort



Saskatchewan, Alberta, in nickel bonded steel, gold plate and silver, and measures 33 millimeters in diameter.

Wayne Gretzky, and a number of his Edmonton Oiler teammates (Andy Moog, Dave Hunter, Mark Messier and Dave Semenko), were featured on a series of tokens issued in 1984. The 33 millimeter cupronickel, bronze, silver and gold tokens have the players' portraits on one side and the Edmonton Oilers' trademark on the other. They were struck by the Royal Canadian Mint.

Gretzky, one of the NHL's most prolific players hails from Brantford, Ontario, and has shattered nearly every record in the book. His great talents surfaced early in his career. Even as a 16 year old toiling with the Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario Greyhounds, it was clear that Gretzky was a force to be reckoned with. And perhaps earlier still, as a member of the novice all-star squad in



Brantford at the ripe ol' age of five (a team usually made up of 10 and 11 year olds), those in the know could see that Gretzky would one day be a legend of the game.

If you are a hockey fan, then these tokens and medals might be just the thing for you to collect. And if you really want to get into the groove, you might want to collect any coin, token, or medal with a hockey theme. There's been lots of them.

At least two medals were issued for the '72 "Canada/Russia hockey series" (I can still remember where I was when Team Canada won that one in game seven). There have been commemorative pieces issued for the annual hockey hall of fame awards dinner. Then of course, there are the more recent issues from such companies as the Chicagoland Processing Corporation who have produced a number of medals featuring not only hockey stars, the likes of Wayne Gretzky and Mario Lemieux, but also of various conference winning teams, the Labatt/Canada Cup and the Stanley Cup champions.

This year, White Lights Holding Ltd. issued a series of 25 medals, each with a different hockey star on one side and the National Hockey League's Player Association logo on the other. They were produced in nickel and gold plated formats, though the gold plated pieces are the scarcer of the two.

In 1980 and 1986, the International Hockey Hall of Fame in Kingston issued tokens with hockey as their theme.

Windsor, Nova Scotia, where, supposedly, the first game of hockey was played on ice around 1800, issued a medallion in 1993 to commemorate their claim to fame. Four different metals were used for the medals including nickel bonded steel, light bronze plate, dark bronze plate and gold plate. They were struck by the Sherritt Mint.

Another hockey team - the Winnipeg Jets - issued tokens in 1984 with 3 of their better known players featured: Brian Hayward, Dale Hawerchuck and Tim Watters. These pieces were struck by the Sherritt Mint in cupro-nickel, bronze, silver and gold.

And there have been many other issues that are just too numerous to list here.

No catalog exists on the subject, but if it did, it might make this branch of thematic collecting more appealing by alerting collectors to what exists. Nevertheless, to anyone wishing to enter this fascinating field and perhaps beginning a collection of hockey medals or tokens, a lack of such a catalog makes the quest for pieces all the more challenging and exciting.



# 1998 ONA CONVENTION

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