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EDITOR'S COMMENTS:

Although we have been operating on a somewhat low-key throughout the summer vacation period, it is most gratifying to note that our membership has increased by nine in the past three months. We now have 59 paid members.

We welcome all our new members, one of whom has already contributed an article which is featured in this issue. Ed Parker relates some of his interesting experiences while searching for new milk token "finds" in Winnipeg.

Our thanks to Doug Ferguson for his kind offer of a meeting-room for our members attending the recent C.N.A. National Convention in Toronto. Unfortunately, due to vacations etc., we did not receive Doug's letter in time to notify the members. Next year, perhaps, something can be arranged well in advance.

Cec Tannahill's latest publication "Trade Tokens, Paper and Wooden Money of Saskatchewan" has just been released. We believe it is one of the most complete and interesting regional listings published to date. We are pleased to note that Cec has joined our Association and that he is offering his new book for sale to members at a reduced price. (See under "Publications Available").

Deadline for copy for the next issue of the Canadian Token will be Dec. 10th, 1972.

SUPPLEMENTS

It will be our policy to enclose with the "Canadian Token" special supplements, whenever they are available, and whenever requested by the authors. These supplements usually will be group listings or regional listings of Canadian tokens, either with, or without, accompanying photo plates. These listings usually will have reached definitive stages, and likely will have appeared previously in other numismatic publications in tentative forms.

We are pleased to enclose with this issue, as our first supplement, a listing of Canadian Calendar Tokens by Les Hill. Les was kind enough to send us sufficient photo plates to accompany each listing.

Many of our readers will be familiar with this listing in the form in which it first appeared in print in the December, 1971 issue of the "Vancouver Numismatic Society News Bulletin". Since then, it has been reprinted in other Canadian numismatic publications.

Les would like to point out that several minor changes have been made in token descriptions etc. from those which appeared in the original article. The major change is a completely new description of the Sadler & Haworth obverse of the 1907-1927 group.

Our thanks to Les for his fine contribution.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

We have promised to answer all serious questions, submitted in writing, by members and prospective members, regarding the "Canadian Association of Token Collectors". The following are some of those received to date:

Q: May I examine a copy of the Association's Charter?

A: We have not applied for a charter at this early stage. If and when the Association grows to the extent that it seems advisable to obtain a charter, one will be applied for. However, you may be assured that the Executive will comply with all laws and regulations, both federal and provincial, which apply to non-profit organizations.

Q: Will the Association be "tied in" in any way with either the Canadian Numismatic Association or the Ontario Numismatic Association?

A: No. It is our aim to establish and maintain friendly relationships with all numismatic organizations, and to assist them whenever possible, in all matters involving the specialized field of Canadian Token collecting.

Q: Will past issues of the "Canadian Token" be available to non-members?

A: We print a few extra copies of each issue, and these, minus membership rosters, will be available at \$1.25 each.

- Q: Will the Association be run by dealers?
- A: Our membership application forms do not require an applicant to state his occupation. We cannot foresee any possible set of circumstances arising where dealers, or any other occupational group would be elected to a majority position on an executive comprised of five members.
- Q: Will the Association be run by a "clique".
- A: We certainly hope not. If our dictionary definition is correct, a "clique" is "a small, snobbishly exclusive group". It will be up to the membership to avoid electing to office a group of this type.
- Q: If I join the Association, what will I get out of it?
- A: As with most organizations of this kind, members usually derive a benefit in direct proportion to the amount of time and energy expended by them in participation in the affairs of the organization.

NEW MEMBERS

Membership applications have been received from nine applicants. These have been reviewed and accepted. Following is a list of the names, addresses, collecting preferences, and the names (in brackets) of the members by whom the new members were recommended:

- #51 Geoffrey G. Bell, (Palmer)
395 Highfield,
Moncton, N.B.
(Listed and Unlisted Maritime tokens)
- #52 James W. Astwood, (Ferguson)
52 Salme Drive,
Winnipeg, Manitoba.
(Manitoba tokens; bread, milk, hotel checks; shave tokens)
- #53 Eugene Culp, (Palmer)
741 Upper Wellington St.,
Hamilton 50, Ontario
(Ontario merchants, bakery and dairy tokens)
- #54 R.R. Smith, (Palmer)
13144 - 114 Ave.,
Edmonton, Alta. T5M 2Y2
(Spinner tokens; Alta. tokens and medals; Canadian wood;
Smith surname tokens)
- #55 Major Sheldon S. Carroll, (Palmer)
Curator, Numismatic Collection,
Bank of Canada,
Ottawa, Ont. K1A 0G9
(Canadian, all kinds; foreign, general)
- #56 C.E. Parker, (Palmer)
1207 Burrows Ave.,
Winnipeg, Man., R2X 053
(Manitoba, General)

- #57 Cecil C. Tannahill, (Palmer)
302-4545 Rae St.,
Regina, Sask. S45 3B2
(Saskatchewan tokens only)
- #58 John F. Merola, (Palmer)
262 Knickerbocker Road,
Dumont, N.J.
U.S.A. 07628
(U.S. hard times, Canadian & English tokens)
- #59 Jeffrey R. Abare (Palmer)
476 Main St.,
Johnson City, N.Y.
U.S.A. 13790
Wellingtons and "Ships" (E.G. ships, colonies & commerce)

MUSEUM ACQUIRES STEWART COLLECTION

WINNIPEG, MAN.:

The Manitoba Museum of Man & Nature has authorized announcement of their acquisition in March, 1971 of the Stewart Collection of medals and tokens of Manitoba.

This large collection includes many rare and unique examples of the historic medals and merchants' tokens widely used in the early days of this Province. Collected over many years by D.M. Stewart of Calgary, Alberta, the group was enhanced some years ago by the addition of an extensive collection acquired from J.W. Astwood, a prominent Winnipeg numismatist.

The Manitoba Museum of Man & Nature is dedicated to the preservation of the record of the Manitoba heritage. It is located at 190 Rupert Street, Winnipeg in a beautiful building opened as a centennial project in 1970. Mr. David Ross, Curator of Human History Collections would be pleased to arrange a showing of the collection to interested persons. Sections will be included in displays from time to time.

MANITOBA MILK TOKENS

"SOME DISCOVERED -- SOME LOST FOREVER"

By Ed. Parker

I have discovered recently, to my dismay, that some milk tokens used in Winnipeg have disappeared from the scene completely. They are unlisted; therefore copies may never be found - to the detriment of all token collectors. On the brighter side, however, I have uncovered others, some of which could have vanished, and others which are current.

During one of my visits to Royal Dairies Ltd., of Winnipeg, I noticed a token which did not appear to be a Royal item. On close examination, the issuer of the token was R. DeGrave and it was good for one quart of milk. I was informed that DeGrave was a former driver who had issued his own tokens for his route. His present address was unknown.

An examination of telephone and city directories gave me a possible lead, so I called on the man in question. He said that he was ~~the person who had issued the tokens~~ and that he still had some on hand, even though it was twenty years ago that he had ordered them made! When I told him that I wanted to buy some from him, he thought that I was a bit queer! But when I explained to him that some people collected tokens in the same way that others collected stamps and coins, he understood, and pulled out a small bag of tokens. They were almost new and are described as follows:

R./Degrave/-/Made in U.S.A.

Good for /1 quart/milk;

PL-Oc-23-Red

Good for /1 pint/milk;

PL-R-23-Green

Mr. DeGrave also told me that he had 500 quart tokens and 100 pint tokens made up, and that he had turned most of them over to his brother, who had taken over his route. He also said that other drivers had their own tokens and he gave me two names: G. Anseeuw and M. Chochinov. Back to the Directories!

I was able to locate both of these men and, after various conversations and searches, both informed me that all of their tokens had been lost or thrown out. These are the ones which may never be found - even for listing purposes. And the thought that nags me is that if someone had gone ten years ago where I went this year, would these tokens now be available for collectors? So, now is the time to go out and make enquiries and locate the tokens that are still available, before they disappear.

Mr. DeGrave also had two "Les Bower" tokens that he had accepted from customers. These items are also irreplaceable. (These will be discussed in an article which will appear in the next issue of "The Canadian Token" titled "Some notes on the Royal Dairies Ltd. (Winnipeg) Tokens").

While on the subject of "discovered" tokens, the following experience is perhaps worthy of note; and should also serve as an incentive to get out now and see what is available and in use. I decided to conduct my own survey of local dairies, and on my second visit I struck another unlisted series. It was at Silverwood Dairies and they now have in use three different tokens, all tokens have identical obverses, but the reverses differ.

Silverwood (script) /dairies/Ltd./-/Made in U.S.A.

Good for/1 quart/2% all jersey/milk; PL-R-32-L.Blue-CH

Good for/1 quart/Homo/milk; PL-R-32-Red-CH

Good for/1 quart/skim/milk; PL-R-32-Green-CH

So here are three new tokens not previously listed as being used in Manitoba. And with milk prices steadily on the rise, they may soon be withdrawn-perhaps for new colors, or perhaps forever - to be forwarded to their head office, or to be destroyed.

If you do go looking for new or unlisted tokens, expect to be disappointed; but be prepared for the excitement of a new discovery. Good luck!

Note: Mr. Parker has advised us that the Silverwood tokens are available only in units of 20, but that he has extra pieces to trade with anyone interested. Editor.

INDIAN DIAMOND JUBILEE MEDAL 1836-1936

By Frank Harding

Beardy's Indian Reservation No. 96 is located about three miles northwest of the town of Duck Lake, Sask. It is a prosperous modern reservation situated on good grain-growing land.

A diamond jubilee celebration was held here in 1936 to commemorate the sixtieth anniversary of the signing of Indian Treaty No. 6 on August twenty-second, 1876. The signatories for the government were Lieutenant-Governor Morris and The Hon. James McKay. For the Indians they were Chiefs Mistowasis, Ahtuckahcoop and others.

To honour this occasion the government of Canada ordered struck a commemorative medal for presentation to chiefs, headmen and senior residents of the district. These medals were also offered to others at twenty-five cents each. It is estimated that several thousands were distributed.

The medal is of white metal, 31 mm. in diameter, round and looped at the top. The inscription reads as follows:

- Obverse: Indian/diamond jubilee/1876-1936
(This below an Indian head with feathered
headdress)
- Reverse: Birks (incused; at bottom near rim)

THE A. HAMMOND TOKENS

By D.M. Stewart, F.C.N.R.S.

Hoard's Station is a tiny village situated in Northumberland County, about forty miles north-east of Cobourg, Ontario. From here, originated the following token:

"A. Hammond/Hoard's Station, Ont.
Good for /5/cents/in trade"
(It is round, 24 mm. in diameter and comes in both brass
and aluminum)

These tokens, which were struck from the same die, are found in a number of collections. They probably all came from a small group saved by Mr. Hammond's widow, who remarried and moved to Canmore, Alberta.

Mr. Cornelius Albert Hammond operated a general store at Hoard's Station from 1904 to 1907. He then moved to Campbellford where he had a grocery store from 1908 to 1915. In 1915 he opened a grocery store at Stirling, Ontario which he retained until his retirement in 1938. Mr. Hammond passed away in 1943.

UNUSUAL CANADIAN TOKENS

By Ken Palmer

Part II of a Series

THE DUNNVILLE - SHAUNAVON "MULE"

An unusual token came into my possession recently, the shape of which is round, the diameter is 32 mm. and the composition is copper.

One side of this piece bears the obverse inscription of a Shaunavon, Sask. aluminum token listed in "Trade Tokens of Saskatchewan" by C.C. Tannahill as Number S226B. It reads as follows:

"Hugh Stevenson/Limited/Departmental/Store/ Shaunavon,Sask."

The other side bears what appears to be the obverse inscription of an unlisted, and hitherto unknown token of Dunnville, Ont. It reads as follows:

"At Bicknell's/Jackson's/or/Happell's/in/Dunnville,Ont."

Mr. Tannahill states that the Stevenson token was issued in 1931 "to facilitate the handling of relief orders". The reverse side shows the value as "Good for/50¢/in/Merchandise". Apparently the use of this token was very brief as the Stevenson store burned down in late 1931 and was not rebuilt.

The three Dunnville stores have long gone, and even the sons who took over from the original owners are no longer in business. The last of these, the Happell store, closed up about twenty-five years ago. Bicknell's was a grocery store, Jackson's a men's wear store, and Happell's a shoe store. It has been suggested that their token was likely an advertising discount piece of some kind. The reverse probably shows a value.

The manufacturer's reason for "Muling" two obverse dies to produce this copper token can only be a matter of conjecture - a salesman's sample, perhaps?

I wish to thank Chief Librarian Evelyn O'Brien of the Dunnville Public Library for the information supplied regarding the Dunnville stores.

HELP WANTED

By D. M. Stewart

In 1967-68 the Royal Canadian Mint issued nickel tokens to vending machine companies for testing their machines prior to the release of the nickel 10¢, 25¢ and 50¢ coins.

Tokens of the 10¢ size and of the 25¢ size, with and without "RCM" inscribed on them, are found in many collections. Specimens of the 50¢ denomination are said to exist in the collections of the Royal Canadian Mint and the Sherritt Mint. But, are any to be found in private collections?

Perhaps one of our readers can supply some information as to how many specimens exist, and where they are located. Any help would be appreciated.

TOKENS AVAILABLE

The usual rules apply. Selling price is 25¢ each plus postage; orders of \$1.00 or more are post-paid.

Atikokan, Ont.: Atikokan Bakery-Good for one loaf (alum.)
Harrow, Ont.: John Stocker-Good for 5¢ in trade (alum.)
Write to : Roy Stewart, P.O. Box 4481, Sta. "C", London, Ont.

Brantford, Ont.: MacNicoll's Dairy Ltd.-Good for 1 non-fat quart
(al.-ts)

Formosa, Ont. : Dentinger & Beingessner-Good for \$1.00 in
merchandise (al-oc)

Hamilton, Ont. : Dairyland-Good for 2 quarts milk (Pl-R-Brown)
: " -Good for 1 quart skim milk (Pl-R-Green)
: Raspberry Farm Dairy-Good for 1 pt. milk (Al-R)

Neustadt, Ont. : J. Derbecker (c/s Alf)-Good for 5¢ in trade (Br-R)

Port Towan, Ont. : C.H. Pierce & Co.-Good for 25¢ in trade (Al-r)

Wheatley, Ont. : Wheatley Dairy-Good for 1 quart (Al-ch-red)

Winnipeg, Man. : Working men's Union Bakery -Good for 2 loaves (Al-R)
Write to : Ken Palmer, 10 Wesanford Pl., Hamilton, Ontario

PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Just published, "Trade Tokens, Paper and Wooden Money of Saskatchewan", by C.C. Tannahill. Contains 152 pages, and lists all the known tokens issued in the Province of Saskatchewan, with a history of the issuer in most cases. Tokens, and varieties of tokens, are described in print and also depicted by hundreds of illustrations. It contains a detailed history of the Weyburn Security Bank, which was the only chartered bank, and it issued its own banknotes. Listed with a number of other pieces of script issued for various purposes. For the wooden money collector there is a complete listing of known pieces, with their history and number issued. Selling regularly for \$6.00, this publication is offered to members only for \$5.00 post-paid. Order directly from the author: Cecil C. Tannahill, 302-4545 Rae St., Regina, Sask. 54S 3B2.

I have available to members only the following publications:

1. Transportation tokens of British Columbia, by Larry Gingras (Second Printing, 1972). Lists all B.C. Transportation tokens with detailed history of the issuing companies. 15 pages illustrated. \$1.00 each, post-paid.
2. "The Tokens of British Columbia and the Yukon", a publication of the Vancouver Numismatic Society (1969) 88 pages. \$3.00 each, post-paid.

Write to: Ken Palmer, 10 Wesanford Pl., Hamilton, Ontario.

"THE CANADIAN TOKEN", OCT. 1st, 1972CALENDAR TOKENS OF CANADA

By Leslie C. Hill

A relatively small but fascinating series of tokens, the Calendars, have received little or no attention from cataloguers in the past, therefore a brief summary of the known issues may prove interesting. One of the difficulties encountered in accurately listing the Calendar tokens is their relative scarcity; of the eleven varieties listed below, four appear as unique in our records, the commonest (if we may be excused for using the term) is recorded in only six collections. No doubt other varieties unknown to us at this time, and additional specimens of the listed Calendars will come to light in due course; we would appreciate hearing from anyone with additional information.

Our present check list will be confined to the Calendar tokens with the rotating disc; the Obstetric Calendars, sports dates, etc., may be considered at a later date. All of the disc type Calendar tokens except one, are of the advertising, or metallic business card token type, the exception being a commemorative. These have been issued in three groups, the 1901-1950 series, the 1907-1927, and the 1911-1931 group. Each group uses the same Calendar reverse, with the obverse side being used by the issuer for advertising.

These may be described as follows:

1901-1950 GROUPREVERSES

The body of the token has the years from 1901 to 1950 spaced around the border, and the initials of the days of the week in a continuous circle near the center of the token. A disc is fastened to the body of the token at the center by a pin around which it can be rotated. This disc has a section cut out at the top in order for the user to see the year on the token, and it also has a cut-out window near the center for seeing the initials of the days of the week on the body of the token. The months are stamped on the top of the disc, and the days of the month near the bottom under the window. When the desired month is placed under the year, then the date of the month will appear lined up under the appropriate day of the week as seen through the window. For a leap year the months of Jan. & Feb. are repeated and underlined (This information and directions for use are stamped on the disc). Around the center pin appears, "Calendar/1901 to 1950/Patent"

McCaw OBVERSE

William McCaw (around top)/office 404/Transportation Bldg., /120, St. James St./Montreal./ The Life & Accident/Insurance Expert/ He gives you the best value/for your premiums/"Talk with McCaw."/ It pays.

Reeded edge A(luminum) R(ound) 44½ M(illimetres).

SADLER & HAWORTH OBTVERSE

Sadler & Haworth (around top)/Tanners/and/Manufacturers/of/
Oak Leather Belting/---/Montreal, Toronto,/St.John, N.B./Winnipeg,
Vancouver.(around below)

Reeded edge A R 44½ mm.

(This Calendar is listed under the tokens of Manitoba as #8540A
and in the tokens of British Columbia and Yukon as #8150B)

1907-1927 GROUP

REVERSES

The outline of the days, months and years closely follows
the pattern of the 1901 to 1950 group, however the directions for
use on the disc, are arranged slightly different, and the dates
are from 1907 to 1927.

MCCAW OBTVERSE

Talk with McCaw (around top)/107, St. James St.,/Montreal/
the Life & Accident/Insurance Expert/He gives you/the best value/
for your/premiums/Marsh Bros. Toronto. (in very small letters
around below)

Reeded edge A R 38½ mm.

MARSH BROS. OBTVERSE

Marsh Bros. (around top)/23, Scott St./Toronto/Advertising/
Signs/ & /Novelties./Have always something new (The last two lines
are around below)

Reeded edge A R 38½ mm.

OAK HALL OBTVERSE

Compliments of (around top)/Oak Hall/---/Makers of the best/
tailored garments/in Canada/for/men & boys (around below)

Reeded edge A R 38½ mm.

PAYNE'S OBTVERSE

The superior excellence of (around top)/Payne's/Pharaoh/
Cigars/will outlive this/calendar

Reeded edge A R 38½ mm.

(Three specimens are known to us, all in Canadian collections.
We have included it here as the style of the Calendar is similar
to the others in this group; listing under Canada must be considered
as indefinite at this time.)

PRESSE OBTVERSE

Montreal/La Presse/circulation/100,000.

Reeded edge A R 38½ mm.

(La Presse advertises in 1971, as being the largest circula-
tion French language newspaper outside of France, estimated at
225,000)

SADLER & HAWORTH OBVERSE

Tanners & Manufacturers (around top)/of/Oak/Leather Belting/Sadler & Haworth (in script)/Established 1876 (in small letters on the flourish of "h" of Haworth)/Montreal,Toronto./St.John, N.B.Winnipeg./Vancouver./Marsh Bros.Toronto. (small letters)

Reeded Edge A R 38½ mm.

Listed under the tokens of Man. as #8540B, and under the tokens of B.C. & Yukon as #9150A)

1911-1931 GROUP

REVERSES

These very closely follow the style of the 1907 to 1927 group, the major difference being the dates, 1911 to 1931.

GUTTA PERCHA OBVERSE

FISS TRES Mfg. by the Gutta Percha & Rubber Mfg. Co. of Toronto. Limited. (all around the border in a complete circle)

Reeded Edge A R 38½ mm.

(Listed by Melvin and George Fuld as N.FI.3., in the Numismatist for July 1957; since then two have turned up in Canada)

KING GEORGE V OBVERSE

King George V (around left) Queen Mary (around right)/(crowned busts of the King and Queen facing the readers left, in center)/H.G. (in very small letters below busts)

Reeded Edge A R 38½ mm.

(Listed by Melvin and George Fuld as N.GE.2., in the "Numismatist" for August 1957; we include this due to the similarity of the reverse Calendar. Melvin Fuld informs us that other British Calendars use this reverse Calendar type; its inclusion here is doubtful)

LUMEN OBVERSE

Castings/Buffalo/Lumen/Bearing/Company/Toronto/Bearings

Reeded Edge A R 38½ mm.

While the manufacturers of these Calendars remain in doubt, it does appear that the firm of Marsh Bros., of Toronto, who were engaged in the business of handling advertising signs and novelties, did have some connection with at least the 1907-1927 group. It is interesting to note the small letters on the McCaw and the Sadler & Haworth 1907-1927 tokens which read "Marsh Bros. Toronto." These small letters usually refer to the manufacturer of the token or medal on which they appear.

We are indebted to the following numismatists for their kindness in loaning tokens for photography or supplying information; Nelson C. Boltz, Fred Bowman, Sheldon S. Carroll, Freeman Clowery, J.D. Ferguson, Melvin Fuld, Robert L. Low, Ken A. Palmer, and Donald M. Stewart.

The courtesies extended to us by Fred Bowman and Melvin Fuld are especially appreciated. The Calendar tokens and medals of the world were extensively written up by Melvin & George Fuld in a series which appeared in the "Numismatist" from January, 1956 until November, 1969, the Gutta Percha and King George V Calendars being included; additions to these listings began in the "Numismatist" for October, 1971. Fred Bowman has generously supplied us with information, photographs, and rubbings, from his voluminous Canadian numismatic files. The location of additional Calendars and all relevant data will be added to these records for the convenience of future researchers.

