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President's Message

From all the reports I have received so far the 2006 Convention was a resounding success. The Auction also according to most opinions was one of our best. Thanks to Wendy Hoare for putting together such an interesting and great group of numismatic items. I do hope a piece of this great collection made it into yours.

A convention cannot be successful without good support and lots of great people giving a helping hand. The executive and I have so many people to thank. The host club for starters. St. Thomas Numismatic Society did an outstanding job whether it was on the bourse floor, at the hospitality room or outside in the rain. We surely appreciate your hard work. To all the club members and the Dream Vacation ticket buyers and sellers as this is what keeps our programs and the O.N.A. endeavors going.

Delegates and Exhibitors who help us to educate and keep the hobby growing, as well as showing other collectors what's out there? BIG THANKS. A special thanks to the Best Western Lamplighter Inn and all its great staff along with the advertisers and good people of St Thomas and London who donated and gave us much needed support for our show.

The banquet speaker, Harry James, gave the 56 guests a little bit of history of St Thomas and their tokens along with extensive history of the Church medal and the cemetery. John Cosens, the master of ceremonies, and Harry touched on what a great history there is to be told and tokens to be collected from St Thomas. Thanks to both.

I must say how gratifying it is to see coin club members from all over Ontario represented. We had 10 members from Sudbury drive 6 or more hours down from the north, two of whom were sporting injuries. I conclude these are die hard collectors or dedicated followers. It is an honor to know such a great group of dedicated people. Last but not least I have several people that I take for granted. If it was not for them we couldn't have a show Bruce, Toby, Betsy, Todd, Betty-Lou, the executive, the dealers, and the public, but most of all Lois who keeps me on time and focused.

Congratulations to all the winners of the Dream Vacation Draw and the Exhibitors who are listed later on in the bulletin.

Thanks

Tom Rogers

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Addition to the O.N.A. Library

An Illustrated Guide to Ontario Bakery Tokens 2005 Issue
By James W. Astwood

The Atwood-Coffee Catalogue on USA & Canadian
Transportation Tokens. Fourth Edition Volume II along with
the Fifth Edition plus a supplement on the Fifth Edition
compiled to January, 2005.
By John M. Coffee, Jr. & Harold V. Ford.

I have a few new Auction catalogues to enter so watch for
more in the future.

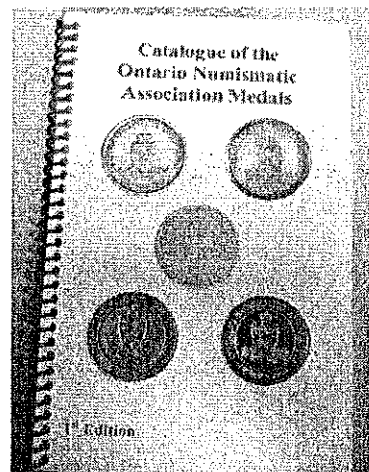
Tom

Prize winners from the convention are as follows

Best of Show Paper	Tom Kostaluk
Best of Show Coin	Ross Blakey
First runner-up Coin	Chris Boyer
Second runner-up Coin	Dennis McFadden
Junior Best of Show	Kirsten Boyer
First runner-up	Sabrina Boyer
People's Choice Award	Hubert Grimminck

Congratulations

Congratulations to Tom & Lois
Rogers for producing the first
edition of a Catalogue of the
Ontario Numismatic Association
Medals. Each club should
consider adding this catalogue to
its library and perhaps using a
few for prize draws. The book is
available for \$20.00 and can be
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ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION
 TREASURER'S REPORT
 FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2005 TO DECEMBER 31, 2005

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Petty Cash @ Jan. 1, 2005	\$ 49.63		
Bank Balance @ Jan. 1, 2005	\$2706.45		

	\$2756.08		\$2756.08

RECEIPTS

Memberships (Regular, Junior & Club)	\$4077.00		
O.N.A. Convention Draw	\$1617.93		
Club Ticket Rebate	\$ 62.00		
Premium U.S.A. Money	\$ 8.30		
Donations Towards Ontario Numismatist	\$ 525.00		
2005 O.N.A. Convention	\$1931.86		
Medal Sold	\$ 15.00		
Interest on Certificates	\$ 245.02		
Balance (2003) Convention	\$ 55.00		
Matured Wait & See Certificate	\$8500.00		

	\$17037.11	\$17037.11	

EXPENSES

O.N.A. Publication "ONTARIO NUMISMATIST"	\$5776.99		
Postage	\$ 19.00		
Office Supplies & Expenses	\$ 305.91		
P.O. Box Rental & G.S.T.	\$ 111.28		
Safety Deposit Box Rental & G.S.T.	\$ 131.08		
Telephone	\$ 62.15		
Photocopying	\$ 31.09		
Honorariums	\$ 675.00		
Audio Visual	\$ 21.16		
O.N.A. Archives	\$ 70.00		
Bookbinding	\$ 144.45		
C.N.A. Dues	\$ 33.00		
Executive Pins	\$ 90.00		
Canadian Coins 101	\$1000.00		
Transfer To Life Membership	\$ 600.00		
Transfer To Inscce Acct (2005 Subsidy)	\$ 810.00		
Wait & See Certificate	\$7000.00		

	\$16881.11	\$16881.11	

Excess Receipts Over Expenses \$ 156.00

Petty Cash @ December 31, 2005	\$ 30.43		
Bank Balance @ December 31, 2005	\$ 2881.65		

	\$ 2912.08	\$2912.08	

GENERAL ACCOUNT - BANK RECONCILIATION

Bank Ledger Sheet Balance @ December 31, 2005	\$2881.65		
Outstanding Cheques	NIL		
Bank Statement Balance @ December 31, 2005	\$2881.65		

GENERAL ACCOUNT ASSETS

Wait & See Certificate	\$7000.00		
Premium Rate Certificate	\$4000.00		

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CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT

Bank Balance @ January 1, 2005 \$ 338.72

RECEIPTS

Interest Guaranteed Investment Certificates	\$ 924.00	
Matured Guaranteed Investment Certificate	\$ 9000.00	

	\$ 9924.00	\$ 9924.00

EXPENSES

Guaranteed Investment Certificate	\$ 9000.00	

	\$ 9000.00	\$ 9000.00

Excess Receipts Over Expenses \$ 924.00

Bank Balance @ December 31, 2005 \$1262.72

CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT ASSETS

Guaranteed Investment Certificates \$32500.00

INSURANCE ACCOUNT

Bank Balance @ January 1, 2005 \$ 107.61

RECEIPTS

26 (2006) Club Premiums @ \$90.00	\$ 2340.00	
Interest on Certificate	\$ 64.86	
Matured Wait & See Certificate	\$ 4200.00	
(2005) Subsidy from General Account	\$ 810.00	

	\$ 7414.86	\$7414.86

EXPENSES

Insurance Premium (Nov 1/2005 - Nov 1/2006)	\$ 3040.20	
Postage, Photocopies	\$ 28.26	
Wait & See Certificate	\$ 4375.00	

	\$ 7443.46	\$7443.46

Excess Receipts Over Expenses \$ -28.60

Bank Balance @ December 31, 2005 \$ 79.01

INSURANCE ACCOUNT ASSETS

Wait & See Certificate \$4375.00

ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION
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CASH ASSET SUMMARY @ DECEMBER 31, 2005

Cash & Bank Balance - General Account	\$ 2912.08	
Wait & See Certificate - General Account	\$ 7000.00	
Premium Rate Redeemable Cert - General Account	\$ 4000.00	
Bank Balance - Contingency Account	\$ 1262.72	
Guaranteed Investment Certificates - Contingency	\$32500.00	
Bank Balance - Insurance Account	\$ 79.01	
Wait & See Certificate - Insurance Account	\$ 4375.00	

	\$52128.81	\$52128.81
Cash Assets (2004)		\$52402.41
Decrease In Cash Assets		\$ -273.60

LIFE MEMBERSHIP ACCOUNT

Bank Balance @ January 1, 2005 \$287.36

RECEIPTS

Interest Guaranteed Investment Certificates	\$ 310.95	
Matured Guaranteed Investment Certificate	\$2000.00	
Transfer From General Account	\$ 600.00	

	\$2910.95	\$2910.95

EXPENSES

Guaranteed Investment Certificate	\$2000.00	
58 Membership Dues (2005) @ \$15.00	\$ 870.00	

	\$2870.00	\$2870.00

Excess Receipts Over Expenses \$ 40.95

Bank Balance @ December 31, 2005 \$328.31

LIFE MEMBERSHIP ASSETS

Guaranteed Investment Certificates \$9700.00

The Bank Accounts are maintained at
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D R E A M V A C A T I O N

2006

DRAW WINNERS LIST

FIRST PRIZE - DREAM VACATION DRAW WINNER

FRANK FESCO - OTTAWA, ONTARIO

SELLERS PRIZE (\$100.00 Cash) - CITY OF OTTAWA COIN CLUB

SECOND PRIZE - \$100 GOLD COIN

RICHARD MATTE - SUDBURY, ONTARIO

FIVE CONSOLATION PRIZES - 2006 O'CANADA SETS

JAMES A. LAWSON - STITTSVILLE, ONTARIO

RUTH LITTLE - WINGHAM, ONTARIO

BILL BENEDICT - ST. THOMAS, ONTARIO

RICHARD LEHMAN - WINDSOR, ONTARIO

RICHARD J. LEBLANC - WINDSOR, ONTARIO

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Bruce H. Raszmann'.

Bruce H. Raszmann
Draw Chairman

D R E A M V A C A T I O N

2006
 LOTTERY RESULTS

Ticket Sales by Clubs

Clubs	Books Sold
Brantford Numismatic Society.....	7
Cambridge Coin Club.....	19
Canadian Tire Coupon Collectors.....	2
City of Ottawa Coin Club.....	14
Champlain Coin Club.....	4
Collingwood - Georgian Bay Coin & Stamp Club.....	10
Essex County Coin Club.....	2
Ingersoll Coin Club.....	48
Kent Coin Club.....	2
Kingston Coin & Currency Club.....	4
Lakeshore Coin Club (No Rebate).....	3
Lake Superior Coin Club.....	2
London Numismatic Society.....	6
Mississauga-Etobicoke Coin, Stamp & Collectibles.....	1
Niagara Falls Coin Club.....	23
Nickel Belt Coin Club.....	17
Nipissing Coin Club.....	1
North York Coin Club.....	7
Ontario Numismatic Association.....	26
Oshawa & District Coin Club.....	10
Peterborough Numismatic Society.....	3
Sarnia Coin Club.....	1
Scarborough Coin Club.....	10
South Wellington Coin Society.....	12
St. Thomas Numismatic Association.....	28
Stratford Coin Club.....	33
Tillsonburg Coin Club.....	22
Timmins Coin Club.....	2
Waterloo Coin Society.....	68
Watford Coin Club.....	5
Windsor Coin Club.....	77
Woodstock Coin Club.....	13
Non O.N.A. Member Clubs	
M A S C.....	1
Hamilton Coin Club.....	1
Total Book Sales.....	484

O.N.A. Convention 2006

April 21-23, 2006

Best Western Lamplighter Inn, London, Ontario

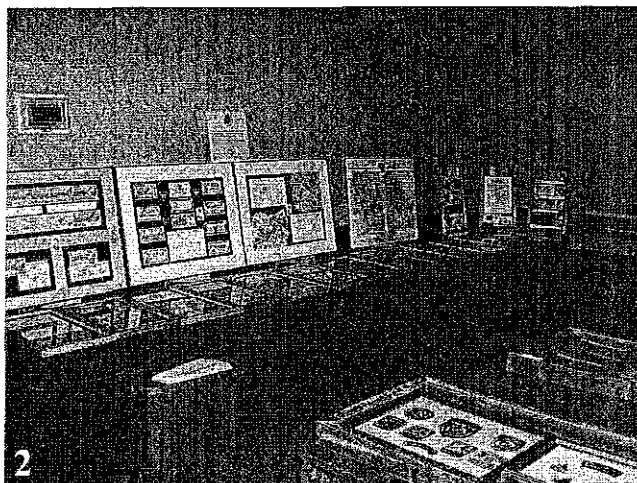
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Happy dealers; happy host club members, happy convention delegates, happy exhibitors, happy awards recipients, happy collectors.

That about sums up the 2006 Convention. The event was well attended, the exhibit room was full, the hospitality suite was extremely accommodating and the banquet was entertaining and offered a very nice meal.

I sat in on the auction Friday night and watched a very large collection of Jack Griffin's material change hands including a 1926 nickel my grandson Mason Perry, bought.

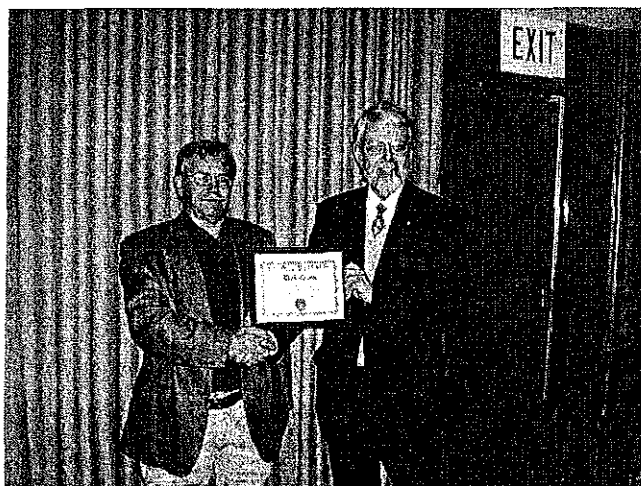
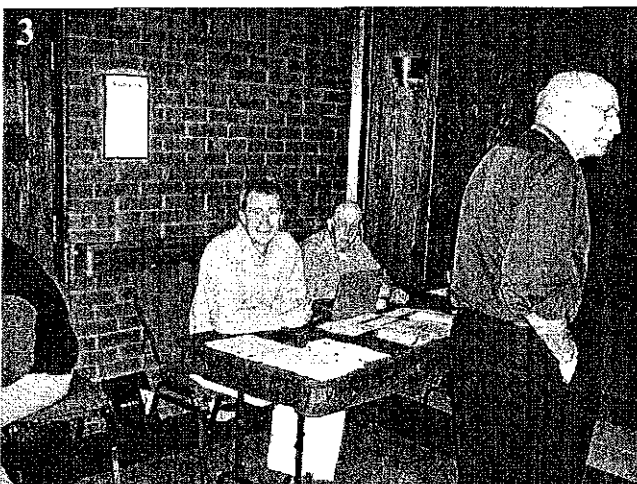
The bourse floor was packed for most of the day Saturday and business was brisk on Sunday also.



Pictures: 1 & 2 - Exhibit room. 3 - O.N.A. 2006 Convention registration desk attended by Gord Henderson and Stephen Benedict of the Host Club, St. Thomas Numismatic Society.

The exhibit winners were announced on page two of this bulletin. Thanks to all who participated.

The St. Thomas Numismatic Society were great hosts and the ladies who looked after the hospitality suite did a tremendous job.

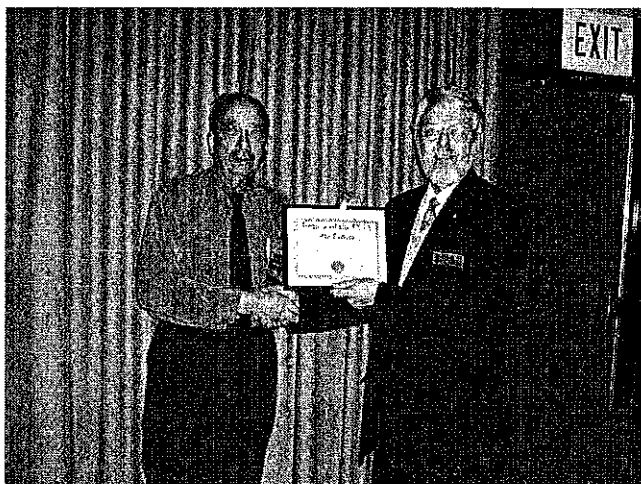


Pictures: 4 - Dick Dunn receiving the O.N.A. "Award of Merit" from Paul Petch.

Dick Dunn was presented with the O.N.A. "Award of Merit" at the Saturday evening banquet.

Len Trakalo and Albert Kasman received the "Fellow of the O.N.A." Awards. Unfortunately Albert was unable to attend the banquet.

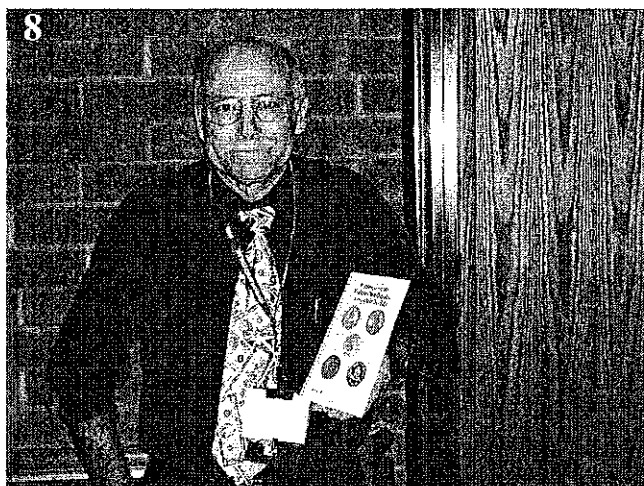
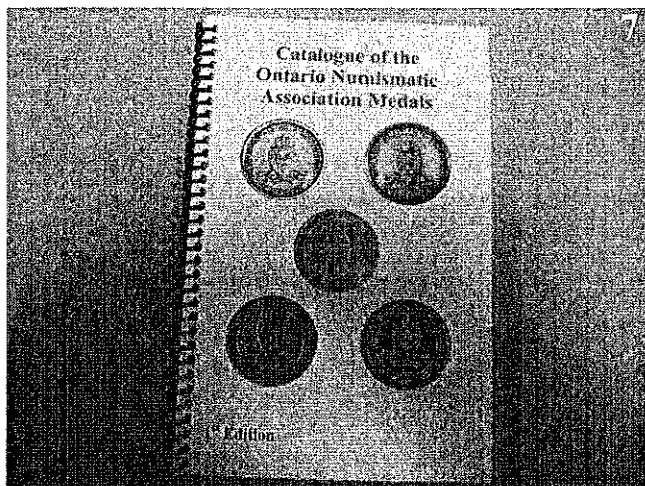
O.N.A. Convention 2006 Continued



Pictures: 5 - Len Trakalo receiving the "Fellow of the O.N.A." Award of Merit from Paul Petch. 6 - Betsy Grimminck overseeing the hospitality suite.

Special thanks to Tom Rogers for all his hard work to bring about this convention. In spite of the many activities he was involved in he still had time to do a bit of promoting for the new catalogue of the Ontario Numismatic Medals that he and Lois put together with the help of a number of people who are acknowledged on page one of the booklet.

Pictures: 7 - 1st Edition Catalogue of the Ontario Numismatic Association Medals. 8 - Tom Rogers, Co-Author of the Catalogue of the Ontario Numismatic Medals.



Club Reports

South Wellington Coin Society - Scott Douglas from this club is inviting all to join ECI (Encased Collectors International). This is a free membership on-line organization. Check out www.encasedcollectorsinternational.org for more information.

Nickel Belt Coin Club - Will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary at their June Meeting. The club is considering issuing a 50th Anniversary medal.

Kent Coin Club - They are running ads in the Local Pennysaver looking for new members.

City of Ottawa Coin Club - Host of the CNA Convention in 2008.

Champlain Coin Club - Hosted a group of Scouts, Cubs, Beavers and their leaders at the April meeting.

Waterloo Coin Society - At their April meeting Paul Johnson gave a presentation on numismatic pieces depicting railroad themes. Did you know that there are over 5,000 pieces of Canadian & U.S. coins, medals & tokens containing railroad related themes?

Scarborough Coin Club - They plan to introduce Pandora's Box at their May meeting. Thanks to South Wellington Coin Society for sharing this idea. It seems to be catching on.

Upcoming Shows

HAMILTON - May 26 to 28

TNS, Ramada Plaza Hotel, 150 King St. E. For more information, contact rscoins@cogeco.ca or call (905) 643-4988.

BRANTFORD - June 11

45th Annual Coin Show, Woodham Community Centre. 9:00 to 4:00 p.m. Free admission and parking. 35 dealers at 65 tables/ Canadian coins, tokens, paper money, trade dollars, CTC coupons. For more information, contact the Brantford Numismatic Society, P.O. Box # 28071, North Park Plaza, Brantford, ON N3R 7K5 or Ed Anstett at (519) 759-3688 or edanstett@rogers.com.

TORONTO - June 24 & 25

TOREX, Radisson Admiral Hotel, 249 Queen's Quay W. Admirals Ballroom. Saturday (10:00 to 5:00 p.m.) & Sunday (10:00 to 3:00 p.m.). Admission \$6. For more information, contact Brian Smith at (416) 861-9523, www.torex.net.

PARIS - Sunday, August 13

SWON Show at the Paris Fairgrounds. 139 Silver St. 9:00 to 4:30 p.m. Admission is \$2. Ticket draw for a gold coin with paid admission. For more information contact Ted Bailey at 1-866-747-2646 or email tedscollectables@bellnet.ca.

HAMILTON - September 22 to 24

TNS, Ramada Plaza Hotel, 150 King St. E. For more information, contact rscoins@cogeco.ca or call (905) 643-4988.

OAKVILLE - September 29 to October 1

Oakville Show (TICF) to be held at the Oakville Park Plaza. 360 Oakville Place, Oakville, Ontario (Same Hotel as 2005 show, only new name). Auction for this show will be conducted by C&P Numismatics. For more information contact Ted Bailey at 1-866-747-COIN (2646).

GUELPH - October 7

South Wellington & Waterloo Coin Societies Coin Show, Col. John McCrea Royal Canadian Legion, 919 York Rd. 9:30 to 4:30 p.m. Free admission, free parking. Coins, medals, tokens, banknotes, trade dollars, penny draw prizes, door prizes, display tables. For more information, contact Lowell (Rick) Wierstra at (519) 824-6534 or ljwierstra@sympatico.ca.

OSHAWA - October 14

COIN-A-RAMA, 5 Points Mall, 285 Taunton Road E. 9:30 to 5:00 p.m. Free admission. Featuring coins, paper money, tokens and medals. Free dealer draw, member draw and public draw. Celebrating 45 years in numismatics. Sponsor: Oshawa & District Coin Club. For more information contact Sharon or Earl at (905) 728-1352, papman@idirect.com.

TORONTO - October 28 & 29

TOREX, Radisson Admiral Hotel, 249 Queen's Quay W. Admirals Ballroom. Saturday (10:00 to 5:00 p.m.) & Sunday (10:00 to 3:00 p.m.). Admission \$6. For more information, contact Brian Smith at (416) 861-9523, www.torex.net.

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Area 7 Update & Member Clubs

I have completed my first year as the ONA Area 7 Director.

There are 5 coin clubs in the Toronto area.

The Toronto Coin Club is the only club I did not attend. I attended all meetings of the Scarborough Coin Club which I am a member of. I attended three North York meetings, two Oshawa meetings, and two Mississauga-Etobicoke meetings.

The Oshawa Club is celebrating their 45th Anniversary and currently operate two Annual Coin Shows.

While attending the local meetings, I promote the ONA - VCR tape program, library list, The Albert Kasman Fund, ONA Convention, ONA Draw Tickets and the values of ONA Membership.

Just to let you know, the Mississauga-Etobicoke Club does not have a chequing account so they need cash for their draw ticket sales.

The three other clubs are fairly active, however, they do need more younger members and more participation in the meetings.

David Bawcutt

Scarborough Coin Club

Meets the 1st Wednesday of the month (except July & August).

8:00 p.m. at the Cedarbrook C.C. 91 Eastpark Blvd. Contact: Rick Craig (rickcraig@rogers.com). Club mailing address: P.O. Box 562, Pickering ON, L1V 2R7.

Oshawa & District Coin Club

Meets the 2nd Sunday each month (except July & August)

2:00 p.m. at Rundal Park C.C. Contact: Sharon MacLean (paperman@idirect.com). Club mailing address: P.O. Box 30577, Oshawa Centre PO, Oshawa, ON, L1J 8L8.

North York Coin Club

Meets most months on the 4th Tuesday

8:00 p.m. at Edithvale C.C. Contact: Paul Petch (p.petch@rogers.com). Club mailing address: P.O. Box 58508, Sheppard Centre PO, 4841 Yonge St., North York, ON, M2N 6R7.

Mississauga & Etobicoke Coin, Stamp and Collectibles Club

Meets 1st Tuesday each month (except July & August)

7:30 p.m. at the Martingrove United Church. Contact: Mark Argentino (mark@mississauga4sale.com)
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Toronto Coin Club

Meets at Metro Hall. Contact: Rick Craig (rickcraig@rogers.com) for more information.

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Courtesy of the Champlain Coin Club

Money In The News

Story 1 Japan: Eight Japanese investors have been taken for \$1.27 million U.S.

A construction president told them about a "rare" find of a U.S. one million dollar bill in Chengdu, China. The president invited the investors to pool their money to buy several of these notes and he promised them a return of 10 times their investment.

The U.S. Treasury does not make \$1 million bills.

The investors were told that the U.S. government printed the bills in 1928 when Chiang Kai-shek was still in power in China to allow Americans to bring their assets back home.

The construction president showed the investors a large amount of the phony bills. They were told that the notes would be exchanged in Hong Kong for smaller denominations.

After \$1.27 million U.S. had been paid out, the company president has disappeared.

Story 2 Isle of Wight: A local metal detectorists club has found a hoard of almost 1,000 ancient coins. The Iron Age (pre-Roman era in England) coins were struck in a silver-copper alloy during the second half of the first century BC. The coins were probably minted by the Durotriges "dwellers by the sea", and imported to the Isle of Wight for trade or treaty.

This is not the first hoard found on the island. In 2004, the club members uncovered 157 coins only a few kilometers away from the their recent find.

The coins were promptly given to the proper authorities and they are now being studied by the British Museum.

Membership

The applications for membership which appeared in the January-February issue of the Ontario Numismatist have been accepted. We welcome the new members.

The following applications for membership have been received. If there are no objections, they will be accepted into the ONA membership and their acceptance published in the next bulletin.

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J1870 Claire Waters, Kitchener
1871 Colin Cutler, Windsor
1872 Francois Rufiange, Ottawa
J1873 Trent Simms, Kitchener
J1874 Damiam Kefalas, Kitchener
J1875 Matthew Van Brunschot, Waterloo
J1876 Caitlin Mitchell, Kitchener
J1877 Nick Seymour, Mt. Elgin
1878 Roy Krueger, London
1879 Jeff Einarson, Kingston
1880 Mrs. Wendy A. Hoare, London

J1881 Michael Carpino, Orillia
1882 Lawrence I. Scott, Stony Plain, Alta.
J1883 Nick Jakub, Brantford
1884 Len Kuenzig, Mississauga
1885 George Manz, Regina, Sask.
1886 Young S. New, Cote-St-Luc, Que.
1887 Peter Bondett, Trenton
1888 Darrell Bates, Bath
1889 Roy K. Longmore, Kingston
1890 Randall Underhill, Aylmer
1891 R.M. Craig, West Hill
J1892 Wynne Killing, Woodstock
1893 Alfred Bergeron, Leesburg, Fl. USA
J1894 Brent Devos, London

Yours truly, Bruce H. Raszmann
O.N.A. Treas. & Membership Chairman

Serendipity

by James J. Antonio,

Abigail was completely taken by surprise. It was one of those things you hear about but never really believe. It began one cool Saturday morning in September in the small front yard of a newer townhouse near Kenaston and Grant in Winnipeg. There was a bankruptcy auction and people flocked in like vultures. With sleep in their eyes and steaming cups of coffee in their hands, they stood around waiting to peck away at the remnants of an unfortunate life. It was mostly furniture, but there was a grand piano in exotic black and all the other things that make a house a home.

The sun was practically in Abigail's eyes so when the bidding got underway she politely shouldered through the eager-looking crowd to get a better vantage point off to the side. She was a larger but attractive woman with a ruddy round face and short raven black hair. She wore a serious look that morning, which was usual for her, and dark sunglasses. Her small mouth was firmly set and she wasn't one for joking or for going back on a decision. She dressed well, in a white suit with mother-of-pearl buttons, and as the auction progressed every bit of her was business. She knew what she wanted, only one thing, and she was going to get it no matter how much it cost. But she had a soft side to her and it bothered her to think of the sadness and despair the people who had once owned the townhouse where probably feeling.

A couple of hours later, when Abigail Grant turned into the long driveway that led up to the lovely white chateau a quarter mile or so off the road, she wore only a slight smile, which meant that things had gone well. She had her Louis Philippe walnut dresser with its marble top and for the moment it was all that mattered. She was a friend for good antique furniture and the chateau was full of it. She didn't work and she had plenty of money to spend, having married the owner of a large flour mill.

An hour or so later, she was gazing out one of the black windows at the canola that grew all around in a vast sea as far as the horizon and thinking wistfully how fast time went. Why, only a little while ago the fields were fluffy blankets of bright yellow flowers and now the tall plants were fawn. Still, she could appreciate the somberness that seemed to come with the earlier days of autumn and the solitude of living way out here so far from the city with not a house in sight. That was why she'd been one of the first to view the John Constable exhibition at the art gallery. She just loved his melancholy paintings of the English countryside.

Abigail soon drew herself away from the window and set about cleaning up her newest purchase, the Louis Philippe dresser. She wanted to get it in top form before Marcus got home. She went into the little parlor just off the front entrance and began taking out the drawers one by one. The dresser was anything but light and if it hadn't been for Clarice's help (Clarice was their maid), she wouldn't have been able to get it inside. When Abigail got to the third drawer, she felt something lightly graze her foot. She held the drawer aside to see what it was and gasped. She noticed a banknote flat on the floor, in something that looked like a clear plastic

envelope with bits of tattered tape at the corners. She set the drawer down and picked up the banknote to have a good look at it.

The first thing Abigail noticed about it was the strange denomination: four-dollars. Why, she'd never heard of a four-dollar bill! Could it be real? She wondered. She peered at the one side. It said "Dominion of Canada" alright and there was a picture of a man on the right and a woman on the left--royalty of some kind, she assumed. The banknote was somewhat black with a greenish tinge to it. She turned it over. Now, this side was mostly green and it said "Dominion of Canada" on it too, but more inconspicuously, up at the top. She flipped it once more to the obverse; it was those big 4's in the corners that caught her eye, so stark and unique! She loved the thing. She carefully slid it out of the hard plastic envelope. Why, it was practically new, like a fresh sheet of paper!

Abigail slipped the note back into its protective little case, set it on top of the dresser, and stood back, her eyes full of wonder. She knew she could have jumped right in and checked the bottoms of the other drawers, that's where the note had come from; but instead she wanted to savor the moment and delight in the very satisfying, almost ecstatic, feeling of what the near future might bring. She often practiced this measured hesitating at the doors of antique shows, holding herself back and allowing the thrill to build.

Not long after, Abigail was sitting at the dining-room table staring at sixteen old, but brand new, Government of Canada bank-notes. She absolutely did not know what to make of it. There were five little 25¢ notes; four - and she couldn't believe this -- \$25 notes; four \$4 notes; and three \$1,000 notes with Sir Wilfred Laurier on them. She was no numismatist, or ragpicker as she'd heard them called, but she knew well enough the banknotes must be worth plenty and certainly belong to someone. But whom? And why had they been taped to the bottom of the drawers? Would the unfortunate people who had lost the townhouse and all their furniture have forgotten such a cache? She doubted it. So, what to do now?

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A week and a half later, on a Tuesday evening, Graham Head was staring out the smudgy window of his apartment wondering how he was ever going to get himself financially back on his feet. As he gloomily watched the cars trundling by on Main St., he thought it would almost be better to be back in jail. At least there had been no responsibilities. But he quickly banished the thought. Here, at least, he could go and come as he pleased; he had his freedom.

He turned away from the window and the maniacal flashing of the red, white, and green neon. He hated the place.

He never thought he'd end up living above a pizzeria downtown in a dingy little box like this. Still, when it rained and snowed and blew hard, he supposed he was glad of it. He took out a cigarette, lit it with his disposable lighter, and plunked himself down on the couch.

The old couch had a few holes in it and a sagged but it was soft as a sponge and none too bad for now. Sooner or later, he'd move somewhere else and then replace it. Just like he would the television that was garbling away on the chipped table. The picture kept jumping, sending pulsating flashes throughout the room. It was a flophouse, that's what it was, and he was determined to get out of it by hook or crook. He'd gotten all the furniture from a charity outlet and mostly everything else too and nothing matched. But they'd been good to him and he appreciated it. It was his fault. He was the one who'd gotten himself into all the trouble.

When the beer commercial come on, Graham flicked his head to the side. He stared at the somber blue wall. That's what had landed him in jail, big blond man that he was with his sheep curly hair and his tense round eyes. Thirty days, and now no driver's license for a year. But more than that, more than wanting to stop drinking even, he craved financial restoration and an end to his gambling problem.

Graham smoked for a while and tried to look on the good side.

At least he had a trade as a sheet metal worker and everyone in the railroad shop had been glad to see him on Monday morning. The foreman thought he was one

of the best, a reliable sort who showed up as regularly as the broken equipment. He made big money and he'd recover, he knew he would, and there'd be no more casinos or racetracks.

At the height of this psyche bolstering, the phone warbled like a slick bird and Graham snapped to his senses.

"This is Abigail Grant," he heard the voice say, "I understand you used to own a Louis Philippe dresser. I bought it at your townhouse auction."

Graham winced. "That was my favorite piece," he lamented, "I didn't have it very long either. I had to give it up. I had to give everything up because of my bad habits." He had an audience and he felt like talking, to get it off his chest. "The townhouse was like a castle compared to where I am now. I had all this nice furniture, older stuff but gorgeous. I had a nice car too and now, Mrs. Grant, it's all gone... You know where I live? Above a pizzeria and I have all this old and barely functional stuff here. Like a sick TV. How about that? When was the last time you sat and watched a TV that jumped like a rabbit?"

Abigail listened to him laugh for a moment but detected the underlying sadness. "I have some good news for you, Graham," she said then, in a firm, right-to-the-point sort of way. "First, I want to ask you a question. Are you a coin collector by any chance?"

"Nope. Just older furniture if it's nice. When I get some more money I'm going to get back into it. Right now I don't have a cent."

"How about old banknotes? Do you like them?"

"Sure, but I don't have any... Why are you asking me this stuff?"

"Did you know about the old banknotes, Graham?"

There was no immediate response and Abigail was disappointed. She'd hoped he'd say, "Yes, sure! How could I have forgotten?"

But instead he come back with, "What banknotes?" in a curious, barely audible tone of voice.

Abigail told him what had happened, that she'd called around and the cache of old bills was worth plenty -- thousands and thousands of dollars.

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"Yes, Graham, and I'm giving them to you. I'm only interested in the dresser and you can do as you see fit with the banknotes.

From the way you've been talking you can use the money. It will be my good turn for the year."

On Saturday morning of the same week, Graham took all the old banknotes to a coin dealer downtown. He had a bright little shop with plenty of coins and currency on display. Everything was neat and well laid-out and characteristic of the dapper little man who was running things.

Morris couldn't believe his silvery eyes when he saw the banknotes. He had a good memory and was an avid reader of almost every numismatic publication. Even though he recognized the notes right away--knew where they'd come from--, he didn't let on. He took plenty of time examining them one by one and, as a connoisseur of such treasures, took great pleasure in it.

"They're like fabulous works of art," he marveled, scanning them with his loupe. "I'm a real ragpicker, I love paper even more than I love coins. You have to appreciate how someone put these things away so long ago. Just imagine!"

"It doesn't interest me at all, that stuff," said Graham, fidgeting with his baseball cap. "I like nice old furniture....If you want 'em, make me a good offer and they're yours."

Morris stepped back, slipped the loupe in his pocket, and looked diffidently across the counter at the young man. "I couldn't handle these myself. There's a lot of money," he said, gesturing at the notes. "If they were mine I'd put them in a major auction to get the best price...Where did you get them, if you don't mind my asking?"

"Someone gave them to me," Graham said, glancing outside at the busy street.

"Gave them to you?!... Why, I can't believe it!"

"Sure they did. A woman," Graham said, on the defensive. "You can call her if you want."

Morris didn't want any trouble. "Alright then. I'll take your phone number and let you know when the right auction comes up."

"Sounds cool," Graham said, with a wry smile.

As soon as the scruffy young man had gone, Morris called the police. They were waiting for Graham when he got back to the dreary little pizzeria. It had begun to rain, a cold rain that hinted at snow. The two officers collared him in the gravel parking lot behind the building.

"I didn't steal them, honest!" he pleaded, as the cold rain trickled down his neck. "I'm not interested in that kind of stuff."

It wasn't long before the police car was pulling away with Graham in the back and the old banknotes on the front seat. If only she hadn't called me, Graham kept thinking gloomily. Why did she have to call me, that Mrs. Grant or whoever she was? I should have never bought that dresser, I never should've.

Abigail Grant was magnanimous and never one to

ignore another's misfortune. She sent the young fellow a cheque for five-thousand dollars for all the trouble he'd gone through. When Graham got it he was incredulous. He began to tremble. Could his luck be changing? He wondered. There was a note attached to the cheque and he read it breathlessly:

Dear Graham,

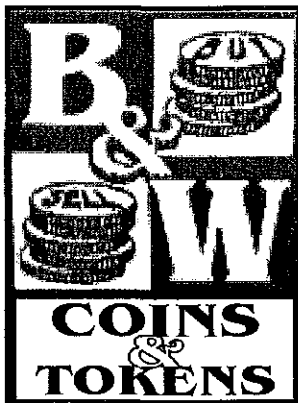
It was my fault. I should have kept the old banknotes and dealt with things myself. I want you to have this money for all your grief. Perhaps it will help get your life back on track. I never would have believed your dresser was going to cost me all of eight thousand dollars!

It's a beautiful piece of furniture though and I think it's worth it. But then I am a nut for such things!

Best of luck,
Abigail Grant

The Louis Philippe walnut dresser had belonged to a criminal under suspicion for the armed robbery of a wealthy Thunder Bay businessman, owner of the banknotes. The suspect was now dead and his things had been sold, Graham Head having been the one to buy the dresser.

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THE TOP 10 RAREST CANADIAN COINS



Figure 1 - 1911 Can. Dollar - \$1,000,000



Figure 5 - 1859 One Cent Brass - \$2,500 - \$10,000



Figure 6 - 1916 Gold Sovereign - \$15,000 - \$150,000

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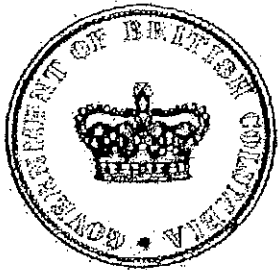


Figure 2 - 1862 British Columbia Ten Dollar Gold Coin - \$300,000+



Figure 3 - 1862 British Columbia Twenty Dollar Gold Coin - \$250,000+



Figure 7 - 1921 Can. 50 Cents - \$15,000 - \$250,000



Figure 8 - 1873H Newfoundland Five Cent Piece - \$700 - \$20,000

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Figure 9 - 1936 One Cent Dot - \$200,000

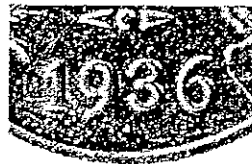


Figure 10 - 1936 10 Cent Dot - \$200,000

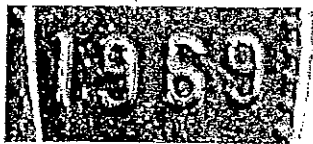


Figure 4 - 1969 Large Date Ten Cent Piece - \$9,000 - \$30,000



IN THE NEWS...

They Stole \$92 Million, but What Can They Do With It?

Just one week ago, Colin Dixon, the manager of a depot where bank notes are stored, was driving home on a quiet Tuesday evening when what he thought was a police car with flashing blue lights pulled him over. It was the beginning, as it turned out, of Britain's biggest ever cash caper. Seven days later, a staggering \$92 million -- around twice the previous record in a country that seems to specialize in mind-boggling robberies -- seems simply to have disappeared.

The men who ordered Mr. Dixon, 51, to pull over were not police officers but hoodlums who bundled him into their Volvo and handcuffed him. According to police accounts, he was told that his wife, Lynn, 45, and son Craig, 8, would be shot if he did not cooperate. Less than two hours later, more bogus police officers called at Mr. Dixon's home in Herne Bay and told his wife that he had been in an accident. She and her son believed their story and walked into captivity. The family was reunited at a farmhouse, then driven to the depot at Tonbridge, in the county of Kent southeast of London, according to police accounts. Then their ordeal really began.

The Dixons and 14 employees were herded into money storage cages and held at gunpoint as the thieves stripped the depot of cash. Only when Craig Dixon, the 8-year-old, wriggled free after the robbers drove off in a white Renault truck were the hostages released after 90 minutes in captivity. One week later, almost all the money is still unaccounted for. By Tuesday night, no one had been charged in the case, though 5 people were still being held, of a total of 12 arrested. The police announced the latest arrest and the recovery of the getaway truck late Tuesday afternoon.

By longstanding tradition in Britain, thieves who steal huge amounts of money, like the Great Train robbers of 1963, are accorded a degree of romance, even a sneaking respect for their audacity and ambition. But not this time, at least in the mind of Mr. Dixon. "How dare they do this to a little boy, to a family?" Mr. Dixon said in a statement read out by a police officer. "It was the worst night in the lives of my wife, Lynn, and our son, Craig."

The haul was enormous even by the standards of a land that likes to express its criminal landmarks through thefts of industrial proportions -- more than twice the \$45 million taken in a caper at Northern Bank in Belfast, Northern Ireland, in December 2004, at that time the biggest cash robbery on record. The Irish Republican Army was blamed for that robbery.

But one similarity between the robberies has raised worrisome questions about the way money is protected. In both cases, employees and families were taken hostage, forcing managers to help the thieves. And so the most vulnerable point in guarding the cash has become the people who know the codes and procedures to bypass sophisticated security systems. Such tactics are

part and parcel of the shift towards the technologized management of money," said Tim Newburn, a professor of criminology at the London School of Economics. According to the BBC, such abductions are known as tiger kidnappings, because the victims are stalked before they are seized. "Tiger kidnapping requires a detailed knowledge of staff -- their journeys, their responsibilities and their families -- which often comes with the help of a current or former employee." In other words, an inside job.

Every day since then, there have been reports of advances and arrests. Some have been false starts. For instance, a 41-year-old woman was arrested last week as she was depositing cash in wrappers labeled Tonbridge at a mortgage lending company in southeast London. She was later released. The police say they have recovered vans and other vehicles left in pub parking lots, 14 money storage cages dumped in a field, \$2.3 million of the stolen money, guns, ski masks and body armor. Securitas, the company operating the depot, has offered a \$3.5 million reward, hoping to lure informers. At one point last weekend, the police shot out the tires of a BMW to prevent two men from escaping. As of Tuesday, they were still being questioned. "The investigation is very active," said Adrian Leppard, the assistant chief constable of Kent, as the hunt for the robbers got under way. "We've got callous professional gangsters that we need to catch."

The magnitude of the crime far exceeds that of previous robberies, like the theft of cash and valuables worth over \$17 million from a safe deposit box center in central London in 1987, or the 1983 robbery of gold bullion and diamonds worth \$45 million from a security vault at Heathrow Airport.

In the 1963 Great Train Robbery, thieves took cash from the Glasgow-to-London mail train that, factoring in inflation, would have been worth some \$56 million at present exchange rates. "There has been an element of the game show in the reporting of this -- the biggest prize, the biggest heist," said Mr. Newburn at the London School of Economics. "Some of it has been reported with the same language as the lottery."

Having gotten hold of the money, though, one challenge for the thieves may be how they get rid of it. The stolen cash could weigh half a ton. Even if it were all in \$50 bills, it would amount to over one million individual bank notes. Just in the last few years, moreover, British money-laundering laws have been tightened, obliging sales staff to inform the police if people try to buy high-ticket items of art, jewelry, real estate or cars in cash, and limiting the amounts that may be deposited in banks without prompting alarms. "The irony of the crime is that the robbers may have stolen too much," author and journalist Leo McKinstry wrote in *The Daily Telegraph*. "Four million would be easier to deal with than \$40 million. Their greed may be their downfall."

Courtesy of the Champlain Coin Club

Press Release - January 9, 2006

Famed

Dallas, Texas: The renowned "Del Monte" note, offered at auction by Heritage Galleries & Auctioneers (HG&A) realized \$25,300 in their current Signature Auction on January 2, 2006, being in conjunction with the Florida United Numismatists (FUN) Convention in Orlando, Florida. It sold to an anonymous Texas collector.



"This is a very strong price for this exceptional note," said Dustin Johnston, Director of Currency Auctions for HG&A, "and represents more than twice the price realized when the note was originally sold on eBay just a few years ago. There has been quite a lot of interest in this storied issue, and bidding was spirited on the auction floor, due, in no small part, to the exceptional amount of pre-auction publicity that this particular lot received."

"There are few items that create an indelible memory like this unique U.S. Currency error," said Johnston. "This error note really appears to be more of a publicity stunt by a company's fruity advertising department than it is a coincidence. The object is a simple sticker, one that is commonly seen on nearly every bunch of Bananas that makes its way to a grocery's produce section in the U.S. - a banana sticker with the Del Monte logo."

"This colorful error is commonly referred by those in the collecting fraternity as 'The Del Monte Note,' and the story about how this sticker got on this 1996 \$20 Federal Reserve Note is as exotic as the Ecuadorian Banana sticker itself. The error is referred to as a 'retained obstruction,' or a note that was printed with a foreign object on the paper. Most obstructions fall off shortly after printing leaving a blank area of paper missing the design, but errors with objects that 'stick' to the note are very rare. Objects seen on other obstruction errors include a Band-Aid, paper fragments, scotch tape, and wood shavings."

"What makes this note truly special," Johnston continued, "is the stage of the printing process at which the sticker affixed itself to the note. United States Currency is essentially printed in three stages: the first printing is the back of the note, the second printing provides the face devices, and the third, final printing includes the Treasury Seal and the serial numbers. When this note was printed at the Fort Worth facility of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, it went through first and second printings before the sticker found its way onto the surface. The sticker's placement is ideal, as it covers part of the second printing details and is overlaid by part of the Treasury Seal and serial number from the third printing."

"Everyone with an interest in currency collecting knows about this note and it is often brought up in conversation," said Johnston. "It is truly a pleasure to see it back in the marketplace stirring up interest in collecting and turning heads everywhere, even of those individuals who do not have a particular interest in currency collecting. This error is as fun today as it was the day it was discovered by an Ohio resident in his ATM withdrawal."

Courtesy of the Ingersoll Coin Club

HOARDING

by Randall Underhill

I've always been told by senior collectors that hoarding was a bad thing to do. We accumulate everything we can. Our collection is a mess. We can't focus on specifics and documentation is a joke.

Yes we've all been told this and yet many of us still do it. Why? Well, maybe it is because that is how we started collecting in the first place. Saving our change in a jar or being allowed to go through someone else's coins was how many of our collections began.

My weakness was to put all my cents in a jar and I still do it to this day.

Being at home the last few months supporting my wife through her illness has allowed me the time to work on my collection with earnest. I have also found this to be my stress reliever.

Upon receiving my 2005 Charlton Coin Guide I found the last chapter showing more die variety coins than I knew existed. This gave me an idea.

I started dumping jars, Looking for die varieties. Although maybe only 1 in 1 or 200 coins might be a variety coin, I uncovered 50 to 60 variety coins. This is very tedious and time consuming but what a thrill to find a double date or some other worn die or die crack variety.

Maybe there is a compromise here for new collectors. Do what the experienced collectors tell you and focus on collecting what you enjoy. But, tuck that change away and leave it for a couple of decades. You may pull some nice uncirculated variety coins for your collection.

The very least that can happen is, you can help some new collector with some bright 30 - 40 year old cents that didn't cost you anything.

Enjoy collecting,

COINS ARE BEAUTIFUL

I have said this phrase many times, that coins and medals are miniature works of art designed by many outstanding artists. On this continent, artists such as Thomas Shingles, Humphrey Pagent, Kruger Grey, Emmanuel Hahn, James Longaire, Charles Barber, Augustus Saint-Gaudens, Gilroy Roberts and scores more, have made outstanding contributions to the beautiful designs of our coins.

Most coins are pictorial and highly decorative with simple or intricate designs, remarkable portraits, ships, birds, buildings, flowers, railroads, animals, flags and many patriotic images. It is easy to understand that one of the true pleasures of coin collecting comes from the close examination of items of a collection, one by one, and savouring the artistry that has gone into their painstaking production.

Who would deny that coins are beautiful?

Courtesy of the South Wellington Coin Society

WELLINGTON COUNTY ROADBUILDING SCRIP

Here are two examples of roadbuilding scrip that was issued within what is now Wellington County. At the time of these notes' issue in the 1840's, there was little in the way of roads in Southern Ontario. Most were wide paths that a cart could be pulled along, treacherous in spring when many would become impassable.

In order to improve commerce, municipalities would construct roads to allow more traffic between them. They would then set up tolls and collect fees for the use of the road.

Farmers would come with teams of horses and oxen. Some would provide gravel or logs. In return for their materials or labour they would be issued a number of these notes - according to the value of their input. They would have to hang onto the notes and bring them back in a prescribed manner to be redeemed. Often people traded the notes for more useful things, like food or real cash. The notes would be heavily discounted for this privilege.

District of Wellington

This note is from the District of Wellington which was headquartered in Guelph. It was issued in 1848 to finance the road from Guelph to Dundas that passed through Galt. You can observe a red " X " across this uniface note which indicates that it was redeemed. These notes were printed by " Fell " in Hamilton on watermarked paper. It was valued at both one dollar and five shillings, since Upper Canada at this time used both the British pound system and the American decimal system. The redemption period of this note was ten years from issue date.

Guelph to Arthur Road

At the time of early settlement in Wellington County there was no direct road from Guelph to Fergus. Travelers went by winding bush roads from Guelph to Elora to Fergus, or through bush trails in Eramosa Township. Early records tell of stumps, log bridges, water holes and sticky mud everywhere.

In 1842, a group of enterprising Fergus men formed a joint stock venture known as "The Guelph to Arthur Road Company" to build a road from Guelph northward. A.J.Fergusson, A.D.Ferrier, A.D.Fordyce, J. Davie, W.H. Parker, J. McCrae, J. Hodgert and J. Loughlin were the names mentioned in the District Council records as owners. By 1848 only about 4 miles had been completed north of Guelph to Card's Corners. This section was taken over by the County shortly. In 1850 a by-law was passed by the District Council meeting in Guelph, "to grant a loan by debentures, payable at 3 and 5 years, to finish the Guelph to Arthur Road as far as Fergus".


This printer's proof is on typically lightweight India paper and printed with a very light blue ink. A darker blue paper District of Wellington seal has been stamped onto the debenture. Note that British sterling is referred to, not decimal currency. It appears to be a "clippable", rather than a compounded interest bearing note. None of the actual issued debentures have been found to date, they may not have existed.

In September of 1863 by-law 90 was passed for the purchase of the road from Cumnock Corners to Mount Forest and in December the stretch from Fergus to Cumnock Corners was purchased. The final portion was purchased in December of 1864, for \$10,000 , the stretch from Card's Corner to Fergus .

These roads make up most of what is now Highway #6, and were an important step in opening up Grey, Bruce and northern Wellington Counties.

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DISTRICT OF WELLINGTON.

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GUELPH AND ARTHUR ROAD.


DEBENTURE, No. _____

The **DISTRICT COUNCIL** of the **DISTRICT** of **WELLINGTON** hereby promises to pay to
 or Bearer, the Sum of **FIVE POUNDS** Provincial Currency, in
 Years from the date hereof; with **INTEREST** at the rate of Six per Cent.,
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 pursuant to By-law, this _____ day of _____ 18__

day of _____	18	3s.	day of _____	18	3s.
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Warden _____ Treasurer _____

DISTRICT OF WELLINGTON.



Promised to pay to _____
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 with _____ Years Interest for Value Received.

William Cook
 Ten Years

AT THE OFFICE OF THE TREASURER IN GUELPH AND ARTHUR ROAD

Guelph Dec 1st 1848

WARDEN _____ TREASURER _____

Manitoulin Island Salutes Royal Canadian Legion Anniversary on Annual Token

"Last year was the Year of the Veteran in Canada, this year it is Year of the Veteran on Manitoulin Island" said David Walton, the Token Program Coordinator of the Little Current Lions Club, when he announced the upcoming issue of their 44th token. "We've decided to honour all Canadian veterans by saluting the organization that takes care of them, the Royal Canadian Legion" he concluded.

The 20-Dollar municipal trade token will have currency value, at participating merchants on Manitoulin Island, until June 30, 2006.

The obverse shows: a veteran saluting towards the name of the Legion, in front of the Union Jack, the Ensign and the Maple Leaf flag, the three flags under which Canadian soldiers have served. The legend reads: HAWEATER 20 DOLLARS / (flags) / (veteran) ROYAL / CANADIAN / LEGION / 1926 2006 / GOOD FOR \$20 ON MANITOULIN UNTIL JUNE 30, 2006. All three flags were coloured with enamels. The traditional Manitoulin reverse has been used showing a map of the island flanked above by a deer and by a fisherman below with the legend: MANITOULIN / (island) / WORLD'S LARGEST FRESHWATER ISLAND.

The huge 42 x 42 millimetre square tokens were struck as follows: 750 on nickel-silver blanks (\$26.50) and 100 on commercial bronze blanks (\$45.00). They are available from the exclusive distributor, Bonavita, (613)-823-3844. Eligi Consultants Inc. had the token struck for the club from designs by Serge Pelletier.

By the end of World War I there were a total of fifteen veterans' groups and a number of regimental associations representing former service members in Canada. Despite their common goal to help returned servicemen in need, their efforts were fragmented and largely unsuccessful. In 1925, an appeal for unity led to the formation of the Dominion Veterans Alliance, out of which evolved The Canadian Legion of the British

Empire Services League ((BESL), which was founded in November, 1925 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. It was incorporated by a special Act of Parliament, Charter issued in July 1926.

The principal objectives of the Legion were to provide a strong voice for World War I veterans and advise the government on veterans' issues. These goals were maintained in the years leading up to 1939.

During World War II, the Legion increased efforts to help veterans and returned service members, provided education support and in-theatre comfort for serving personnel at home and abroad. On October 14, 1949, The Great War Veterans' Association of Newfoundland amalgamated with the Royal Canadian Legion.

During the Korean War, the Legion again offered support and comfort to troops while continuing efforts at home to improve assistance for veterans. Following the Korean War, the Legion became increasingly involved in community service. The athletics program for youth, established in the early 1950s, has been one of the Legion's most successful programs. It has produced many top Canadian international track and field contenders and other prominent athletes.

The Legion also launched many other community programs, including the National Unity and Seniors Programs and medical fellowships to promote geriatric and gerontology specialties across the country. In 1960, the Queen gave consent to attach the word "Royal" to the Legion's name. The Legion has never faltered in its efforts to improve the lot of veterans and of ex-service members. Indeed, many of the benefits they enjoy today are largely due to the persistence of dedicated Legion members at all levels of the organization. These include the Veterans Independence Program, spousal benefits, appropriate recognition for Dieppe and Hong Kong Veterans, creation of the Pension Review Board and many others.

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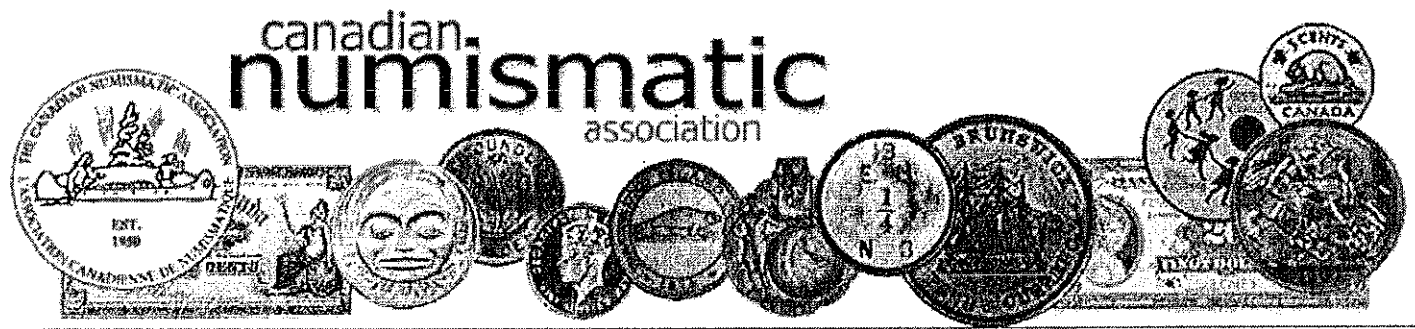
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