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VARIETIES OF THE NOVA SCOTIA THISTLE TOKENS(1823-1843)
Part I: Halfpennies

By JEFF ABARE

Known as thistle tokens, because of their reverse design depicting the badge of Scotland, these semi-regal coins were struck by John Walker & Co. on the order of the Provincial Secretary to relieve the shortage of small change created by the withdrawal of private tokens after 1817.

The first issue of 400,000 halfpennies was released in 1823. In 1824 118,636 halfpennies and 217,776 pennies were issued and, in 1832, a third issue of 800,000 halfpennies and 200,000 pennies was struck, still bearing the bust of George IV--two years after the accession of William IV. A further issue, bearing the head of Queen Victoria on the obverse, of 300,000 halfpennies and 150,000 pennies was struck in 1840 and an equal quantity was circulated in 1843.

The obverse was changed to a diademed bust of Victoria and the new provincial emblem, the Mayflower, replaced the thistle on the reverse of the 1856 coinage.

The purpose of this article is to try, with your help, to establish the die varieties of both the genuine and the circulating counterfeit tokens by examining these items in your collection, as I have in mine. I, therefore, invite you, after reading the outline below, to forward to me any remarks or descriptions you may feel helpful in this search.

The reference numbers below are from Illustrated History of Coins and Tokens relating to Canada (1894), by P. N. Breton.



Breton notes that there are seven varieties of the 1823 halfpenny (867). Of these, I find four. The first has a relatively large shoulder button, 13 leaves in the wreath, a dot between the "F" and "N", and a V-shaped end on the right ribbon. A smaller appearing variety has a smaller shoulder button, a forked ribbon end, and 14 laurel leaves. There is another type, struck in higher relief with the "P" in PROVINCE slightly above the tip of the bust and yet another, almost identical variety with the hyphen between NOVA and SCOTIA omitted.

Of the three varieties of the 1824 halfpenny (869), I have one with the "P" near the bust and one with the "P" far from the bust.

I find three varieties of the genuine and two types of the counterfeits of 871, although Breton claims the existence of seven in all. The genuine 1832 tokens are of better weight than the imitations which tend to be made of bronze or brass. Good 1832 halfpennies can have the right or left ribbon longer or of equal length. The bogus 1832 halfpennies produce a higher sounding ring when dropped and, generally, are more weakly struck. I note one type of counterfeit with NEKOT incuse under the word SCOTIA and another with a "bubble" in front of the mouth.

The three 1382 counterfeits (872) are more easily detected. The original 1382 has a flat-topped 3 and is light in weight. The "fake counterfeit" has a round-topped 3 and, since it is made from the genuine 1832, is of full weight. The 1832/1382 variety appears to be "1882" at first glance.

Breton 874 (both 1840 and 1843) are listed as having four varieties each. Although only one 1843 is detectable in my collection, I do have three types of "O" in the 1840 halfpennies: small, medium, and large.

Won't you look at your thistle halfpennies--maybe we both will learn something.

THE COPPER CLIFF DAIRY TOKENS

By D. J. Smith

Situated in the shadow of the World's tallest smoke stack, and surrounded by a bleak moonscape of black bald rocks, is the green oasis of Copper Cliff. Copper Cliff, now part of the large Regional City of Sudbury, is the home of the International Nickel Company of Canada's giant mining complex, and home of one of the quaintest Dairy buildings in Northern Ontario. The Copper Cliff Dairy Limited, commenced operations in 1926, under the ownership of Mr. E. J. Kallio. Upon his death in 1951, the Dairy was operated by his son Einar and his nephew Emil Kallio. The Dairy is unique in that it is wholly employee owned, because of Mr. Einar Kallio's considerate bequest. He left his 60% ownership to eight employees; those who had over fifteen years seniority. Many features of the building add to the warm atmosphere and quaintness of the Dairy. On one corner of the flat roof, are life-size models of a cow and calf, and on the other front corner is a horse hitched to a retired, but brightly painted, milk wagon. This mode of delivery ceased in 1951. Behind the counter in the small "store" section of the building, hangs a board completely covered with objects that were found inside of, (and hard to get out of), plastic milk jugs.

These range from nuts, tickets and envelopes, to paper money.

The Copper Cliff Dairy used two types of milk tokens for a few years prior to 1960, when these too, were retired, in fact, the pieces that I obtained were in the trunk of the Manager's car, destined for the bottom of beautiful Lake Penage.

The tokens are of the Cow Head shape, in coloured aluminum, measuring 33 mm. in width and 36 mm. in length, described as:

COPPER CLIFF/DAIRY/LTD.
GOOD FOR/1/QUART/PASTEURIZED MILK
A:CH: 33x36 Green (B.H.)
GOOD FOR/1/QUART/OF/HOMO MILK
A:CH: 33x36 Red (B.H.)

The writer wishes to thank Mr. Bill Johnson, congenial Manager and part owner of the Copper Cliff Dairy, for his kind co-operation, and to acknowledge that the tokens were previously listed under "The Dairy Tokens of Ontario", by Ken Palmer, in "The Transactions Of The Canadian Numismatic Research Society", Vol. 6, No.2, April 1970.

THE "McDONAGH & SHEA" BREWERY TOKEN OF WINNIPEG

By C.E.Parker

Recently, Don Stewart listed a hitherto unknown brewery token from Winnipeg, described as follows:

5870(a) McDonagh/&/Shea/Winnipeg
(Bifacial)

John McDonagh and Patrick Shea left their native Ireland while in their teens and came by separate routes to Winnipeg where they apparently first met. Their first joint venture was a hotel which was situated near the C.P.R. Station, known as The Waverley Hotel. They began to operate the hotel in 1884.

In the meantime, one Celestin Thomas had moved the first brewery in Manitoba from its site near Middlechurch to a building on the banks of Colony Creek. This creek has since been filled in. Mr. Thomas' foresight was admirable since he established his brewery on Colony Creek before the City of Winnipeg obtained its charter from the Legislative Assembly. Unfortunately the brewery passed through a number of hands until September 1887, when the brewery was purchased by McDonagh and Shea.

They immediately began a series of improvements to make the brewery a viable operation. Unfortunately, John McDonagh did not live to see the fulfilment of his dream, because he died on January 3, 1894 at the age of 38 - less than seven years after the purchase of the brewery.

The original name of the company, McDonagh & Shea, remained until the company was incorporated in 1926.

The Shea sign was a familiar sight near the corner of Broadway and Osborne for many years and could be seen from the grounds of the Legislative Building.

In more recent years the brewery was purchased by Labatt's and the pioneer name of Shea has been lost to Winnipeg - except for the tokens still extant.

THE NORTH BATTLEFORD HOSPITAL MEDALLION

By Frank Harding

The Saskatchewan Hospital, North Battleford, was officially opened on February 4th, 1914. On that date 346 patients were transferred from the Brandon Mental Hospital, Manitoba, where all Saskatchewan mentally ill patients had been treated up to that time.

Not many years elapsed until the 800 bed hospital showed evidence of overcrowding, necessitating the addition of a new wing in 1919. This wing has now been renovated to the new Out Patient Department.

1955 saw the largest population (1901) in the hospital but it was the turning point in the care of the mentally ill and the population has been decreasing ever since through the increased use of psychotropic drugs. In 1960, the inpatient count was 1,707 and has dropped to 363 by April 1973.

The Hospital's 60th Anniversary was celebrated in its 60th year of operation in 1973 by the publication of a 68 page booklet entitled "REFLECTIONS" which is a pictorial history of the Saskatchewan Hospital, a "Homecoming" reunion and the striking of the 60th Anniversary Medallion.

While preparing for the 60th Anniversary, it was Mr. Maurice Lasiuk, one of the Nursing Supervisors, who came up with the idea of having a medallion minted and also with the design. Dies and sculpture work was done by Lombardo Mint, Quebec.

Description of Medallion:

Obverse - (picture of hospital) 1913 - 1973

Reverse - Saskatchewan Hospital/North Battleford/60th Anniversary

Round 39 mm

- 10 Struck in pure silver
- 100 Struck in nickle silver plate
- 900 Struck in bronze - antiqued finished.

Bronze Medallions can still be obtained from the Saskatchewan Hospital Canteen, Box 39, North Battleford, Saskatchewan, S9A 2X8. At a price of \$2.10 each including postage.

Special thanks to (Mrs.) Irene L. Watson, Director of Nursing, Saskatchewan Hospital for information supplied.

LAKESHORE COIN CLUB COMMEMORATIVE MEDALS

By Barry Uman

On June 1, 1974, the members of Lakeshore Coin Club honoured one of their most distinguished members, Fred Bowman. To commemorate this testimonial dinner, two special medals were ordered. These medals were hand engraved and struck in the Middle East by one of the clubs members, F.T.Bichay, who has a medallic business.

The first medal is unique and it was presented to Fred Bowman immediately after he had been elected the first honorary president of Lakeshore Coin Club. This medal is round, 83mm and made of silver. The obverse pictures the clubs emblem, a schooner circled by the inscription "Lakeshore Coin Club/Founded/1962". The reverse reads, "Fred Bowman/Elected/First Honorary President/1974/F.T.Bichay". The inscription is incused.

The second medal, which is available to all members of Lakeshore Coin Club, is a smaller, round, 36mm, white metal souvenir, that commorates the testimonial dinner. It has an identical obverse as the first medal but differs as to the reverse. The inscription reads, "Testimonial Dinner/Fred Bowman/1974/Bichay". Attached to the medal is a clasp with a detachable key chain. The medals come in a coloured plastic envelope bearing the manufacturers name.

FRED BOWMAN TESTIMONIAL DINNER

Fred Bowman, one of the most distinguished figures in Canadian numismatics, was the guest of honour at a testimonial dinner held in his honour on June 1st by the Lakeshore Coin Club, Pointe Claire, Quebec, Canada. He has been a member of that club for many years, during which his encouragement and help has been invaluable to innumerable fellow-members, both senior and junior.

During the dinner, a special general meeting of the club was convened at which Fred was unanimously elected the first honorary president in its twelve years of existence. Following his election, presentations were made to Fred commemorating the occasion. First there was a hand-lettered scroll formally confirming his election as honorary president of the club; next, a 3" silver medal, an unique specimen especially struck for the occasion by a member now living in Egypt, was presented. Displayed on the obverse is the Lakeshore Club's sailboat crest and on the reverse an inscription "Fred Bowman - elected 1st Honorary President - 1974". Smaller medals with the same obverse but a reverse inscription "Testimonial Dinner - Fred Bowman - 1974" were also struck in a very limited quantity and were available to members attending the dinner.

Fred was also presented with a specially bound book of letters and telegrams received from numismatic friends in Canada, the United States, Great Britain and India. The contributors had been invited to send a greeting and if possible a recollection of their personal numismatic association with Fred. Fifty of them responded and the resulting volume is fitting testimony to the respect and affection felt by the numismatic

fraternity not only for Fred but also for his charming wife, Alice.

In response, Fred Bowman told the meeting that he considered the occasion to be a milestone in his collecting experience. He went on to recall how he had started his coin collecting in 1936 during a trip to Australia and how in his later travels he had had the good fortune to spend considerable time in India, where he became familiar with the outstanding collections in that country. He spoke also of his association with the late L. J. Renault, whom Fred succeeded as numismatic curator at the Chateau de Ramezay in Montreal and of the founding and early days of the Canadian Numismatic Association and of the Montreal Numismatic Society.

Following the presentations to Fred and his remarks in response, a bouquet of flowers was presented to Mrs. Bowman on behalf of her many friends in the numismatic world.

The evening ended with a standing ovation for Fred and the traditional salute "For he's a jolly good fellow".

TANNAHILL SELLS COLLECTION TO MUSEUM

Cec Tannahill recently announced that he has sold his unique collection of trade tokens, wooden money and depression script to the Saskatchewan Government's Department of Culture and Youth. Many of these items date back to the Territorial days.

The Department has appointed Cec to the position of Research Officer to organize and augment the collection. It will be placed in portable displays which will be exhibited in the museums throughout the Province. By this action a valuable part of Saskatchewan's commercial and community history will remain in the Province.

We all wish Cec the very best success in his new endeavours.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Now that the summer vacation period is almost over and the evenings are cooler, we can again resume in earnest our favourite hobby, token collecting.

We had a very successful meeting at the convention in Hamilton on August 23rd. There was an excellent attendance and several new members joined our association. The results of the election of officers appears elsewhere in this issue.

On behalf of the elected officers I wish to thank the Editor for his efforts in producing "The Canadian Token", and to thank again all the members who have submitted so many interesting and informative articles. I am sure you will keep up the good work. And to those who

have'nt contributed anything yet, how about it?

Again, thanks for your support!

W. D. Ham, President

REPORT OF GENERAL MEETING

The General Meeting of the Members of the Canadian Association of Token Collectors was held on Friday, August 24th in the Royal Connaught Hotel, Hamilton, Ont. Fifteen members and four guests were in attendance.

President Wes Ham took the chair and asked Cec Tannahill to conduct the election of officers for a one year term. Results were as follows:-

President, Wes Ham; Vice President, Norm Wells;
Secretary-Treasurer; Ken Palmer

The business at hand was quickly disposed of. Two important matters were resolved. Cec Tannahill proposed that a "Maverick" editor be chosen to whom members could send lists of their unattributed tokens. Geoff Bell volunteered to take on this task. Doug Ferguson suggested that we conduct a mail and floor bid auction at the next General Meeting to be held in Calgary in 1975. Doug volunteered to handle the mail bids.

The Editor expressed his thanks to the members for the quality and originality of the articles submitted for publication. More articles and advertisements will, of course, be welcomed.

The meeting was then adjourned.

"MAVERICKS" FEATURE TO BEGIN IN JANUARY ISSUE

One of the most interesting and rewarding aspects of token collecting is the attributing of those tokens which do not show the location of the issuer. "Mavericks" as they are usually called, appear in most collections and are often widely separated from their place of origin.

Geoff Bell was appointed "Maverick" Editor at our recent General Meeting in Hamilton. He will accept lists of these tokens from members and compile them on a master list in alphabetical order. Each member will receive a copy with his January, 1975 issue of The Canadian Token.

Geoff will have to receive your listings well before December 1st, so that he can properly assemble them for the combined listing. He will require an accurate description of each token with line markers, punctuation, etc. or a clear rubbing or photo. Be sure to state the type of metal, the shape, and the size (W.X.H.) in millimetres.

Send your lists as soon as possible to Geoff Bell, 395 Highland St., Moncton, N.B.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Entered into Membership

- #84 Allan Fargeon, (Palmer)
5287 Coronation Ave.,
Montreal, 29, Que. (Canada General)
- #85 James J. Curto, (Palmer)
770 Lincoln Rd.,
Grosse Pointe,
Mich. 48230, U.S.A.
(Canadian & United States Tokens)
- #J-86 Keith F. Stanton, (Abare)
2617 Smith Drive,
Endwell,
N.Y. U.S.A.
(Canada General)
- #87 Vincent Mitchell, (Bell)
P.O.Box 334
Newcastle, N.B. E1V 3M4
(Maritime Tokens)
- #88 Mark McLaughlin, (Bell)
467 Water St.,
Chatham, N.B.
(Maritime Tokens)
- #89 Jordan R. Bowcott, (Palmer)
1216 Tilston Court,
Coquitlam, B.C.
(Masonic & General)
- #90 Gary W. Holt, (Palmer)
1579 Noel Ave.,
Comox, B.C. V9N 4W8
(Canadian Dairy Tokens)
- #91 Larry Gingras (Palmer)
P.O.Box 15,
Richmond, B.C.
(H.B.Co. & British Columbia)
- #92 Tom Einarson (Palmer)
Box 786, Southampton, Ont.
NOL 2L0
(General, Drug Store, Bruce County)
- #93 K. Raymond Mabee, (Bell)
75 Coronation Dr.,
Moncton, N.B.
(Breton, Maritime Merchants)

Reinstated

#C-31 Norman W. Williams, P.O.Box 310, New Westminster, B.C.
67 Gordon M. Culbert, R.R.#3, Stayner, Ont.

Deceased

#69 Louis Villemaire, 1078 Scott Ave., Oakville, Ont.

Change of Address

Jeffrey R. Abare, 200 Rano Blvd., 4B-11, Vestal, N.Y. 13850
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Barry Uman, 2400 Benny Crescent, Apt.404, Montreal, Que., H4B 2P7
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Rod V. Wiley, 735 Hollon Ave., Auburn, Ala., 36830

Geographical Location of Members (1974)

<u>CANADA</u>		<u>U.S.A.</u>	
Alberta	3	Alabama	1
British Columbia	7	Indiana	1
Manitoba	1	Maryland	2
New Brunswick	4	Michigan	2
Nova Scotia	1	New York	3
Ontario	36	Ohio	1
Quebec	7	Pennsylvania	1
Saskatchewan	2		
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ADVERTISEMENTS

FOR TRADE:

I have a few uncirculated 1939 Can. one cents and 1947 Can. five cents which I will trade one for one for Can. Store, Hotel or Bakery tokens. Write to: J.D.Ferguson, Box 38, Rock Island, Que. JOB 2KO

FOR SALE:

Rossland, B.C.- The Clarendon - 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ ¢ at bar (McColl #246) - \$7.50
Winnipeg, Man.- Drewery's, Kiewel's, Pellissier's, Shea's (4 pc's) - 7.50
St. John's, Nfld. - Standard Mfg.Co. - Sum of 5¢ - 3.50
Shubenacadie, N.S. - James Gass & Sons - 25¢ on \$5.00 - 3.50
Montreal, P.Q. - Charley's Place - 5¢ at the bar - 3.50
Shelter Bay, P.Q. - Ont. Paper Co. - 1 meal (also c/s "B.C.") - 2.50
Radville, Sask. - Joe. Shibley - \$1.00; 50¢; 25¢; 10¢; 5¢; 1¢ (set) - 15.00

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