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The 187th Meeting of the City of Ottawa Coin Club was held on Monday, December 19, 1983 at the National Archives Building on Wellington Street, with 17 members and 2 guests present. The President extended his Best Wishes for a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to ALL Members of the Club.

Both the door prize and the 50-50 draw were won by a guest Richard Johnston, who is the son of Johnny Johnston a long time member of the Club.

It was moved by Al Davies and seconded by Paul Nadin-Davis that the minutes of the November meeting as printed in the December Bulletin be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

It was moved by Paul Nadin-Davis and seconded by Myles Allan that the Club remain a member of the same Associations to which it belonged in 1983 and that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the necessary dues for 1984.

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Applications for membership were received from Eliseo Temprano and Alexandre J. A. Joly.

It was moved by Johnny Johnston and seconded by Jacques Belzile that the meeting adjourn.

MOTION CARRIED

As the evening had been designated a "Buy, Sell, Swap" night no other program was presented. Seldom has the club seen such an array of coins being examined and changing hands.

FLASH NEWS : Out of the frenzy of the largest tax-free lottery drawing in the world - the several million dollar "6-49" of January 6th, came a maturely-received and well-merited second place win, shared with eight others, by our industrious secretary, Len, Fletcher. Len's substantial gain, although exciting, did not deter him from producing the minutes above. Congratulations Len.

Another C.O.C.C. member was pictured in the news recently. Danny Slade, our F.A.O. specialist, and his wife Kathleen, celebrated their 35th Wedding Anniversary on December 31st. May you both have many more good Hogmanays.

The Gallery 8 Collector's Corner of the Bank of Canada's Currency Museum at the west end of the Sparks street mall has quietly opened with the Canadian portion of the display on view. The official opening will be announced when the foreign portion is completed. More details will appear later.

NEXT MEETING : Monday, January 23, 1984 at 7:30 p.m.
National Archives, southwest corner Conference Room
Wellington Street, Ottawa
Speaker : Stan Shiff will talk on Byzantine coins.

NEWS & COMMENTS

1. Three new books have become available which should interest any collector who is curious about British coins and tokens. They are:
 - (a) "Coins of Scotland, Ireland and the Islands" by Peter Seaby and P. Frank Purvey. This book has over 240 pages and more than 650 illustrations and costs £10.85 or \$17.65US postpaid. It amalgamates the former Parts 3 & 4 of the Standard Catalogue of British Coins into a new volume 2 which also includes the Island coinages of Jersey, Guernsey, Man and Lundy.
 - (b) "British Tokens and their Values" edited by Peter Seaby & Monica Bussell, revised by Michael Dickinson & D. Frank Purvey. (200 pages, 172 illustrations). This is basically a price update of the compact representative guide to 17th, 18th & 19th century British tokens. It's price, postpaid, is £7.40 or \$13.60 U.S.
 - (c) "Price Guide to 18th Century Tokens" by Schwer. This book is intended as a Priced Handbook for collectors and dealers, and uses Dalton and Hamers cataloguing. It is stated to have hundreds of illustrations interspersed throughout the text, but the number of pages is not mentioned. Its price, postpaid is £8.95.

All are available from B.A. Seaby Ltd., 11 Margaret St., London W1N 8AT. (75 p can be saved by ordered the first two together).

2. The Chinese Kweichow dollar can no longer claim to be the only coin featuring an automobile. The Isle of Man has issued a Christmas Double Crown (a fancy name for a 7-sided 50-pence coin) showing a model T Ford, to commemorate this car's 75th anniversary. (I took my first driver's test in a model T!)
3. The "soap salesman" have come up with a new wrapper. Those in the Royal Mint are using colourful eye-catching (related to purse-snatching) presentation cases for their own and Commonwealth coins. Cook Islands, Cyprus, Seychelles and Vanuatu have been issued. The Royal Canadian Mint sets will be repackaged in such presentation folders to join the "suds" parade. Ugh!
4. Spink & Son Ltd. of 5,6 & 7 King Street, St. James's, London SW1 6QS have published a completely revised hardback edition of the "Catalogue of British and associated Orders, Decorations and Medals" by E.C. Joslin. This book has 192 pages (290 x 170mm), 350 illustrations and 1,750 valuations. It costs \$26 US surface mail, or \$34 US airmail.

5. Australia will be introducing a new \$1('R00) coin in 1984 featuring on the reverse five kangaroos playing follow the leader. The new coin will be 25.12mm in diameter, 2.8mm thick and will weigh 9gms. It will have the popular new yellow gold appearance of the alloy: Cu 92, Al 6, Ni 2 %.
6. Henry Christensen's 9/10 Dec. 83 Auction sale catalogue contain an article on "The 20 over eagle countermark of Martinique". It states that a decree of 26 September 1805 authorized the use of two countermarks: the number 20 above an eagle with wings spread, and the number 22 also above an eagle. They were to be struck by a goldsmith called Costet of St. Pierre, Martinique - the 22/eagle on the good Portuguese - made 6400 reis, and the 20/eagle on the substandard ones made in America, Geneva or other countries. The number stood for the value in livres per gros (weight - 3.82 grams). Four varieties of stamp have been noted. Henry's address is P.O. Box 1732 Madison, New Jersey 07940, U.S.A.
7. The cover of the November 1983 issue of the British magazine, "Coin & Medal News" features Canada's 1983 Newfoundland tetracentennial 100-dollar token coin.
8. "Life with the Gods" is the Title of an article by Clive Brunswick in the December '83 issue of Bond & Banknote News. In it he remarks that the elephant-headed god, Ganesh, appeared on the certificates of the Bank of Poona. He comments: "Who better as the patron god of bank managers than Ganesh, god of obstacles". (Need I comment?!)

Indian mythology tells how, when Ganesh's mother first saw him, her glance reduced his head to ashes. (Some look!). Siva, his father, sent his servants to cut off a replacement head from the first creature they found who faced the North, which happened to be a sleeping elephant. (Moral: Don't loose your head about the arctic).
9. Geoffrey Bell, president of the C.N.A. uses "numismatic growth" as the theme of his December 1983 message. He comments: "Many collectors stop growing in numismatics when they reach puberty in the hobby". This is an apt parallel which occurs when certain limits in collecting are reached. It is the threshold to the mature and satisfying phase of life in the hobby. Unfortunately many choose gratification in the financial flesh pots rather than the golden richness of marriage with numismatics.
10. The quarterly publication, "SAN", (the journal of the Society of Ancient Numismatists) should be of interest to anyone interested in the classical and truly numismatic area of the hobby. The journal includes a consolidated list of dealers in ancient coins, one of whom uses a male athlete in typical olympic garb (for the centrefold buffs). The U.S. subscription price is \$10/year. The S.A.N. may be contacted at 10717 Louis Ave, Granada Hills, California, 91344, U.S.A.

11. The secretary-treasurer of the Canadian Paper Money Society, and a former notable member of the COCC executive - Ruth McQuade - has an article on "The Farmers Bank of Rustico" in the October 1983 issue of the CPM Journal. Ruth is a prolific author and continues tirelessly in support of numismatics and notaphily. Congratulations on setting such a fine example.
12. For the faddist who might be developing boredom with the burgeoning (or bursting?) trade-dollar craze, a new field of collecting is emerging - lottery tickets. Paul C. Richards of High Acres, Templeton, Massachusetts 01468, U.S.A. has pioneered a 40-page listing, describing 284 lots, about half of which are illustrated, covering a 30-year U.S. collection. He is asking \$10 US for the catalogue to be refunded with any purchases from it.

Legalized lottaries are not that old in Canada. Perhaps a similar catalogue will appear here before it is too late to uncover their origins and ticket types. Or perhaps broken financial dreams are not the stuff to collect. What say Jerry R or Frank Q ?

13. The occasional item of Swedish or Russian copper "Plate Money" appears in sale catalogues from time-to-time, but seldom has such a major offering been made as appears in the December 1983, fixed Price List No. 32 by Paul Nadin-Davis (P.O. Box 95 Sta "A", Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1N 8V1). It comprises Swedish denominations of 1/2, 1, 2 & 4 daler, and Russian 5 & 10 kopecks in various dates. These scarce to rare items naturally are priced somewhat in the investment range.
14. It has been said that we are becoming a plasticized society. One example quoted is the proliferation of credit cards in lieu of currency, as anyone who has been delayed in check-out queues well knows. Another example is the issue of plastic token money, in lieu of coins, by the Keeling-Cocos Islands off the coast of Australia.

Now another example has appeared - the introduction of a new series of banknotes by the Isle of Man. A short article in the Bond & Banknote News of December '83 states that 2 1/2 million notes are going into circulation (3 prefix letters; colour green, one serial number, tradename "Bradvek"). Apparently an earlier trial with purple required improvement.

The £1 note will supplement the unpopular £1 coin which is rarely seen in circulation. Most of the coins are reported to lie in bank vaults since their introduction. Perhaps an enterprising soap salesman could stain some of them black and market them, together with the regular ones as a luxury checker or backgammon game.

15. The Armenian Numismatic Society at 8511 Beverly Park Place, Pico Rivera, California 90660 U.S.A. publishes a scholarly quarterly journal for those interested in this culture. Annual dues are \$7 US for the first year and \$6 US a year thereafter (?)
16. A recent flurry of enquiries was stirred up by the U.S. announcement that they plan to change to multi-coloured paper money as part an anti-counterfeiting program. The enquiries did not relate to the U.S. change but to the announcement that "Canada plans production of redesigned paper money in the second half of 1985 for introduction in 1986, (U.S.) Treasurer Ortego said" - quoted from the November 30 issue of Coin World. More and more often Canadian news is breaking in the U.S. press. (e.g. Charles & Dianne Medal).
17. The coin collector clout in the U.S. was so significant that it gained congressional mandate to force the Mint to restore the issue of Uncirculated (Mint) coinage after a two year suspension. Would that Canadian authorities had the same respect for collectors, so as to heed their recommendations.
18. Another sign of depressed financial times is the closure of the Dublin factory of the Thomas de la Rue Banknote Printing Company after 40 years of operation. The company had supplied banknotes to 80 nations which did not have currency printing presses of their own. Inefficiency, high levels of absenteeism and bad labour relations - the bane of modern industry - caused the Irish, rather than English or Maltese operation to be closed. (Coin World, Nov. 30, 1983).
19. Britain currently plans to replace the 657 million pound notes in circulation by the new £1 coins. 130 million coins have already been issued and the British Royal Mint at Llantrisant in Wales is striking approximately 8 million coins a week. It appears that British conservatism and resistance to change (no pun intended!) should succumb to such an inundation. It is all in the interest of economy. Notes cost 1.7 cents and last 9 months; coins cost 3.4 cents and last 40 years. (Coin World, Nov. 30, 1983).
20. It has been brought to my attention that Haiti also is using plastic bank notes.
21. Could one of the reasons that so many excellent coins and collections are appearing in the marketplace, be the discussions of the U.S. House Ways and Means Committee on the adviseability of amending the Internal Revenue Code to deny current favourable capitol gains treatment, and therefore tax as the equivalent of ordinary income, any gain realized on the sale of personal tangible assets including rare coins? If so, this could also cause an ongoing easing of investor demand, thus making better material available, at more reasonable prices, to the collector and numismatist.

22. The Israel Government Coins and Medals Corporation, 350 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y. 10118, U.S.A. is offering a set of seven uncirculated piefort (double thickness) coins of 1983, which mark the occasion of the 35th anniversary of the independence of Israel, for \$11 US.

23. One of the symmetrical solutions to last months coin puzzles is shown at right. Please let me know whether you would like more puzzles.	1	5	10	25
	25	10	5	1
	5	1	25	10
	10	25	1	5

Totals = 41 cents

24. May 1st is, and was, a significant day for many people. In mediaeval and Tudor England it was a great public holiday highlighted by maypole dances. The Puritans forbade the celebrations, but they were restored again later in the 17th century. Washing in May 1st morning dew was reputed to render one beautiful. The Celtic May day was associated with human sacrifice. "May day" was adopted as the voice equivalent of the emergency Morse signal SOS (... --- ...) by the allies in World War II. Before that it was selected as an international labour holiday by the International Socialist congress in 1889.

Another mayday reference is made by Colin Narbeth in an article on the "War Notes of the Third Reich" in the Dec. '83 Bond & Banknote News. In it he states that in fact the effective war was over on May 1 when General Krebs emerged from the Führer Bunker to seek surrender terms and opened the conversation to (sic) the Russians with the words: "Today is the 1st of May, a great holiday for our two nations" (The official VE day was May 8, 1945).

By some strange quirk of the Napoleonic code of laws inherited by Quebec and most noticeable in Montreal, leases were negotiated or expired on May 1st. Throughout my childhood I recall the mass interchange of accomodation that occurred on that day, and later as a Bell employee I was to become aware of the tremendous financial costs involved in discontinuing and reestablishing service. Yes May 1st is an unusual day - also for me - for it happens to be my own birthday.

25. By the time this is published, Christmas will have come and gone. May the spirit of fellowship continue, as do my friendly thoughts for all who have the interests of numismatics at heart. May you all aim high, strive well, live long and be happy.

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"Most people have heard of the Twelve Caesars, but, like the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World*, few would be able to reel them off in correct order without hesitation". This is the opening sentence of an article on the 12 by Peter A. Clayton in the December 1983 issue of the Seaby Coin & Medal Bulletin (Audley House, 11 Margaret Street, London W1N 8At, England).

Here is a tabulation of the 12 Roman caesars:

1.	Julius	† 44 BC	assassinated
2.	Augustus	27 BC - AD 14	died naturally at 77
3.	Tiberius	AD 14 - 37	retired
4.	Caligula	AD 37 - 41	murdered by his guard
5.	Claudius	AD 41 - 54	poisoned by his 4th wife
6.	Nero	AD 54 - 68	committed suicide
7.	Galba	AD 68 - 69	assassinated
8.	Otho	AD 69	committed suicide
9.	Vitellius	AD 69	murdered
10.	Vespasian	AD 69 - 79	died naturally at 70
11.	Titus	AD 79 - 81	died prematurely at 40
12.	Domitian	AD 81 - 96	murdered

Two points are evident - ruling was a hazardous occupation, and 69 was a busy year. During their reigns, however, there were remarkably far-reaching and long-lasting achievements.

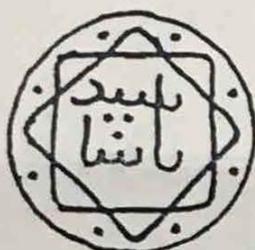
Seaby offers a set of silver denarii from the twelve, in VF - EF condition for £4,000. Lower grade and denomination pieces can be assembled for a much lesser amount.

* The seven wonders of the Ancient World, according to Antipater of Sidon (2nd century BC), were:

1. The Pyramids of Egypt;
2. the gardens of Semiramis in Babylon;
3. the statue of Zeus at Olympia;
4. the temple of Artemis at Ephesus;
5. the mausoleum at Halicarnassus;
6. the Colossus at Rhodes
7. the Pharos (lighthouse) of Alexandria

Philo of Bzantium substituted the Walls of Babylon, as the seventh wonder.

Tucked away inconspicuously in the Standard Catalog of World Coins, by Krause & Mishler, are several small but interesting pieces of information. While I was conjecturing on the possibility that Iraq may have made the transition from cupro-nickel to stainless-steel, via a nickel coinage, my attention was distracted by some coins from Mesopotamia (sic) on the facing page. As a photographer is on the lookout for a snapshot, so have I been on the lookout for items of interest to publish in our club bulletin. This one seemed to be, so I have produced some sketches of some scarce 27 mm copper coins, together with the K&M notes, and some additional comments.



087.
C 111

- A. This is the obverse of C-111, which bears a two-line legend. In Standard Arabic, it reads, right to left:

سید پاشا SAĪD PĀSHĀ

The designer has used one set of diacritical marks to serve the three letters, \bar{I} (پ), P (پ), and SH (ش).

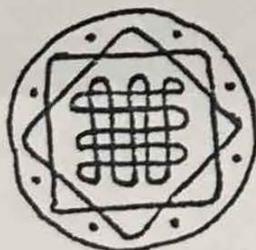
The K&M note states: "This is the only Ottoman coin struck with a governor's name. SAIT PASA (Ed; Iraqi pronunciation) was beheaded for this infringement of tradition."



REV
C 111

- B. This is the reverse of C-111, where the legend has been modified to give an artistic arrangement. This is a common practice with Arabic script labels; it often makes it difficult to decipher them. The legend is three words, and the date.

1st word	ضرب	i.e.	ضَرَبَ	ṢARB	Struck
2nd word	في	i.e.	فِي	FĪ	in
3rd word	بغداد	i.e.	بَغْدَاد	BAGHDĀD	Baghdad
Date	١٢٣١	i.e.	AH 1231		A.D. 1816



08V
C 111a

- C. This is the obverse of C-111a, presumably after SAĪD PĀSHĀ had been eliminated. It bears a pattern called a "Tamgha". The reverse is reported to be similar to C-111.

K&M provides this note: "The Tamgha was originally a sheep and cattle brand, later seal or brand. Each Turkish clan formerly kept its own Tamgha, to use both as a brand and as a seal on documents."

Egypt as well as Iraq, used a Tamgha, so care should be taken not to attribute coins by this symbol alone. The name of the originating mint city usually appears on early Muslim coins. K&M again is of help here. Be careful with Iran, however, - Iravan has been provided in place of Isfahan. It should read اصفهان. The initial letter is often separated from this word, and placed elsewhere on the flan.

It is hoped that readers are not overawed by the strange arabic script...



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AUCTION LIST

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#	MEMBER NUMBER	ITEM AND DESCRIPTION	CATALOG VALUE	RESERVE (IF ANY)
1	107	COINMASTER ALBUM (BROWN) 10C CANADA	10.00	-----
2	107	COINMASTER ALBUM (BROWN) 50C CANADA	10 00	-----
3	107	WORLD PAPER MONEY -- PICK 1975	15 00	-----
4	107	WORLD PAPER MONEY -- PICK 1977	18 00	-----
5	107	KRAUSE WORLD COINS - 1972	10.00	-----
6	107	KRAUSE WORLD COINS - 1977	18 00	-----
7	107	KRAUSE WORLD COINS - 1980	30 00	-----
8	107	KRAUSE WORLD COINS - 1981	42 00	-----
9	107	KRAUSE WORLD COINS - 1982	42 00	-----
10	107	COINS OF THE WORLD - W-D CRAIG 1976 (3RD ED)	15 00	-----
11	107	POPULAR WORLD COINS- REINFELD/HOBSON 1976	-----	-----
12	107	GOLD COINS - WORLD - FRIEDBERG (5TH ED 1980)	35 00	-----
13	107	VARIOUS CHARLTON CATALOGUES (14) (1963-81)	35.00	-----
14	107	SVENSKA MYNT HANDBOKEN + SWED. COPPER COINS	-----	-----
15	107	MISC GT. BRIT CATALOGUES (3)	-----	-----
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18	107	MODERN WORLD COINS - YEOMAN 6TH ED. 1964	-----	-----
19	107	MODERN WORLD COINS - YEOMAN 12TH ED 1978	-----	-----
20	107	MISC CANADIAN CATALOGUES (4)	-----	-----
21	107	MISC CANADIAN CATALOGUES (3)	-----	-----
22	107	3 MISC SPANISH & MEXICAN CATALOGUES	-----	-----
23	107	WORLD SILVER COIN GUIDE + 1981 U.S REDBOOK	-----	-----
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25	107	1966 CHARLTON EUROPE COINS & PAPER (BOTH FR)	-----	-----
26	107	CHARLTON STANDARD CATALOGUE - WINTER 1981	3 50	-----
27	107	CHARLTON STANDARD CATALOGUE - WINTER 1981	3.50	-----
28	107	CHARLTON STANDARD CATALOGUE - WINTER 1981	3 50	-----
29	107	CHARLTON STANDARD CATALOGUE - WINTER 1981	3 50	-----
30	107	CHARLTON STANDARD CATALOGUE - WINTER 1981	3 50	-----
31	107	GT. BRIT CROWNS 1953 & 77 1/2 CROWN 1948 ST HELENA CROWN 1973	15 00	-----
32	107	JAMAICA 1973 25C IRELAND 1970 50P	5.00	-----
33	107	MOROCCO 2 FALUS & 3 FALUS - C. 1872	4 00	-----

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34	107	DENMARK 5 KR 1973 SWITZ 5 FR 1970	4 50	-----
35	107	HUNGARY 1945 5 PENGO LIBERIA 1968 \$1	6 75	-----
36	107	CHINA 10 CASH G B 1977 5/- CAN 1921 10C G	6.25	-----
37	107	CHINESE KNIFE MONEY (COPY)	10 00	-----
38	107	CHINESE SPADE MONEY (COPY)	10 00	-----
39	107	ROLL (50) S AFRICA 1/2 D 1960 BU	250.00	-----
40	107	ROLL (50) EAST AFRICA 5C 1963 BU	30 00	-----
41	107	APPROX 180 GT BRIT 1/2 D 1967 BU	18.00	-----
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51	107	OBVERSE AND REVERSE LAMPSHUS STATER	24 00	-----
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54	107	OBVERSE AND REVERSE AGRIGENTUM 1/6 STATER	13 00	-----
55	107	OBVERSE AND REVERSE PERSIA SICLOS	6 00	-----
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60	107	COPY - AUSTRIA SIEGE KLIPPE - 1577	6 00	-----
61	107	SACHEL CONTAINING RED VELVET TRAYS - VARYING SIZES FOR DISPLAY	-----	-----
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65	107	ENGLAND BANK NOTE - 10 SH. 1948 - PEPPIATT SIGNATURE - PICK 119-C	20 00	-----
66	107	ANOTHER	20 00	-----

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