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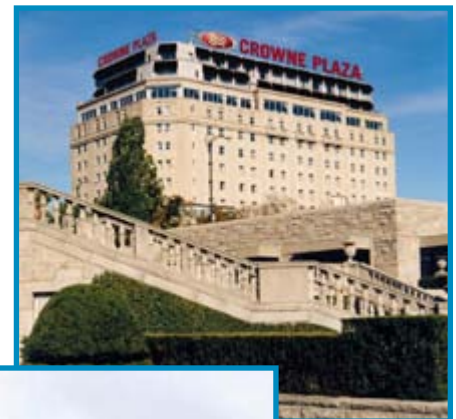
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## President's Message



Another summer has passed, although it still feels like summer outside. The coin show season is in full swing now with shows almost every weekend. The Paris show started things off in early August with the RCNA convention following closely afterwards. I hope many ONA members were able to take in the RCNA show with it being in the southern Ontario area. I was able to attend myself this year and with the “*Hands across the Border*” theme, there was actually presidents of three major organizations all at one show with Bret Evans(RCNA), Walter Ostromecki (ANA) and myself all in attendance. Next year the RCNA heads out to the East Coast to Halifax, so get ready to make your plans for an East coast trip next summer.

After the winter you will want to get out and attend the ONA convention at the Crowne Plaza Niagara Falls-Fallsview, 5685 Falls Avenue, Niagara Falls, ON L2E 6W7. The dates are Friday April 17 through Sunday April 19.



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Life Membership†	- \$ 750.00	\$ 450.00

† Life membership is applicable after one year of regular membership

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More information will follow throughout the fall months. It will make a great vacation to enjoy with your family with the Crowne Plaza hotel hosting our event. They have a huge water park as part of their complex along with the Rainforest Café and the Hershey store, so start making your plans this fall to attend with the family in the Spring of 2015.



The fall is also the time for turning our thoughts to paying up club and individual membership dues for our organization, and any of the others that you may belong to. Be sure to remember to help out your home club by advising us when you do your own membership renewal. This will benefit your club by reducing your club's cost of O.N.A. membership. We have been promoting this for a few months and I am pleased to hear from David Bawcutt that \$91 in savings will be passed out to the clubs.

Finally, I draw your attention to the need for a new Editor for the Ontario Numismatist. Paul Petch is resigning the position at the end of this year and I would be pleased to hear from anyone interested in picking up the responsibilities that go with the job. Paul tells me that after being with the O.N.A. executive in one form or another for over 15 years he is looking for a little more personal free time to devote to his interests in the hobby. He will be continuing as our Insurance Chairman and you can read about that in the Insurance Insights column.

Numismatically yours,

*Robb McPherson*

**ONA President [robb4640@sympatico.ca; 519-577-7206]**



# MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



## Membership Report

The following applications have been received and now are members of the Ontario Numismatic Association. There is a period of two months for written objections of a new member to be submitted to the Membership Chairman.

*No new members to report.*

The 2015 O.N.A. membership starts after September 1, 2014. New members joining after September 1, 2014 will pay the 2015 dues and this will include the balance of 2014. I will start sending out renewal forms for 2015 in early November and they are due January 1, 2015. The renewal

form will come to you by mail or e mail which is the same as last year. The mailed membership rates will go up by \$5.00 for the 2015 membership year due to the increase in mailing cost and the digital rates will remain the same as 2014. You can mail in a cheque with your form to our P.O. Box or pay on our website using PayPal. The Home Club \$1.00 rebate will continue for 2015 and the rebate will apply to the 2016 Club membership.

If you have any questions on your membership please contact me by e-mail or the O.N.A. P.O. Box.

*David Bawcutt*

*(membership@the-ona.ca)*

Membership Chairman, O.N.A.

*August 29, 2014*

## FROM THE EDITOR



So, that was summer, was it? Gone in a flash, I thought. Perhaps part of the reason it seemed so short to me had to do with how busy I was, personally working on the 2014 R.C.N.A. Convention. That work seems to have paid off, however, based on the many positive comments in regard to the convention that I have received.

Thank you to the many people that expressed their congratulations and appreciation to me.

The Convention finished up just in time for me to celebrate another birthday, and may I say in a most relaxed manner. It was also a time for reflection on how little free time I seem to have, and a little thinking showed me why: across all my activities I am involved with too many different volunteer projects. I think the time has come to start cutting back on some of my volunteer work and instead to start digging into the piles of personal interests that I keep putting off until "someday."

I have worked closely with the O.N.A. for the past fifteen years. Some of my time was as an Area Director, Vice President, President, O.N.A. Insurance Chairman and now as Ontario Numismatic Editor. I have decided to let go of the Editor job at the end of this calendar year,

but will continue to serve as the Insurance Chairman, for a while longer anyway. My time as Editor has been aided immeasurably by Henry Nienhuis who lightened my load considerably by doing the page layout. My appreciation and thanks go to Henry for this work and his support.

In this issue we have a nice selection of articles reprinted from recent club newsletters and an original article from Jeff Fournier who keeps us up to date on Sudbury numismatics. As John Regitko observes in his Club News column, with so many clubs taking a break in the summer there is a bit less to choose from than usual. There is, nevertheless, worthwhile content from the London Numismatic Society, South Wellington Coin Society, Waterloo Coin Society and the North York Coin Club, among others.

And now, all that remains to be said is that we have had a good time putting this issue of the Ontario Numismatic together, and we hope you enjoy it too!

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*Paul R. Petch, 128 Silverstone Drive, Toronto ON M9V 3G7*

**We can only pass along to the members  
what you pass along to us!**

# INSURANCE INSIGHTS

The coming of fall and the cooler temperatures puts us in mind of the fact that another calendar year is starting to wind down. It is once again time to turn our attention to the O.N.A. insurance program and the renewal of club memberships.

As I like to observe, when it comes to insurance a motto of “*Stronger Together*” applies equally as well as the O.N.A. official motto “*As It Grows It Gathers Strength.*” It is through our co-operative effort that the O.N.A. and its member clubs enjoy a high level of custom service through Hugh Wood, our insurance broker, and also have access to the best possible liability insurance rates for everyone.

I can report that I have requested an updated quote on our rates for November 1, 2014 through October 31, 2015 from Hugh Wood. This quote has not come in as yet, but once it does insurance rates for the next year will be established. This year some clubs will enjoy a discount on the club membership based on the number of O.N.A. members who reported it as their home club.

A mailing will go out shortly to each club invoicing for membership renewal and, optionally, liability insurance. This mailing will also include an information profile data sheet showing all the details I have on record concerning contact information and insurance details for your club. This whole process must be complete before the next issue of the Ontario Numismatist appears, since insurance certificates must be in the hands of the clubs by November 1.

I once again remind you that you should not consider your club’s insurance renewal to be an automatic process. This is because, in addition to the insurance being on the club, it may also be necessary for the

insurance to be on the location the club is meeting or holding a coin show. This extended insurance is free during this renewal time and is accomplished through the issuance of an Additional Insured certificate.

We recently have been able to avoid the close calls we experienced in prior years. Some club events almost had to be cancelled because there was no Additional Insured certificate, or the certificate that was on hand was no longer acceptable at the event location. We have had the management of malls, meeting halls, etc. change, with the new management being real sticklers that their legal name and address must appear on the insurance form. We have even had the planned showplace being sold to a new owner, so the Additional Insured certificate that was perfectly fine last year became unacceptable this year.

Fortunately, our insurance agent has been very responsive and all emergencies have been dealt with quickly and efficiently, reflective of the fine level of service that the O.N.A. has enjoyed over the years. However, it is the purpose of this reminder to prompt all those serving their clubs to be aware of this situation and to prepare for it by checking with the location where you hold your meeting or show. Show your current certificate to management and assure yourself that everything is in order.

With close to 40 clubs to take care of, this is a busy time for me; but let me assure you that with each club’s co-operation we will have all the work done in sufficient time that your 2014–2015 season of events can go ahead without a hitch.

*Paul Petch*

O.N.A. Insurance Chairman

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# LNS POWERPOINT AND ONTARIO NUMISMATIST DVDs



Len Trakalo

Through the hard work of the London Numismatist Society, in an effort to contribute to the education of O.N.A. members and to the hobby in general, a 2014 edition DVD has been produced. It contains about 70 PowerPoint presentations, with an accompanying text file to explain each segment. This should provide an O.N.A. club with roughly 6 years of programs if everything is viewed. There are presentations that cover almost every aspect of the numismatic hobby. The best way to show them is with a laptop connected to a digital projector, with the text printed out previously, to be read out loud as the presentation is shown. There is also a booklet that lists the presentations included.

The entire archive of the Ontario Numismatist is available on our website at [www.the-ona.ca](http://www.the-ona.ca) for members only, but a separate DVD is available for anyone to use that contains PDF copies from 1960 to 2010. The hope is that a non-member would want to join the O.N.A. for access to everything.

Both DVDs are available as a set. The only condition is that they can only be used in a not-for-profit situation and never sold.

**O.N.A. Area Directors** — Every Ontario Director should already have a set and the booklet was sent out in a digital format. If there is a Director who does not have a copy of either DVD, please contact Len by e-mail.

**O.N.A. Clubs** — If you wish to have the 2014 LNS or Ontario Numismatist DVD or both, please contact your Area Director to obtain a copy. The easiest way is to just copy the information onto a USB drive.

All out of province O.N.A. clubs should have already received a set but if you were somehow overlooked, please contact Len. A set will be mailed to you free of charge.

**O.N.A. Members** — You are also entitled to an Ontario Numismatist archive DVD if desired. Just contact your Area Director to arrange for a copy to be made. If you wish the DVD by mail, there will be a \$5 charge, payable by PayPal to [treasurer@the-ona.ca](mailto:treasurer@the-ona.ca) for delivery in Canada, to cover production and mailing. Please include all needed details. A DVD will be mailed to you shortly. If there is a topic not yet covered that you think would be of interest to the hobby, please send the details to Len and they will be forwarded to the LNS for consideration. If there is a topic not yet covered that you think would be of interest to the hobby, please send the details to Len and they will be forwarded to the LNS for consideration.

A separate PowerPoint DVD is also slowly being assembled from various presentations sent in by individuals to Len. Anything closely numismatic in nature will likely be accepted. You will be given credit in the index for your work, with the understanding that it will be shared with the numismatic community.

For further information on the DVDs contact Len Trakalo at [ltrakalo@rogers.com](mailto:ltrakalo@rogers.com).

## IN SEARCH OF AN EDITOR



**The Ontario Numismatic Association is now looking for an editor for our official publication, *The Ontario Numismatist*, issued 6 times/year.**

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## **SEPT. 19 - 20, Ottawa, ON**

**The Ontario (OTTAWA) Coin & Banknote Show**, National Arts Centre, 53 Elgin St. Hours: Fri. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. A three-day online auction will be conducted by Signature Select Auctions Sept. 18-20. Auction viewing is Thurs. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Fri. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults, under 16 free. High-quality dealers from across Canada. For more information visit the website: [www.signatureselectauctions.com](http://www.signatureselectauctions.com).

## **SEPT. 21, London, ON**

**London Coin Show**, The Ramada Inn, 817 Exeter Rd. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Displays and dealers for coins, medals, notes, and tokens. Sponsor/Affiliate: London Numismatic Society. For more information, call 519-472-9679.

## **SEPT. 27, Guelph, ON**

**Guelph Fall Show**, Colonel John McCrae Legion, 57 Watson Parkway South. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission \$3, under 16 free, legendary lunch counter, free draw for gold coin; coins, banknotes, tokens, Canadian Tire money, medals, books and supplies at more than 30 dealer tables. Club-sponsored Kid's Table for under 14; buy, sell, trade or evaluate. Free level parking, fully accessible. Sponsor/Affiliate: South Wellington Coin Society. For more information, contact Mike Hollingshead, telephone 519-823-2646, email [cholling@uoguelph.ca](mailto:cholling@uoguelph.ca).

## **OCT. 3 - 4, Toronto, ON**

**TORONTO COIN EXPO** - Canada's Premier Coin & Banknote Show, Toronto Reference Library, 789 Yonge St., 2nd Floor. Hours: Fri. and Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission \$6, under 16 free. This is a great venue in Canada to Buy - Sell - Trade. Appraisals with internationally renowned dealers in coins, banknotes, tokens, medals, militaria, gold, silver and jewelry. Geoffrey Bell Auctions; auction Oct 2-3. For more information contact Jared Stapleton, email [torontocoinexpo@gmail.com](mailto:torontocoinexpo@gmail.com), telephone 1-647-403-7334. Website: [www.torontocoinexpo.ca](http://www.torontocoinexpo.ca).

## **OCT. 5, Windsor, ON**

**11<sup>th</sup> Annual Essex County Coin Show and Sale**, Riverside Sportsman Club, 10835 Riverside Dr. E. Hours: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. New location, featuring more than 20 tables, U.S., Canada, world, coins, paper money, merchant tokens, military, jewelry, RCM products, and supplies. Admission with voluntary donation to the Canadian Diabetes Association. Free coin to all children 12 and younger. Sponsor/Affiliate: Essex County Coin Club. For more information contact club president Dan Jones, telephone 519-819-1805.

## **OCT. 18, Oshawa, ON**

**COIN-A-RAMA**, Five Points Mall, 285 Taunton Rd E. at Ritson. Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free dealer and membership draws and new hourly public draws, free admission, featuring paper, coins, tokens, medals and many other items. Sponsor/Affiliate: Oshawa & District Coin Club. For more information contact Sharon, telephone 905-728-1352, email [papman@bell.net](mailto:papman@bell.net).

## **OCT. 19, Stratford, ON**

**Stratford Coin Show**, Festival Inn, 1144 Ontario St. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission \$2, under 16, free banknotes, tokens, coins, books and supplies. Sponsor/Affiliate: Stratford Coin Club. For more information contact Larry Walker, telephone 519-271-3352, email [lswalker@cyg.net](mailto:lswalker@cyg.net).

## **OCT. 25 - 26, Toronto, ON**

**Torex** - Canada's National Coin Show, Hyatt Regency Toronto On King, 370 King St. W. Hours: Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Canada's Finest Dealers in Canadian, ancient, and foreign coins, paper money, hobby supplies and reference books; admission \$7, under 16 free; official auctioneer: The Canadian Numismatic Company. For more information telephone 416-705-5348. Website: [www.torex.net](http://www.torex.net).

## **OCT. 25, North Bay, ON**

**Coin and Stamp Show**, Voyager Inn, 123 Delaware Ave. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission and parking, youth table, exhibits, display. Sponsor/Affiliate: North Bay & District Stamp Club. For more information contact John Burns, email [jlburns65@ontera.net](mailto:jlburns65@ontera.net), telephone 705-490-0042.

## **NOV. 1, Scarborough, ON**

**Scarborough Coin Club 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Coin Show**, Cedarbrook Community Centre, 91 Eastpark Blvd. Hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free admission and parking, draws, refreshments are available. The show is at the same location as our monthly meetings. Sponsor/Affiliate: Scarborough Coin Club. For more information contact Dick Dunn, email [cpms@idirect.com](mailto:cpms@idirect.com), mail P.O. Box 562, Pickering, ON L1V 2R7.

## **NOV. 9, Windsor, ON**

**Windsor Coin Club 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Coin Show**, Caboto Club, 2175 Parent Ave. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thirty-nine tables, admission \$1, juniors under 12 free. Parking is free. Sponsor/Affiliate: Windsor Coin Club. For more information contact Margaret Clarke at 519-735-0727, email [wccoinshow@gmail.com](mailto:wccoinshow@gmail.com). Website: [windsorcoinclub.com](http://windsorcoinclub.com).

## **NOV. 15, Niagara Falls, ON**

**Niagara falls Coin Club Coin Show**, Our Lady of Peace Hall, 6944 Stanley Ave. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission \$2, free parking. Sponsor/Affiliate: Niagara Falls Coin Club. For more information contact Todd Hume, telephone 905-871-2451.

## **DEC. 7, Brampton, ON**

**Brampton Coin Show**, Century Gardens Recreation Centre, 340 Vodden St. E. Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission: \$3, under 14 free. Free parking. Coins, medals, tokens, paper money, trade dollars, supplies, militaria. Buy, sell, trade and appraise. Children's table. Funds raised for children's charities. Sponsor/Affiliate: The Brampton Rotary Club and B&W Coins & Tokens. For more information contact B&W Coins & Tokens, telephone 905-450-2870.

## **FEB. 21, 2015, Oshawa, ON**

**COIN-A-RAMA**, Five Points Mall, 285 Taunton Rd E. at Ritson. Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free dealer and membership draws and NEW hourly public draws + free admission and parking. Featuring paper, coins, tokens, medals trade dollars books and supplies and many more other items. Sponsor/Affiliate: Oshawa & District Coin club. For more information contact Sharon, telephone 905-728-1352, email [papman@bell.net](mailto:papman@bell.net).



# CHECK IT OUT!

## INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR O.N.A. LIBRARY



### What's new at your O.N.A. Library

***The Big Nickel: The Untold Story*** by Jim Szilva and Ted Szilva. Thanks to the generosity of the author, this newly-released book is now available for loan through the O.N.A. Library, “*straight from the man who started it all.*”

The book contains 250 - pages, with colour and black and white illustrations, autographed by the author.

The Big Nickel monument celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Read the story of “*one of Canada's most recognizable landmarks.*”

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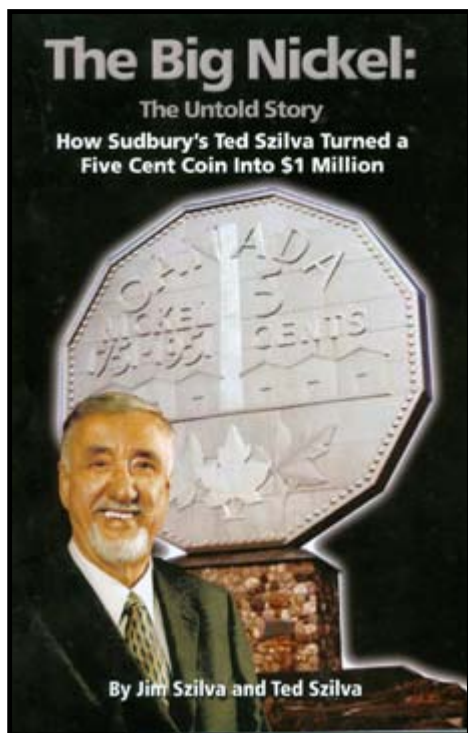
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## Book Review:

### New Book Tells the “Untold Story” of Sudbury’s Big Nickel

By Jeff Fournier

The Big Nickel — a giant 30

foot replica of the Canadian 1951 commemorative 5-cent piece, towers over the City of Greater Sudbury from its home at Dynamic Earth. It is truly a sight to behold.

The iconic giant recently turned 50 and as part of the celebrations, Ted Szilva — the creator of the Big Nickel, has released a book — “*The Big Nickel: The Untold Story*”. It is a complete account of his dream and the obstacles he overcame to create the Big Nickel and the world's first and only numismatic park. It is a story that — like the Big Nickel itself — is larger than life.

The book covers the conception, construction and operation of The Big Nickel in the world's first Numismatic Park.

Ted's son, Jim, co-authored the book, which was released in Sudbury on June 26 at an impressive book launch held at Dynamic Earth's Atlas Copco Theatre.

The first part of the book covers Ted's life as he grows up in Sudbury during the 1930s and 1940s.

Following Ted's stories from his choice of careers, his marriage to wife Betty and the birth of their five children, the book moves on to discuss the obstacles Ted had to overcome to finally get the Big Nickel project off the ground until the eventual sale of the Big Nickel in the early 80s.

Ted takes over at this point after the story of the opening of the Big Nickel on July 22, 1964. The story becomes very personal as Ted talks about the many individuals who worked with and inspired him and of the many projects and community organizations that Ted initiated and worked on throughout the years.

The book contains dozens of photos of Ted's family and friends and offers a pictorial timeline of the construction and operation of the Canadian Centennial Numismatic Park — home of the Big Nickel.

## Medallions Help Fund Park

One of the more fascinating stories in the book takes place shortly after Ted had signed the papers for the 17 acres of land where he would build his park. He met up with a travelling salesman named Rod Smith who was a shoe salesman who also represented the Wellings Manufacturing Company in Toronto. The company had begun making a name for itself by designing and producing commemorative medallions which they sold to collectors who had caught the coin collecting bug (which was quite the contagion in the 1960s!)

Rod agreed to pay for the dies to be used for a medal that would commemorate what was soon to be the Canadian Centennial Numismatic Park. He even agreed to advance Ted the money for the first 500 medallions.

Ted set up the Nickel Monument Development Corporation so that he could begin selling the medallions. The first 500 medallions that had been financed by Smith were easily pre-sold. Szilva ordered another 1000. These were displayed at a local store and sold out within an hour.

As a result of publicity from numerous coin publications, orders poured in from around the world and thousands of dollars in revenue from the medallion sales were generated.



Jim, Betty and Ted Szilva in front of the world famous icon.



*“As Smith had predicted, (the medallion sales were) very profitable. The medallions cost 35 cents to produce and they sold for \$1.25. Ted then realized why Smith was more than happy to front the money for the dies.”*

Anyone interested in reading a unique part of Canada’s history, or who is interested in learning more about the Canadian Centennial Numismatic Park and the world famous Big Nickel, should definitely pick up this book – it is a fascinating read.

Books may be purchased in Sudbury at Science North, Dynamic Earth (home of the Big Nickel) or at A&J Home Hardware on Bouchard Street. Copies may also be purchased on-line through the website which contains more history, photos and newspaper clippings of the Big Nickel. Visit [www.thebignickelbook.com](http://www.thebignickelbook.com).

Also at this website, visitors are given the opportunity to download my 1995 book about the medals and tokens of Sudbury entitled “Sudbury Numismatics” — free to all — in pdf format.

I will also be bringing some signed copies of the Szilva’s new book to the RCNA convention for anyone interested in purchasing a copy there.

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A collection of medallions related to the Canadian Centennial Numismatic Park.

## CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF SUDBURY'S SPECIAL CURRENCY

by Jacob Touchette, The Sudbury Star, May 17

Long-time residents of Sudbury know we love all things coin related. Whether they're medals, medallions, tokens or medalllets, we can't get enough. Did you know? Collectors of these types of items are called exonomists.

Medals became popular in the Sudbury area in the 1960s according to Jeff Fournier, former president of the Nickel Belt Coin Club and author of the book *Sudbury Numismatics*. Over 100 numismatic items have been produced in the Sudbury area.

"The impetus for [the popularity of the medals] was Ted Szilva and the Big Nickel," Fournier said. Szilva began minting medals to support the Canadian Centennial Numismatic Park project he had undertaken. A private project, Szilva came up with the novel way of minting the medals as a way to raise money to build the park's attractions.

In 1964 the first medals were minted and sold. The obverse of the medal featured the Big Nickel Monument and the reverse displayed Inco's reduction plant. Only 500 of these were minted in the first run.

Those 500 medals sold out within days and Szilva ordered more trying to meet the demand for this commemorative piece. With that first medal began Sudbury's obsession with medals, medallions, medalllets and tokens.

In May of 1964 the Big Nickel monument was erected and dedicated on July 22, the Big Nickel's official birthday. The original base for the Big Nickel was made of rich Sudbury ore, which was replaced in 2003 by the stainless steel posts now used to support the Big Nickel. Silva continued to grow the numismatic park, including the addition of a 1965 Canadian one-cent piece known at the "Fantasy Copper" because of the sponsorship from Fantasy Copperware Canada.

Szilva's centennial park grew to become more than numismatic masterpieces. He also built a model mine for the public to tour underground, in an effort to help them understand what local miners experienced on a daily basis.

Szilva released another medal to help in funding the construction of the underground mine attraction as well to pay for the park's maintenance. The fourth medal to be released, it had a much lower mintage than previous issues. This would explain its limited availability today, and why it is such a collector's piece.

The obverse of this medal included of a mine head frame, ore cars, and three Inco smokestacks while the reverse showed a cross-section of a mineshaft. Issued in March 1965

this medal was available in nickel silver, bronze, silver, and gold. By May of the same year, the model mine was opened for public viewing.

Over the next couple of years, more monuments would be built in the park, with other medallions released to commemorate and fund their construction.

It was around this time when demand from visitors for replicas of the Big Nickel and Fantasy Copper began to rise.

In the late sixties, medals were in their "heyday," according to Fournier. Replica medals were released for both the Big Nickel and Fantasy Copper. They were released in a variety of metal compositions as more visitors asked for affordable souvenirs to bring home.

By the time all the monuments were constructed, the park was home to five mammoth coins: the Big Nickel, the Fantasy Penny, the Lincoln Penny, the Kennedy Half Dollar, and the Twenty Dollar Gold Piece.

Szilva operated the park until 1982 when it was sold to the city of Sudbury. In 1984, Science North opened and began operating the park. The attraction was renamed from "The Canadian Centennial Numismatic Park" to "The Big Nickel Mine."

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**Left: Ted Silva's original medal produced in 1964 to raise funds to aid in the operation of the Canadian Centennial Numismatic Park**



**Right: "The Big Nickel" medal produced for tourists as a souvenir of their visit**

**Obverse:** Canada, Nickel 1751 - 1951, 5 Cents, (factory), (small "Can Art Dies" maker's signature), The Big Nickel, (maple leaves), Sudbury, Canada

**Reverse:** Georgivs VI Dei Gratia Rex, (bust of George VI facing left with small "Lombardo" engraver's signature, below)

Round, nickel, 38 mm.

Issued to honor "The Big Nickel" statue in the Canadian Centennial Numismatic Park in Sudbury, Ontario, Canada.

One of a series of medals issued honoring the various numismatic statues in the Park.



In 2003, “The Big Nickel Mine” had been transformed and reopened as Dynamic Earth; an interactive, hands-on earth science centre.

The remaining large coin on display is the world-famous Big Nickel. The whereabouts of the other coins is a lingering question for some. When Fournier was researching for his book, he looked for answers as to what happened to the other monuments.

“I did track down a maintenance person who had worked at the Big Nickel, and he claimed all the monuments were taken down and sold for recycling,” Fournier said.

While the coins may have been taken down and sold off, at least one component remains. Fournier said the base for the twenty-dollar coin monument is sitting as a decoration in the front yard of a Northern Ontario town.

Fournier is working on another book about Sudbury area medals, medallions, tokens and medallets, to be released in 2014. He hopes this one will fill in some information missing from his first book and it will contain an up-to-date catalog of the Sudbury area’s world of exonomia.

In true Sudbury fashion Dynamic Earth is releasing a commemorative medal in celebration of the Big Nickel’s 50th birthday as well as Science North’s 30th anniversary. The 45mm brass medal will feature an aerial view of Science North with “30 years 1984-2014” overlaid on the picture. Along the edge “SCIENCE NORTH SUDBURY ONTARIO” is written with two snowflakes pictured. On the reverse is an image of the Big Nickel with “50 years 1964-2014” overlaid on the picture. Along the edge “DYNAMIC EARTH HOME OF THE BIG NICKEL” is written with two snowflakes pictured.

The medals are available starting today at a price of \$19.95, at both Science North and Dynamic Earth. There will be 1,000 medals minted in the first issue.

A Currency Roadshow was held on May 17 from 2-3pm. and where Jeff Fournier spoke about the world of Sudbury exonomia. Jeff’s free presentation was presented in Dynamic Earth’s Atlas Copco Theatre. A part of the event was a display of his collection of medals.

Jacob Touchette is a Science Communicator at Science North and Dynamic Earth.

## FLASHBACK TO THE 45TH ANNIVERSARY: BIG NICKEL REMAINS TOURIST DRAW

by Harold Carhichael, *The Sudbury Star*, July 22, 2009

Joe Gaudet’s first glimpse of the Big Nickel was in 1972 or 1973, when the then North Bay resident was just 10 or 11 years old.

On Wednesday, he returned. Now living in Richmond, B. C., he was back for a second look as part of a family cross-Canada vacation that has included stops in Niagara Falls and Toronto.

“I was really amazed by it back then,” said Gaudet, who was unaware the monument was marking its 45th anniversary the same day he and his family were visiting.

“I was impressed enough that I decided to come back to see it.”

For wife Cyndy, originally from Goderich, and kids Tyler, 11, and Laura, 6, it was their first experience seeing the giant coin up close.

In addition to getting video shot of themselves with the Big Nickel, the Gaudets said they planned on sticking around long enough to take in the 1 p. m. celebrations that featured a huge birthday cake cut by none other than the coin’s creator — Ted Szilva.

While checking out the Big Nickel ahead of his family, Joe was asked by a group of North Carolina tourists if he could take several photos of them.

“It’s a symbol of Sudbury,” he said. “It’s one of those things you look for.”

The birthday celebration also included a showing of the Inco Coin Collection, featuring nickel coins from around the world issued prior to the early 1980s.

Szilva said he was very proud of the fact the coin has endured and become such a symbol of the city.

“My dream came to fruition,” he said. “I don’t know if I have thanked the people of Sudbury. I know the city gave me a rough time with the permits (back in the 1960s). They thought it was a Mickey Mouse operation ... I’m very proud and very thankful to God that he inspired me to create it.”

In 1963, Szilva got the idea to create a huge, nickel-coin monument as a centennial project to let visitors know the importance of nickel to the city.

To help raise money for the project, Szilva designed and produced various medallions.

The Big Nickel monument was followed by the Big Nickel Mine and several other large coins, including a huge Lincoln penny, Canadian penny and a Kennedy 50-cent coin to create a numismatic park.

In 1980, Szilva sold the Big Nickel property to the Region of Sudbury.

The Big Nickel has not always been at its current site. Several years ago, it was moved temporarily to the Science North grounds while the Dynamic Earth site underwent a massive redevelopment project.

*Science North’s  
30th Anniversary medal  
commemorating the 50th Anniversary  
of Sudbury’s Big Nickel*



## Bank Legals

by Ted Leitch

The speaker at the London Numismatic Society’s meeting of July 8 was Ted Leitch. One of his topics at this meeting was “Bank Legals.”

The Bank of Canada issued four series of large denomination notes. These non-circulating notes were known as Bank Legals or bank specials. These notes were held by the chartered banks as a convenient form for the Dominion notes reserve required by the bank act in lieu of gold.

The first note dated 1896 and valued at \$500.00 features the portrait of Marquis of Lorne.

The second note was valued at \$1,000.00 and features the portrait of Queen Victoria.



See Link: <http://canadacurrency.com/dominion-of-canada/oversized-bank-legals-bank-specials/value-of-july-2nd-1896-1000-bill-from-the-dominion-of-canada-2/>

The third note was valued at \$5,000.00 and features the portrait of Sir John A. Macdonald.

### Second Issue

The second issue of Bank Legals was dated 1901. The first note valued at \$1,000.00 featured the portrait of Lord Roberts. Roberts was the Field Marshall of the British Forces. The second was valued at \$5,000.00 and features the portrait of Queen Victoria.



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### Third Issue

The third issue was dated 1918. The \$5,000.00 note features the portrait of Queen Victoria. The \$50,000.00 note features the portraits of King George V and HM Queen Mary.

### Fourth Issue

The final issue was dated 1924 and consisted of the \$1,000.00 note, \$5,000.00 note and the \$50,000.00 note.



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In 1935, the Bank of Canada opened and Bank Legals were no longer needed.



## R.C.N.A. Convention Report

By Peter Becker

This year's event drew members and collectors from across Canada and the United States. As your club delegate, I took part in many events, activities and meetings over the four main days of the convention. The following is a summary of some of my experiences from the opening ceremonies to the awards banquet. Congratulations to the organizing committee and the North York Coin Club who worked tirelessly to put on another very fine and memorable show. Next year's convention will be hosted by the Halifax Regional Coin Club from July 22-26.

Registrants, dealers and exhibitors arrived early Wednesday morning, many of whom attended the day long Educational Symposium co-sponsored by the Canadian Association for Numismatic Education. With a solid lineup of guest speakers such as Wendell Wolka, Clifford Mishler, Paul Berry, Clifford Beattie and Vanessa Stergulg, it was standing room only for many of the diverse presentations. Particularly interesting and keeping with the theme "Hands Across the Border" were the shared numismatic history, century long friendship and strong ties between American and Canadian collectors as evidenced in the close relationship enjoyed by the A.N.A. and R.C.N.A. today. In addition to banknote themed topics, attendees were given advice and real life examples by A.N.A. President Walter Ostromecki on how to engage the younger generation, increase traffic at coin shows and provide better value for your membership dollar. As is customary on the first day of the convention, a warm reception was held for registrants and dealers.

The opening ceremonies on Thursday made for a cramped corridor where dignitaries from both numismatic organizations and the Royal Canadian Mint gave speeches and presented awards. Mississauga Mayor Hazel McCallion wowed the crowd with her warm and humorous welcome that put a smile on a lot of faces and then later took a brief tour of the convention site. Once the ribbon cutting was finished, the dealers were rewarded with brisk sales throughout the morning and afternoon. After a moderately busy day, the Royal Canadian Mint reception allowed for additional time to relax and mingle with fellow collectors.

The delegate's breakfast on Friday saw over 40 collectors from clubs across the country gather to hear Clifford Mishler extol the advantages and benefits of club membership. Echoing a famous quote from J.F. Kennedy, he encouraged attendees to invest in the hobby by being active and supporting all levels of numismatics. "Ask not what your hobby can do for you, rather what you can do for your hobby!" said Mishler. It was also pointed out that for under \$100 per year, everyone can afford to belong to a handful of clubs and associations. Cliff observed that clubs that are activity based and reinvent themselves survive and that specialized groups are seeing a revival.

In addition to manning the O.N.A. information table and assisting with the Coin Kids activities, your editor found time throughout the remainder of the convention to attend numerous meetings and register as a bidder for the T.C.N.C. auction. Though I was not successful bidding on some of the items I was interested in, I thoroughly enjoyed being able to preview many of the lots and sit in on the live event. The Coin Kids auction was a lot of fun to watch and saw tremendous support. Tons of numismatic material was donated for future activities. Especially meaningful during the convention was interacting with so many wonderful people and the two minutes of silence observed in each of the formal meetings to remember those numismatists that are no longer with us.

Among the many highlights such as the Black Creek Pioneer Village tour and R.C.N.A. awards banquet where many well-deserving individuals were recognized was witnessing the birth of a collecting body. Over two dozen people attended the inaugural meeting of the Canadian Centennial Collector's Club (C.C.C.C.). Organizers, led by Jeff Fournier, succeeded in getting this fledgling group off the ground and pointed in the right direction establishing a number of objectives as they look towards next year's R.C.N.A. convention in

Nova Scotia. As the club grows and things begin to take shape, you will likely be hearing more about the C.C.C.C. in the coming months.

In the meantime, check out  
[www.youtube.com/  
watch?v=FPxq1WqzGzg](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FPxq1WqzGzg).



*L: Tim Henderson presents Chris Boyer the Jean Bullen Award  
R: Bret Evans gives Lisa McPherson a Presidential Award  
(Photos J.Scott)*

# 2014 R.C.N.A. ANNUAL CONVENTION

By Henry Nienhuis, Area 7 Director

This year the Royal Canadian Numismatic Association held its annual convention in the Greater Toronto Area between August 12 – 16. The convention was hosted by the North York Coin Club.

Although I must admit being a little prejudiced by the fact that I co-chaired the organizing committee, along with Paul Petch, responsible for the convention — based on the generous feedback that everyone received, it was one of the best R.C.N.A. conventions to date!

The venue chosen was the Delta Meadowvale Hotel and Convention Centre in Mississauga, ON, which supported a 9,000+ sq. ft. bourse and exhibits area. Speaking of the bourse, it was chock-full of buy and sell opportunities with 42 numismatic dealers in attendance and a total of 65 tables, not including the Royal Canadian Mint booth, of wares.

Prior to the official opening, on Tuesday, August 12, the R.C.N.A. held their “Coin Grading and Preservation Workshop” followed by the Educational Symposium on Wednesday. This year, the symposium had two co-themes: “*Hands Across the Border*” (a joint initiative shared between the A.N.A. and the R.C.N.A.) and “*The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Canadian Paper Money Society*”. Speakers participating in the full-day symposium

included: Wendell Wolka, Walter Ostromecki (President, ANA), Clifford Mishler (Honorary Convention Chair), Paul Berry (Chief Curator, National Currency Collection), Clifford Beattie (Past-President, CPMS) and Nishanathan Vairivanathan (Analyst, Bank of Canada).

The convention was officially opened by Mississauga Mayor Hazel McCallion, Councillor George Carlson, Royal Canadian Mint President J. Marc Brûlé, ANA President Walter Ostromecki and Royal Ontario Museum Curator Paul Denis.

Many special interest Clubs and Associations hold their annual meetings at the convention. This year this included: Canadian Errors and Varieties Numismatic Association, Society of Bearded Numismatists, Canadian Paper Money Society, Newfoundland Numismatic Enthusiasts, Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors, Canadian Numismatic Research Society, Canadian Association of Token Collectors, Medallion Art Society of Canada, Canadian Tire Coupon Collectors Club and the inaugural meeting of the 1967 Centennial Collectors Club. In addition to this the J. Douglas Ferguson Historical Foundation, the R.C.N.A., the Canadian Association for Numismatic Education, and the O.N.A. held business meetings.

I am including photo's taken around the convention.



**Ribbon cutting ceremony:** (l-r) Paul Petch and Henry Nienhuis, Convention Co-Chairmen; J. Marc Brûlé, Interim President and CEO, Royal Canadian Mint; Paul Denis, Curator, Royal Ontario Museum; Hazel McCallion, Mayor, City of Mississauga, George Carlson, Mississauga City Councillor, Walter Ostromecki, President, American Numismatic Association; Clifford Mishler, Honourary Convention Chairman. Not appearing in the photo; Bret Evans, President, Royal Canadian Numismatic Association. Image: D. Gosling



**Alexandre Reeves**, Sr. Mgr. Communications; **Carman Joynt**, Vice-Chair of the Audit Committee; **J. Marc Brûlé**, Interim President and CEO; **Patrick Hadsipantelis**, VP Marketing and Communications; RCM



**J. Marc Brûlé**, Interim President and CEO RCM presenting **Bret Evans**, President R.C.N.A., with the RCM Service Award at the reception held by the Mint.



**Stephanie D'Aoust**, **Taylor Gallagher-Lukkarila** and **Matt Bowen** (RCM Engraver) shown at the Mint Booth on the bourse. Matt (right) shown with coin he designed.

Photos: M-A Luzba

It isn't possible to list all the awards received at the convention. This is just a small sampling... with familiar faces.



**Serge Pelletier** (left), and **Stephen Woodland** (right) receiving the 2014 **Best Local Club Newsletter Editor** and **Best Local Club Newsletter Awards** for Ottawa Numismatic Society's newsletter Moneta.



The **Best Regional / National Newsletter Award** was won by the Canadian Tire Coupon Collectors Club and the **Best Regional / National Newsletter Editor Award** was won by **John Merrick**. **Mike Hollingshead** (right) accepted the awards on their behalf.



**Roger Fox** (left), and **Paul Petch** (far right) receiving Certificates of Recognition for 50-years of continuous membership in the R.C.N.A. from President **Brett Evans** during the awards presentation Saturday afternoon.



Appealing to the youths.... National Youth Co-ordinator Lisa McPherson was hard at work arranging the Coin Kids table and the Youths Auction.



Photos: M-A Luzba, D. Gosling and L. Chan

# 2014 R.C.N.A. CONVENTION MEDAL

The 2014 RCNA convention medal this year was designed by the North York Coin Club convention medal committee in collaboration with acclaimed medalist John Jaciw from Windsor Ontario.

The 2014 convention committee, after taking into account significant anniversaries which would occur in 2014, proposed that this year's medal should commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of the Royal Ontario Museum which took place on March 19, 1914. In particular a full view of the current building, pictured looking south-east from a path known as "Philosophers Walk," was chosen for its artistic and historic value.

*[Editor's Note: For those readers who might be interested, it is our understanding that there are a small number of these beautiful medals still available by contacting Paul Johnson, the R.C.N.A. Executive Secretary at [info@rcna.ca](mailto:info@rcna.ca)]*

The image on the medal's reverse highlights the new (2007) Crystal addition's sharp angles, which contrast with the original Neo-Romanesque building of 1914. After receiving approval to proceed with the design from the RCNA medal committee, the well known medalist John Jaciw was consulted by the committee and his final artwork was then used as the basis for the excellent work done by Master Engraver Larry Colburn in executing the dies for this beautiful medal.

## Medal Specifications:

- Diameter: 38 mm
- Finish: proof-like, heavy cameo
- Struck in:
  - \* 1 oz (troy), .999 fine silver, mintage - 64
  - \* copper, mintage 190
- Designer: John Jaciw
- Engraver: Larry Colburn
- Mint: Mississauga Mint, Mississauga ON



Photos: H. Nienhuis



## More Info:

This year the ROM is celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary with special programs and exhibits. The 2014 Convention Committee has selected the ROM's anniversary as its theme for the subject of our convention medal. The reverse of the medal shows the original 1914 structure on the right and the 2007 Michael Lee-Chin Crystal addition designed by architect Daniel Libeskind on the left. The Royal Canadian Mint released a collector product commemorating the ROM's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in April showing the crystal structure.

It is one of the largest museums in North America, attracting over one million visitors every year. Established on April 16, 1912 and opened on March 19<sup>th</sup>, 1914, the museum has maintained close relations with the University of Toronto throughout its history and was under its direct control and management until 1968. Today, the museum is Canada's largest field-research institution, with research and conservation activities that span the globe. With well over six million items and forty galleries, the museum's diverse collections of world culture and natural history are part of the reason for its international reputation.

## *Molson's Long Roots!*

Featured in our SWCS August 6, 2014, auction is a 1786–1986 Molson 200 Year Brewers medallion (56.4g weight, 5cm diameter, 4mm thickness).

In 1763, John Molson was born in the Village of Moulton (near Spalding, Lincolnshire, England). His father John Molson Sr. (1730-1770) had, in 1760, married Mary Elsdale (1739-1772), the eldest daughter of Samuel Elsdale (1704-1788), of Surfleet.

Before the marriage, John Molson Sr. inherited a property known as Snake Hall (in Moulton Eaugate) which consisted of a home and various outbuildings associated with 38 acres (15 ha) of land. Upon John Sr.'s death, as bequeathed, this property was inherited by his wife and five surviving children. Under their marriage settlement, Snake Hall went to Mary, and was to then pass on to his eldest son, John, upon her death. John Jr.'s financial affairs were overseen by his paternal uncle, Thomas Molson but shortly before his death, he turned the duties over to trustee and guardian Samuel Elsdale. Under Samuel's control, Snake Hall was rented out to the benefit of their trusts, and John Jr. went to live with a man named William Robinson, and at age 12 (1776) he was consigned to the care of Mr. Whitehead, who was paid for his board and education until 1780 (when John Jr. turned 16). Later in Canada, proceeds from this property would launch John Jr.'s first brewery purchase.

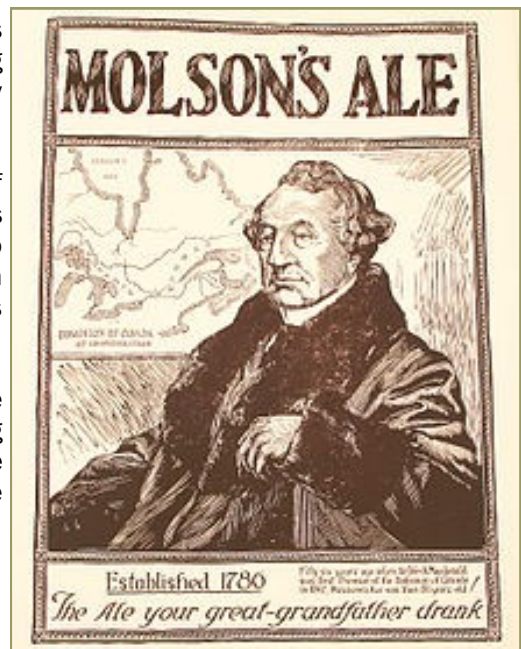
At age 18, John Jr. immigrated to Canada, but the ship was lost at sea; Molson was rescued from the ocean, and once on Canadian soil, he began working at the Thomas Loyd brewery which he then purchased at auction in 1784. In 1786 he returned briefly to England, and it was during that year Molson read and researched the practice of brewing. He then returned to Canada with more money and a new mindset. With many British Loyalists entering to reside in Canada (from the United States), John realized the new influx increased the demand for beer. He worked many hours late into the night, and hired an apprentice (Christopher Cook), and a loyalist housemaid (Sarah Insley Vaughan). He married Sarah on April 7, 1801 at Christ Church (Montreal) and she had bore him three children. After ten years of marriage to her first husband, she left him and came from the U.S. to Montreal penniless and was taken in by Molson. There is nothing in the history provided by Molson to indicate if her first marriage was ever dissolved or her husband had died, she reverted to her maiden name when she took off, so in all likelihood, she committed bigamy when she married John. John began regularly attending church which provided him the opportunity to meet many influential and wealthy businessmen.

Soon Molson's beer was in such demand that according to one of John's entries in his diary "Cannot serve half my customers and they are increasing every day." A key reason was the different classes of Montreal's society wanted their own beer (even though all were made by Molson).

In 1785, he temporarily closed his business to cross the Atlantic in search of the modern equipment and ingredients. Upon his return, he offered the seeds free of charge to neighbouring Montreal farmers who agreed to grow them to satisfy the brewery's need for malt. Molson delivered his first brew, an ale, in 1786, only six weeks after taking the helm. Priced at five cents a bottle, his brew sold well.

Molson took advantage of the many business opportunities of the time. He quickly diversified his investments, opened a lumber yard and began issuing loans to local Montreal merchants. In 1816, the family enterprise began to take shape when founder John Molson entered into an association with his three sons, John junior, Thomas and William.

Although brewing proved to be Molson's most sustainable field of endeavour, other activities were added down through the company's lengthy history.



Molson was the first company to own and operate a fleet of steamboats which were used to transport people and goods between Quebec and Ontario. John Molson and his sons also founded the Molson Bank which later merged with Bank of Montreal.



Between 1788 and 1800, Molson's business grew quickly into one of the larger ones in Lower Canada. During these years Molson and his wife had four children, John junior, Thomas (who died shortly after birth), another Thomas, and William (aka Billy).



By the start of the 19th Century, Molson's small brewery had grown tenfold. Molson now had the money to improve his business by buying new technology. Molson's steamship would be the first in Canada. Molson's business continued to grow and the War of 1812 pushed sales even higher. In 1815, Molson was elected to represent Montreal East in the legislative assembly on the platform of building a wharf.

As Molson became more occupied by his multiple businesses and his seat in the assembly, his three sons began to take a much larger role in the companies. John junior managed the steamships, Thomas was married in England and would frequently travel sending back tips and advice to his father, and William was in charge of the brewery.

In 1816, Molson built Mansion House Hotel which coincided with the Assembly's acceptance of the wharf. Molson's hotel was only for those who could afford luxury. The hotel offered Montreal's first library, boat rides on the river, well-furnished rooms and six-course dinners, famous throughout all of Montreal. In 1819, Molson had a short bout of sickness. It was during this time that he noticed the only hospital in the city, Hôtel Dieu, only held 30 beds. Molson proposed to the assembly that a new hospital be established that would contain 200 beds. Although the assembly denied his request there was much private support and soon donations came pouring in. By May the new hospital, the Montreal General Hospital, was opened on Craig Street (now Saint Antoine Street).

A crisis almost struck the Molsons in 1821 when the Mansion House Hotel caught fire; the books from the library were saved but not much more was salvageable. Molson was undaunted by this and had ideas to build an even grander hotel, a true testament to his character. While John junior and William took care of the businesses within Canada, Thomas was busy working in England. Thomas brought over 237 gallons of beer to London, England. The response was encouraging and Thomas brought another 1385 gallons on his next trip. Molson's had its first international market.

By 1825, Molson's hotel was completely rebuilt and renamed the British American Hotel. After the hotel was completed Molson built a theatre adjacent to it. By November, Molson's Theatre Royal was completed, the first theatre in Montreal. It seated 1,000 guests, it was demolished in 1844 to make way for the Bonsecours Market. Never resting, Molson continued to build his empire by purchasing multiple steamships and creating the St. Lawrence Steamboat Company. This fleet of ships was so big that it outnumbered all of those operating in the United States. In 1826 Molson decided to run against a young Louis-Joseph Papineau but resigned quickly after discovering the amount of support Papineau had from the French and the Irish.

On March 18, 1829 Molson's wife Sarah Vaughan, died after treating her rheumatism with laudanum. Sarah became addicted to this opium-based painkiller and died from the effects. Molson sold the house they lived in together and moved on with his life. His four-year term as President of the Bank of Montreal ended and Molson did not run for a second. Even at the age of 67 Molson did not contemplate retirement; one of his biggest projects still lay ahead.

Since 1825, Molson had followed reports of the first railways being built in England. Molson had told the head of this project, Jason Pierce, that he was interested. Pierce did not forget about Molson's interest and in 1832 Molson's request for a railroad was accepted by the Assembly. The Champlain and St Lawrence Railroad (image



is from Judy Blackman's collection) connected the St Lawrence to the Hudson River, making the trip from Montreal to New York much quicker. This was the first railway ever constructed in Canada.

After his multiple successful proposals, John Molson was appointed to the Legislative Council of Lower Canada. He was considered part of the "Chateau Clique" as he was a rich English businessman. A cholera epidemic struck Canada in 1832 and 1834 causing the railroad project to lose much of its momentum. Many businesses closed in Montreal but the Molsons continued work as usual. In 1833 Molson's hotel burned down again. This time though, Molson decided not to rebuild it. After the second cholera epidemic, when things returned to normal, Molson's railroad project began to gain speed. Unfortunately, he did not live long enough to see his last dream realized. Molson caught a high fever in December 1835. He wrote his will on January 10, 1836 and died that day. In his will, Molson named John Molson junior, Thomas Molson, William Molson, George Moffatt and Peter McGill executors. His body rests at Mount Royal Cemetery.

As already mentioned, in 1786 John Molson founded Canada's oldest beer brewery (Molson Brewery) on the banks of the St. Lawrence River in Montreal (where the Molson family continues to maintain its headquarters today). He wrote, "My beer has been universally well-liked beyond my most sanguine expectations." In 1959, Molson Canada was first brewed and today is one of Canada's most iconic and best-selling brands. The Molson Brewery is the second oldest company in Canada after the Hudson's Bay Company. In 2005, Molson merged with U.S.-based Coors to form Molson Coors Brewing Company, the world's seventh-largest brewing company at that time. The Canadian division of the Molson Coors Brewing Company is Molson-Coors Canada Inc.

The Molson Brewery is the oldest brewery in North America and continues to produce beer on the site of the original brewery. The company brews and markets a number of the most popular brands of beer in Canada. Domestic labels include Molson Canadian, Molson M, Molson Export, Molson Dry, Molson Exel De-Alcoholized beer, Old Style Pilsner, Rickard's, Creemore Springs and Granville Island Brewing. Through partnerships with other major brewers, Molson Coors Canada also offers a diverse portfolio of beer brands, including Coors Light, Corona, Miller Genuine Draft, Heineken, Foster's Lager and Tiger. Molson employs 3,000 people in Canada and operates five breweries in locations across the country (Vancouver, Toronto, Montreal, Moncton and St. John's), as well as the Creemore micro-brewery in Ontario and Granville Island Brewing in British Columbia. Molson Coors Canada is part of the Molson Coors Brewing Company.

In 1903, inspired by the popularity of imported beers, Herbert Molson, Thomas' grandson, and brew master John Hyde created Molson Export, an authentic Ale brewed in the classic style developed by John Molson. Molson Brewery considerably expanded the breadth of corporate activities throughout the 20th century. In 1945, the family decided to transform the company into a public, limited liability enterprise. It then became possible to acquire an ownership in the company without being a member of the Molson family. This made it possible for the company to expand and inaugurate a new brewery in Toronto in 1955. Two years later, in 1957, the family acquired the Montreal Forum and the Montreal Canadiens. The company continued to develop and, in 1958, acquired six breweries which included five establishments in Western Canada, lending Molson nationwide presence. In 1989, the company consolidated market share in Quebec through a merger with Carling O'Keefe. As a result, Molson became the largest brewery in Canada and the fifth largest in the world. In 2005, Molson merged with US-based Coors to form Molson Coors Brewing Company. This was followed in 2007 by the opening of a new brewery in Moncton, New Brunswick. Sixth generation family member Eric Molson retired in 2009; however, his sons Andrew and Geoff continue to be active in company affairs as members of the corporate Board of Directors.

2014 today: Molson Coors is dual headquartered, with head offices located in Denver, Colorado & Montreal, Quebec. The Canadian operational headquarters are located in Toronto (in addition to several breweries across Canada). United Kingdom headquarters are in Burton upon Trent. Molson Coors Canada is part-owner of The Beer Store in Ontario Brewers Retail Inc., operating as a beer distribution and retail chain, which (protected by legislation) has an over 85% market share of total Ontario industry beer sales. Molson Coors Canada owns 50% of Brewers Distribution Limited in Western Canada. Molson Coors bought Creemore Springs Brewery on 22 April 2005.

The operations of Molson Coors in Brazil were sold to the Mexican group FEMSA in 2006. On October 9, 2007, SABMiller and Molson Coors agreed to combine their U.S. operations in a joint venture called Miller Coors. SABMiller is to own 58% of the unit, which is to operate in the U.S. and Puerto Rico but not Canada, where Molson Coors is strongest. Molson Coors is to own 42%, but the parties are to have equal voting power.



# UNION BREWING Co.

## PART OF SARNIA, ONT.

by M. H. Kyle

The history of brewing in Lambton County Ontario is somewhat limited due in part to the county being one of the last to be settled in Canada West and the influence of temperance legislation in Ontario and the withdrawal of prohibition in the United States (1919-1933) effecting Michigan particularly the city of Detroit the destination of most of the booze that crossed the St. Clair river from Ontario into Michigan. Competition from imports into Sarnia also played a small part during prohibition, considerable more after.

In 1861, George Russell began Sarnia Brewing on Front Street in Sarnia in the rear of the Bank of Upper Canada building, he is listed in the Sarnia directory as a "Maltster & Brewer of Ale and Porter, a dealer in Malt and Hops." The business thrived, the product was well received by the public despite imports from London, Toronto and Montréal, only failing health forced George to lease the business to his brother John in 1876. He after a time leased the business to A.E. Sinclair (1890).

**SARNIA  
BREWERY AND MALTHOUSE.**

—  
**JOHN RUSSELL, PROP.,**  
FRONT STREET, SARNIA, ONT.

—  
THE PROPRIETOR KEEPS CONSTANTLY ON HAND  
**PÁLE ALE, AMBER ALE,**  
STOCK ALE, BEER AND PORTER,  
In wood and bottle, and quantity to suit purchasers.

—  
The subscriber's extensive facilities and approved machinery, enable him to  
compete with any Brewery in Ontario. Patronage solicited.  
**H. J. JOHNSON, MANAGER.** **JOHN RUSSELL, PROPRIETOR.**

John Russel listed this advertisement as Proprietor with H.J. Johnson as manager, found in the Sarnia Directory.

Albert Edward Sinclair was not as fortunate as his predecessors — the business failed due to the introduction of the Canada Temperance Act or Scott Act, in 1878, by the Liberal Government and second Prime Minister of Canada Alexander Mackenzie, representing the Sarnia Riding. This act allowed for implementation at the local level, in Sarnia the Scott Act was in effect from 1886 lasting three years. Sinclair was forced to sell to the Heuser family of Marine City Michigan (1890). Peter Heuser operated the brewery as the Union Brewing Co. Limited. (*Peter Heuser is listed in the Sarnia Directory as a Brewer to the UNION BREWING Co. of Sarnier.* [sic]) Heuser sold about four years later to Messrs. Longhead, Cook and Einkorn.

**SARNIA BREWERY,**  
G. RUSSEL, PROPRIETOR.  
**SARNIA C. W.**

This Establishment is now in operation, and the Proprietor is prepared to supply  
the best qualities of  
**ALE AND PORTER,**  
Bottled or Draught, at much Lower Prices than ever before offered in Town.

A George Russel advertisement prior to leasing the business to his brother John. This advertisement above found in a Compendium Sarnia Directory.

Union Brewing Co Limited F J  
Longhead pres, T H Cook secy  
treas, Geo Einkorn mgr, 108  
River .

River, runs s from Devine along  
river bank  
East Side. . . . .  
Confederation st commences  
108 Union Brewing Co Limited  
P M R R crosses

P M R R above is the PERE Marquette Rail Road crossing. Inserts above from Sarnia City Directory 1904

Of the three company officers of the Union Brewing Co. listed above F.J. Loughead President listed 1904 directory as working in the family wheel and spoke factory, Geo. Einkorn Manager of Union Brewing Co. 1904, the Secretary Treasurer T.H. Cook (as a *Banker*) listed in 1903. The Brewery is located at 108 River Road near the crossing of the Pere Marquette Rail Road. The company failed in 1910.



This mishandled Union Brewing Co. token is from the authors collection. ( Only one known to date.)

Obverse:

COMPLIMENTS OF / UNION / BREWING CO. SARNIA.

Reverse:

GOOD AT THE BAR FOR / 1 / UNION / SARNIA BEER

This unlisted token is A-R-26 ( In use 1890–1910 )

## Union Brewing Co.

Manufacturers of

**"The Beer That's Making Sarnia Famous."**

PHONE 125. SARNIA.

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Prices for **Strictly Pure Lager Beer**  
and **Porter**, fresh from our Home Brewery.

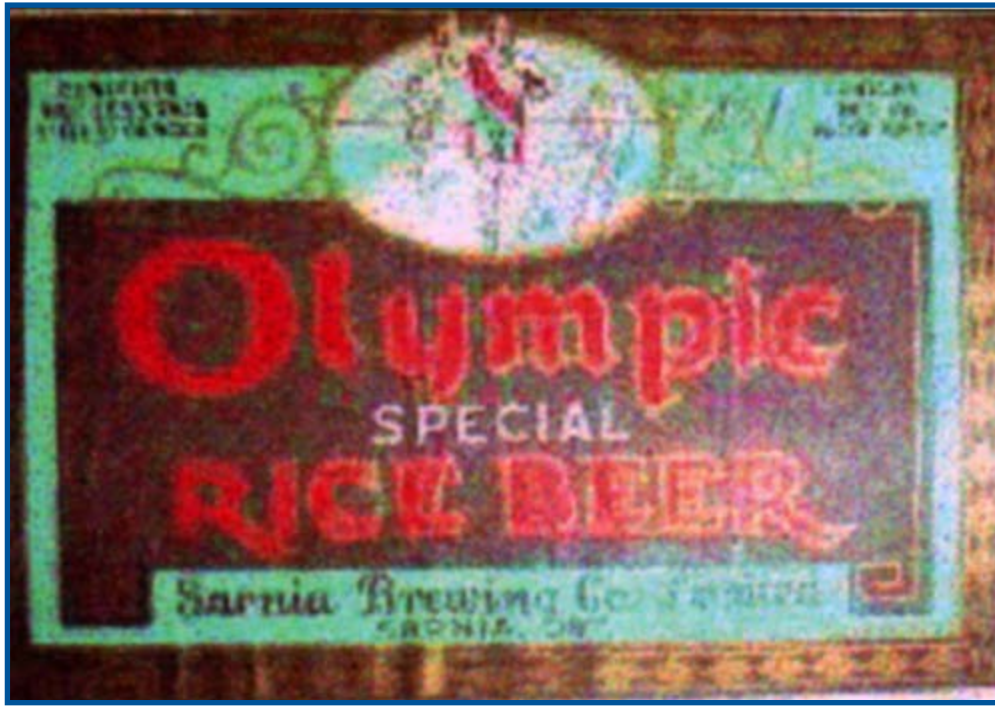
Pints, per doz. bottles	.90
Pints, per doz. bottles, Special	.75
Quarts, per dozen bottles	\$1.40
$\frac{1}{8}$ Keg	1.25
$\frac{1}{4}$ Keg	2.25

Orders delivered promptly to any address in Town  
or Point Edward.

The above advertisement was found in the Brewery file, Lambton County Library ( Lambton Room)



The Sarnia Brewery was re-established to serve the needs of American Prohibition (1919–1933) by Casmir Kocot, producing such brands as Olympic Rice Beer, Cascade Lager, Red River Ale and Blue Ribbon Lager.



Unfortunately the above label, like the token, is the worse for wear.

They used the usual methods to smuggle their product, including an extra loaded box car in a train passing through the St. Clair tunnel, Sarnia to Port Huron, Michigan. The Company failed with the end of prohibition in 1933.

Information in this article obtained from the Lambton County Library and the collection of the author.



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***A 200th and a 175th Anniversary to Celebrate!***

shared by Mike Hollingshead

As June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015, is the **200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo** AND the **175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Founding of the District of Wellington** (Wellington County), a friend—Ian Easterbrook (at the **Wellington County Historical Society, Archives and Museum**) sent me this information (see letter below from **Hinds** whose book can be found on Amazon as he's the author of the paperback "*Pioneer Inns & Taverns of Guelph (Waterloo—Wellington County series) (2) January 1977*"). Your Executive is now contemplating ways the **South Wellington Coin Society** may participate in the celebration of these anniversaries.

[Note from SWCS Editor: If you have never visited the museum, it's well worth the drive, it's located between Elora and Fergus. Open M-F 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Weekends 1-5 p.m. You can also enjoy the beautiful Heritage Gardens. Every time your Editor goes, there is always something new since the previous visit!]



**Written June 12, 2014, by A. Leone Hinds:**

I have put together a bit of information hoping you might see fit to draw the date to the attention of the *Wellington County* history family.

It seems to me this might be the perfect excuse for an old fashioned garden party or pot luck picnic.

Perhaps such a “do” would get a few new members signing up or bring back those who are temporarily lost due to family reasons.

Perhaps the *Wellington County History* could devote one year to outline families’ history from settler to present day member or begin with the newest citizens showing where they came from and why, that is information many older families do not have and it can be priceless to the addicted genealogist.

Lots of good history days to all of us.

In April 1838 <sup>(1)</sup> the *Colonial Government in York*, (Toronto) saw fit to begin dismantling the *District of Gore*, a large judicial area of Ontario geography that took in *Halton* and *Wentworth Counties* along with a number of townships in the back country, east, north and west of the then *Village of Guelph*, who were added to *Halton* for land registration and other legal necessities.

The one regulation the *Colonial Government* said must be concluded before the back country area would be defined as a new *District* was that a court house and jail must be planned, approved and in the process of ready-to-be built before proclamation. <sup>(2)</sup>

June 18, 1840 was by Royal Proclamation <sup>(3)</sup> the natal day of the *District of Wellington*. It was to be officially known as the *District of Wellington*, the *County of Waterloo*. It ran from *Puslinch Township* to *Owen Sound* and from *Orangeville* west to the present day boundary of old *Waterloo County*.

## COURTESY OF THE SOUTH WELLINGTON COIN SOCIETY — VOL. 17, NO. 7, PG. 9–10

June 18, 1840 was a very special day in the history of a lot of settlers in and around Guelph because it was the (silver) 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of a great battle where British and other armies defeated Napoleon, *The Battle of Waterloo*.

Men, once soldiers in British Regiments who fought *The Peninsular War* and at the *Battle of Waterloo* had come to Canada, sometimes as troops, more often as retired half-pay officers and common soldiers, these were men who wished to settle here. <sup>(4)</sup> They were welcomed, not just for their English and Scottish heritage which was important but also for their military know-how.

Men who fought with Wellington probably had a special feeling for a *District* that was named for their Commander.

Sir Arthur Wellesley, the *Duke of Wellington* was born in Dublin, Ireland in 1769. He joined the British military in his 18<sup>th</sup> year; twenty-one years later he was given command of all British forces along with the Portuguese and Spanish military to fight the French who had invaded both Portugal and Spain. That was his *Peninsular War*. Seven years later he defeated Napoleon at Waterloo. He was hero to many, both soldier and civilian. <sup>(5)</sup>

As happens, Colonial tokens, bearing the image of the Duke, were issued to soldiers to commemorate his military career and political service. Some say it was the lack of small change currency in the Colonies that made striking the tokens necessary, others choose to believe such commemorative tokens bring military people closer together as brothers-in-arms. <sup>(6)</sup>

These tokens were issued in most of the Colonies in the *British Empire*. A hoard of them turned up in archeological digs at *Fort York* in Toronto. <sup>(7)</sup>

There were a number of varieties of the token issued. At least one especially meant for circulation in Ontario and Quebec. That token has a laureate bust of Wellington facing left within a circle. The words half-penny token and a date complete the obverse.

The reverse depicts a ship under full sail facing right within a circle. The word Montreal is at the top between the circle and the rim of the token. <sup>(8)</sup>

Unfortunately counterfeiters cast forgeries of the half-penny Montreal token so if you should wish to purchase that little piece of history you have to know more about the Wellington token than just a description. It has been found that at least one forger took a quantity of Portuguese five-reis coins and over struck the Wellington onto them. [Editor's note: this image is courtesy of The Coin Hunter, CA – it did not come with the letter.]

Until fairly recently it was believed by coin collectors that very few forged tokens of the Wellington Montreal design existed; now they are not so sure. There may be more counterfeits and over strikes than was once believed to be so.

Perhaps it is time for avid *Wellington County* history buffs to think about a new token. The 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the *District of Wellington* will be upon us on June 18, 2015.

What better time or what better design than apportion of the old seal of the *County of Wellington* – the Duke on his trusty steed.

### End Notes

1. "Conings by School Centennial Booklet compilation by Ethel Broughton SS #5 Erin 1862 – 1962" page 6
2. Archives Ontario
3. 1 bid
4. Genealogical research into a number of Wellington families show ties to Old Country military regiments
5. Archives Ontario
6. Numismatic periodical: *Canadian Coin News* Vol. 52 #02 May 6, 2014
7. 1 Bid
8. 1 Bid



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# Rare Paper Money Highlights Regina Show

By George Manz



Rare Canadian paper money is one of the highlights of the upcoming Regina Coin Club Fall Show and Sale.

Included among the rarities are two playing card backs that were used in the French Colony of New France from the late 1600s to the late 1700s. At the time, New France was a vast territory stretching from Québec City all the way to Louisiana.

The playing card money was issued because of a shortage of coins. The cards were a difficult to counterfeit expedient since they were printed on one side. The two backs on display are an undated 10 of diamonds and a 7 of clubs dated 1778. The 1778 card was likely issued during the French alliance with the United States in their Revolutionary War against the British.

Another pair of interesting items on display will be front and back tin type proofs from a 1913 \$20 banknote from the Bank of Saskatchewan. The principal promoters of the bank were prominent businessmen from Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan.

Unfortunately, bank shares did not sell well and when World War I broke out in 1914, the new bank was given up. No notes were issued by the bank but this unique set of tin proofs will be on display.

Coin, stamp, sports card and militaria dealers from across western Canada will be in the bourse, with large quantities of coins, stamps, sports cards and militaria for sale.

The action takes place October 18–19 at the Turvey Centre, located on Armour Road just north of Regina next to the Evraz steel plant.

Admission is \$3 for adults, \$1 for teens aged 13–16, while children aged 12 and under are admitted free if accompanied by an adult.

For more information contact George Manz (306) 352-2337; [www.reginacoinclub.com](http://www.reginacoinclub.com)



# O.N.A. CLUB NEWS

by John Regitko, FRCNA, FONA

## OPENING COMMENTS

There was an obvious absence of club bulletins in my Inbox over the past couple of months. That was because most clubs by far shut down for the summer. What a shame.

A number of people I spoke to agreed with me that closing in the summer is like department stores only remaining open during the Thanksgiving, pre-Christmas and Boxing Day sales: just because a few customers don't show up at times is no reason to close the store to everyone. Anyway, some people that would not normally shop might just drive a bit of a distance to check out the merchandise during good weather.

If you don't get the point in my comparison between department stores and coin clubs, let me summarize it in one sentence: *although a few members that normally attend might be on vacation during one of the summer meetings is no reason to close the club down, because others living further away might attend during nice driving weather.*

You might want to keep that in mind when booking meeting space and planning for next year's meetings.

## CLUB NEWS

### LONDON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY (first Tuesday)

At a recent meeting, Bill Clarke passed around a book entitled *Coin Types—Their Origin and Development* by George Macdonald. Macdonald's background was also published in the club's bulletin. He was Curator of the Huntarian Coin Cabinet (Glasgow), among other things, and produced five major works on classical coinage and a three-volume catalogue of the Greek Coins in the Huntarian Collection. Other programs consisted of

London Numismatic Society presentations on "Bank Legals" and on "Curragh Internment Camp Tokens" by Ted Leitch. Bank Legals covered Dominion of Canada notes, including the \$50,000 one illustrated.



Chris Longley shared his luck on a recent find, when he withdrew some money from a bank machine. One of the Polymer \$20 notes he received was serial number **BIZ 0100010**. It is a two-digit radar note that is also a binary note. Binary notes consist of only zeros and ones in the serial number. What makes this note scarce is that of all binary note combinations that are produced, there are only a maximum of 14 radar/binary banknotes out of every 10 million banknotes printed in any letter series.

Clarke also passed around two gold coins, one an English Unite and one Scots Unite. An example of a "Unite," which were first struck in 1604, is illustrated on the next page. Chris Longley spoke on Canadian Nickel Dollars 1868 to 1987. At another meeting, Rick Craig spoke on the "Ancient Greek Time Line," while a number of people passed around show and tell material, including coin jigsaw puzzles by Len Buth and Irish Gun Money from James II by Bill Clarke. This last item caused an article entitled "The Emergency 'gunmoney' coinage of James II" to be published in their bulletin.



surface for feathering of the paper, measuring the notes to detect a trimmed note to remove ragged edges, and a primer on grading paper money.

Their lively auctions are conducted by Mike Hollingshead, of material gathered and organized by Lowell Wierstra. The auction fee is still only 25 cents for any lots selling for under \$20, and \$1 for any selling for over \$20.

A recent bulletin recognized Julaine Scott as the club's new Webmaster. She was recognized at the recent R.C.N.A. Convention for all her technical work for the R.C.N.A.. In case you don't recognize her name, Julaine is the daughter of Dan and Judy Gosling. Dan is the R.C.N.A.'s librarian and, unfortunately, after 7 years, the now past-editor of *The CN Journal*. The bulletin also featured major articles on numismatics on the island nation of Seychelles, U.S. Civil War Tokens, and details on their upcoming semi-annual show on September 27.

They also included a one-page flyer with a recent bulletin, which showed details of the meeting location, starting time, activities at meetings and touting free admission, free parking and free beverages and snacks. The flyer is intended to be printed and posted by members in libraries, community centers, grocery stores, lobbies of apartment buildings and other places, with tear-offs at the bottom.

### **ST. THOMAS NUMISMATIC SOCIETY (second Monday)**

A recent bulletin praises the coin shows that took place in Ontario over the past few months, including the R.C.N.A. Convention. As Randy Underhill points out, it not only gives people the opportunity to acquire new material, but it enables collectors to have coffee and even dinner with friends and their favourite dealers to get to know them better.

As virtually every O.N.A.-member club is being squeezed financially, the St. Thomas club membership is discussing their options concerning Christmas Dinner. In previous years, the club has covered the complete cost of the dinner.

### **WATERLOO COIN SOCIETY (second Tuesday)**

A recent meeting featured a 100-lot auction, rather than their normal 50. The recommendation for this came from the club's auction coordinator, Brian Faulkner, who pitched the idea as a way to help clear some backlogged items while also replenishing stock with a fresh variety of consignments.

Another meeting featured the London Numismatic Society PowerPoint presentation on "Toronto Industrial Exhibition Medals," ably presented by Peter Becker (one of the eye-appealing medals is illustrated). At another meeting, Freddy Barsoum spoke on Middle Eastern currency, including banknotes, coins, flags and stamps from over half a dozen countries.

Their August meeting featured Lisa McPherson and Linda Blair handing out peaches and ice cream during their refreshment break, a summer tradition. The meeting, dubbed "Bring n' Brag," was organized by Peter Becker. It brought out a number of unusual numismatic items. Robb McPherson spoke on Casino chips; Chris Boyer brought along a Winston Churchill token, coin jewellery, encased cents and a few medals; Lisa McPherson displayed some shirts dyed with ink made from paper money, chili, beer and hemp; Ben Dellweiler spoke on Swedish dollars; Ernie Blair spoke on the varieties of the 1891 large cent; Mike Berry showed the RCM Great Lakes series coins; and Peter Becker spoke about a RCM silver medallion.

Jim McHugh again accepted coins from members to take to ICCS for grading at the bulk rate.

Recent bulletins include articles on the Kennedy Gold U.S. Half Dollar Hype, the new Europa themed 10 Euro banknote, the Alex Colville Exhibit at the Art Gallery of Ontario, the Big Nickel's Golden Anniversary, two casino chips that recently sold for \$75,000 and \$53,500, a short summary of the Summer auctions and East Caribbean Dollars by Sean Sinclair. A report by Peter Becker on the R.C.N.A. Convention included club member Chris Boyer receiving the Jean Bullen Award from R.C.N.A. head



judge, Tim Henderson, and Lisa McPherson receiving a Presidential Award from R.C.N.A. president, Bret Evans.

I also learned from the WCS bulletin (the Canadian Paper Money Society does not send me information for inclusion in this column) that during the CPMS 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary luncheon held in conjunction with the R.C.N.A. Convention, commemorative souvenir notes were passed out to attendees. Seventy-five copper and 25 silver medals, 50 mm in size, were also issued. The illustrations of both the souvenir note and medal shown here are courtesy of Henry Nienhuis.



### INGERSOLL COIN CLUB (third Monday)

A recent meeting featured Rick Craig displaying and speaking on Governor General medals.

Considering their location, which is not exactly the center of the Universe or even Ontario, they keep drawing around 40 people to each meeting, something they have managed to do for years thanks to good planning, promotion and programming. Their bulletins, under the editorship of Lorne Barnes, features all the necessary information to entice people to attend meetings. The club also manages to make sizeable donations to the Thames Valley Children's Centre and still have money for that proverbial rainy day.

### BRANTFORD NUMISMATIC SOCIETY (third Sunday)

The jury has ruled: the new location of the Brantford Coin Show gets 5 out of 5! Even the Waterloo Coin Society bulletin pointed out that the new, larger venue at the Branlyn Community Centre drew positive responses from attendees who enjoyed the wider selection of material, free door prizes, additional dealer tables and attentive Brantford Numismatic Society volunteers.

### NORTH YORK COIN CLUB (fourth Tuesday)

Members of the NYCC who volunteered their time and talent to plan and execute the recent R.C.N.A. Convention, which the club hosted, will be able to take it a little bit easier, now that the Convention is behind them. Paul Petch and Henry Nienhuis, co-chairs, and their committee are to be congratulated in pulling off another good convention. Paul and Henry organized numerous orientation and update meetings so that all committee members were kept in the picture on all goings-on. When their regular meeting location wanted to charge the club rental for a committee meeting, they arranged to hold a meeting at the normal location of the EMCSCC as well as at the Convention hotel.



Their bulletins featured “*A box of ‘Old Money’*” which looks realistic but is actually carved from wood. (See image on previous page.) The artist, Randall Rosenthal, also sculpts Canadian money. One image of each is illustrated here.



## CLOSING COMMENTS

I sense a lot of concern by the people responsible for mailing your local coin club bulletins to the members, due to recent legislation that is attempting to tackle privacy issues, spam mailings and unwanted intrusions via e-mails into your lives. The main concern is that unless you give specific permission to continue to receive the bulletins from the clubs that you joined with the understanding and agreement that you will be mailed/e-mailed monthly bulletins, that the law requires you to be removed from their mailing list. If you actually follow through with that, it would be a shame for both the member as well as the club.

The main link between a member and a coin club is the bulletin (not all members attend meetings regularly). Sever that link and you might just find that they will not renew because they get either nothing out of the club if they are unable to attend most or all meetings, or they lose the “closeness” and involvement one feels when they receive a bulletin and see names of their numismatic friends, upcoming programs and auction lists, as well as informative and interesting articles.

Every person that joined your local coin club was fully aware that the e-mail address they provided would be used for sending out club bulletins. The legislation does not take away that consent just because lawmakers update the law to make it more difficult and illegal to send out unsolicited and unwanted e-mail by marketers and scammers.

If you don't want to receive club bulletins, tell the club. Otherwise, I hope they will not remove you. Any editors concerned about the legislation might want to add something

like the following for their own piece of mind, as the North York Coin Club does: “*If at any time you no longer wish to receive these e-mails, simply change the subject line to “Unsubscribe” and reply. We will immediately remove you from the distribution list.*” Or e-mail the club at any of the addresses given on the masthead.

In the last Club News column, I stated that I give everyone that receives this bulletin permission to leave me on their mailing list. Most O.N.A. members, however, do not have a vehicle to give blanket permission. I hope that clubs will not act foolishly because they don't quite understand the intent of the legislation . . . which certainly is not to delete everyone from a mailing list that have given prior consent and start from scratch in getting permission.

**I repeat: Remove members from your mailing list at your club's peril!**

The one thing I suggest you do is what was just implemented by the South Wellington Coin Society. Their editor, Judy Blackman, has announced that the club will be sending out their monthly newsletter, semi-annual show flyers and other news via e-mail using blind copy (instead of the To field). She simply addresses the e-mail to herself, while the list of all other e-mails are hidden from everyone. Of course bulletins will continue to list contact information for members of the Executive and anyone else when there is reason to contact them.

Something else you can do to protect members' privacy, as I was reminded by the recent St. Thomas Numismatic Association bulletin and what has been done by other clubs for a while, is to mention only first name and possibly the initial of the last name, in the bulletin (this does not necessarily apply to executives). For example, in the St. Thomas bulletin, their editor, Randy Underhill, states that the draw winners at the previous meeting were “Chris, Don H., Jim N., and Pat.” If only one Chris or Pat is a member of the club, they need no further identification. If there is more than one Don or Jim, an initial of the last name will tell members who it was that the bulletin is referring to. Active members know who they are, while those that are not too active in club affairs, I venture to guess, don't care what their last names are.

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