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## President's Message

For the folks who attended, that was certainly more than a convention. In many ways it was also a celebration; a party.

What I am writing about is the 47th Annual O.N.A. Convention hosted by the Waterloo Coin Society (WCS) in Kitchener at the Holiday Inn. The WCS had just commemorated their 50th anniversary on Tuesday, March 10, and this convention marked the fifth time they have hosted an O.N.A. convention. The proceedings got off to a warm start with the Friday evening reception when the Armstrongs cut the cake to get the party underway.



The Armstrong's cut the cake

The Royal Canadian Numismatic Association actually got things started on Thursday evening and during the day Friday with a planning session attended by many of their own board members and representatives from the executive of many of Canada's numismatic organizations. Led by Paul Winkler, Publisher of Canadian Coin News, the intense session looked at possible R.C.N.A. goals and the strategies for achieving them.

News from the bourse floor was very good, with the dealers fortunate enough to have the right stock on hand doing a brisk and successful business.

It was at the Annual General Meeting on Saturday afternoon that your O.N.A.'s new executive was voted into office. My thanks to Nominations Chair Len Trakalo for handling these proceedings. I also thank Area 7 Director David Bawcutt for serving as a one-man task force to update our constitution, causing all Area Director positions to now be filled by appointment.

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## President's Message - Continued

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### MEMBERSHIP FEES

Regular Membership - \$15.00 per year  
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Send money order or cheque (payable to the ONA) for membership to:

Bruce Raszmann, ONA Treasurer  
P.O. Box 40033, Waterloo Square P.O.  
75 King St. S., Waterloo, Ont. N2J 4V1

I am pleased to report that Peter Becker, Past President of the Waterloo Coin Society, has agreed to serve as the Area 5 Director, following the passing of Art Stephenson. In the longer term, he has accepted the position of 2nd Vice President. This leaves Areas 6 and 11 without Directors... a situation I am trying to resolve.

I extend my congratulations to this year's award winners, who were honoured during the banquet program. Fellow of the O.N.A. has been declared for Peter Becker, Ted Leitch and Frank Smith. The Award of Merit was presented to Fred Freeman and a very special President's Award, marking 50 years of tireless service to the hobby, went to William (Bill) English. Bill had very kindly organized to provide special men's and women's gifts to all in attendance at the banquet.



Bill & Laura English stand with the President's Award

The appointed position of Awards Chairman has been accepted by current Awards Committee member William Waychison. I now step down from this most enjoyable and significant news regarding the Webmaster position. As Robb McPherson moves in as 1st Vice President, Judy Blackman takes up this task. Judy is an experienced and talented web designer, and her good work can already be seen on our web site. My sincere thanks go to all those who serve on the O.N.A. executive as well as Sandy Lipin and his team at the Kingston Coin Club who will be hosting our 2010 convention.

In closing, I offer my appreciation and congratulations to the hard working members of the Waterloo Coin Society's Convention Committee. Your team has hosted a very successful, and very memorable, convention.



Sincerely,  
Paul Petch,  
President

## A SPECIAL "THANK YOU"

It has been an honour and a privilege for me to serve these past six years as ONA's President. There are so many people who made my job much easier, and without you all I couldn't have done it.

Thanks to the executive, club members, dealers, Coin News, our editor, exhibit judges, advertisers, the public, hotel's and their staff.

I better not forget my wife as I did lean on her a lot and I mean a lot. A thanks hardly seems enough.

"Congratulations" to your new president Paul Petch, who I know will serve all our clubs and members well.

Tom

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The applications for membership that appeared in the March - April issue of the Ontario Numismatist have been accepted.

We welcome:

1979 Brent W.J. Mackie, Kitchener, Ont.,  
1980 Daniel Raby, Welland, Ont.,  
J1981 Matthew Galan, Wiarton, Ont.,  
J1982 John Bescec Jr., Campbellville, Ont.,  
J1983 Eric de Doer, Almonte, Ont.,  
J1984 Stephen Tarrant, Brockville, Ont.,  
J1985 Konnor Shewchuk, Oshawa, Ont.,  
J1986 Joshua O'Brien, Loretto, Ont.,

The following applications have been received

1987 Rich Williams, Oshawa, Ont.,  
1988 Paul Strong, Oshawa, Ont.,  
1989 Don Ferguson, Penetang, Ont.,  
1990 Ron Culbert, London, Ont.,  
J1991 Nathan Roy, Stratford, Ont.,  
1992 Alain Proulx, Saint-Colomban, Que.,

Bruce H. Raszmann,  
O.N.A Treasurer & Membership Chairman

## REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

The undersigned is in the process of producing a PowerPoint presentation for the London Numismatic Society and the Ontario Numismatic Association, on "Savings Banks Issued by Canadian Financial Institutions". These are metal banks with slots to accept coins and bills, and generally have a 'name plate' on them by the issuing Banks... e.g. Home Bank, Royal Bank, Canadian Bank of Commerce.

To complete the presentation a photo/scan is required for a bank issued by The Imperial Bank of Canada. This is a chrome plated steel bank, oval in shape, and approximately 4.5 x 2.5 x 2.5 inches.

If any reader has this bank, please contact:

Len Buth  
lbuth@webmanager.on.ca,  
519-641-4353

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# Coming Events

## **MAY 22 - 24, St. Catharines, ON**

TNS Spring Show, Quality Hotel, 327 Ontario St. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Show pass \$20 (includes early entry), daily admission \$4. For more information, contact Rick and Jo-Anne Simpson, email: [rscoins@cogeco.ca](mailto:rscoins@cogeco.ca), telephone 905-643-4988, fax 905-643-6329.

## **MAY 23, Kemptville, ON**

Canadian Tire Coupon Collector's Club, Kemptville Meeting, North Grenville Community Centre, 285 County Road 44. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Canadian Tire coupons and memorabilia, trading, displays, auction, education seminar, fun and fellowship. Sponsor/Affiliate: Canadian Tire Collector's Club. For more information, contact Linda Newson, telephone: (613) 258-9013, or Roger Fox, telephone: (905) 898-7677, or e-mail: [phoxyx@look.ca](mailto:phoxyx@look.ca). Website: <http://www.ctccc.ca>.

## **JUNE 14, 2009 Brantford, ON**

Brantford Numismatic Society 48th Annual Coin Show, Woodman Community Centre, 491 Grey St. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission, free parking, 34 dealers at 65 tables. Local police protection, member assistance for dealer unloading and parking. For more information, contact Brantford Numismatic Society, PO Box 28071, North Park Plaza, Brantford, ON, N3R 7K5 or Ed Anstett, 519-759-3688, [edanstett@rogers.com](mailto:edanstett@rogers.com).

## **JUNE 27, Mississauga, ON**

Canadian Tire Coupon Collector's Club, TOREX Meeting, Hilton Toronto Airport Hotel, 5875 Airport Rd. Hours: 10 a.m. to noon. Canadian Tire Coupons and Memorabilia, trading, displays, auction, education seminar, fun and fellowship. Sponsor/Affiliate: TOREX Show and Convention. For more information, contact Roger Fox, telephone: (905) 898-7677, or e-mail: [phoxyx@look.ca](mailto:phoxyx@look.ca). Website: <http://www.ctccc.ca>

## **JUNE 27 & 28, 2009, Toronto, ON**

Torex - Canada's National Coin Show, Hilton Toronto Airport Hotel, 5875 Airport Road, Mississauga Ballroom. Featuring Canada's finest dealers. Hours: Sat. 10am - 5pm; Sun. 10am-3pm. Admission \$6. Official Auctioneer: The Canadian Numismatic Company. The Hilton hotel is located directly across from Toronto's Pearson International Airport. For more information, please call (416) 705-5348. <http://www.torex.net>.

## **AUG. 7 - 9, Long Sault, ON**

Canadian Tire Coupon Collector's Club, Everett's Swapmeet, Everett Runtz's Home, 35 Chantime Dr. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. A whole extended weekend of Canadian Tire Coupon Club events, plus a club Bar B Q with all the trimmings. A not-to-be-missed fun event. The weekend will include a whole range of Canadian Tire Coupons, trading sessions, displays, an auction, education seminars, and most importantly, fun and fellowship. Everyone Welcome, but please RSVP Everett, so he can plan the ultimate Swapmeet. Sponsor/Affiliate: Canadian Tire Collector's Club. For more information, contact Everett Runtz, telephone: (613) 534-2675 or Roger Fox, telephone: (905) 898-7677, or e-mail: [phoxyx@look.ca](mailto:phoxyx@look.ca). Website: <http://www.ctccc.ca>.

## **AUG. 9, Paris, ON**

S.W.O.N., Special Events Building, 139 Silver St. (Fairgrounds). Hours 9 to 4:30 Admission \$2, (includes ticket on gold coin draw). More than 55 tables of coins, paper money, jewellery, nostalgia items and more. Food and drink available at show. Buy sell trade. Sponsor/Affiliate: Ted's Collectables Inc. For more information, contact Ted Bailey, 1-866-747-2646 or [tedscollectables@bellnet.ca](mailto:tedscollectables@bellnet.ca), <http://tedscollectables.com>.

## **AUG. 30, Woodstock, ON**

Woodstock Show, Community Complex, 381 Finkle St. Twentieth annual show. Hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission \$1, kids free, free parking, lunch counter, hourly draws. Sponsor/Affiliate: Woodstock Coin Club. For more information, contact Tom Rogers, telephone (519) 451-2316.

## **SEPT. 13, London, ON**

London Numismatic Society 17th Annual Coin Show, The Ramada Inn, 817 Exeter Rd. off Hwy. 401. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Displays and dealers in coins, medals, notes and tokens. Admission \$2, includes entry for draws. Children free. Sponsor/Affiliate: London Numismatic Society. For more information, contact Len Buth (519) 641-4353, email: [lbuth@webmanager.on.ca](mailto:lbuth@webmanager.on.ca).

## **SEPT. 25 - 27, St. Catharines, ON**

TNS Fall Show, Quality Hotel, 327 Ontario St. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Show pass \$20 (includes early entry), daily admission \$4. For more information, contact Rick and Jo-Anne Simpson, email: [rscoins@cogeco.ca](mailto:rscoins@cogeco.ca), telephone 905-643-4988, fax 905-643-6329.

## **SEPT. 27, Windsor, ON**

Annual Essex County Coin Show, Fogular Furlan Club, 1800 EC row Ave. E. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Canadian, U.S., and world coins and paper money, watches, and tokens. Admission by donation to Canadian Diabetes. Sponsor/Affiliate: Essex County Coin Club. For more information, contact Essex County Coin Club, email: [club@hotmail.com](mailto:club@hotmail.com), or Colin Cutler, email: [ccutler@cogeco.ca](mailto:ccutler@cogeco.ca).

## **OCT. 10, Oshawa, ON**

Durham Coin-A-Rama, 5 Points Mall, 285 Tauton Rd E. Free dealer, public, and membership draws. Free admission. Featuring paper, coins, tokens, medals and many other items. Sponsor/Affiliate: Oshawa and District Coin Club. For more information, contact Sharon (905) 728-1352, e-mail: [papman@idirect.com](mailto:papman@idirect.com).

## **OCT. 17 & 18, Toronto, ON**

Torex - Canada's National Coin Show, Hilton Toronto Airport Hotel, 5875 Airport Road, Mississauga Ballroom. Featuring Canada's finest dealers. Hours: Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission \$6. Official Auctioneer: Moore Numismatic Auctions, Charles Moore. The Hilton hotel is located directly across from Toronto's Pearson International Airport. Sponsor/Affiliate: . For more information, please call (416) 705-5348.. Website: <http://www.torex.net>.

## **OCT. 24, Guelph, ON**

South Wellington Coin Show, Royal Canadian Legion, 919 York Road. Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. One of Southwestern Ontario's biggest shows, 50 dealer tables, free parking, fully accessible. Large display area, hot meals. Admission \$2 for ages 16 and up. Free gold coin draw. Sponsor/Affiliate: South Wellington Coin Society. Lowell Wierstra, 8 Smart St., Guelph, ON, N1G 4K9, (519) 824-6534, e-mail: [ljwierstra@sympatico.ca](mailto:ljwierstra@sympatico.ca). Website: <http://www.w3design.com/swcs/>.

## **NOV. 8, Stratford, ON**

Stratford Coin Show, Army Navy and Air Force Hall. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Adults \$2 admission, 16 and under free. Buy, sell coins, paper money, tokens, lunch available. Sponsor/Affiliate: Stratford Coin Club. Larry walker, telephone 519-271-3352, Box 221, Gadshill, ON, N0K 1J0. Website: <http://lswalker@cyg.net>.

## **NOV. 21, Niagara Falls, ON**

Niagara Falls Coin Club Show. Our Lady of Peace Hall, 6944 Stanley Ave. Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Admission \$2. Free gold draw, free parking. For more information contact Todd Hume (905) 871-2451.

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**2009**  
**DRAW WINNERS**

**FIRST PRIZE** – DREAM VACATION DRAW WINNER  
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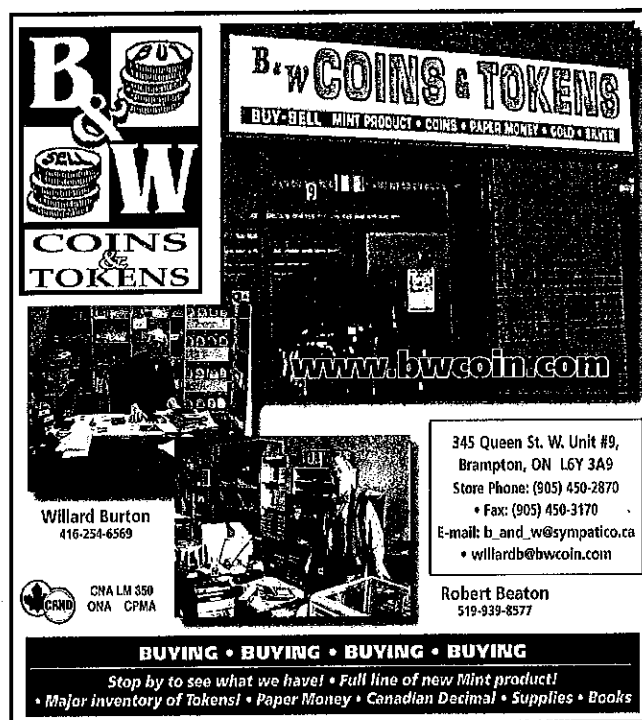
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Tickets Sales by Clubs

Clubs	Books Sold
Brantford Numismatic Society.....	9
Cambridge Coin Club.....	14
Canadian Tire Coupon Collectors.....	2
City of Ottawa Coin Club.....	5
Champlain Coin Club.....	4
Essex County Coin Club.....	1
Georgian Bay Coin & Stamp Club.....	10
Ingersoll Coin Club.....	65
Kent Coin Club.....	12
Kingston Numismatic Association.....	3
Lakeshore Coin Club.....	1
Lake Superior Coin Club.....	2
London Numismatic Society.....	6
Mississauga-Etobicoke Coin, Stamp & Collectibles....	7
Montreal Haninneville Collectors.....	1
Niagara Falls Coin Club.....	22
Nickel Belt Coin Club.....	23
North York Coin Club.....	1
Ontario Numismatic Association.....	44
Oshawa & District Coin Club.....	7
Peterborough Numismatic Society.....	3
Polish-Canadian Coin & Stamp Club.....	-
Sarnia Coin Club.....	-
Scarborough Coin Club.....	9
South Wellington Coin Society.....	2
St. Thomas Numismatic Association.....	10
Stratford Coin Club.....	32
Tillsonburg Coin Club.....	37
Timmins Coin Club.....	5
Waterloo Coin Society.....	140
Watford Coin Club.....	4
Windsor Coin Club.....	54
Woodstock Coin Club.....	16
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Total Books Sold	551
Registration Kits.....	23
Door Prizes.....	4
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Total Books	578

ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION  
Treasurer's Report  
For The Period January 1, 2008 To December 31, 2008

**General Account**

Petty Cash @ January 1, 2008	\$ 33.67		
Bank Balance @ January 1, 2008	<u>\$2490.28</u>		
	<b>\$2523.95</b>		<b>\$2523.95</b>

**Receipts**

Memberships (Regular, Junior & Club)	\$4399.00		
O.N.A. Convention Draw	\$1780.09		
Club Ticket Rebate	\$ 88.00		
Premium U.S.A. Money	\$ 22.55		
2008 O.N.A. Convention	\$3712.77		
Interest on Certificates	\$ 400.22		
Medals Sold	\$ 150.00		
Donations	\$ 90.00		
Advertising	\$ 400.00		
C.N.A. Medal	<u>\$ 20.00</u>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11062.63</b>	<b>\$11062.63</b>	

**Expenses**

O.N.A. Publication "Ontario Numismatist"	\$6186.48		
Postage	\$ 266.21		
Office Supplies	\$ 185.61		
P.O. Box Rental & G.S.T.	\$ 127.05		
Safety Deposit Box Rental & G.S.T.	\$ 157.50		
Photocopies & Printing	\$ 111.11		
Executive Reimbursement	\$2125.00		
Table Covers	\$ 7.80		
Library Books	\$ -36.03		
C.N.A. Dues	\$ 35.00		
HOLDERS For DVD	\$ 27.08		
Covers Power Point	\$ 28.25		
Display Cases	\$ 330.00		
Tote Boxes For Lamps	\$ 22.76		
Trailer Accessories (Spare Tire Holder)	\$ 19.37		
O.N.A. Archives (2008 & 2009)	\$ 140.00		
Transfer To Life Membership	\$ 300.00		
Transfer to Insee Acct (2008) Subsidy	<u>\$ 576.20</u>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10609.39</b>	<b>\$10609.39</b>	
Excess Receipts Over Expenses			<b>\$453.24</b>
Petty Cash @ December 31, 2008		\$ 78.57	
Bank Balance @ December 31, 2008		<u>\$2898.62</u>	
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$2977.19</b>	<b>\$2977.19</b>

**General Account - Bank Reconciliation**

Bank Ledger Sheet Balance @ December 31, 2008	\$2898.62
Outstanding Cheques	NIL
Bank Statement Balance @ December 31, 2008	\$2898.62

**General Account Assets**

Wait & See Certificate	2000.00
Premium Rate Redeemable Certificates	6000.00

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Treasurer's Report  
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**Contingency Account**

Bank Balance @ January 1, 2008 \$861.63

**Receipts**

Interest Guaranteed Investment Certificates	\$ 467.55	
Interest Premium Rate Redeemable Certificates	\$ 751.80	
Interest Wait & See Certificate	\$ 60.00	
Matured Guaranteed Investment Certificates	\$15000.00	
Matured Wait & See Certificate	\$ <u>2000.00</u>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18279.35</b>	<b>\$18279.35</b>

**Expenses**

Premium Rate Redeemable Certificates	\$18500.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18500.00</b>	<b>\$18500.00</b>
Excess Receipts Over Expenses		\$-220.65

Bank Balance @ December 31, 2008 \$640.98

**Contingency Account Assets**

Premium Rate Redeemable Certificates	\$28500.00
Guaranteed Investment Certificate	\$ 6500.00

**Insurance Account**

Bank Balance @ January 1, 2008 \$1433.77

**Receipts**

29 (2009) Club Premiums @ \$90.00	\$2610.00	
1 (2009) Club Premium @ \$110.00	\$ 110.00	
Interest on Certificates	\$ 168.13	
Cashed Wait & See Certificate	\$2000.00	
(2008) Subsidy From General Account	\$ <u>576.20</u>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5464.33</b>	<b>\$5464.33</b>

**Expenses**

Insurance Premium (Nov 1, 2008 – Nov 1, 2009)	\$3364.20	
Postage & Photocopies	\$ 34.28	
Wait & See Certificate	\$2000.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5398.48</b>	<b>\$5398.48</b>

Excess Receipts Over Expenses		\$65.85
Bank Balance @ December 31, 2008		\$1499.62

**Insurance Account Asset**

Premium Rate Redeemable Certificates	\$3300.00
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**Cash Asset Summary @ December 31, 2008**

Cash & Bank Balance – General Account	\$ 2977.19	
Wait & See Certificate – General Account	\$ 2000.00	
Premium Rate Redeemable Cert's – General Account	\$ 6000.00	
Bank Balance – Contingency Account	\$ 640.98	
Premium Rate Redeemable Certificates – Contingency Acct	\$28500.00	
Guaranteed Investment Certificate – Contingency Acct	\$ 6500.00	
Bank Account – Insurance Account	\$ 1499.62	
Premium Rate Redeemable Certificates – Insurance Acct	\$ 3300.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$51417.79</b>	<b>\$51417.79</b>
 Cash Assets (2007)		 \$49619.35
Increase In Cash Assets		\$ 1798.44

**Life Membership Account**

Bank Balance @ January 1, 2008 \$979.03

**Receipts**

Life Membership #113	\$ 450.00	
Interest Premium Rate Redeemable Certificate	\$ 237.54	
Interest Guaranteed Investment Certificate's	\$ 165.25	
Transfer From General Account	\$ <u>300.00</u>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1152.79</b>	<b>\$1152.79</b>

**Expenses**

56 Membership Dues (2008) @ \$15.00	\$ 840.00	
Life Membership #112	\$ <u>450.00</u>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1290.00</b>	<b>\$1290.00</b>

Excess Receipts Over Expenses \$-137.21

Bank Balance @ December 31, 2008 \$ 841.82

**Life Membership Assets**

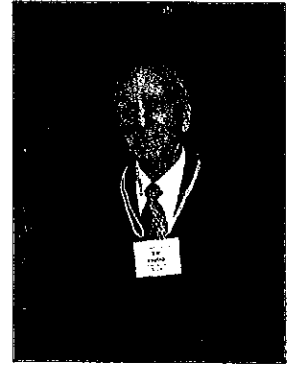
Guaranteed Investment Certificate's	\$2700.00
Premium Rate Redeemable Certificate	\$7450.00

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Treasurer Bruce H. Ratzmann

## Open to Offers

submitted by **Bill English**



As many of you already know, I sold off all my C.N.A. (now R.C.N.A.) medals and O.N.A. medals a few years back. Recently, I also sold off all my solid gold W.C.S. medals. I am now entertaining offers for my 1961-1971 (excluding 1962) W.C.S. gold filled (plated), silver, and bronze medals. I also have some 3-and-4-medal holders designed and made specifically for the W.C.S. medals. The medals are not currently in the holders as I've kept them secure in my safety deposit box and the holders would not fit, but I can give the holders with the medals, and then the buyer(s) can decide if they want to put them in or not. The gold filled medals have GP on them, whereas the solid gold I've sold have the karats and the medal issue number along the outside edge. The earlier minter did not number them for us, so I did it myself, but later we changed minters and then they came pre-numbered.

All the medals have an obverse and reverse except the 1961 which is uniface with only "Annual Banquet Medal" from 9 to 3 around the edge as would be seen on a clock. Bottom center '1961' at 6. I don't have the 1962 because it was also the O.N.A. medal and I sold off all of my O.N.A. earlier. The earlier minted medals were looked after for us by Nash Jewellers in London Ontario (they have been around since 1918 and have multiple locations today) who had them minted by the Wellings Mint company (today Wellings Mint is now part of the Franklin Mint family) in Toronto which was owned by Birks Jewellers.

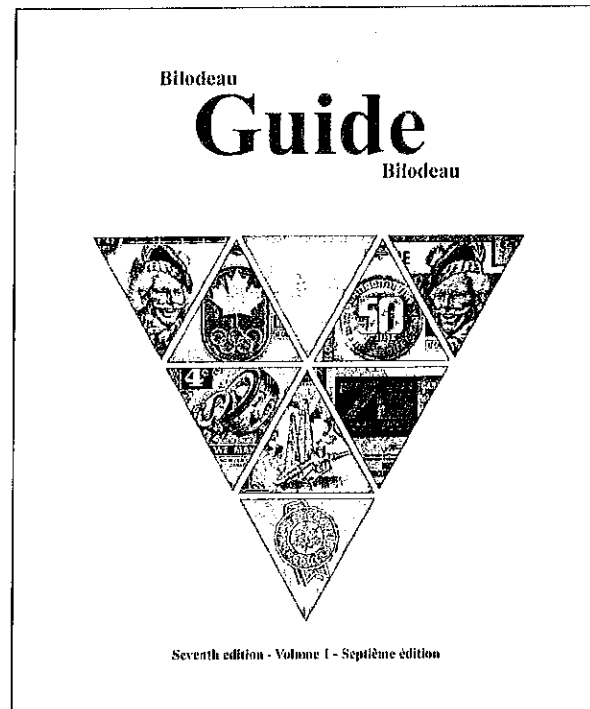
An interesting point, C.N.A. ordered medals through Birks Jewellers: "According to Wikipedia, in 1954, a new trend was beginning to emerge for the Canadian Numismatic Association as annual meetings evolved into annual conventions. Working with the Toronto Coin Club as host, the first such convention was held in Toronto in 1954. The conventions offered an agenda of educational forums, bourse activity, competitive exhibits with awards to the winners, and a closing banquet, with the highlight being a special guest speaker. It was also in 1954 that the association issued its first ever medal to commemorate the event. The tradition of an annual convention and a convention medal continues to this very day. The Canadian Numismatic Association's official seal would eventually be used on many convention medals. The seal is an adaptation of Emmanuel Hahn's famous "Voyageur" design, which was used on Canadian Silver Dollars since 1935. The first year that this seal was eventually used was 1963. The original die was engraved by H.F. Sarson of Pressed Metal Products in Vancouver. The Royal Canadian Numismatic Association's (formerly the Canadian Numismatic Association) official seal would be used beginning with the 2009 convention medal, following the official name change of the organization in 2008."

The nice thing about the W.C.S. medals, they are still recognizable today as special and limited edition, and they still bear the name of the organization. They also had a much lower issue than the R.C.N.A. medals. W.C.S. started a trend of preserving historical heritage of the Waterloo County on its commemorative medals with very attractive designs. Enjoy beautiful designs like Pioneer Tower, Kissing Bridge, Conestoga Covered Wagon, Waterloo First Schoolhouse, Old Berlin Post Office, Waterloo County Map, Sheaves Tower (Blair Power Station), and Mennonite Dachwaegle (horse and buggy).

**So make me an offer (in Canadian dollars), you can contact me at 705-527-6268.**



Press Release March 12th, 2009



***The long awaited Volume 1 of the 7th Edition of the Bilodeau Guide to Canadian Tire Money has finally been terminated.***

The Guide contains the usual "Regular issues" including sections on the Gas Bar, Store, Lubritorium and Simard coupons, along with the usual CTC historical preface. In this jam-packed issue, we have added a short history of Ovide Bilodeau, our forward-thinking founder. We have also added a section on grading paper money and after each section we have included a check-list for your convenience. A short note for the different varieties found in each section of the Guide has also been added.

All the information pertaining to each series can now easily be found on the same page, to save having to jump from one page to another for prices and high-low numbers. The prices have been adjusted to better reflect the current market value of the different coupons.

The format has been changed from 5.5" x 8.5" to 7" x 8.5" so that more information can be packed onto the same page. There is even a possibility to get an enlarged 8.5" by 11" copy, for those of you who have trouble with smaller print sizes, for an extra \$10.00. But the larger size means you get more "Bang for your buck" or as the CTC slogan goes, "We make your dollars go farther".

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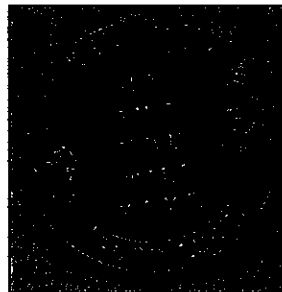
#### ***A bit of history.***

In 1988, Ovide Bilodeau published the 1st Edition of the Bilodeau Guide as a 32-page booklet cataloging Canadian Tire "money". The 2nd edition issued in 1991 was to be the first edition used by the CTCCC (Canadian Tire Coupon Collectors Club). After years of research and classification it is now the only bilingual guide to Canadian Tire Gas Bar, Store, Sandy McTire and P. Simard coupons; catalogues and miscellaneous memorabilia, including telephone cards, tokens, pins, truck banks and gift certificates. In 2003, with Don Bradt, Jerome Fourre and Lucien Levesque, they released Volumes 1 & 2 of the 6th Edition. Now, in 2009, they have revamped and released the 7th edition of Volume 1. This book is a must for those interested in the new and fascinating hobby of Canadian Tire "Money" collecting.

# Apotex Centre Jewish Home For The Aged

submitted by Judy Blackman

Once again the O.N.A. Annual Convention was a terrific success. I know I really enjoyed the friendships that were formed, and of course the terrific deals. Although it's sad to see Bob Armstrong Coins winding up for retirement, I did appreciate the fantastic deals they were providing. Always being one looking for unusual items, I discovered in their case this medallion which has no year on it, and Bob didn't know when it was from and indicated this is the only one he's ever seen. I then asked some other dealers and numismatists if they knew anything about it, and it seen virtually unknown. So the mystery began....The obverse reads: JEWISH OLD FOLKS HOME TORONTO CONTRIBUTION 25¢ 25¢ THE ONLY JEWISH HOME FOR THE AGED IN ONTARIO, and the reverse reads: KEEP ME UP AND YOU WILL HAVE GOOD LUCK.



The medallion's gross weight is 13.18gms, I think it's copper (but could be bronze), and it's 34mm in diameter.

According to Baycrest and Ezras Nashim Society and other Jewish resources in Toronto, the story began 90 years ago when a group of forward-thinking and hard-working women volunteers (members of the mutual benefit group, the Ezras Nashim Society) established the Toronto Jewish Old Folks Home. Since those early days, the spirit of volunteerism, combined with the expertise of staff in elder care and the discoveries of leading scientists, has supported the growth of the Baycrest we know today, a place renowned for excellence in care, research and teaching, particularly in the area of brain disorders. This picture is the First Jewish Old Folks Home in Toronto and the same building (188 Cecil Street) portrayed on the medallion above.



In 1918, Baycrest's forerunner, the Toronto Jewish Old Folks Home, opened in downtown Toronto. The new: Jewish elderly in downtown Toronto needed a place to live where they could eat Kosher food and talk to staff in their own language. The response: The Ezras Noshem Society, a charitable women's group, collects money door-to-door and opens the Toronto Jewish Old Folks Home in a semi-detached house on Cecil Street. Eventually it expanded and cared for more than 100 elderly

people from Ontario. **Could this medallion have been given by the women's group as a thank you for the contribution when they went door-to-door?? Possibly, but wouldn't it have cost them more to make than the 25¢ contribution received?**

In 1953 the Atkinson Foundation granted Baycrest an unprecedented \$100,000 to design Canada's first-ever comprehensive geriatric medical program. In 1954 the residents were moved from 188 Cecil Street north to the new Jewish Home for the Aged at Bathurst Street and Baycrest Avenue. For the first time in Ontario, a chronic care hospital and a home for the elderly were incorporated in the same physical structure.

In 1959, the first day care program for elderly was established. The need: Elderly people on the waiting list for the Jewish Home for the Aged needed services to help them live independently until admission. The response: the Baycrest Community Day Centre for Seniors offered older adults a supervised day program of social activities, counselling and education. It also provided meals, transportation and access to Baycrest Services. In 1987, the Samuel Lunefeld Special Day Care Centre opened, providing a unique respite program to families caring for older relatives with moderate to severe cognitive impairment. Could the day care or cognitive impairment centre have used the medallion to raise funds??

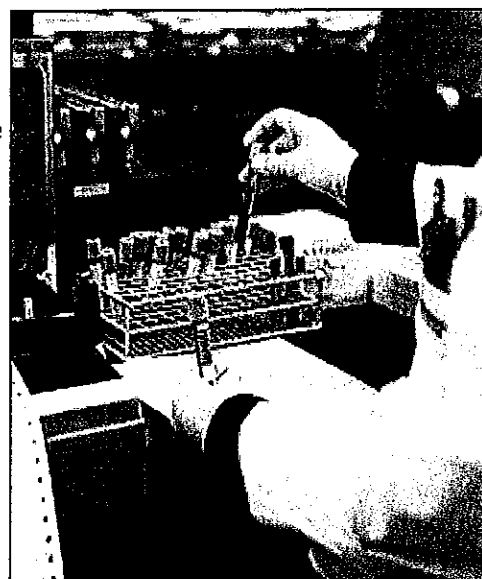
In 1968, Baycrest built a new Jewish Home for the Aged. The need: the waiting list for the Jewish Home for the Aged / Baycrest Hospital had grown. There as a need for a more modern, spacious facility. The response: the Jewish Home for the Aged Abe and Elsie Posluns Building opened. At the time it was considered an example of "ultra-modern care", providing private and semi-private rooms with washrooms, a large main floor dining room, a synagogue and an auditorium. Baycrest Hospital expanded to occupy four floors in the former Home. Could the medallion have been used to raise money for either of these expansions?

In 1976 a Seniors' apartment and community centre opened. The need: Seniors needed apartment-style accommodation that offered support services to help them live as independently as possible and offered easy access to social and recreational activities. The response: Baycrest Terrace opened in 1976, providing 203 apartment units designed especially for seniors. The bachelor and one-bedroom units were each equipped with bathroom and kitchenette. There was a central dining room, weekly housekeeping, and access to Baycrest services. In 1977, the adjacent Joseph E. and Minnie Wagman Centre opened, offering a wide variety of physical, recreational and educational programs in many languages to Terrace residents and seniors living in the community. Could the medallion have been used to raise funds for either of these ventures?

In 1986, a new Baycrest Hospital provided expert geriatric care. The need: Ontario's growing population of elderly people requiring specialized medical services. The response: a new, state-of-the-art, 300-bed Baycrest Hospital, Ben and Hilda Katz Building was constructed providing: continuing care for people with complex medical conditions; and short-term, specialized geriatric services, including psychiatry, behavioural neurology, rehabilitation and palliative care. Could the medallion have been used to raise funds for this new hospital?

In 1989 the Rotman Research Institute brought top scientists to Baycrest. The need: there was a need to understand the behavioural changes which occur during aging in order to promote effective care and improved quality of life for the elderly. The response: Baycrest established the Rotman Research Institute to find new and better ways to care for the elderly and treat the diseases of aging. Leading scientists in the field of brain research study memory, brain function, and conditions as Alzheimer's disease and stroke, using new imaging techniques such as PET (Positron Emission Tomography). In recent years, Baycrest's research activities have expanded to include the Clinical Epidemiology and Evaluation Unit (established 1995) which evaluates clinical programs and conducts long-term studies of health issues affecting older adults and the Kunin Lunenfeld Clinical Research Unit, (established 1996) which links researchers with Baycrest clinical departments to enable prompt implementation of research findings. These two programs merged in 1998 to become the Kunin-Lunenfeld Applied Research Unit. Could this medallion have been used to fund research?

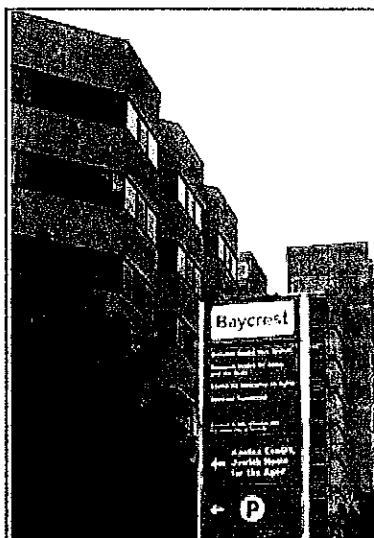
Community Care: the need: more medical and social services needed to be provided through out-patients clinics and home visits in order to make effective use of health-care dollars and to avoid or delay institutionalization of the elderly. The response: Baycrest expanded its community services. New programs were now included in the Community Hearing Health Care Service, the Community Social Work Counselling Service, and the Community Assessment and Treatment Program.



In 2000, the Apotex Centre, Jewish Home for the Aged and the Louis and Leah Posluns Centre for Stroke and Cognition opened. The need: the current Jewish Home for the Aged, constructed thirty years ago, was designed for a younger, more ambulatory and cognitively alert population. By the millennium, people were entering institutions at a later age and a greater proportion were suffering cognitive impairment. The response: following a \$60 million fund-raising campaign, Baycrest built the Apotex Centre, Jewish Home for the Aged and the Louis and Leah Posluns Centre for Stroke and Cognition. It opened in 2000, and cares for 372 residents with progressive dementia and 100 residents with vascular dementia. The innovative design offers a new concept in homes for the aged. Floors are organized into small, home-like units each with its own kitchenette, dining room and grooming centre. The main floor brings a neighbourhood feeling indoors, with courtyards, retail outlets, restaurants and an activity centre. Could the medallion have helped fund this?

In 2008 the provincial government recognized 90 years of volunteering at Baycrest with a celebration. They reminded us again that Baycrest was started by a small group of grandmothers who would be gratified and astonished to see what their legacy has produced 90 years later. Some 2,500 volunteers support the present-day organization with all the dedication and compassion that the founders brought to the task of caring for the elderly in Toronto's Jewish community in the early 20th century. So we still haven't determined when this medallion was made, could it have been for this 90 year celebration as a commemorative, but how would that explain the "contribution 25¢"?

So let's pursue "remarkable volunteers recognized by government" further....



"In recognition of their dedication to Baycrest and the many hours they spend supporting staff and clients, each member of this group of volunteers was recently presented with an Ontario Outstanding Achievement Award." Could this medallion be that award? Possibly but still doesn't explain the "contribution 25¢"? From left (standing) are Edyth Gibson, Les Neurenberg, Rosetta Tautonico, Domenica Guglielmino, Ruth Weiner, Manny Hoffman, Rachamin Friedman, (seated) Doris Cohen and Matilda Bigio. Missing from photo are Pnina Altman and Elly Stabb. Thanks to a leadership gift from Baycrest Foundation board member Joseph Gottdenker, some of Baycrest's most valued donors, volunteers and former staff will be honoured in the third bi-annual Treasures of Baycrest exhibit to be dedicated later this fall. Treasures of Baycrest honours individuals whose affiliation with Baycrest dates back to the early 1900s, including Slova Greenberg, whose extraordinary efforts harnessed the energy and financial support of the community to build the first Jewish Home for the Aged (Baycrest's forerunner) on Cecil Street in 1918." Aha! "financial support of the community"! Could this medallion be from the early 1900's and have been used to raise runs to build the home??? Let's dig deeper!

The permanent home of the exhibit is located on the ground floor of the Baycrest Hospital, across from the Morris and Sally Justein Heritage Museum. The 2008 exhibit was dedicated November 9th as part of a special afternoon program honouring the new group of "Treasures" who were accompanied by their invited guests. The public can view the unique bio-pictorial exhibit in two formats. The wall display features the framed sepia-toned photographs and biographical stories of the most recent honourees, while an interactive electronic kiosk showcases earlier inductees. The concept behind the exhibit was originally conceived by the Baycrest Foundation recognition committee but it is through the financial support and commitment of Joseph Gottdenker that the project has become an enduring source of pride for the entire Baycrest community. "We simply could not continue to recognize the many deserving people behind Baycrest's 90-year history without Joe's tremendous generosity", said Baycrest Foundation President Mark Gryfe. "Joe is a true friend to Baycrest and the people we serve."

A successful businessman, Gottdenker first became involved with Baycrest in 1984 as a member of the foundation's endowment fund committee, eventually becoming its co-chair. Since then, this Holocaust survivor and son of Bina and Bendet Gottdenker, has become one of Baycrest's leading advocates, serving as treasurer on the foundation board during the 1990s and creating innovative fundraising initiatives to support planned giving. Aha, another hint,

could one of his "innovative fundraising initiatives" have been this medallion? Let's continue our search... He has also supported several Holocaust-related initiatives at Baycrest, including an annual Yom Hashoah program and the first-ever resource guide for people who care for Holocaust survivors. When asked why he supports the Treasures of Baycrest exhibit, Gottdenker said, "It's a wonderful way to honour the visionaries of the past and to inspire those of the future."

Today Baycrest is a research and education hospital on Bathurst Street in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. It was founded in 1918 for the care of the elderly. While Baycrest serves all of the elderly, it was originally founded by and for the Jewish community and thus caters specifically to the needs of the Jewish elderly, including those of Holocaust survivors. Baycrest's facilities include a full-service hospital, the Jewish Home for the Aged nursing home, the Baycrest Terrace Assisted Living facility, and a research facility affiliated with the University of Toronto.



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So have we found the answer? Not really, so if anybody has valid information to confirm when this medallion was minted please email it to [www.yourcdncoinconnection@live.ca](mailto:www.yourcdncoinconnection@live.ca). My bet is it's from 1966-1967 as a fundraiser for the new Jewish Old Folks Home built in 1968.

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## Courtesy of the North York Coin Club

### PRISONERS USE MACKEREL AS CURRENCY

BY RICHARD GIEDROYC, WORLD COIN NEWS

Something may smell rotten, and it's not in the state of Denmark as was exclaimed by Hamlet. It may be more like the old comment from a Charlie Chan movie in which the detective says, "A bad alibi is like a dead fish. It doesn't improve with age."

If you like to collect odd and curious money, sometimes referred to as primitive money, the Oct. 2 *The Wall Street Journal* newspaper featured a new collectible that will be challenging to add to your collection—a mackerel.

People in detention have often been required to use special currency for many reasons. One important reason is so their "money" can't be used outside of their place of detention in case of escape or the desire to trade illegally beyond the boundaries established by their detention. This detention could be a concentration camp, political prisoner gulag, or a place for criminal incarceration. Special money has also been employed at canteens at mints so the coinage being produced at those facilities can't be used improperly by employees.

When standard coins and bank notes or their substitutes are either unavailable or are purposely limited within such confines those persons in detention often find other ways to build wealth or to trade. It's very simple and very primitive. They simple barter with whatever is available.

You might anticipate criminals in a prison setting would barter such things as cigarettes or services one inmate might perform for another inmate. What you might not expect is for the prisoners to be using "macks," that is mackerels, as a substitute for coins and bank notes.

According to the WSJ story, "Prisoners need a proxy for the dollar because they're not allowed to possess cash. Money they get from prison jobs (which pay a maximum of 40 cents an hour, according to the Federal Bureau of Prisons) or family members goes into commissary accounts that let them buy things such as food and toiletries. After the smokes disappeared, inmates turned to other items on the commissary menu to use as currency."

The article continues, "Books of stamps were one easy alternative. 'It was like half a

book for a piece of fruit,' says Tony Serra, a well-known San Francisco criminal-defense attorney who last year finished nine months in Lompoc on tax charges. Elsewhere in the West, prisoners use PowerBars or cans of tuna, says Ed Baies, a consultant who advises people who are headed to prison. But in much of the federal prison system, he says, mackerel has become the currency of choice."

Now, before you try to figure out how to dry a mackerel, then find a slab that can house your collectible, understand that these are not fish being pulled out of a local waterway or sewer, these are plastic-and-foil pouches of mackerel fillets provided to some U.S. prison systems by Global Source Marketing Inc.

According to the WSJ article, Global Source President Mark Muntz has acknowledged the fish are imported from Asian canneries, however his major market is U.S. prisons. Muntz is quoted in the article as saying, "We've even tried 99-cent stores. It never has done very well at all, regardless of the retailer, but it's very popular in the prisons."

Prison sources indicated the pouches are popular with wardens, since inmates might make metal cans in which fish could have been stored into weapons.

Anyone interested in the "mintage" figures for this barter item might like to know Muntz reported more than \$1 million in sales to federal prison commissaries during 2007. One pouch of his mackerel costs about one dollar, making it a good exchange-friendly commodity.

Bureau of Prisons spokeswoman Felicia Ponce is quoted in the WSJ article as saying, "We are aware that inmates attempt to trade amongst themselves items that are purchased from the commissary." Prisoners are limited in the amount of such goods they are allowed to stockpile due to bartering, which is frowned upon.

Collectors always want to know the possibility of their collectibles in increasing in value. Power Commissary Inc. Vice President Jon Linder is quoted in the newspaper article as saying, "There are shortages worldwide in terms of the catch."

### Royal Canadian Mint Warns Critic of Oil Tankers to Halt Its Loonie Campaign

BY CHARLIE SMITH

The Royal Canadian Mint has sent a legal warning to a B.C. environmental group not to deface the loonie.

The Dogwood Initiative has urged people to attach "notanker" decals to loonies to register their opposition to a proposed pipeline across north-central B.C.

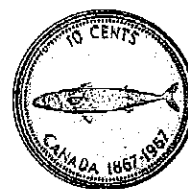
A recent Georgia Straight cover story focused on the project, which would carry oil from the Alberta oilsands to Kitimat. From there, it would be transported by tankers via Douglas Channel to Asia.

"Ultimately, the notanker decals can be removed by a flick of the finger and the loonies brought back to their former selves," the Dogwood Institute claimed in a notice to its supporters today. "The same can't be said of an oil spill on our coast."

The Royal Canadian Mint, however, maintains in its letter that Section 11 of the Currency Act bans the use of coins for any reason other than as currency.

"Contravention of this section of the Currency Act can lead to liability on summary conviction to a fine and or imprisonment," the mint's legal counsel, Kathryn Reynolds, wrote.

So far, that hasn't dissuaded the Dogwood Initiative. "The Royal Canadian Mint has asked us to cease and desist and has accused us of violating the currency act, but we think we are on the right side of the law," it stated.



*Of course, Canadians first used  
the Mackerel on currency  
over 40 years ago, in 1967!*

## Courtesy of the South Wellington Coin Club



The Ontario Rifle Association  
By Scott E. Douglas

### DID YOU KNOW.....

.....that the Ontario Rifle Association (ORA) was formed in 1868? Under the umbrella of the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association the ORA came into existence after a meeting at the St. Lawrence Hall in Toronto on April 30th. The first President of the ORA was Sir Casimir Gzowski who was considered by many as 'the father of rifle shooting' in Canada. In 1873 Gzowski resigned as President having borne the responsibility of dual Presidency for both the Dominion and Ontario associations.

The first prize meeting of the ORA was held June 22, 1869. This meet was opened by Ontario's Lieutenant-Governor, Sir William P. Howland. Sir William fired the first shot on the newly constructed Garrison Common Range on Toronto's waterfront. Two decades later this site would give way to the Toronto Industrial Exhibition the forerunner to the Canadian National Exhibition. Snider Enfield rifles were used in this first match of six days duration. The target used was a rectangle made of solid cast iron divided into two-foot squares and coated in whitewash. Competitions consisted of firing from various distances of up to 1000 yards. When the smudges of too many bullet strikes made scoring a new shot difficult for the 'marker' (the umpire housed in an 'L' shaped bunker for protection), he would reach up with a long handled brush and apply a new coat of whitewash to the target's face. Amazingly, no serious injury to the marker seems ever to have resulted. The safer canvas target was adopted in 1882. The Ontario Rifle Association has enjoyed a long and fruitful existence. Over the years it has borne opposition to its Ranges being within Toronto city limits and has made accommodating moves. In the 1950s the organization encountered a stereotypical controversy of the times when small numbers of 'markswomen' began joining the ranks of the ORA. The association dealt effectively with this situation; today, the group of women members share part of the rich history of this great sport.



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The numbers on the reverse 1812-37-66 represent:  
The War of 1812, 1837 Upper Canada Rebellion and 1866 Fenian Raids.

## Courtesy of the North York Coin Club

### Shipwreck Holds 200,000 Gold Coins

By David L. Ganz, World Coin News, March 2, 2009

Odyssey Marine, the southern Florida shipwreck experts that have found more coin treasures than any other salvager, has discovered the wreck of HMS Victory, it was announced Feb 2.

HMS Victory sank in the English Channel on Oct. 4, 1744, taking 1,150 sailors and four tons of Portuguese gold to the bottom of Davy Jones' locker.

About 200,000 gold coins are believed to be part of the treasure, whose sinking caused a major embarrassment to King George II in 1744, and whose recovery in 2009 could well become a cause celebre in international legal circles.

The wreckage of the HMS Victory, found below about 330 feet of water, may carry an even bigger jackpot than the \$500 million in sunken treasure discovered two years ago off the coast of Spain.

Research indicates the HMS Victory was carrying 4 tons of gold coins when it sank in a storm, said Greg Stemm, co-founder of Odyssey Marine Exploration, ahead of a Feb. 2 news conference in London.

So far, two brass cannons have been recovered from the wreck, Stemm said. The Florida-based company said it is negotiating with the British government over collaborating on the project.

"This is a big one, just because of the history," Stemm said. "Very rarely do you solve an age-old mystery like this."

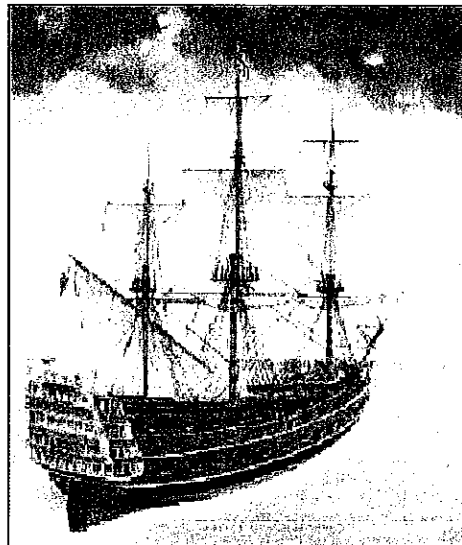
Thirty-one brass cannons and other evidence on the wreck allowed definitive identification of the HMS Victory, the 175-foot (53-meter) sailing ship that was separated from its fleet and sank in the English Channel on Oct. 4, 1744, with at least 900 men aboard, the company said. The ship was the largest and, with 110 brass cannons, the most heavily armed vessel of its day. It was the inspiration for the HMS Victory famously commanded by Adm. Horatio Nelson decades later.

Odyssey was searching for other valuable shipwrecks in the English Channel when it came across the Victory. Stemm wouldn't say exactly where the ship was found for fear of attracting plunderers,

though he said it wasn't close to where it was expected.

"We found this more than 50 miles (80 kilometers) from where anybody would have thought it went down," Stemm said.

Federal court records filed by Odyssey in Tampa seeking the exclusive salvage rights said the site is 25 miles to 40 miles (40 kilometers to 64 kilometers) from the English coast, outside of its territorial waters. Odyssey Marine has previously discovered vessels with treasure that sailed under the



flags of Spain, Peru, England and others.

In order to assert ownership, Odyssey Marine commenced an action in the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida, located in Tampa. The technical term is to "arrest" the vessel, a principal whereby the salvager recovers some portion of the ship or its cargo and brings it before the court. In this case, it was a brass cannon.

The Victory—the same name was used for Lord Nelson's ship at Trafalgar generations later—is only called an "Unidentified vessel" in the title of the complaint, the better to confuse those who might seek to take the treasure from under the noses of the competition—other treasure salvagers.

Odyssey's claims for salvage rights for other vessels were asserted under either international law of the sea or the law of salvage, which sometimes conflict. They are

litigating against the Kingdom of Spain and Republic of Peru over Spanish galleons found after a shipwreck in the 17th century.

English shipwrecks have a common law background, different from the civil law of Spanish countries, which reserve treasure to the sovereign—and provide that it cannot be salvaged without the consent of Her Majesty's government. On another less important wreck, Odyssey got to keep 80 percent of the first \$50 million in salvage value on a diminishing scale until above \$500 million the profits would be split 50-50.

Under international maritime law and the law of the sea, going back to the time of Hugo Grotius in the year 1600, when an owner of a vessel abandons it, it may be claimed by anyone who finds it. When it is not abandoned, a wreck may be salvaged by anyone who claims it ("arrests" the wreck, in the arcane language of admiralty law).

They may not necessarily be able to keep the goods, but must be compensated for the salvage work that they have done the payment can be quite liberal—if there is a right to work the vessel and its treasure in the first place.

In most instances, available technology at the time the ships surrendered to the depths limited the ability to salvage the ships, rescue persons or property. The situation with the Mercedes (another Odyssey litigation with Spain) is also similar to more than 600 other Spanish wrecks that are known to have populated the East Coast of the United States.

This very factor, and the wreck of other ships, prompted the U.S. Congress in 1987 to try and regulate control over the marine tragedies that took place inside the three-mile limit. Essentially, they were ruled to be owned by the United States, which in turn delegated the ownership to the individual states.

The Victory is located in the English Channel, about 60 miles from its last reported position which solved a historical mystery—and Odyssey claims that no nation has the right to regulate who can salvage it.

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## Courtesy of the North York Coin Club

### VIEWPOINT: WHERE HAVE ALL THE COIN CLUBS GONE

BY JIM MAJOROS, NUMISMATIC NEWS, DECEMBER 29, 2008

Coin Clubs have vanished just the way movie theatres, phone booths and some local newspapers have, but not for the same reasons. The Internet, cell phones and advanced technology of television are the primary reasons, but coin clubs had a few other reasons. True, the Internet and e-bay may be primary reasons some individuals have decided not to join a club, but club losses began before the Internet became a routine household item.

An April 1975 Numismatic News publication that lists all U.S. coin clubs by state as well as foreign countries has been part of my library for a long time as occasionally I've used it to search out a coin club's history. In 1975, 67 clubs were listed in my state of New Jersey. Today, 33 years later, there are 18.

Nationally, in 1975, there were 1,986 active coin clubs. Unfortunately, the only document I have to compare that figure is the ANA club membership total of 499 clubs listed as active ANA member clubs. One could estimate another 200 clubs are not ANA members, but I would hope not that many. This is over a 60 percent loss in just over 30 years.

A review of a few other heavily populated states reveals that California went from 173 to 59 clubs, Pennsylvania from 139 to 30, Ohio from 124 to 22, New York from 115 to 21 and Illinois from 109 to 21. Current club totals are ANA member clubs while the totals in 1975 were all clubs listed by Numismatic News, regardless of any other affiliation. As a matter of fact, just to show how active club organizations were during that time frame, the news reported, "New coin clubs are being organized every week" in their venture to receive current club information. This is a far cry from today's new club listings.

Where did they all go? Most of you that have been part of coin clubs over the years can clearly understand what has happened. Clearly, clubs fold due to lack of membership. Members either passed on, moved or lacked further interest. I was a member of clubs in New Egypt and Manasquan, N.J. that did just that and others have told me the same thing happened to clubs they were a part of. I can also see other clubs nearing a demise for the same reason. One might blame the Internet as the reason since so much information can be obtained from a computer along with on-line

bidding. This can be partly to blame, however, the loss of over 60 clubs in New Jersey occurred prior to the Internet explosion.

What can clubs do now? That depends on the club leadership as to how aggressive they are in recruiting new members and retaining those they have. Leaders must recognize they are not there forever and replacements are necessary to continue club activities.

Tips on club troubles are available on line at the A.N.A. web site [www.money.org](http://www.money.org) under "ANA Clubs" then go to "Club Trouble." You will find the article by Bill Fivaz, "Is your club in need of a transfusion?" It covers everything you need to know to improve membership, participation, finances, recruiting, Young Numismatist (YN) programs, etc.

Coin club members are volunteers and have responsibilities of family, employment, etc, however, members should realize to reap benefits of club membership, there are also requirements to make that extra effort to keep it going. Coin clubs provide speakers, on-site auctions, show and tells, social events, personal contact and friendship and some, YN programs. This is everlasting camaraderie that you won't find on the Internet.

### SHIPWRECK...

The British Foreign Office disagrees. Regardless of the state or nation involved, the general principals of law are essentially the same. When sunken ships or their cargo are rescued from the bottom of the ocean by those other than the owners, courts generally favor applying the law of salvage over the law of finds.

"Finds" can be summed up by that childish taunt, "Finder's keepers."

Finds law is generally applied, however, where the previous owners are found to have abandoned their property. Abandonment must be proved to the Court's satisfaction by clear and convincing evidence, typically by an owner's express declaration abandoning title. (It can be proved indirectly through actions, too).

In some instances, a commercial shipments of gold may be insured, and the underwriters are usually asked

to promptly pay the claims. The payment of the claims vests title to the gold in the underwriters, who can no more salvage the boat than the government can.

The position of the Department of State, as expressed in a Report of the House of Representatives in 1988 is that "the U.S. only abandons its sovereignty over, and title to, sunken U.S. warships by affirmative act;

mere passage of time or lack of positive assertions of right are insufficient to establish such abandonment."

A 1902 treaty of friendship and commerce with Spain provided the key that the Court will look to: "Spanish vessels can . . . be abandoned only by express renunciation. Both Spain and the United States agree that this treaty provision requires that in our territorial waters Spanish ships are to be accorded the same immunity as United States.

So the shipwreck of the century is headed to Tampa and court, where it will all be sorted out in the coming months. Meanwhile, the salvers will be looking for the coins that they know are on board, under 300 feet of the English channel and many pages of history.

*The Associated Press contributed to this report. Thanks to Bill McDonald for pointing this story out.*



*This photo from Odyssey Marine Exploration shows a bronze cannon on the shipwreck site of HMS Victory bearing the royal crest of King George I*

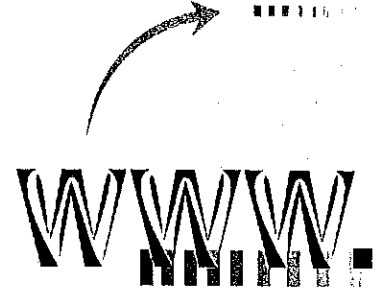


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There is also a Message Board where you can leave notes about numismatic items you want to sell, buy, trade, or are looking for information on to complete your research. You can also put car-pool requests for making arrangements to travel to club meetings or shows together. As well, you can post invitations to numismatic events. If an ONA member is celebrating a milestone, that member might wish to share that occasion.

There is also a Chat Page, a page to upload acceptable numismatic Videos and Clips (currently the Rick Mercer report is there as the website subscribes to YouTube). There is a Photo Album too which has pictures from numismatic events. If you wish to stop at one picture, just click on it, otherwise the picture rotation will continue.

Hoping you enjoy your new tools, happy "surfing"!

Your Webmaster

## Courtesy of the North York Coin Club

### MONTREAL CANADIENS CENTENNIAL RECOGNIZED BY ROYAL CANADIAN MINT

The Royal Canadian Mint has created a 2009 circulating one dollar coin to celebrate the centennial of the Montreal Canadiens hockey club. The coin was unveiled on March 10 at Montreal's Bell Centre by Montreal Canadiens President Pierre Boivin and Royal Canadian Mint President and CEO Ian E. Bennett. The Mint also unveiled a limited-edition Montreal Canadiens Centennial proof silver dollar enhanced with touches of selective gold plating, and presented two of these precious keepsakes to Canadiens Official Ambassadors Henri Richard and Réjean Houle.

"The Montreal Canadiens have made an immeasurable contribution to Canadian sports history and the Mint is delighted to permanently commemorate this legendary team's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary through a special

one-dollar circulation coin," said Ian E. Bennett. "The legacy of the Montreal Canadiens will be preserved from coast to coast as Canadians find this coin in their change and save it as a treasured symbol of Canada's glorious hockey heritage."

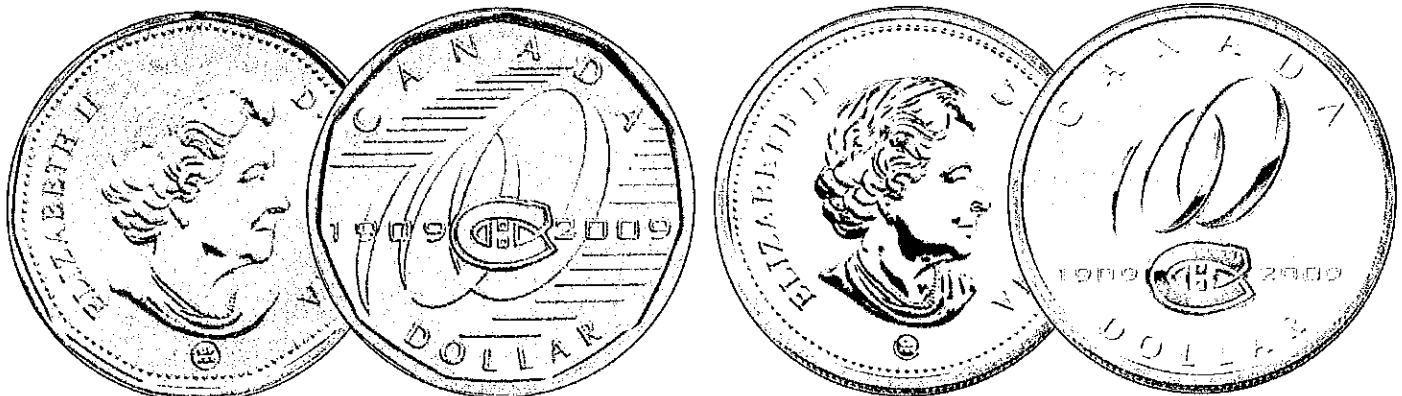
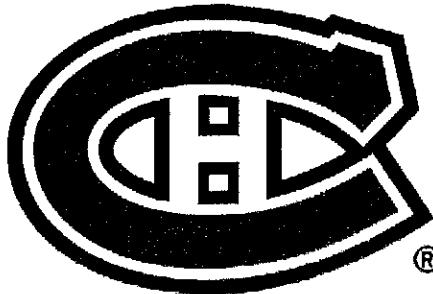
"The Royal Canadian Mint's one-dollar circulation coin paying tribute to the centennial of the Montreal Canadiens is an exceptional addition to our team's year-long centennial celebration," said Montreal Canadiens President Pierre Boivin. "The Montreal Canadiens hold a special place in the hearts of hockey fans across Canada and thanks to the Royal Canadian Mint, they can own a piece of Canadiens history."

Canadiens fans across Canada can now look in their change for these new coins or purchase products such as a limited-edition

roll of 25 coins retailing for \$44.95 CDN, among other Montreal Canadiens Centennial collectibles. On March 11, 2009, Metro, Quebec's largest grocery chain, will begin the exclusive distribution of the Mint's Montreal Canadiens Centennial \$1 commemorative circulation coin across the province.

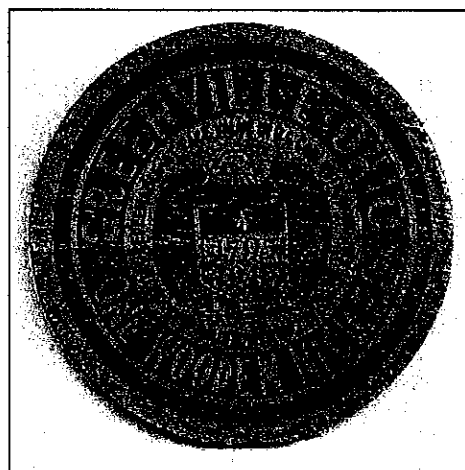
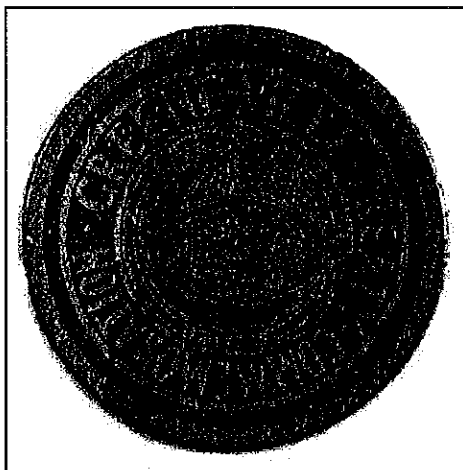
The Mint also launched a special-edition proof silver dollar which is limited to a worldwide mintage of 15,000. It is available for \$69.95 CDN in a clamshell case or \$74.95 CDN, if customers choose an innovative acrylic stand, simulating a well-worn ice surface. Selective gold-plating over the Canadiens centennial official logo and rim of the coin adds a rich contrast to its proof silver finish.

*The Mint adds to the celebration of the team's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a limited-edition Proof Silver Dollar*



## 1945 WOODEN NICKEL, GREENVILLE, OH, TREATY COMM. 1795-1945

2-1/4" in diameter and is 1/16" thick with some light discoloration. Reverse reads "REDEEMABLE AT FACE VALUE IN U.S. COIN UNTIL NOON, JULY 31, 1945 AT COMMEMORATION HEADQUARTERS GREENVILLE OHIO ONE WOODEN NICKEL"



I (*Judy Blackman*) recently joined the Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors (CAWMC) and have been enjoying their *Timber Talk* publication. With Art Stephenson having passed, I lost my valuable resource who was mentoring me in woods. His research and cataloguing were invaluable, and I can only hope they resurface, possibly in a book, or through an association library.

So I started to research some of my own woods, design and have some of my own woods made, and also go out and purchase interesting ones. Woods are a quieter hobby than coins. There are fewer groups, and less opportunity for selling and buying. The margins on selling haven't had the appreciation in value that coins have enjoyed. So I try to search for very unusual items that later if I ever decide to depart with my collection, they are likely to fetch a good market price. I find it difficult to find out who made the woods and how many were issued.

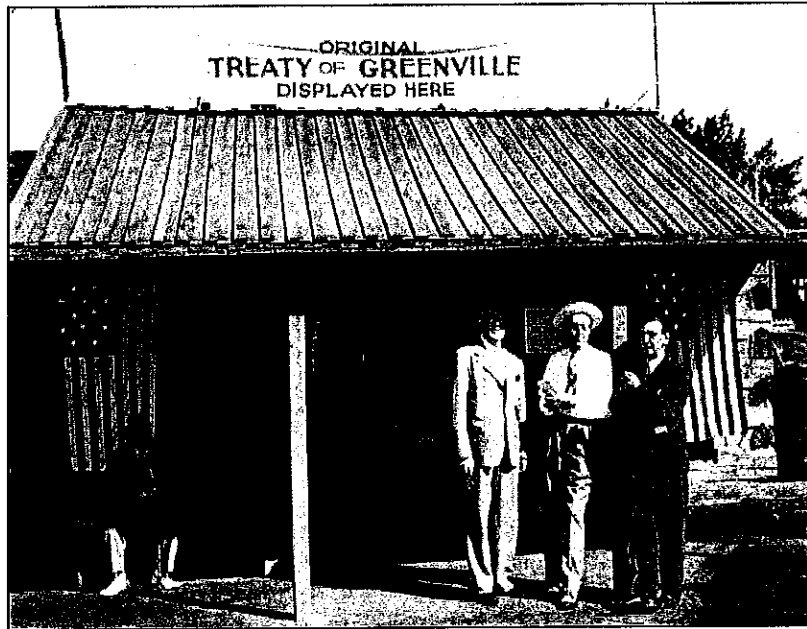


## OHIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY SELECTIONS

According to the Ohio Historical Society, *Heritage Pursuit*, and Wikipedia, Greenville is a city in Darke County, Ohio, United States. The population was 13,294 at the 2000 census. It is the county seat of Darke County. Greenville is the historic location of Fort Greene Ville, a pioneer fort built under General Anthony Wayne's command, at over 55 acres (220,000 m<sup>2</sup>) this was the largest wooden fortification ever built. It was here that the Treaty of Greenville was signed on August 3rd, 1795, bringing peace to the area and opening up the Northwest Territory for settlement. Fort Greene Ville was named for Wayne's fellow General Nathanael Greene.

Greenville has a history museum, the Garst Museum, which features the largest known collections of memorabilia of Annie Oakley and Lowell Thomas, both of whom were born nearby. It also holds historic artifacts relating to Anthony Wayne and the Treaty of Greenville as well as Native American artifacts. The museum also includes a village of shops, a wing of early American furnishings, pioneer life, and military uniforms; an early Indianapolis 500 race car built

in Greenville; and an extensive genealogy room for research. Also located in Greenville is St. Clair Memorial Hall, the center for the arts in Darke County. This fine piece of architecture, built in 1910, has been completely remodeled and is a showpiece for all of Darke County. This photograph depicts part of the celebration in honour of the 150th Anniversary of the Treaty of Greenville in August 1945. It shows the celebration headquarters.



By the Greenville treaty, ratified August 3rd, 1795, the United States acquired from the Indians about two-thirds of the present territory of Ohio. The boundary line began at the mouth of the Cuyahoga River; thence up that stream to the portage leading to the Tuscarawas River; thence along the portage and down the Tuscarawas to the forks (the town of Bolivar); thence in a southwesterly direction to Loramie's store, on the Great Miami River (in Shelby County); thence to Fort Recovery (in Mercer County); thence southwest to the Ohio, opposite the mouth of the Kentucky River. All of the lands east and south of this line were ceded by the Indians to the Government. The previous treaties of Fort McIntosh, in 1785, Fort Finney, in 1786, and Fort Harmar, in 1789, had a similar object in view, but failed in accomplishing a peace of sufficient permanence for the whites to obtain possession of the coveted territory. The Indians also ceded to the Government, by the treaty of Greenville, several tracts within the territory still retained by them, for the establishment of trading posts or settlements. Those in Ohio were located at or near Loramie's store, and on the St. Mary's, Auglaize, Maumee and Sandusky Rivers, and Sandusky Bay. The tribes likewise guaranteed to the people of the United States free passage by land and water between said posts. By a treaty made at Fort Industry (Toledo), July 4, 1805, all of the Western Reserve west of the Cuyahoga River was secured. In November, 1807, the lands north of the Maumee were purchased by treaty at Detroit, Michigan, from the Ottawas, Wyandots, Pottawatomies and Chippewas; and in November, 1808, the same tribes, with the Shawnees, by a treaty at Brownstown, Michigan, granted a tract two miles wide for a road through the Black Swamp, from the Maumee Rapids to the east line of the Western Reserve. On the 29th of September, 1817, a treaty was made at the foot of the Maumee Rapids, with the Wyandots, Ottawas, Shawnees, Delawares, Senecas, Pottawatomies and Chippewas, and all of the lands in this State then remaining in possession of the Indians were ceded to the United States.

## Courtesy of the South Wellington Coin Society



### Report from Daytona Beach, Florida.

Since I am going to be spending some time in the Sunshine State I decided to check out the local coin club. I drove out to Holly Hill, about 15 minutes from where I am staying in Daytona Shores, to a hall used by the Daytona Beach Coin Club. The DBCC meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30Pm. The club was established in 1972 and has enjoyed a long and vibrant existence. Upon arriving at 6:30 I was met in the parking lot by Paul Knudson who had just arrived himself. Paul is the owner of Paul's Coins located nearby and was a very fortunate person for me to meet initially. Paul walked me into the club meeting room and announced my arrival. There was already about 20 people present. I noticed a gentleman sitting by himself and so I sat beside him and introduced myself. Well, under the heading of it's a small world the gentleman's name is Frank Winters and he lives just outside of Woodstock, Ontario. This was Franks first meeting as well. It turns out along with the thirty to forty regular members who live locally there are several who winter in Florida that join the club even though they only attend meetings in the first 3 months.

The President opened the meeting at 7:30 and the club business was taken care of in the first 10 minutes. Members then spoke of their visit to the FUN show and some displayed their finds in a 'show and tell' format. Then we broke for refreshments (fresh baked brownies) for 10 minutes and to visit with the 2 dealers that had set up at the back of the meeting room. After this the President proceeded with a member's attendance draw, a raffle for about 10 numismatic items (tickets had sold before the meeting began) and a small charity auction for the club treasury. During most of the meeting there was a lot of participation by the members and lots of discussion. All in all it was a thoroughly enjoyable evening. Needless to say I joined the DBCC and look forward to attending February's meeting as a member instead of as a guest.

Scott E. Douglas

## Courtesy of the North York Coin Club

### MINT SALE FACES OPPOSITION

by Mia Rabson, Winnipeg Free Press

#### *Crown corporation currently being reviewed for relevance*

The Royal Canadian Mint is among the government's best options for privatization, economists and business experts suggest, but the Conservatives could be in for a wild political ride if the money-making Crown corporation ends up with a for sale sign on its lawn.

The Mint, which employs more than 300 people at its Winnipeg manufacturing plant, is among the Crown enterprises currently being reviewed for its relevance as a government-owned company. The review comes as Finance Minister Jim Flaherty is hoping to glean up to \$4 billion from the sale of government assets or spending cuts this year to keep the budget deficit at \$34 billion.

Mike Streshaw, Flaherty's director of communications, said the Mint is not being specifically targeted but over the next year finance officials will look at it to determine how relevant it is to the core things the government can and should be doing, and whether or not there are any changes that should be made to its structure or ownership to improve its value to taxpayers.

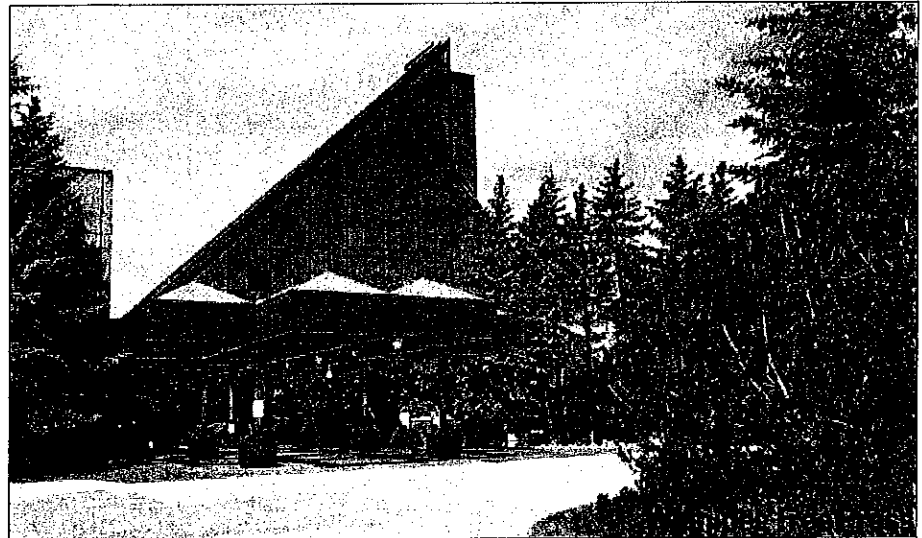
"The government will only proceed with transactions that realize fair value for taxpayers and make economic sense," said Streshaw.

On the list for review this year are any enterprise Crown corporation within the departments of finance, Indian Affairs, transport and natural resources, such as Canada Post, VIA Rail and the Canadian Air Transport Security Authority.

The Mint falls within the department of transport and Don Drummond, chief economist of TD Bank Financial Group, said the Mint would be a leading candidate for privatization.

"The Royal Canadian Mint, absolutely, could be privatized," said Drummond. "In fact, much of what the Mint does right now is printing money for other countries, which has nothing really to do with Canada. But it makes money, so why not?"

The Mint, which has plants in Winnipeg and Ottawa, had a net profit of more than \$21 million in 2007 and paid more than \$9 million in income taxes. In addition to Minting almost two billion coins for Canada in 2007, it produced more than two billion coins and blanks for 12 countries around the globe including New Zealand, Ghana and Papua New Guinea, all at its Winnipeg plant.



The Ottawa offices house the headquarters and Mint commemorative coins and medals.

Ken Wong, a business professor at Queen's University, said privatizing an enterprise like the Mint could actually allow it to expand the memorabilia side of the business.

"As a government agency they are just charged with making currency," said Wong. "If you're going to be in memorabilia why just dip your toe in when you can immerse your whole body."

Wong said the bottom line for determining privatization should be whether or not Canadians are better off owning the asset or not. Among the factors to go into the decision would be the cost to the government of running the enterprise including the added bureaucracy and hassle to a minister, the price the government could get from the sale of the asset and the long-term impact of losing the asset as a source of annual revenue, versus the increase in taxes that would be paid if the company expands once it is privatized.

Wong noted government-owned assets are not solely focused on the business case when making decisions and are also driven by political and national interests which can mean they are less efficient.

If the government were to proceed with selling the Mint, it would not happen without a fight. Liberal MP Anita Neville said she fears for the jobs in Winnipeg and said the government would have to have a very good reason for touching the Mint.

"It definitely concerns me," she said. NDP MP Pat Martin said it was a "national

insult" to even consider selling off a heritage corporation like the Mint.

Patty Ducharme, the executive vice president for PSAC, said the union will fight against privatization tooth and nail.

The Winnipeg plant of the Royal Canadian Mint focuses on the manufacturing of coins for Canada and foreign countries. The Ottawa plant produces commemorative coins and medals and has a gold and silver refinery.

#### **Fast Facts on the Royal Canadian Mint in Winnipeg**

- Established in 1976
- Number of employees: 316
- 2007 by the numbers:
  - \* 1.9 billion—number of Canadian coins produced at the Mint in Winnipeg
  - \* 2.2 billion—number of foreign currency coins produced at the Mint in Winnipeg
  - \* \$289.3 million—revenue to RCM from Winnipeg plant production of Canadian and foreign coins
- Canadian coins produced in 2007:
  - \* 947.9 million pennies
  - \* 221.4 million nickels
  - \* 04.1 million dimes
  - \* 386.8 million quarters
  - \* 38.1 million loonies
  - \* 38.9 million toonies

# Courtesy of the North York Coin Club

## BERMUDA'S NEW 'SIDEWAYS' CURRENCY IS A REAL HEAD TURNER

BY TOM VESEY, BERMUDA SUN COLUMNIST

*This fun article could have been written on April Fools Day, but it does report on a new banknote series from Bermuda*

The following is the latest monthly report to the Bermuda Monetary Authority (BMA) by the Senior Public Officer Of Funds (SPOOF).

I want to congratulate everybody involved in introducing Bermuda's new banknotes on their brilliant achievement in the face of huge challenges. More than half the money in circulation now is the new colourful banknotes. The new notes are so widespread now that several doctors have reported seeing patients with repetitive neck injuries from counting money with the new "sideways" printing.

The Chief Medical Officer issued a bulletin this week advising the general public, especially those like bank tellers and cashiers who handle large amounts of cash, to hold the money at right angles to the way old money was held.

Many large retailers and banks have ordered money cash drawers and cash registers with the slots facing in a new direction, while new ATMs are being installed that dispense banknotes narrow-end first.

For those depositing money in ATMs, banks have ordered a new supply of envelopes that measure 10x5 inches, instead of the 5x10 inches formerly used. Traditional cheques will fit in the new envelopes if they are inserted end-first.

To speed the transition to the new bank notes, SPOOF has been encouraging the public to spend their existing money as fast as possible, so that it can be replaced by the

new banknotes. Because overall spending is down in these troubled economic times, this process has been slower than expected. Our officers are now removing old bank notes from individual savings and chequing accounts and replacing them with the new sideways money. As a result, many Bermudians using ATM machines are receiving new banknotes from their accounts, even if they haven't spent all their old money or earned any new money. It is worth mentioning how important ATM machines were in the process of bringing the new notes to Bermuda. Original plans called for newly printed banknotes to be shipped to Bermuda in locked cases, but that presented unacceptable security risks.

Fortunately, in this era of electronic money transfers, the BMA was able to have the new money sent to Bermuda over the Internet. Because the BMA does not have its own ATMs, the newly transferred money was, by special arrangement, collected by BMA employees from Bank of Bermuda and Bank of Butterfield ATMs.

SPOOF would like to thank Lindo's Family Foods and the MarketPlace stores for allowing us to use their store-based ATMs and parking lots, after hours. The new banknotes were then driven back to the BMA headquarters where the BMA chairman and directors began the time-consuming process of putting their signatures on each note.

### WIDESPREAD PRAISE

The new banknotes have received widespread approval from the Bermuda public and from numismatists around the world. The latest issue of the prestigious journal Notable Notes described the Bermuda

money as "a refreshing new take on lateral printing. "It is reminiscent of Mongolia's 20 and 50 mongo notes, with the insistent modernity of Israel's new 100 shekel. But the Israeli money is printed laterally on only one side; Bermuda has shown the world she is willing to go all the way!"

The rival New Note News draws comparisons with the Colombian 50,000 peso note, the new Venezuela bolivar fuerte, and the half-sideways Brazilian real. "No currency we know of, anywhere in the world, combines so many images on a single banknote," New Note News proclaims.

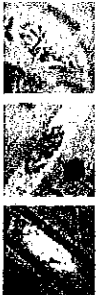
"The \$10 note alone bears images of butterflies, turtles, leaping fish, angel fish, a parrot fish, and several other kinds of fish, a sea horse, a sea anemone, coral, the sun or moon rising over the horizon and puffy clouds, several maps of the island, the Commissioner's House, the Deliverance, a cannon, an anchor, some onions, several scuba divers and a picture of the Queen of England, not to mention a sailboat and hibiscus flower watermarks. "If you can't find what you want here, you can look through the transparent oval in the middle of the banknote and see anything you happen to be facing. "Bermuda is clearly in the business of self-promotion. Its Premier has proclaimed this the island's 'Platinum Period' for tourism, but by the looks of its banknotes, Bermuda tourism is very much in its \$10 Period."

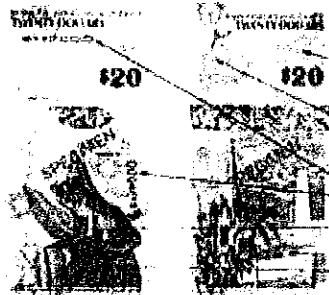
This lavish description puts into perspective minor local grumbling over the use of the wrong species of tree frog on the \$20 bill, and the wrong species of longtail on the \$50 bill. Given the total number of images, these two small errors are trivial.

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**See-Through**

New Bermuda Notes have a unique feature called **OPTIKS** in the form of an oval on the front and slip on the back which look metallic in reflected (day) light but which form a transparent oval with a map of Bermuda repeated inside when held up to the light.





**Se-Cure**

Additional security features are as follows:

- Watermark and Holograms (When the note is held up to the light a hibiscus flower and a fish are visible)
- See-through features (transparent images of structures visible from each denomination will appear when the note is held up to the light)
- Serial numbers increasing in size
- Micro-text panels on the \$20, \$50 and \$100 denominations
- Lateral images of the image and an edge of the denomination numeral will appear

## Courtesy of the North York Coin Club

### THE BERMUDA MONETARY AUTHORITY PRESENTS THEIR "NOTES OF DISTINCTION"

**Sea View** - All notes incorporate themes and scenes of maritime Bermuda and are in distinctive bright colours found in Bermuda.



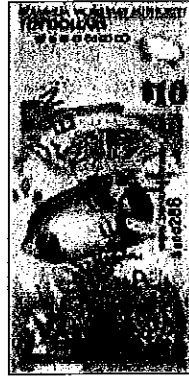
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Front: Bluebird  
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Neptune  
Colour: Blue



**Five Dollars**

Front: Blue Marlin  
Back: Horseshoe Bay  
Beach and Somerset  
Bridge  
Colour: Pink



**Ten Dollars**

Front: Blue Angel Fish  
Back: Deliverance and  
Commissioner's  
House  
Colour: Purple



**Twenty Dollars**

Front: Whistling Frog  
Back: Gibbs Hill  
Lighthouse and St.  
Mark's Church  
Colour: Green



**Fifty Dollars**

Front: Longtail  
Back: St. Peter's  
Church  
Colour: Yellow



**One Hundred Dollars**

Front: Red Cardinal  
Back: House of  
Assembly  
Colour: Red



*The Bermuda Monetary Authority announced its new Banknote Series representing the first major redesign of the note series since the Bermuda Dollar was first issued in 1970. The new modern design includes Bermuda flora, fauna and scenery. The notes incorporate the very latest in banknote security features that will provide Bermuda currency with the highest level of protection.*

Complaints over the small size of the Queen's head, meanwhile, have quickly been turned to a useful social purpose. Supporters of the Queen are making their views known by deliberately handing over their money with the Queen's image prominently pointed towards the receiver. Advocates of independence, on the other hand, are using the exchange of banknotes like a secret fraternity handshake, discretely covering the Queen's image with their thumbs whenever money changes hands.

SPOOF is pleased to report, in conclusion, that our new banknotes are not merely a new form of money, but a new instrument for marketing tourism, and a new form of political and social exchange. We have already begun work on designing new Bermuda coins to accompany these banknotes. These too will be minted with a "sideways" design. The Queen's profile, and all other images and inscriptions, will be removed from the face of the coin and engraved, instead, along its rim. Users will

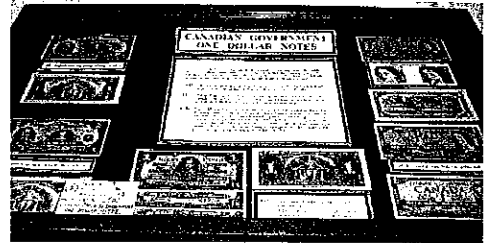
no longer have to lay a coin flat on their palms to determine its denomination but can simply glance along its edge.

Minor differences between species of longtails or other animals will not be noticeable, while the image of the Queen will be so small that no change will be needed if Prince Charles ascends to the throne, or even if Bermuda becomes an independent country.

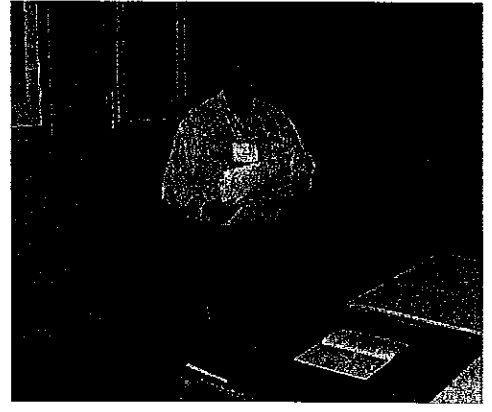
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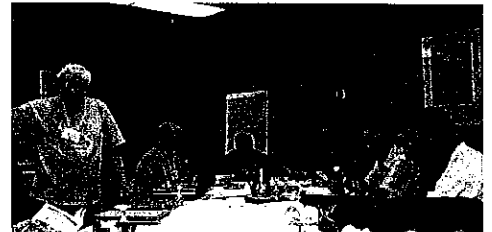
(From left) Tom Rogers, Bill English and Dave Marcella cut the 50th Anniversary cake.



One of the many exhibits.



Tips on exhibiting seminar with Paul Johnson.



C.A.W.M.C. meeting.



The very busy bourse floor.



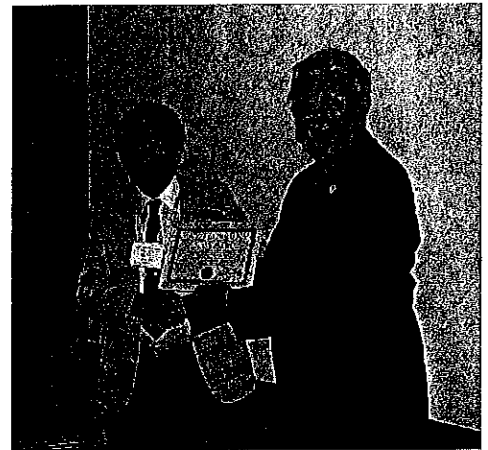
More highlights from the bourse floor.



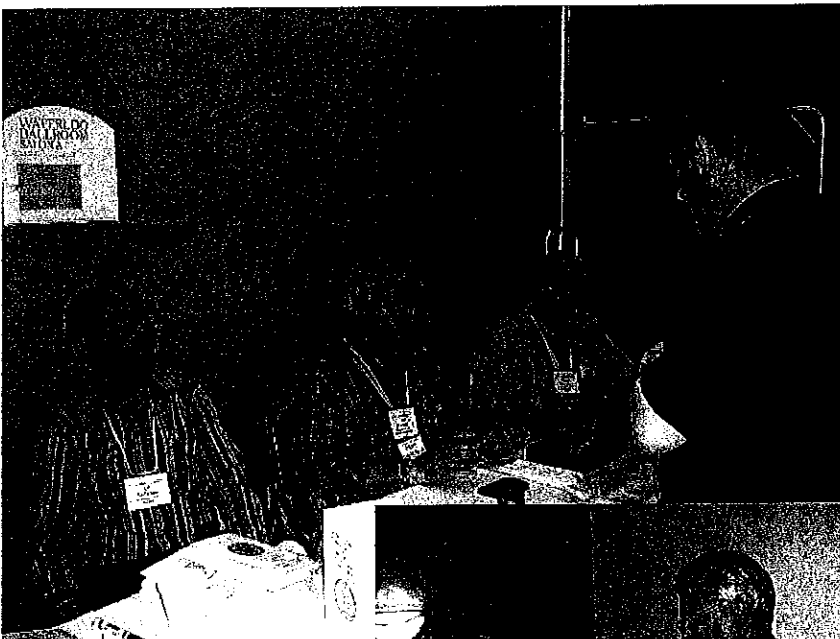
## More photos from the 2009 ONA Convention



(From left) Robb McPherson (1st VP), Tom Rogers (Past President) and Paul Petch (President) at the Annual General Meeting.



Fellow of the O.N.A. Frank Smith

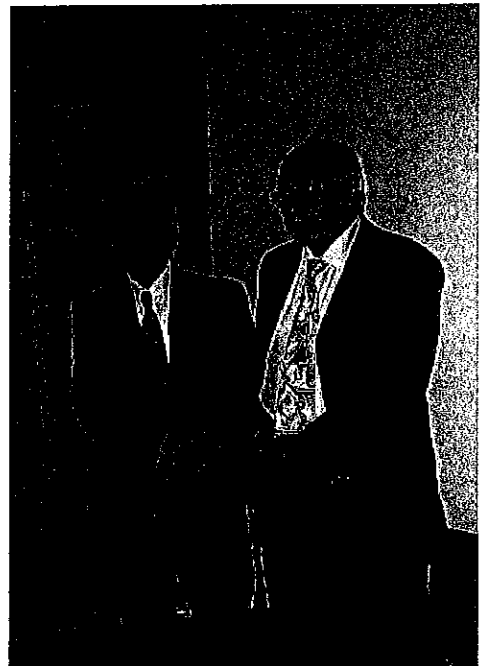


(Above) The registration table

(Right) The Award of Merit went to Fred Freeman.



Fellow of the O.N.A. Peter Becker



President's Award Bill English