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## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR O.N.A. PRESIDENT

With the end of one year and the beginning of another, at this time I would like to wish you one and all a Very Happy and Prosperous 1972 with a very special wish for a successful year numismatically.

We in the Executive of the O.N.A. are looking forward to a very good and exciting year with our 10th Annual Show and Convention coming up on April 22nd. and 23rd. hosted by the Niagara Falls Coin Club at the Sheraton Brock Hotel, Niagara Falls, Ontario.

Last year the O.N.A. had a very good annual convention hosted by the Nickle Belt Coin Club in Sudbury, Ontario. This was one of our most successful shows, and many thanks are due to the Nickle Belt Club members and their committee for a job well done.

The O.N.A. has a good hard working executive gratis, who are quite willing to give your club what assistance they can on your annual show or your monthly meetings if you would get in touch with your area director and let him know your troubles and wishes.

We have in the O.N.A. library 29 sets of Audio-Visual numismatic slides with recorded tapes and type written transcripts that are helpful, educational and entertaining, which are available to any O.N.A. member club to borrow for a fee of \$1.00 per set to pay for postage and insurance. We also have one 16 MM colour sound, "The Ultimate Achievement" by the Franklin Mint for a fee of \$2.00. These slides are available for any O.N.A. member, through your area director, for showing at School, Church meetings and other clubs for the same fee.

I would like to get around to one of your meetings of every O.N.A. member club to say "Hello" and chat, but distance and time will not permit me to do this.

Numismatically yours,

Chas. B. Laister  
President O.N.A.

THE BREAD TOKENS OF ONTARIO - continued from the December issue

1 Loaf/Iliffe (Crown)	
(Uniface)	L-R-19
(Uniface)	B-R-24
(Uniface)	L-R-24
1 Loaf/Iliffe (Crown) (Incuse)	
(Uniface)	W-R-23
Charles Ledword/855/Somerset/St.	
Good for/1/2/loaf	A-R-25
Good for/1/loaf	A-R-28
Union Bakery/1/2/D. Lee (L.I.)	
(Blank)	B-R-22
(Blank)	C-R-22
Union Bakery/1/D. Lee. (L.I.)	
(Blank)	B-R-28
(Blank)	C-R-28
Union Bakery/1/D. Lee (L.I.)	
Pritchard & Andrews Ottawa (L.I.)	B-R-28
L. G. Marineau/Ottawa,/Canada/Boulangier	
Bon pour/1/pain	C-R-24
Bon pour/1/2/pain	A-R-20
Bon pour/1/2/pain	B-R-20
Bon pour/1/2/pain	C-R-20
Bon pour/1/pain	B-R-24
Bon pour/1/pain	W-R-24
L. G. Marineau/Baker/Ottawa/Can./288 Clarence St.	
Good for/1/loaf/of/bread	A-R-24
L. G. Marineau/Baker/Ottawa,/Can./288 Clarence St.	
Good for/1/loaf/of/bread	B-R-24
Good for/1/loaf/of/bread	C-R-24
Morrison-Lamothe/Good for one loaf/Bakery Limited.	
(Uniface)	A-R-29
Good/for/one/loaf/morrison - Lamothe Bakery Ltd.	
(Uniface)	F-R-29
Charles Pearce/Baker/Ottawa,/ont.	
Good for/1/loaf of bread	A-Sc8-29
E. Renaud/325/Clarence/Ottawa/Boulangier	
Bon pour/1/2/pain	W-R-20
Bon pour/1/2/pain	C-R-20
Bon pour/1/2/pain	B-R-20
Bon pour/1/pain	C-R-24=
Bon pour/1/pain	W-R-24
Aug. Roy/Good for/1/2/loaf	
(Blank)	A-0-22
Aug Roy/Good for/1/loaf	
(Blank)	A-0-27
B. Slinn/1/2/loaf	
549 Bank St. & New Edinboro'/Confectionery	A-0-25
0'Connor St. & New Edinboro'/Confectionery	B-0-26
Victoria/Bakery	A-S-25
549 Bank St. & New Edinboro'/Confectionery	B-R-25
0'Connor St. & New Edinboro'/Confectionery	A-R-25



B. Slinn/1/loaf/Fritchard & Andrews Ottawa	
O'Connor St. & New Edinboro/Confectionery	A-R-28
O'Connor St. & New Edinboro/Confectionery	B-R-28
Victoria Bakery/549/Bank St./&/New/Edinboro/ and Confectionery	A-R-28
Victoria Bakery/549/Bank St./&/New/Edinboro/ and Confectionery	B-R-28
O'Connor St. & New Edinboro/Confectionery (Blank)	A-R-28
Slinn Brothers/1/loaf. Victoria Bakery/Cor./O'Connor/&/Queen./& Confectionery	B-R-28
Slinn Brothers/1/loaf. (C/S "B. Slinn") Victoria Bakery/Cor./O'Connor/&/Queen./& Confectionery	B-R-28
Slinn Brothers/1/loaf. (C/S "B. Slinn") Victoria Bakery/Cor./O'Connor/&/Queen./& Confectionery	B-R-28
East End Bakery/1/2/Loaf. Slinn. (L.I.) (Blank)	B-R-21
East End Bakery/1/2/Loaf. Slinn. (Blank)	B-R-28
East End Bakery/1/2/Loaf. Slinn (L. I.) (As obverse, but double struck)	B-R-28
A. Sugarman/Ottawa. Good for/1/loaf/of/bread	A-R-25
<u>OWEN SOUND</u>	
D. B. McColl/Fancy/Cakes and/Confectionery/Owen Sound, Ont. Good for/one small/loaf	A-R-26
D. B. McColl/Fancy/Bakery/&/Confectionery/Owen Sound, Ont. Good for/one small/loaf of bread	A-R-25
McLaughlin & Sons Co., Limited/Bakers & Confectioners/ Owen Sound, Ont.	
Good for/1/loaf of bread	A-RE-32x19
Shirley & Rathwell/Bakers/and/Confectioners/Owen Sound, Ont.	
Good for/1/loaf of bread	A-Ov-30x22
Good for/1/loaf of bread (8 struck)	B-Ov-30x22
Good for/1/loaf of bread (8 struck)	C-Ov-30x22
Good for/1/loaf of bread (8 struck)	W-Ov-30x22
<u>PAISLEY</u>	
J. Hyde/Leading/Bakery/Paisley. Good for/1/2/loaf of bread	A-Sc8-29
<u>PARIS</u>	
Sation/Bakery/Paris. Good for/one/loaf/of/bread.	A-R-25
Good for/one/loaf/of/bread	A-R-25
<u>PARRY SOUND</u>	
J. Brint/Baker/Parry Harbor/Ont. Good for/1/2/loaf of bread	A-Sc8-24
<u>PEMBROKE</u>	
F. Lehman/Baker/&/Confectioner/Pembroke Good for/1/2/loaf	A-R-25
Good for/1/loaf/bread.	A-R-30

Leitch's/Penbrooke/Bakery,

Good for/1/small/loaf

A-R-25

Good for/1/large/loaf

A-R-30

W. McLaughay/1/Baker/ (L.I.)

(Black)

B-R-28

PENETANGUISHENE

G. Copeland &amp; Sons/Penetanguishene,/Ont.

Good for/one/loaf/bread

A-Sc8-29

G. Copeland &amp; Sons/Penetanguishene,/Ont.

Good for/1/loaf of bread

A-S-22 $\frac{1}{2}$ 

J. C. Lee/Baker/Penetanguishene

Good for/ $\frac{1}{2}$ /loaf of bread

A-Sc4-29

Good for/1/loaf of bread

A-R-25

J. C. Lee/Baker/Penetanguishene/Ont.

Good for/one loaf/of/bread

A-R-25

PERTH

W. A. McLaren/Baker/Perth, Ont.

Good for/ $\frac{1}{2}$ /loaf of bread

A-RE-32x19

PETERBORO

N. Lush &amp; Sons/Machine Made/Bread/Bakery

Good for/1/Small/loaf

A-R-28

T. Lush,/Baker/Peterboro/Ont.

Good for/1/loaf/of bread,

A-Sc4-29

PETROLIA

J. Pitman, (Incuse)

Good for/1/loaf (Incuse)

B-R-28

PETROLIA

Fletcher's/Petrolia, Ont.

Good for/one/loaf/bread

A-Sc4-28

PICTON

E. Herrington &amp; Co./Confectionery/and/Groceries/Picton, Ont.

Good for/1/loaf of bread

A-R-25

Good for/1/loaf bread

A-R-25

PORT ARTHUR

D. M. Davidson/Terms/Cash/Port Arthur

Good for/1/loaf of bread

A-0c-25

Henry Foote/Baker/Port Arthur.

Good For/1/loaf of bread

A-R-25

O. Kivela &amp; Co./Bakers/Port Arthur/Ont.

Good for/1/Doz./Buns

A-R-25

PORT DOVER

James S. Leaney/Port Dover/Ont.

Good for/one/loaf/of/bread

A-0c-25

Good for/1/loaf/of bread

A-0c-25

PRESCOTT

G o to/W. McGrovy/for/Choice/Bread

Good for/1/small/loaf

A-0c/26

(continued next month)



PROPOSED COIN SHOWS

Listed below are the proposed coin club annual show dates and banquets. Check, please, to see if any of these dates will conflict with your club proposed date.

- March 11 - North York Coin Club Show and Bourse in North York Community Hall, 5090 Yonge Street, Willowdale, Ontario from 12.00 noon to 10.00 p.m. Information may be obtained from P.O. Box 294, Willowdale, Ontario.
- March 25 & 26 - Waterloo Coin Club Annual Show at the Holiday Inn, No. 8 Highway Kitchener. Details re bourse, etc. to Waterloo Coin Society, P.O. Box 11, Waterloo, Ontario.
- April 8 - Woodstock Coin Club Annual Show and Banquet in Old St. Paul Parish Hall. Details next month.
- Apr. 22-23 - O.N.A. 10th Annual Convention in the Sheraton-Brock Hotel, hosted by the Niagara Falls Coin Club. Enquiries re bourse, etc. to Chairman, Mel Fiske, 7795 Beaverdams Road, Niagara Falls, Howard Hill, 1 Hayes Street, St. Catharines and for accommodations to Mrs. Marge Smith, 5138 Willmott Street, Niagara Falls.
- Aug. 2-5 - The joint C.N.A. - C.P.M.S. will be held at the Holiday Inn, Toronto Civic Square. Details re bourse, etc. in next issue.

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POINTS OF INTEREST

By Mel Fiske Area 2

THE DUCAT

A duk-at, a coin generally of gold and of varying value, formerly in use in many European countries, was first struck by Roger II of Sicily as Duke of Apulia, and bore an inscription "Sit tibi Christe, Datus, quem tu regis, iste ducatus", (Lord, Thou rulest this duchy, to Thee be it dedicated). Hence it is said, the name Ducat. Between 1280 A.D. and 1284 A.D. Venice also struck a gold coin known first as the Ducat, afterwards as the Zecchino or Sequin, the Ducat becoming merely a money or term of account. The Ducat was also currency in Holland, Austria, the Netherlands, Spain and Denmark. A gold coin termed a Ducat was current in Hanover during the reigns of George I and III. A pattern gold coin was also struck by the Royal Mint in 1887 for a proposed decimal coinage (84 years ahead of time). On the reverse was the inscription "One Ducat" within an oak wreath above "One Hundred Pence" and below, the date between two small roses.

ELECTRUM - WHAT IS IT?

This is a question that is often asked. Referring back to the material first used in coinage, the principal metals in which coins are struck are electrum, gold, silver, copper and bronze. Electrum is a natural mixture of gold and silver which was used for the earliest Greek coins struck in Asia Minor "Lydia" until Croesus replaced it by pure gold. The mixture of silver and gold varied from 50/50 gold and silver to as little as 10% gold and 90% silver.

(Facts obtained from Encyclopedia Britannica)

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IN PASSING

A really wise man says nothing at the right time.  
To look forward to a pleasure is also a pleasure.  
Prevention is better than knowing who did it.

CHOPS OR CLEAN

Most collectors have at one time or another come across various crown size coins curiously stamped with Chinese characters. These stamps or 'Chops' were, until quite recent times, impressed upon all crown size pieces which passed through the hands of the native merchants and bankers of Hong Kong and the South China ports.

These so called Chop Marks, from the Hindoo 'chhap' being an official mark on weights and measures or a customs house stamp or seal showing paid, guaranteed the weight and fineness of the individual piece and showed that the coin was considered genuine by the merchant or banker who's mark it bore. Some of the more common of these chop-marked coins are:- Spanish Dollars, Mexican Eight Reales, British Coins, Maria Theresa Thalers, United States Trade Dollars, Straits Settlements and Hong Kong Dollars.

The practice of 'chopping' coins became so prevalent that the Royal Mint, London, reported in 1875:

".....the possibility of excluding all but clean dollars from circulation (in Hong Kong), I would remark that it is at present the practice of the native Chinese merchants to 'chop' every dollar imported as it comes into their hands, and that ordinarily the currency of Hong Kong consists chiefly of 'Chopped' coins. It is clear, therefore, that as no proclamation issued in Hong Kong could directly compel the native merchants to abandon the practice of marking the dollars with their 'chop' or sign, the effect of excluding 'chopped' coins from legal circulation in Hong Kong would be to interfere seriously with the trade of that colony with Chinese ports. This remark applies only to the southern ports, as in Shanghai and throughout the north of China the old Mexican dollar 'clean' is the only coin accepted".

The author has in his collection the following two pieces, Mexico 1857, 8 Reales with a total of 15 or 16 chop marks on the obverse and the reverse; and Straits Settlements, 1904 Dollar with two marks.

It would be interesting to see how many different types of 'chopped' coins one could add to his collection.

Thanks to William N. Clarke, London Numismatic Society.

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NEW MEMBERS

Applications published in the December issue of the Ontario Numismatist have now been accepted. The following applications have been received. If no written objections are received their acceptance will be acknowledged in the February issue of the Ontario Numismatist.

- 827 Jack Wm. Benn, 630 Vesta Drive, Apt. 403, Toronto 349, Ont.
- 828 Wm. Dodgson, 35 Joseph Street, Tillsonburg, Ontario.
- 829 F. Stewart Taylor, Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, Head Office, 25 King St. West, Toronto 1, Ontario.

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NEWS AROUND THE COIN CLUBS

BAY OF QUINTE COIN CLUB

At the last meeting the auction was held with the junior members in mind, the material was donated by the members and the bidding was very spirited among the juniors. Also club president, Archie Sinclair, gave a reading on the rural scene on the reverse of our Canadian two dollar bill.

BRANTFORD NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

At the last meeting two films from the Public Library entitled "People of Japan" and "The Channel Islands" were shown and enjoyed by all. The Christmas Party was also a great success and was a time of getting together and horse trading and was followed by an auction.

CENTRAL COIN CLUB

At the last meeting the club enjoyed a White Elephant Sale when many interesting articles were brought up for sale. Mr. Robert Aaron gave a very interesting and educational talk with slides on the various mints of Europe. The club is pleased to announce that Mr. Frank Lieshout has been made a Director of the O.N.A. in area 6.

CHAMPLAIN COIN CLUB ORILLIA

The last meeting was the banquet dinner and was a great success. Mr. Bill Gage supplied a film which was very amusing and there was a very good turn-out.

COIN IRREGULARITY ASSOCIATION OF CANADA (CIAC)

It was announced that a new addition to The Kayak magazine is a column written by co-editor, Joanne Regitko, entitled "Who's Who in Kayak" and this will feature one of the members each month and thus will show what personalities belong to the organization. CIAC has been going now for a year and the members are looking forward to an even better second year.

HAMILTON COIN CLUB

At the last meeting the speaker was Dr. I. David Brown who spoke about "The Adventures of a Shilling". He read an essay with this title from the Nov. 11, 1710, issue of an English 'Broadsheet' called "The Tatler" and this proved very interesting. A Christmas Party was enjoyed by all.

HURONIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

At the last meeting the film "Barrie-Borden-Parade" was shown and featured the highlights of the 1967 Centennial celebrations in Barrie. A lively auction was conducted to close the meeting by Ken Prophet and the ladies served a light lunch.

INGERSOLL COIN CLUB

The highlight of the last meeting was a very interesting talk by James Finch on "Russian Coins, Imperial and Soviet" and his talk was illustrated by two cases of Russian coins. Also a report was given on the Windsor Coin Show by Charlie Laister.

KITCHENER COIN CLUB

The last meeting featured a White Elephant sale and a real scrumptious Christmas Party, and also three films were shown. The White Elephants consisted of books, knick knacks, games, old jewellery, in fact just anything you no longer needed about the house. The Party was lots of fun.

LONDON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

A report was given by President Smith on a coin show he attended in Toledo, Ohio, and reported the Best of Show was won by a one case, one coin display which was a very rare 1894-S dime. The members were reminded that club dues are now payable and the members are asked to co-operate. A tribute was given to Lloyd T. Smith for his excellent work as editor of the Bulletin and for the many articles he personally contributed to make the L.N.S. Bulletin so interesting. One of the members commented on a display of Christmas medallions he had received from the Franklin Mint.



CITY OF OTTAWA COIN CLUB

The Capital City Coin Club and the Ottawa Coin Club have now amalgamated and are known as the City of Ottawa Coin Club. An interesting door prize at the last meeting was a set of Hong Kong coins brought back by one of the members, R. M. Allen. A lively quizz and auction closed the meeting.

PETERBOROUGH JUNIOR COIN CLUB

A very informative talk on "Coin Displays and Judging" by Norman Wells highlighted the last meeting. Also a wish for a very Merry Christmas and the best in numismatics for the coming year of 1972 was extended to all members.

RICHMOND HILL COIN CLUB

At the last meeting the guest speaker gave a very interesting talk on "How to Make Money without Working" relating to the way criminals defraud the unsuspecting public, and although this was not about coins it proved very interesting.

THISTLETOWN COIN CLUB

At the last meeting the O.N.A. slide presentation on Newfoundland coins along with slides on the countryside and fishing ports courtesy of Etobicoke Camera Club, were shown. These were much enjoyed by all.

TILLSONBURG NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

The executive for the next two years are as follows: President - Edith Melchior, Vice-Pres. - Frank Ebdon, Secretary - Lorence Wiwchairyk, Treasurer - Velma Reynaert and Directors - G. Reynaert, Fred Cole, Chas. Laister, Bill Baxter, Bill Dodgson. The Christmas Party featured the final meeting of the year.

TORONTO COIN CLUB

At the last meeting the latest slides of the C.N.A. library on the Medals of the Governor Generals of Canada were shown. The executive for the coming year is:- Pres.-Harvey Farrow, 1st vice-Pres.-Charles Danby, 2nd Vice-Pres./Mrs. Louise Graham, Tres.,-Fred Jewett. The club is looking forward to a good year.

WATERLOO COIN SOCIETY

The feature of the last meeting were three enjoyable films, "A Day at the Calgary Zoo", "Moving Day Cartoon" and "Three Christmas features". As this was the last meeting of the year a Party was forthcoming and was enjoyed by all.

WELLAND COIN CLUB

The following are the officers for 1972:- Pres. - Claude Trudel, Vice-Pres.-Denis Laverdiere, Sec.-Carol Sommerville, Treas.-Peter Campbell and Corresponding Secretary - Andre Guillenette. At this meeting special slides showing a pictorial history of Welland County were much enjoyed.

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COINS STRUCK IN CANADA FOR FOREIGN COUNTRIES

By Paul Sullivan F.R.N.S., O.N.A. Director of Area 8

When I started to work on my display for our 1970 coin show I picked a topic that I thought would be interesting not only to myself but also interesting to anyone looking at it. One field that I knew very little about and I thought that I should know more about was "What coins were struck in Canada for other countries".

With help from the C.N.A. library, various coin publications and my good friend Major Sheldon Carroll I set out on the information trail. The information listed below represents about 11 months of research, unfortunately no one publication listed all the information that I required. The reference books I used are listed below:

- Modern Latin American Coins by Robert Harris
- A Guide of English Coins by K. E. Bressett
- The Guide Book & Catalogue of British Commonwealth Coins by Remick, Linear and James.
- Current Coins of the World by R. S. Yeoman.
- News Releases from the Sherritt Mint
- The Royal Mint and the Royal Canadian Mint Reports.

The work I have put into this has given me much pleasure over the last year and I would recommend that any member who wishes to add to his knowledge to try this type of research. It will give you hours of constant challenging work that I am sure you will enjoy to the fullest.

GREAT BRITAIN SOVEREIGNS

In 1908 a branch of the Royal Mint was opened in Ottawa. This year saw the first of the so-called "Canadian Sovereigns". The Sovereign being a sterling, not a decimal denomination, frequently brings up the question whether these struck in Ottawa with the "C" mint mark can be considered as Canadian coins. For this reason, I have included them in this display.

Sovereigns were struck with the portrait of King Edward VII in the years 1908, 1909 and 1910. The portrait of Edward was by George W. De Saulles, Chief Engraver of the Royal Mint, London, England.

Sovereigns were struck with the portrait of King George V in the years 1911, 1913, 1914, 1916, 1917, 1918 and 1919. The portrait of George was by Sir Bertram Mackennal.

The St. George and the dragon on both Edward and George sovereigns is the famous Pistrucchi design;

The mint mark "C" is found on the reverse side of the coin, on the ground under the dragon, centred above the date.

The total mintage of the Edward "C" sovereign was 44,921.

The total mintage of the George "C" sovereigns was 582,913.

The gold content of the sovereign is .2354 Troy ounces.

Thanks to City of Ottawa Coin Club, Editor Al. Driega.

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AUCTION TENDERS WANTED - 1972 O.N.A. CONVENTION

There have been one or two tentative enquiries with reference to our forthcoming convention auction, but to-date nothing concrete has been placed before your executive. Be it noted that an auction is usually one of the highlights of any show, even more so with a two-day convention. We could urge, therefore, any who are interested to please submit your offer within the next two or three weeks to President Chas. Laister, No. 3 Highway, Tillsonburg.

LATE, LATE COIN SHOW DATES RECEIVED

TOREX AND CENTRAL COIN CLUB SHOW - Feb. 26/72 at the Westbury Hotel,  
Toronto, Ontario. No further details available.

ST. CATHARINES COIN CLUB annual show and banquet Saturday Oct. 21/72.  
Further details later.

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SPECIAL NOTE

With reference to the special note on page 110 of the December Bulletin, we would respectfully point out that upon receipt of your 1972 dues, which are due Jan. 1st. in each and every year, all bulletins back to and including January will be mailed to our members, so that there will be no break in your collection.

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THIS 'N THAT

On Page One of this, your first bulletin for 1972, our President gave us a brief outline of our activities for 1971. In part he said - and I quote "The O.N.A. has a good hard working executive who are quite willing to give your club what assistance they can", etc. I have repeated this for a very good reason -- we are willing to do all we can to assure your club success in your shows - we ask only that each club co-operate by giving us firstly, the fullest details of your show - dates - place - your chairman and his/her address, etc., and secondly, to insure that someone from your club represents you at the up-coming Convention at Niagara Falls - we want delegates to come and make your clubs wants and wishes, problems and criticisms known, which your club feels are important to the betterment of your club and your hobby, please, this year, let us see a far greater "Club Participation" at the Convention on April 22 - 23 at Niagara Falls ----- Another problem arises now and then is the dearth of speakers at our club meetings -- recently I attended at two club meetings where a good speaker would have assured a much larger turn-out than was experienced -- In fact, I believe, someone who can talk on their hobby, particularly their part of it, will always draw interest, at least someone should be enthusiastic enough to speak about it -- the O.N.A. has many times tried to organize a "Speakers Circuit" but to date, Ken Prophet tells me his efforts have met with little or no success -- gosh, I would think that those members who are so keenly interested in their coin collections, (and there numbers are growing every year) would be only too willing to stand up and tell others the enjoyment they receive from collecting -- it's not so difficult -- I know, for although I am no orator I am often called upon to speak for a few minutes, without notice in many instances, I can always find something of interest to say about our hobby, and, I hope, of interest to my audience -- Will you, then, my long-suffering readers, join with me in sharing not only your great hobby but also the great enthusiasm which made you a coin collector in the first place, by getting up on "YOUR TWO BIG FLAT FEET AND TELLING ALL ABOUT IT"? This is all for now, I would appreciate your comments on the above. See you in Feb.

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## PLATED COINS

By Michael R. Curry,  
F.R.N.S.

Ancient coins, unlike their modern counterpart, were required to contain a quantity and quality of metal equal (or at least extremely close) to their purchasing value. In such a situation coins were more closely examined to assure the owner they were in fact of correct weight. The quality of the metal seems to have been taken for granted, though cities such as Athens and Corinth became famous for the quality of the silver in their coins. During the rule of Rome; first as a republic and then as an empire; gold and silver coins were closely tied to their bullion and face values. Here again quality of metal was trusted, though later on in the middle empire the silver coinage became so debased as to be visably evident.

The practice of issuing plated coins was hit upon by Greek forgers, though it is a contraversial question as to what extent this was employed by official government mints. Plated coins were produced imitating a large number of Greek civic and regal coinages - their dates running from the 5th century to the 1st century B.C. It is difficult to know for sure just who produced such coins and how long after the original (which they copied) had been issued. Usually the coins are so obviously under weight (an unusual occurence for Greek coins) that we are forced to assume that they would have only been accepted in bulk when individual coins could not be checked. The only people who could have passed out coins in bulk without drawing attention to themselves were wealthy merchants, money changers and officials connected with government finance or administration. It is entirely possible that plated coins were issued by all three groups.

Plated coins were produced by a number of methods and metals. Principally silver

issues were the favourite followed by a few gold and a dubious bronze or two. In the case of silver-plated coins a shell of silver usually covered a core of copper, though lead, zinc and tin alloys are known. Gold was limited, by its weight requirements, to lead. While copper was plated on bronze or brass, the exact methods of manufacture are lost though they are close to our modern Sheffield plating. Solders and fluxes were used in the case of solid silver coatings and also in silver powders that were used when melted on the coin. How both sides and the edges were covered evenly without leaving any marks is a mystery.

In most cases the plated coin is completely indistinguishable from a pure silver one except for the occasional patch of corrosion from the base metal core. This would not have been present when the coin was first issued. The edges may sometimes show signs of overlapping, but this has to be carefully searched for. In the case of Roman Republican serrated coins (coins with notched edges, similar to our milling though much deeper and more irregular) the copper shows through as the silver did not cover the nicks of the indentations. Once again we must assume that these coins were made to be issued in bulk, unless the shiny copper edges could be mistaken for silver.

In the case of Roman coins which were contracted out for their production; it may be possible that unscrupulous contractors were responsible for some plated coins. The plating of silver coins began with Rome's first republican issues and continued unabated through to the middle empire when the silver standards were so low that plated coins lost their "raison d'etre". Some later medallions were plated with gold or silver but this was official decoration, not private counterfeiting.

Plated coins seem to have instigated a number of other numismatic techniques; i.e. the chisel cuts found on numerous Greek coins, and the Bankers counterstamps on Roman republican and imperatorin coins. These should not be confused with symbol or letter counterstamps applied to denote a new issuing authority or re-evaluation of a piece or series.

Plated coins are fascinating as ancient works of art. They are of varying values from poor to good, sometimes surpassing the pieces they copy. They are usually lower priced though this depends on condition as they are more susceptible to corrosion than pure coins. From the historical point of view they are of supreme importance as a questionable example of official mint attempts to alter the economy. This is certainly the case in the 5th century B.C. Athens, when, after a number of humiliating defeats, the Athenians were forced to issue plated tetradrachma's and drachma's.

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This is the only sure case of officially issued plated coins and scholars are divided on the extent of government authority (or the use of government institutions) in the production of plated coins. None the less, they are an interesting and necessary part in any collection of ancient coins.

(Thanks to City of Ottawa Coin Club Bulletin)

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PRESS RELEASE FROM THE C.N.A.

President Norman W. Williams of the Canadian Numismatic Association is pleased to recognize the co-operation of the Master of the Royal Canadian Mint, Gordon Hunter, and his staff in making available to clients of the Mint information on Canada's national organization of coin collectors. This has been done by way of an information card enclosed in the Mint's annual mailing which details the 1972 numismatic program.

Discussions on this were commenced during the Association's 1971 Convention held in Vancouver last August, between Mr. Hunter and Mr. W. K. Robertson for the Mint, and Mr. Frederick C. Jewett, the Association's First Vice President. As a result, the benefits of Association's membership have been placed before some 150,000 names. From early returns, it would appear that many of the recipients welcome the opportunity of applying for membership.

The Canadian Numismatic Association's voice in numismatics is being hereby strengthened, to the benefit of all collectors everywhere.

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EDWARD VII AND HIS FARTHINGS

City of Ottawa Club Bulletin

"The farthing is a truly great little coin. It is an old friend of many numismatists, from schoolboy to wealthy investor, and the reign of Edward VII gives us a fine short series of these coins," so says Robert Hurdling.

Edward VII, of the House of Saxe-Coburg, came to the throne on January 22, 1901, as the eldest surviving son of Queen Victoria. At the time he was 59 years old. His reign lasted only until 1910, when he died at the age of 68.

Although he acceded early in 1901, the first coins bearing the portrait of Edward VII were not issued until 1902. The entire issue of farthings (1902 to 1910) was specially darkened by the Mint before being put into circulation. The Royal Mint was unable to say what particular process was used for this darkening. However it is known that the main reagent was sodium thiosulphate, commonly known as photographer's hypo. The reason for this darkening process was that newly minted farthings were often mistaken for gold half-sovereigns, but the darkened farthings could be distinguished at a glance.

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DID YOU KNOW The notorious "pig" on the 1911 rupee of India may be seen just below the left shoulder of the King. Looking through a magnifying glass, one could be in no doubt about its identity, but Indian peasants didn't carry magnifying glasses about with them, and to the naked eye the animal is rather nondescript, although it could look like a boar.



THE BREAD TOKENS OF ONTARIO - continued from the January issuePORT HOPE

- Try/John Curran's/Home Made/Bread/Port Hope, Ont.  
Good for/1/loaf/of/bread A-Sc4-28
- A. Hugh/Baker/Port Hope, Ont.  
Good for/1/loaf of bread A-RE-32x19
- John Wells/Baker/Mill St./Port Hope, Ont.  
Good for/1/loaf/of/bread A-Sc8-29

PRESTON

- J. Proudfoot/Home Made/Bread/Preston, Ont.  
Good for/one/small/loaf of bread A-R-25
- A. Roos/Home Made/Bread/Preston, Ont.  
Good for/1/loaf of bread A-Sc8-29

RAT PORTAGE

- Peoples Bakery/Rat Portage  
Good for/1/loaf A-RE-32x20

RICHMOND HILL

- D. Hill & Co./Richmond/Hill/Bakery  
Good for/1/small loaf A-Sc8-25

ROCKLAND

- C. Raymond/Boulangier/Rockland, Ont.  
Bon pour/un petit/pain A-0c-23  
Bon pour/un gros/pain. A-0c-27 $\frac{1}{2}$
- Rockland Bakery/ $\frac{1}{2}$ /loaf  
(Pritchard & Andrews-Ottawa) A-R-24  
(Blank) B-R-24
- Rockland Bakery/1/loaf  
(Blank) A-R-28  
(Blank) B-R-28  
Pritchard & Andrews-Ottawa B-R-28  
T. Viau (2 varieties, 1 thin, 1 thick) A-R-28

RODNEY

- Lusty Bros./Bakers/Rodney  
Good for/one/loaf/bread A-Sc8-28

SARNIA

- Fine Confections/Foulds/Sarnia/Ice Cream, Etc.  
Good for/one/loaf/or merchandise A-R-25  
Good for/one/loaf/or merchandise A-R-25  
(C/S "L" for Lucas)
- Fine Confections/Foulds/Sarnia/Ice Cream, Etc.  
(C/S "L" for Lucas)  
Good for/one/loaf/or merchandise A-R-25
- D.W.H. Lucas/Sarnia/Fine/Confections/Ice Cream Etc.  
Good for/one/loaf/or merchandise B-R-25
- A.P. McAlpine/Baker/George St./Sarnia.  
Good for/1/loaf of bread A-RE-32x19
- J.E. McMann/Baker & Grocer/Cor./Albert &  
Devine Sts./Sarnia, Ont.  
Good for/1/loaf of bread A-Sc8-29

SAULT STEE MARIE

S. Dini & Co./Baker/Soo, Ont. Good for/1/loaf of bread	A-Sc8-29
T.S. Durham/Good for/2lb. Loaf/of Bread (Incuse) (Blank)	B-0c-26 $\frac{1}{2}$ -T.H.
Good for/2 lb./Loaf of Bread/T.S. Durham (Incuse) (Blank)	B-0c-26 $\frac{1}{2}$ -T.H.

SEAFORTH

Crich Bros./Bakers/Seaforth, Ont. Good for/1/loaf of bread	A-Sc4-28
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SIMCOE

G.W. Lea/Baker/&/Confectioner Good for/1/loaf of bread	A-S-23
G.W. Lea/Baker/Confectioner Good for/one/loaf of bread	A-S-25
Chas. F. Misener/Baker/Simcoe. Good For/1/loaf of bread	A-RE-32x19

SOUTHAMPTON

J.A. Wells/Baker/Southampton/Ont. Good for/1/loaf/of bread	A-Sc10-30
Good for/1/loaf of bread	B-Sc10-30

SPRINGFIELD

H.W. High/Baker/&/Confectioner/Springfield, Ont. Good for/1/loaf of bread	A-RE-32 $\frac{1}{2}$ x20
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STAYNER

Wm. Reynolds/& Son/Stayner/Ont. Good for/1/loaf of bread	A-R-25
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STIRLING

George Lagrow/Baker/Stirling, Ont. Good for/ $\frac{1}{2}$ /loaf of bread	A-Ov-30x22
Good for/1/loaf bread	A-RE-32x19
(Spelling error "Lagrow"?)	
George Lagrow/Baker/Stirling, Ont. Good for/ $\frac{1}{2}$ /loaf of bread	A-Ov-30x22
Good for/1/loaf of bread	A-RE-32x19

ST. CATHARINES

East End/Bakery/W, Buchanan Good for/ $\frac{1}{2}$ /loaf of bread	A-Sc8-24
The East End/Bakery/Buchanan's/Geneva St./St. Catharines, Ont.	
Good for/1/loaf of bread	A-Sc4-28
Good for/1/loaf of bread	B-Sc4-28
T. Fitzgerald/Baker/St. Catharines. Good for/ $\frac{1}{2}$ /loef of bread	A-R-25
Good for/1/loaf of bread	A-R-28
W.J. Foley/Baker/St. Catharines. Good for/1/loaf of bread	A-Sc10-31
Good for/ $\frac{1}{2}$ /loaf of bread	A-Sc6-29

A. Meyer/St. Catharines, Ont.  
(Note: Error in Spelling St. Catharines)  
Good for/½/loaf of bread A-0-22  
Good for/one/loaf of bread A-0-26  
1 loaf fancy bread/A. Meyer A-0-22  
1 loaf fancy bread/A. Meyer (C.H.-4 Sq.)

Shelly Bros./Bakers/St. Catharines  
Good for/½/loaf of bread A-S-16

Shelly Bros./Bakers/St. Catharines  
Good for/½/loaf of bread A-S-24

Shelly Bros./Bakers/St. Catharines  
Good for/one half/loaf bread A-S-24

Shelly Bros./Bakers/St. Catharines,  
Good for/1/loaf of bread A-RE-32x19

Wright's/Bakery/St. Catharines  
Good for/½/loaf of bread A-Sc4-30  
Good for/1/loaf of bread A-RE-30x24  
Good for/1/loaf of bread A-Sc4-30

ST. ISIDORE DE PRESCOTT

A. Villeneuve/St. Isidore/Ont.  
Good for/3 lbs./de pain A-0-27

ST. MARY'S

J. G. Constable/Baker/St. Marys, Ont.  
Good for/1/loaf of bread A-Sc8-29

J. Farr/Baker/St. Marys, Ont.  
Good for/½/loaf of bread A-Sc4-28  
Good for/1/loaf of bread A-Sc4-29

Harry Truer/Baker/&/Confectioner/St. Marys, Ont.  
Good for/1/loaf of bread A-0v-30x32

ST. THOMAS

J.T. Palmer/711/Talbot St./St. Thomas  
Good for/one/loaf/bread A-Sc4-28

Stephens',/Bakery/St. Thomas.  
Good for/one/small loaf A-R-25

J.T. Stephens/Baker/St. Thomas.  
Good for/1/loaf of bread A-Sc4-28  
Good for/5/loaves of bread A-RE-32x19½

James Tapp/Baker/St. Thomas, Ont.  
Good for/1/loaf/of/bread A-Sc4-28

STRATHROY

Strathroy/City Bakery/F.J. Brown  
Good for/1/loaf of bread A-RE-32x19  
(R.S.H.)

W.M. Smith/Baker/&/Confectioner/Strathroy, Ont.  
Good for/1/loaf of bread A-RE-32x19

R.C. Wilhelm/Baker/&/Confectioner/Strathroy, Ont.  
Good for/1/loaf of bread A-Sc8-29

(to be completed in March issue)



CALLING ALL O.N.A. JUNIOR MEMBERS

Attention: Junior Coin Collectors: There are many different coin clubs and associations in existence to-day having to do with various segments of numismatics. These include tokens, varieties, paper money, coins, along with many other types of numismatic coins. I would like to give some information on a relatively unique club which many junior collectors might be interested in. This is the "Junior Numismatic Correspondence Club of America". It was formed in 1967 and members come from all over Canada and the United States. The club is made up entirely and headed by coin collectors under the age of 21. It is also the largest independent junior numismatic organization in the nation. In the club, members trade coins and share knowledge through the mail along with making new friends their own age. The annual dues are \$1. and each member received the official publication every month called "The Inkspot". This 8-10 page bulletin contains club news, articles of numismatic interest, monthly raffles, membership lists, library lists and a club auction. Also, unlimited free classified advertising is available to all members.

This is a chance for any Junior members to become more widely involved in numismatics and learn more about this hobby on their own level. If any Junior coin collector wishes to join or any Senior members knowing of anyone that might be interested in joining, please write to: Paul Johnson,  
375 Rogers Street,  
PETERBOROUGH, Ont.

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PROPOSED COIN SHOWS

Listed below are the proposed coin club annual show dates and banquets. Check, please, to see if any of these dates will conflict with your club's proposed date.

- Feb. 25-26- Torex '72 joint convention with Central Coin Club at the  
27 Westbury Hotel, 475 Yonge Street, Toronto 5, Ont. Enquiries to Mr. Frank Lieshout, P.O. Box 841, Station "K", Toronto 315, Ont. Come and meet officials of the Royal Canadian Mint and the Canada Post Office.
- March 25 &- Waterloo Coin Club annual Show at the Holiday Inn, No. 8  
26 Highway, Kitchener. Details re bourse, etc., to Waterloo Coin Society, P.O. Box 41, Waterloo, Ontario.
- April 8 - Woodstock Coin Club Annual Show and Banquet in Old St. Paul Parish Hall. Details later.
- April 22 &- O.N.A. 10th Annual Convention in the Sheraton-Brock Hotel  
23 hosted by the Niagara Falls Coin Club. Enquiries re bourse, etc., to Chairman, Mel. Fiske, 7795 Beaverdams Road, Niagara Falls, Ont., Howard Hill, 1 Hayes St., St. Catharines and accommodations to Mrs. Marge Smith, 5138 Willmott Street, Niagara Falls, Ont.
- Aug. 2-5 - Joint C.N.A.-C.P.M.S. will be held at the Holiday Inn, Toronto Civic Square. Details later.
- Oct. 21 - St. Catharines Coin Club Annual Show and Banquet. Details later.

JUDGING RULES Recently a Bulletin arrived from one of our member clubs which contained quite a long article on the above-mentioned subject. Many of the points brought up were well taken, but the main issue to me appears to be not so much the judging system as the applying of the rules of the system.

So in answer to our friendly editors, Jerri and Brian, may I take just a few moments and answer the criticisms brought up by your good selves. You refer, firstly, to the judge who gave no points for condition when judging a brilliant uncirculated set of large cents, and secondly, with reference to the judging of neatness you quote that one judge gave it the full mark of 10 points while the other judge gave it a total of 3 points. But these instances are the result of bad judging and in no way casts reflections upon the O.N.A. system. I would venture to say that, and I quote, "the far superior judging system to which you refer in the U.S.A." would fare no better at the hands of these same judges. My point is that the best judging system in the world will fall down if your judges DO NOT follow the judging rules.

Speaking with Bill English on this very subject quite recently, both of us agreed that many of our judges refuse to follow the judging rules as laid down and, speaking as a judge of some years standing, and having acted as a head judge on some occasions, I feel I can speak with some knowledge on this subject, and I can assure you judges who don't judge by the rules prevalent at that show I do not ask to judge. I can lend a sympathetic ear to exhibitors who have worked hard to put on a first class exhibit only to lose first prize or best of show through bad judging.

I offer the suggestion that perhaps we would be better to insist that our judges abide by O.N.A. or whatever rules are in effect. If they do not, then I feel the head judge should set their judging point to one side and re-judge the exhibits himself. This would at least ensure a fair shake to the exhibitor.

I trust you will accept these comments in the spirit in which they are given. For after all we are interested in the same end results and that is to improve the judging, and by so doing to improve the exhibitors chances of winning.

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#### NEW MEMBERS

Applications published in the January issue of the Ontario Numismatist have now been accepted. The following applications have been received. If no written objections are received, their acceptance will be acknowledged in the March issue of the Ontario Numismatist.

- 830 - Ted Banning, R. R. #1, Grafton, Ontario.
- 831 - Paul Pasmore, 25 Barton St., St. Catharines, Ont.
- 832 - Norman W. Williams, P.O. Box 310, New Westminster, B.C.
- 833 - Henry Walthert, 168 Lawlor Ave., Toronto 13, Ont.
- 834 - Charles K. Brust, 15963 Warwick, Detroit, Mich., 48223, U.S.A.
- 835 - Mrs. Charles (Betty G.) Brust, 15963 Warwick, Detroit, Mich., 48223, U.S.A.
- 836 - Brian R. Smith, 37 Merrian Road, Scarboro, Ont.
- 837 - George H. Salovaara, South River, Ont.
- 838 - Thomas Roach, 33 Sanford Ave. S., Hamilton, Ont.
- 839 - Gerard Thibault, 1985 Boul Laurier, Quebec 6, Que.

O.N.A. AUCTION - CONVENTION 1972

We are pleased to report that one of the most important items at our convention, the auction, has been given to Mr. R. W. (Bob) Shillingworth F.R.N.S., who is known to the majority of our readers.

For the benefit of those who are not so well acquainted with Bob, may we say that Bob is the leading light for auctions held at the Central Coin Club and has for some years now held a booth at the C.N.E. show in the Arts and Crafts Building.

Bob tells me that he will be accepting desirable material from O.N.A. members until March 5, 1972. If you have any items for Bob, please send them to him direct, in care of Suite 506, 19 Richmond Street West, Toronto, Ontario. Your Executive recommends that any member who has nice material send it to Bob before the above-mentioned date.

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NEWS AROUND THE COIN CLUBS

BRANTFORD NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

The highlight of the last meeting was the O.N.A. Audio-Visual slides on the Waitangi Crown of New Zealand. This was extremely interesting and all felt the meeting was really worthwhile

CENTRAL COIN CLUB

The highlight of the last meeting was the auction conducted by Bob Shillingworth. These auctions have taken on a new lease on life since Bob took over. The door prizes were won by Leslie Brown, Jeffrey Hoare and Frank Lieshout.

NIAGARA FALLS COIN CLUB

President, Mel Fiske, announced at the last meeting that the guest speaker for the convention in April would be Mr. Bob Willey, co-author of the book, Coins of Canada. At the end of the afternoon there was a large auction conducted by Pat Lambert.

RICHMOND HILL COIN CLUB

The following is the new slate of officers for the next two years:- Pres. - Ivan Coles, Vice-Pres.-Mike Gallagher, Tres.-Joe Scala, Sec.-Bob Porter, Editor.-Orville Donnelly. All the best to these new workers. Plans went forward for the forthcoming show on March 18th at the Town & Country Square, Yonge St. & Steels Ave., in Willowdale. Information re bourse, etc. from Bob Porter, 46 Bankfield Dr., Rexdale, Ont.

ST. CATHARINES COIN CLUB

The C.N.A. slides on our Canadian Five Cent piece was presented by Pat Lambert and proved very interesting. There were 4 guests and 63 members at the meeting. President Bob Voaden reminded the members of the up-coming show in October and warned them the time would soon be upon them.

ST. THOMAS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

The new executive are:-Pres.-C. Miedema Vice-Pres.-W. Benedict, Treas.-G. Connoy, Sec.-F. Clunas. The special feature was presented as a question -What are you going to do in 1972. Well worth all of us asking ourselves.

SARNIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

The Blüewater International Coin Show will be held at The Village Inn, 751 N. Christina St., Sarnia, on Oct. 1st, 1972. Bourse chairman-Norm Scott, Box 89 Corunna, Exhibit Chairman - Robert Sargent, 1212 Hancock St., Port Huron, Mich. and Show Chairman-Carl Williamson, 931 Greendale St., Sarnia. More details later.







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## THE CROOKSTON DOLLAR

By Ruth McQuade

The story of the "Crookston Dollar" is the story of how fantasy or fiction overcame fact. It is also the story of Mary Queen of Scots or Mary Stuart of Scotland.

There have been so many books written about her, and so many poems and sonnets and plays, that it is difficult to know the true facts. We do know that she was born in 1542, the daughter of James V and Mary of Guise, and at the age of six, she was betrothed to the Dauphin Francis. She went to France, where she lived in the court of Queen Catherine de Medici, where debauchery and murder were a cause for daily excitement. At the age of 15 she married Francis, but he died two years later and she returned to Scotland.

Mary was liked by her people as she was a woman of beauty and an accomplished wit. As a Catholic she was in collision with John Knox and his reformers. John Knox hated her and much of her wickedness that we believe in to-day comes from the writings of John Knox. She was brilliant and she had courage, but she lived in a time where there was so much strife and bitterness and with only scoundrels to advise her, she had no chance. It is difficult to know whether to like or hate her as she could be a kind and faithful friend or a deadly, dangerous enemy.

We know that she married Lord Darnley, who was weak-minded and thoroughly disreputable, but he was the father of James VI of Scotland and James I of England. She later married Bothwell and he domineered her.

Mary lived for only 45 years but there were a number of coins minted in her reign.

The 7th coinage produced a coin called the Mary Ryall. The order in council states: 'It is statute and ordainit be our Soveranis

Quene and Kingis Majisties, with avyse of the Lordis of their Majisties privle Cpunsall; That thair be cunziet ane penny of silver callet the Mary Ryall the fynes of eleven deniers fyne. and of weicht ane unce Troie weicht with twa granes of remeid alsweil of weicht as fynes; havand on the ane syde ane palme-tree crownit' ane schell-padoke+ crepand up the shank of the samyn, an axell about the tree wrytten therein! DAT GLORIA VIREs the date of the yeir thair under with this circumscription begynning at ane thirsill, EXVRGAT DEVS ET DISSIPENTVR INIMICI EIVS; and on the uthar syde our saidis soveranis armis coverit with ane close crown ane thirsill on ilk side, with this circumscription begynning at ane croce directlie above the crown, MARIA ET HENRICVS DEI GRATIA REGINA ET REX SCOTORVM; the said penny to half cours for xxx sh money of this realme, the twa pairt for xx sh and the third pairt for x sh all of this samyn fynes and prent and of weicht equivalent; to witt the two pairt of weicht xvi deniers and the third pairt of viii deniers.'

Many years later and after many stories had been written about Mary a story appeared that a tree on the grounds of Crookston castle was historically connected with the courtship of Lord Darnley and Mary, Research has proved that Darnley never went near Crookston castle before or after his wedding. The tree on the grounds of this aging castle was a yew tree not a palm.

The stories continued and about 200 years after this coin was minted someone started calling the palm tree on the coin a yew, and finally the coin somehow acquired the name "Crookston Dollar".

We know the stories of Mary have been embroidered to suit many writers, and perhaps it is possible the tree on the coin could be mistaken for a yew, but it seems incredible that they could go so far as to change the name from the Mary Ryall to the Crookston Dollar.

However isn't it a facinating story?

+tortoise

(Thanks to City of Ottawa Club Bulletin)

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REGRETS

It, is with regret we learn that pur (O.N.A.) Secretary, Ted Turonski, has resigned due to the pressure of work plus the added illness of his wife. We will miss Ted and wish him well and a speedy recovery to Mrs. Turonski.

This means we now have a vacancy on our executive in the secretary's position. We are, therefore, issuing invitations to our readers who may be interested to please write to President Charles Laister, No. 3 Highway, Tillsonburg, who will be pleased to hear from you. Duties will start at our forthcoming convention in Niagara Falls, Apr. 22-23.

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THE BREAD TOKENS OF ONTARIO - continued from the February issue

TARA

W. Collins/General/and/Fancy/Grocery/Tara, Ont.  
 Good for  $\frac{1}{2}$ /loaf of bread A-O-25  
 Good for 1/loaf of bread A-Ov-30x22

TAVISTOCK

Mohr's/Bakery  
 Good for 1/loaf of bread A-R-25

THEDFORD

Thedford/Bakery/G.A. Elliott  
 Good for 1/loaf A-RE-32x19

Thos. Patterson/Baker/Thedford  
 Good for 1/loaf of bread A-RE-32x19

THORNDALE

Jas. Harding/Baker/&/General/Merchant/Thorndale, Ont.  
 Good for 1/loaf of bread A-Sc8-28

TILBURY

Tilbury Bakery/Tilbury/Ontario  
 Good for 1/loaf of bread A-R-26

TIMMINS

International/Timmins/Bakery  
 Good for 1/loaf of bread A-R-25

TORONTO

Canadian Bakery/G.H. Bowen/1000/Bloor St. West/Toronto.  
 Good for 1/loaf of bread A-Sc8-29

Canadian Bakery/G.H. Bowen/1000/Bloor St. West,/Toronto.  
 Good for 1/loaf of bread A-Sc8-29

Dale & Harkes/Bakers/Woolsley St./Toronto.  
 Good for one loaf/of/bread A-R-25  
 Good for 1/loaf of bread A-R-20  
 Good for 1/loaf/of bread B-R-20 (5 struck)  
 Good for 1/loaf/of bread C-R-20 (5 struck)  
 Good for 1/loaf/of bread W-R-20 (5 struck)

Good for 3/Loaves/Bread/M.L. (M. Lane  
 (Blank) A-R-25

Good for One/ $\frac{1}{2}$  Loaf/C. Schmidt  
 (Blank) A-R-26

(Blank) B-R-26

(Blank) C-R-26

(Blank) W-R-26

(Blank) L-R-26

The/Harry/Webb Co./Limited/Toronto.  
 Good for one/small loaf A-RE-38 $\frac{1}{2}$ x22 $\frac{1}{2}$

TRENTON

D.E. Clarke/Trenton/Bakery  
 Good for 1/small loaf A-R-25  
 Good for 1/loaf/of/bread A-R-25

R.M. Foster/Confectioner/Trenton  
 Good for 1/loaf of bread A-R-24  
 Good for 1/loaf of bread A-R-19

Walter Foster/Baker/Trenton.  
Good for/3/4/loaf of bread A-Sc4-28  
Good for/1/loaf of bread A-Sc8-29

Foster's/Model/Bakery/Trenton, Ont.  
Good for/1/2/loaf A-8-20  
Good for/one loaf A-TR-28

TWEED

D. Deatty,/Central/Bakery.  
Good for/one/loaf bread A-Sc8-29

VANKLEEK HILL

Good for/1/Small Loaf./Wood Bros.  
Vankleek Hill/Ont. A-0-27

WALKERTON

F. Halley/Walkerton/Bakery  
Good for/1/2/loaf of bread A-0-25

WALLACEBURG

Allens Bakery/Wallaceburg/Ont.  
Good for/1/loaf of bread A-R-27

McKenzie's Bakery/Wallaceburg/Ont.  
Good for/1/loaf of bread A-0-24

WARKWORTH

A. E. Riendeau/Provision/Merchant/Warkworth, Ont.  
Good for/1/loaf of bread A-R-24

WATERFORD

Serles Bros./Bakers & Grocers/Waterford, Ont.  
Good for/1/loaf of bread A-RE-32x19

WATFORD

A. Mavity/Baker/Watford, Ont.  
Good for/1/loaf of bread A-Sc8-28

H. Stableford/Baker/&/Confectioner/Watford, Ont.  
Good for/1/loaf/of bread A-0-25

WELLAND

Welland Bakery/W.H. Crowther  
Good for/1/loaf of bread A-0v-30x22

Dickie's Home Made/Mother's/Bread/Welland, Ont.  
Good for/one/loaf bread A-R-25

WESTBORO

W.G. Graham/& Co./Westboro  
Good for/1/2/loaf/of bread. A-0-26  
Good for/1/loaf/bread A-R-30 1/2

WEST LORNE

W. A. Meldrum/The Model/Bakery/West Lorne, Ont.  
Good for/1/loaf of bread A-Sc4-28

WHEATLEY

James Reynolds°Baler/Wheatley.  
Good for/1/loaf of bread A-Sc4-28

WIARTON

- Good/for/Half Loaf/at/Buckley's  
Our specialties/bread,/cakes,/pastry, oysters,  
confectionery,/ice cream,/biscuits, fruits, A-0-25
- Good for/One Loaf/at/Buckley's  
Our specialties/bread,/cakes,/pastry, oysters,  
confectionery,/ice cream,/biscuits, fruits. A-Sc8-29
- Vienna/Bakery/Wiarton.  
Good for/one/half loaf A-R-25

WINCHESTER

- Winchester Bakery/Good for/ $\frac{1}{2}$ /Pan/Bread  
Go to/A.W. Beach/for/choice/groceries A-R-30
- Winchester Bakery/Good for/1/Pan/Bread  
Go to/A.W. Beach/for/choide/groceries A-R-38
- Winchester Bakery/Good for/1/Loaf/Bread  
Go to/A.W. Beach/for/choice/groceries A-R-24

WINDSOR

- I. Glaser/Cake/Windsor, Ont./1414 Giles/Blvd.  
Good for/lo 1 af/of bread A-R-21 $\frac{1}{2}$
- A.L. Thibedeau/Baker/117 London St./Windsor.  
Good for/1/loaf of bread ~~A-Sc4-28~~

WINGHAM

- D. Loughheed/Market/Bakery/Wingham, Ont.  
Good for/1/loaf of bread A-Sc4-28 $\frac{1}{2}$

WOODSTOCK

- Harrison/Baker/Woodstock, Ont.  
(Note: Star over and under "Baker")  
Good for/1/loaf of bread A-Sc8-30
- Harrison/Baker/Woodstock, Ont.  
(Note: Bar over and under "Baker")  
Good for/1/loaf of bread A-Sc8-28

Note: This completes the Tokens of Ontario.

We trust this list as carried during the preceding months  
will be of value to those collectors interested in Tokens.



THE CANADIAN FIVE CENT PIECE - 1942 and THE BRITISH THREEPENCE

By W. N. Clarke

The collectors of Canadian coins are all aware of the fact that the 1942 nickel coin (which had replaced the silver five cent in 1942) was struck on a round planchet, whereas the 1942 Tombac was struck on a twelve-sided planchet.

A paragraph included in the 73rd Annual Report of the Royal Mint, England - 1942, pge. 124 gives the following information:-

Canada - "The nickel five cent piece, which itself had superseded a silver coin in 1922, was replaced in May 1942 by Tombac (88% copper and 12% zinc) to save the badly needed nickel....the twelve sided outline devised by the London Mint for the threepence of the Imperial coinage in 1937 was adopted for the coin in the new metal. Modifications were made in the production process which resulted in more rounded angles and a slightly different edging---" It may here be noted that until 1942, dies for the Canadian coinage were still being made at the Royal Mint, London. The first dies made in Canada were for the 1943 coinage. No reason was given for the change in shape of the five cent piece and the style remained unchanged until 1962. The reason generally accepted by Canadian collectors for a twelve-sided coin is that it made it considerably easier to distinguish the tombac five cent piece from the bronze one cent coin.

In the case of the Imperial threepence however, the sharp angles in the collars of the dies continued to be a source of weakness. During the war years, when steel for new dies became scarce, the quality of the coins declined as the collars weakened and developed cracks. In 1942-43, the corners of the collars were slightly rounded to increase their life; not, however, to the extent of the roundness of the Canadian pieces. As stated in the Mint report, modifications were made to the dies and it would appear that no great inconvenience was encountered by the Canadian Mint in striking the twelve-sided coins.

There may be a direct relation to the fewer numbers of Canadian pieces being struck and also the fact that the planchets for the five cent pieces are thinner than those of the threepence, (although it is not known how many working dies were used).

As a comparison, in 1960 the Royal Mint issued some 84,744,000 threepence coins and the Canadian Mint issued 37,158,433 five cent pieces.

(Thanks to London Numismatic Society Bulletin)

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CONVENTION '72

We believe that our readers will be interested in knowing the progress made by your convention committee for 1972. Briefly, then, here is what has transpired - The Convention will be held in the Sheraton-Brock Hotel within a stone's throw of Niagara Falls itself, in the spacious comfortable hotel offering its guests all the amenities wished for. Bourse Chairman, Howard Hill, tells me that nearly 39 tables have been sold and these include dealers from many parts of Canada and the United States, which in itself should offer coin collectors one of the greatest varieties of material available. Among your bourse dealers will be top dealers in gold, paper money, antique coins, coins of the world, and of course our own Canadian decimals and those of our neighbor south of the Border. In other words, practically every facet of our hobby will be represented. On the entertainment

side there will be a comprehensive tour of the Niagara Falls area including the falls itself, both Canadian and American, the Botanical Gardens and a drive along the Niagara Parkway viewing some of the loveliest old homes in this part of the world. Chairman, Mel Fiske, has worked hard to make this convention a memorable one for all who attend, ably assisted by his executive committee. Nothing has been overlooked, in fact there may even be a few pleasant surprises at this convention. We hope, therefore, that as many as possible of our members and non-members alike will be attending this convention on April 22 7 23. See you there.

Yours for a successful convention

Ye Ed.

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PROPOSED COIN SHOWS

Listed below are the proposed coin club annual show dates and banquets. Check, please, to see if any of these dates will conflict with your club's proposed dates.

- March 11 - North York Coin Club annual show in the North York Community Hall, 5090 Yonge Street, Willowdale, Ontario from 12 noon to 10.00 p.m. Everyone welcome.
- March 18 - Richmond Hill Coin Club 8th Annual Show in the Town and Country Square Mall, Yonge & Steeles Streets, Toronto, Ont.
- Mar, 25 &- Waterloo Coin Club annual Show at the Holiday Inn, No. 8  
26 Highway, Kitchener. Details re bourse, etc. to Waterloo Coin Society, P.O. Box 41, Waterloo, Ontario.
- Apr. 8 - Thistletown Coin Club annual show and bourse in the Albion Hall, east end rotunda, 11.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m. Details re bourse, etc. to Norm Baisten, 37 Neames Crescent, Downsview, Ontario.
- April 8 - Woodstock Coin Club Annual Show in Old St. Paul's Parish Hall, Dundas St., with banquet at 6.30 p.m. Information re bourse-P.O. Box 631, Woodstock and re display - Bert Carter, P.O. Box 159, Innerkip, Ontario.
- April 16 - Kent Coin Club 4th Annual Show at the Holiday Inn, Highway 2 and Keil Road, Chatham, Ont. 10.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. Details re bourse, etc. to Jack Sands, 14 Gregory Dr. East, Chatham.
- Apr. 22-23-O.N.A. 10th Annual Convention at Sheraton Brock Hotel, Niagara Falls. Details re bourse, etc. to Chairman-Mel Fiske, 7795 Beaverdams Road, Niagara Falls, or Howard Hill, 1 Hayes St., St. Catharines. Accommodations - Mrs. Marge Smith, 5138 Willmot St., Niagara Falls, Ont.
- May 13 - St. Thomas Annual Coin Show and Banquet in Grace United Church Auditorium. Details re bourse, etc. to St. Thomas Numismatic Association, P.O. Box 187, St. Thomas, Ont.
- May 13 - Orillia Champlain Coin Club Annual Show in the Orange Hall, Mississaga St., West, Orillia. Details re bourse, etc. to Harry Booth, 270 Nottawasaga St., Orillia.
- Aug. 2-5 - Joint C.N.A.-C.P.M.S. Convention at the Holiday Inn, Civic Square, Toronto, Ont. Details re bourse to Jack Veffler, P.O. Box 7, Station "S", Toronto. General Chairman - Victor E. Snell, P.O. Box 2186, Station "B", St. Catharines

- Oct. 1 - Kitchener Coin Club annual Show at the Holiday Inn, Fairway Road, Kitchener. For details re bourse, etc. contact Ted Turonski, 111 Lancaster St.E., Kitchener, Ont.
- Oct. 21 - St. Catharines Annual Show and Banquet in Westminster United Church Hall, Queenston St., Details later.
- Oct. 22 - Sarnia Bluewater International Coin Show at The Village, 751 N. Christina St., Sarnia, Details re bourse to Norm. Scott, Box 89, Corunna, Exhibits-Robert Sargent, 1212 Hancock St., Port Huron, Mich. and General to Carl Williamson, 931 Greendale St., Sarnia.
- Oct. 29 - Tillsonburg Numismatic Society Annual Coin and Antique Show in the Orange Hall, Brock St., Tillsonburg. Details re bourse to Chas. B. Laister, No. 3, Highway, Tillsonburg. General Chairman - George Reynaert, 41 Park Ave., Delhi.

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### NEWS AROUND THE COIN CLUBS

#### BRANTFORD NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

At the last meeting the members enjoyed a double treat in the form of the O.N.A. Audio-Visual slides on The Waitangi Crown of New Zealand and Tom & Denis Kostaluk slide program on Poland.

#### HAMILTON COIN CLUB

At the last meeting The Alfred Roach Memorial for the person contributing most to the club's welfare during 1971 was won by the President. The delegates to the O.N.A. and C.N.A. Conventions this year will be Lindsay and Mildred McLennan.

#### HURONIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION -

At the last meeting the members enjoyed two films, one an old Laurel and Hardy film and the other on how a martian views the earthling, the Automobile. Also a short talk was given by Ivan Coles on the forthcoming Richmond Hill Coin Show.

#### INGERSOLL COIN CLUB

At the last meeting the members enjoyed two excellent speakers - the Ingersoll Police Chief, Art McCart, on protecting coins and Martin Brooks on Coin Insurance. The executive for 1972 is - Pres.- James Finch, Treasurer - Aulis Koslonen, Sec.-Carole McArthur, Editor - Barbara McNab.

#### NIAGARA FALLS COIN CLUB

At the last meeting there was a special quiz on Women on Coinage and the C.N.A. slides on the Canadian Silver Five Cent Piece series was shown and explained by Pat Lambert. Plans for the Convention at the Sheraton-Brock are progressing.

#### ORILLIA CHAMPLAIN COIN CLUB

At the last meeting the club enjoyed a fine group of pictures shown by Elwood McLaughlin on "Close Ups of Wild Flowers". The Orillia and Oro Horticultural Society and the Camera Club were invited to enjoy the pictures also.

#### STRATFORD COIN CLUB

At the last meeting the Club decided to hold their Coin Show on Oct. 22, 1972. The slide series "Numismatic Items" was also enjoyed by the members.



ST. CATHARINES COIN CLUB

At the last meeting the members and guests were treated to an interesting talk by Victor Snell on "Preparing a Display". This was very informative and was followed by a lively auction conducted by Lloyd Dorsey.

WATERLOO COIN SOCIETY

The last meeting featured a very interesting film entitled "Fraser Canyon" which deals with the development and making of a pass through that territory. The 1972 executive is as follows- Pres.-Ed. Stahley, Vice-Pres.-Paul Sandham, Sec.-R. McAlpine, Treas.-Bruce Bruce Raszmann, Editor - Heinz Herzog.

WOODSTOCK COIN CLUB

At the last meeting Mr. Bert Carter had a display of electrical insulators and gave an interesting talk on them. Plans are being finalized for the annual show on April 8th.

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"CHAS. B. LAISTER TROPHY"

DONATED TO THE ONATIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION FOR ANNUAL COMPETITION OF O.N.A. MEMBER CLUBS.

This TROPHY is up for the first time at the O.N.A. 10th Annual Convention hosted by the Niagara Falls Coin Club, on April 22-23, 1972 at the SHERATON-DROCK HOTEL, Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada.

The Trophy will be awarded for the best display from any O.N.A. member club in Ontario that is in good standing with the O.N.A. at the time of the O.N.A. yearly convention. The display can be put in as a club project or by a member of an Ontario club but only in the name of the club to which the member belongs. Only one display will be allowed from each club, the space or area allowed that of one, two or three O.N.A. cases, the category that of any the club wishes to put in. All displays in this competition will be competitive and none will be allowed to compete in any of the O.N.A. regular categories.

The club that has the best display will get the Trophy to take to their club until the next O.N.A. yearly Convention. At that time the trophy must be returned to be put up for Club competition again. During the time the winning club has the trophy it is to be put up for their club members display competition who are in good standing in the Club. Point records are to be kept as - 10 points for first, 7 for second and 5 for all the rest who displayed that month. There should be a display chairman appointed and he will judge the displays, keep a record of the points won and post the results so the club members will know who is leading in points each month. No display should be shown more than once. The winner of each month's display has the privilege of taking the large Trophy home till the next meeting. When it is time for the next O.N.A. Convention, the club chairman will tally up each member's points and the member with the highest points will receive at the O.N.A. Convention Banquet from the O.N.A. President an inscribed Trophy to keep. This will continue until the large Trophy is withdrawn from club competition.

From the President of the O.N.A. Chas. B. Laister.

NEW MEMBERS

Applications published in the February issue of the Ontario Numismatist have now been accepted. The following applications have been received. If no written objections are received, their acceptance will be acknowledged in the April issue of the Ontario Numismatist.

840 - S. L. Fiske, Skylark Motel, Flesherton, Ontario.

841 - Harold W. Cole, 3061 Oakmount Dr., San Bruno, California  
94066 U.S.A.

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THIS 'N THAT

Just recently I had occasion to renew my automobile insurance which I find covers me for all perils, third party, etc., etc., and while cogitating on the coverage I enjoy I was wondering about insurance on other things, the first of which was insurance to cover my coin collection, etc. and I wonder if perhaps your Executive should look into costs, coverage and all relevant details of some form of organization coverage for our members at a substantially reduced fee. I believe our National Association has something along these lines and maybe we, too, could provide this service to our membership! It is worth considering and I invite our readers comments... Some time ago, through these columns, we invited members to send in nominations for the Award of Merit. You will be both surprised and I hope pleased to learn that we received to date something like 13 nominations for this coveted award. Ye Ed would like to say a "Big Thank You" to those of our readers who so thoughtfully sat down and sent in a nominee of their choice .... This coming weekend we are looking forward to meeting many of you at Torex. I do hope that the high standard of exhibiting will again prevail this year, thus making the job of the judges an arduous one ... We hear from one of our news sources that Bob Shillingworth is busy lining up some beautiful material for the forthcoming Convention. May we suggest that you guys and dolls save your nickels, dimes and quarters to buy that precious piece for your collection.... I guess this is about all till April. I'll say "Bona Showshoes" and here are some interesting facts on the population explosion in Canada, thanks to John Barachino of Brantford Numismatic Society. (Thanks John);

Would you believe that the population of Canada is	20,000,000
People over the age of 65	6,000,000
Balance to do work	14,000,000
People 13 years of age and under	10,000,000
Balance left to do work	4,000,000
People in the armed forces	2,000,000
Balance left to do the work	2,000,000
People sick in hospital	900,000
Balance left to do the work	1,100,000
Bums and others who will not work	1,000,000
Balance left to do the work	100,000
People in jail	99,998

BALANCE LEFT TO DO THE WORK

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YOU AND ME....and it's about time you pulled up your socks. We are tired of running this outfit on our OWN!!! How about lending a Hand????

Good, eh?

Ye Ed



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## OUR 10th ANNUAL CONVENTION

Here we are, the tenth part of a century behind us, all set for another convention in the Convention City of Niagara Falls, scene of one of the many wonders of the world, and, as is so often emphasized - The Honeymoon Capital of the World - a place for fun and also a place for serious business.

I think we should give serious thought to where we are headed. We have changed considerably since the founding convention at Waterloo in 1962 -- noticeably in our efforts to promote the hobby by means of service to our members (who, incidentally, now number over 300) by way of the Audio-Visual, the Display Case service to member clubs, the Speakers Circuit, the Judging service to club shows, the O.N.A. Library, the Bulletin - to say nothing of our services used in settling disputes, etc.

This is good. But is this enough? Could we not be looking further ahead and, as the younger generation say "Get With It". By this I mean to open our minds, do more to bring our juniors into the clubs -- give them more of a challenge by asking them what they want in the clubs -- do the things that will interest them, like providing mental exercises along the lines of "How can we improve the hobby of Coin Collecting?" or "Just because the books say it - is it necessarily true?", etc.

In other words let us call this, not only the 10th Convention but the "Challenging Convention." Come to Niagara Falls and add your thoughts and ideas to the above.

W.E.P.L.

## SOME NOTES ON THE COINAGE OF BRITISH INDIA

By William N. Clarke, London Numismatic Society.

The coinage of India can best be divided into four main categories:- The Native Coinage, Coinage of the East India Co., Imperial Coinage and the Coinage of the Republic of India. To this list may be added the coinages of the Dutch, French and Portuguese settlements in India.

This paper deals with the coinage of The East India Company and the Imperial Coinage to 1901. The first established trading company received its charter in 1600 from Elizabeth I under the title "The Governor and Company of Merchants of London trading to the East Indies". This Company traded throughout the whole East Indies but by 1624 was forced out of the islands by the Dutch trading companies and established itself on mainland India. During the Civil War period (1649 - 1660), in England, the protection offered by the Charter was lost and notice was given by the East India Company that they would withdraw from Indian trade. This resulted in a new charter being granted by Cromwell in 1657, which guaranteed the rights of the company under the original charter of 1600.

A further blow to the Merchants of London came in 1698, when William III granted a duplicate trade monopoly to the "English Company Trading to the East Indies".

The resulting rivalry could, of course, have only one reasonable solution and in 1702, a provisional agreement was reached followed by union of the two companies in 1709. The United East India Company followed a course of complete control over Indian affairs. From the Battle of Plassey 1757, and Buxor 1763, the Company controlled all finances and revenues as well as judicial powers over the Bengal, Behar and Orissa districts, the most populous and richest in India. By this time, the Company also had its own army and navy and wielded tremendous power until the Indian Mutiny of 1857. In 1858, when peace was restored, the East India Company ceased to exist and all its powers were surrendered to the Crown. The country remained a Crown colony until 1877 when Victoria was proclaimed Empress of India.

The first coinage of this period was struck in 1600-01, a set of four coins valued at 1 dollar, 1/2, 1/4, and 1/8 dollars. These "Portcullis Money" named for the design on the reverse were to be struck from silver to the value of £6000 per voyage by the Company and were also to compete with the Spanish Dollar as a trade piece. However, the coins were not well received and the Company was able to avoid its obligation to coin further issues of these pieces.

The next attempt to coin money for trade was made in 1671 for the Bombay district. This and succeeding issues were well received and the Company continued to strike coins for use in India.

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During the late 1700's, the great coiner Matthew Boulton, along with James Watt, harnessed steam power to their coining presses at Birmingham. With his mint in full operation Boulton was able to complete an order for 100 tons of copper coins for the West India Company, Bengal district.

Further issues of the Company for the Bombay Presidency 1794-1833, Bengal Presidency 1791-1853 and the Madras Presidency from 1758-1835 further illustrate the powers held by the East India Company.

The first actual coinage for all India was issued in 1835. This handsome issue has the bare head of King William IV on the obverse, while the reverse legend includes the words East India Company - date and value. This issue stands out as an interesting example of the combination of public administration and private enterprise. All coins of this reign and issue are dated 1835, although they were struck until 1840. The next issue, perhaps better described as a double issue is that of Queen Victoria dated 1840/41.

The first of these two coinages was the work of the native engraver Kasinath Dass. This type is known as the continuous legend type as the legend "Victoria Queen" continues across the top of the coin on the obverse.

It was not until 1849 that dies were received from England prepared by William Wyon, chief engraver at the Royal Mint with the type two or divided legend coins -- all dated 1840. This issue also includes some major varieties of importance:

On the type 1 issues of the Madras Mint, the letter 'S' appears on the truncation. This is the initial of the mint master Major J.T. Smith, who was master during the complete coinage of this series, 1840/41 to 1850/51, all dated 1840/41. (Note - the silver rupees, half rupees and quarter rupee pieces were first issued in 1840 and the quarter rupee or two anna piece was added to the series in 1841).

The 1835 coinage of William IV struck at the Calcutta Mint has the initials R.S. and F. on the Truncation. These are the initials of Robert Saunders, mint master from 1826 to 1836 and Captain, later Lt. Col. William Nairn Forbes R.E., master from 1836 to 1855.

The type two 1840 issue has the initials W.W. on the truncation, the initials of William Wyon of the Royal Mint. However, the coins struck at the Madras Mint have the initials W.W. and 'S' and W.W. and 'B' for Major J. T. Smith and his successor Major J. H. Bell.

No new issues were struck until 1862, by which time the 1840 dated coins had run into several millions of pieces.

Following the closure of the East India Company in 1858 and under the Gothic revival in coin design in England, it was decided to strike a completely new issue for India. Patterns for the new coinage were struck in 1861 and with little change, the regular issue was struck dated 1862. The legend on this issue reads simply Victoria Queen. In 1862, the three former East India Co. mints at Bombay, Calcutta and Madras were still in operation and were put into service to strike the new coins. The complete issue consists of: Gold, 1 Mohur, 10 rupees and 5 rupees; Silver, one, half and quarter rupees and two anna; Copper, half and quarter annas, half pice and one-twelfth annas.

The Madras Mint was closed in 1867 after striking more than 25 million pieces. Although this number is quite impressive, it does not compare with the total number of 1862 coins struck at Bombay and

Calcutta, being about 408 and 270 million rupees respectively. This issue was struck with the 1862 date until 1874, when the date was changed.

In 1877, the title Empress of India was bestowed upon Victoria, mainly at the insistence of the colourful statesman Benjamin Disraeli, a service for which, as well as other political feats such as the Suez Canal purchase, he was created Earl of Beaconsfield. This issue is identical to the 1862-74 issue except that the obverse legend now reads Victoria Empress. This design was the last of the reign and was issued until the death of Queen Victoria in 1901.

On collecting Indian coins.

1. I believe it would be advisable to collect by type only.
2. Indian coins are not generally scarce, particularly in the poorer conditions.
3. It would be advisable to obtain the best specimens possible. I have found that the coins of India include some of the most beautifully designed and executed coins available to-day.
4. Even though there were very large quantities of coins made, it is difficult to obtain specimens, particularly in the minor copper issues, in very fine to uncirculated condition. As most of the series was struck in India, very few specimens were put aside by officials or government personnel, nearly all were released for circulation.

YE ED'S NOTE

Our thanks again to Mr. William Clarke for a very interesting article. Mr. Clarke contributes regularly to these pages and we are very grateful to him for these excellent articles. Thanks, Bill.

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NEWS AROUND THE COIN CLUBS

BRANTFORD NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

From Brantford comes the following bits of interesting information- The earliest incidents of exchange or barter took place between tribes rather than individuals. Sea Tortoise Shells, among the most valuable of ancient Chinese monies, were available only in Cochin, China and Annam. Banala tribesmen of the Congo carry the shells they use for currency in a circular "purse" made from reeds.

HAMILTON COIN CLUB

The last meeting featured a slide show of Australian coins from the C.N.A. library. Also J.A. Peddie, F.R.N.S., gave an interesting talk and display on Scottish Bank Notes. Also the O.N.A. President, Chas. B. Laister, spoke briefly on the present and future activities of the Association.

HURONIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

At the last meeting Bill Gage gave an interesting Glimpse at Cape Breton. History is where you find it and no place is more steeped in history than the Island of Cape Breton. It is an old island dating back many years when life centered around the Fort at Louisburg. It was to this island that a young man sailed to from Jersey in the Channel Islands. John Robin arrived on Cape Breton and settled at Arichat in 1764 and there established his fishing and general merchandise firm. Two years later his brother, Charles

arrived at Arichat. The patent to their land is dated 1787. Soon the firm prospered and they began to branch out, first to Cheticamp and then to Gaspe. The firm still stands today mute testimony to the hard work and planning of these brothers whose foresight in their land helped to shape the future of the Island. In passing, this firm handled money from every point of the compass whether it be Spanish doubloons, English copper and silver or West Indian dollars.

LONDON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

At the last meeting the speaker was Tom Masters who gave a talk on Philadelphia and the Liberty Bell on U.S. coins with a display and slides. Brochures from the Wellings Mint were also displayed.

NIAGARA FALLS COIN CLUB

At the last meeting the slides on the Canadian five cent silver series were shown by Pat Lambert, and were enjoyed by all. A lively auction concluded the meeting.

ORILLIA CHAMPLAIN COIN CLUB

At the last meeting plans went forward for the big Coin, Stamp and Antique show coming up and it was stated that some tables were already sold. Mr. Elwood McLaughlin showed slides entitled "Close Ups of Wild Flowers" which were much enjoyed.

STRATFORD COIN CLUB

The executive for the next two years are as follows:- Pres. - Ken Wimot, Vice-Pres.-John Partridge, Sec.-Ted Thorup, Treas.-Jim Ellison, Editors-Gerri and Bryan Niscon. All the best to these people in the future of the club.

SARNIA COIN CLUB

The special guest at the last meeting was Al. Berniston from Chatham. The program committee for 1972 are:- Fred Robertson, Jim Anderson and Gertrude Scott. Arrangements are being made for the Banquet on May 3rd.

ST. CATHARINES COIN CLUB

The last meeting was held on Sunday, March 20th with 67 members and 7 guests present. Due to the unfortunate cancellation of a visit by Don Thomas it was necessary to re-arrange the program which was ably filled by an interesting talk on "Campaign Medals" by Victor Potter who is an enthusiastic club member. Victor Snell gave a brief outline of the forthcoming C.N.A. Show in August and Pat Lambert gave final details on the O.N.A. Convention in Niagara Falls. A lively auction by Lloyd Dorsey and Company closed the meeting.

THISTLETOWN COIN CLUB

Are eight years this year and are celebrating this happy event. Interesting talks were given at the last meeting by Stan Ella on "Counterfeiting" and Howard DeGeer came up with some intriguing facts concerning his family tree and the connection with medals issued in commemoration of the first landed pilgrims to North America.

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DID YOU KNOW

In many instances the names of coins were originally the names of weights, or were derived directly from the names of weights, such as the talent, originally a Babylonian weight.



PROPOSED COIN SHOWS

Listed below are the proposed coin club annual show dates and banquets. Please check to see if any of these dates will conflict with your club's proposed dates.

- April 8 - Thistletown Coin Club annual show and bourse in the Albion Hall, east end rotunda, 11.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m. Details re bourse, etc., to Norm Balsten, 37 Neames Crescent, Downsview, Ontario.
- April 8 - Woodstock Coin Club Annual Show in Old St. Paul's Parish Hall, Dundas St., with banquet at 6.30 p.m. Information re bourse - P.O. Box 631, Woodstock and re display - Bert Carter, P.O. Box 159, Innerkip, Ontario.
- April 16 - Kent Club 4th Annual Show at the Holiday Inn, Highway 2 and Keil Road, Chatham, Ont. 10.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. Details re bourse, etc. to Jack Sands, 14 Gregory Dr. East, Chatham.
- Apr. 22-  
23 - O.N.A. 10th Annual Convention at Sheraton Brock Hotel, Niagara Falls. Details re bourse, etc. to Chairman - Mel Fiske, 7795 Beaverdams Rd., Niagara Falls, or Howard Hill, 1 Hayes St., St. Catharines. Accommodations - Mrs. Marge Smith, 5138 Willmot St., Niagara Falls, Ont.
- May 3 - Sarnia Numismatic Society Annual Banquet in Paterson Memorial Hall, Russell St., Sarnia. No further details available.
- May 13 - St. Thomas Annual Coin Show and Banquet in Grace United Church Auditorium. Details re bourse, etc. to St. Thomas Numismatic Association, P.O. Box 187, St. Thomas, Ontario.
- May 13 - Orillia Champlain Coin Club Annual Show in the Orange Hall, Mississaga St. West, Orillia. Details re bourse, etc. to Harry Booth, 270 Nottawasaga St., Orillia.
- May 27 - Peterborough Numismatic Society Annual Coin Show at the Orange Hall, 184 Brock St., Peterborough, Ontario. Details re bourse and displays to Mr. Paul Johnson, 375 Rogers St., Peterborough, Ontario.
- June 4 - Welland Coin Club Coin Show from 1.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. Details next bulletin.
- June 12 - Stratford Coin Club Dinner Meeting with Guest speaker. Details later.
- Aug. 5-6- Joint C.N.A.-C.P.M.S. Convention at the Holiday Inn, Civic Square, Toronto, Ontario. Details re bourse to Jack Veffler, P.O. Box 7, Station "S", Toronto. General Chairman - Victor Snell, P.O. Box 2186, Station "B", St. Catharines.
- Oct. 1 - Kitchener Coin Club Annual Show at the Holiday Inn, Fairway Road, Kitchener. Details re bourse, etc., to Ted Turonski, 111 Lancaster St. E., Kitchener, Ontario.
- Oct. 21 - St. Catharines Coin Club Annual Show and Banquet in Westminster United Church Parish Hall, Queenston St., St. Catharines. Details later.
- Oct. 21 - Sarnia Bluewater International Coin Show at The Village, 751 N. Christine St., Sarnia. Details re bourse to Norm Scott, Box 89, Corunna, Exhibits - Robert Sargent, 1212 Hancock St., Port Huron, Mich. and General Chairman to Carl Williamson, 931 Greendale St., Sarnia, Ont.



- Oct. 22 - Stratford Coin Club Annual Show and Auction with eight bourse dealers and a 100 lot auction. Details re the above to Stratford Coin Club, P.O. Box 262, Stratford, Ont.
- Oct. 29 - Tillsonburg Numismatic Society Annual Coin and Antique Show in the Orange Hall, Brock Street, Tillsonburg, Ont. Details re bourse to Chas. B. Laister, No. 3 Highway, Tillsonburg. General Chairman - George Reynaert, 41 Park Avenue, Delhi.
- JULY 15-16- City of Ottawa Coin Club 4th Annual Show in the Chateau Laurier Hotel. Details re bourse, displays, etc. to P.O. Box 6094, Station "J", Ottawa K2A 1T2.

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THE CANADIAN FIVE CENT PIECE - 1943

By Lloyd T. Smith.

The "V" Victory reverse design on the reverse of the 1943 five cent piece was introduced with the aim of furthering the war effort. They were made of Tombac (88% copper, 12% zinc) and were twelve-sided as were the 1942 tombac five cent coins.

The obverse is the same as the 1942 issue, except that rim denticles were added. The torch and V on the reverse symbolize sacrifice and victory. Instead of rim denticles like the obverse, a dot-dash pattern forms the inner rim. The dot-dash pattern forms the International Code message, "WE WIN WHEN WE WORK WILLINGLY," starting below the "N" in CENTS. The designer was the Royal Canadian Mint's chief engraver, Thomas Shingles (TS at right of the torch), who cut the master matrix entirely by hand -- a feat few present-day engravers can accomplish.

This issue may be considered a tribute to Samuel B. Morse, the inventor of the Morse Code and the telegraph system (1843). The tombac five cent of 1943 was issued just 100 years after Mr. Samuel B. Morse was granted a patent on his invention. The message on the coins is in the International or Continental Code though and not the Morse Code.

This is also the first die made entirely at the Royal Canadian Mint in Ottawa. It is interesting that the 12-sided position differs from the English 12-sided threepence coins by a 15 degree turn. The tombac alloy was replaced with chromium-plated steel in 1944-45 because the copper and zinc were needed for the war effort.

(Thanks to the London Numismatic Society Bulletin)

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LATE COIN NEWS

NORTH YORK COIN CLUB

The last meeting featured the twelfth anniversary of the club and was highlighted by a display by Michael Zigler on banknotes of the People's Republic of China and Fred Jewett's talk on the Fenian Raid period in Canadian history accompanied by a display of several British "Fenian Raid" service medals, and Mr. R. Strong gave a very informative talk on the early French regime and its effect on Canadian numismatics. It was also announced that the bourse and show held recently was a great success.

In 1964, 72.25 per cent of coins produced in Canada were cents.

Will You Invite?.....

As a nation we have always been noted for our hospitality-- and I see no reason to note any change in one of the nicer of our traditional traits -- which brings me to the point of these musings -- Each year it appears to get more and more difficult to find one of our clubs who is prepared to give us a old-fashioned "Invite" for next year's Convention -- We ask executives and members to mull over these thoughts and see if you feel you are prepared to host the O.N.A. Convention in 1973 -- Then sit down and surprise us -- We are waiting to be surprised-- All we can promise is that you will have : lots of work, details galore, etc. -- But in the final analysis -- The personal satisfaction of seeing a successful show and even making a few dollars into the bargain -- Let's hear from you, huh? ?

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NEW MEMBERS

Applications published in the March issue of the Ontario Numismatist have now been accepted.

Applications for membership will be published in the May issue of the Bulletin.

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THIS 'N THAT

As our 10th Convention draws nearer I was kind of cogitating on how many of the club delegates will turn up to the Delegates' Meeting -- a very important part of any convention -- particularly when there are so many items which we should be discussing; for instance - Why are so many club members apathetic when it comes to club activities and work to be done? One of the hardest things is to get workers who will do things for their club and the hobby -- This is only one of the pressing problems which should be discussed at our general meeting -- we should be getting to the itty gritty on the big question of a Judging System which is acceptable to all clubs and all exhibitors -- here are some problems which require careful consideration by our delegates and the membership of the O.N.A. -- we trust that this year will see lots of delegates with plenty of hints that will stimulate this year's meeting and lead to a better Association who will be noted for being a progressive one, willing to listen to those who came to give the benefit of their experience for the betterment of their hobby --Finally, I want to express the sincere thanks of the executive of the O.N.A. to someone who has worked hard, and contributed much in a personal and a business capacity to publicizing this year's convention, I mean the grand effort of Don Thomas, the publisher of Coin, Stamp and Antique News, who has, to say the least, done a terrific job in promoting this Convention -- The hundreds of readers of his excellent paper will have no doubt as to where, when and what is going to happen on April 22nd-23 at Niagara Falls; Don, I trust you will accept thses thoughts as our token of gratitude for a swell job of promotion at its highest level -- Looking forward to seeing many of you folks at the Convention, so long for now,



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## BRITISH CAMPAIGNS AND MEDALS

(Hints for Beginners, Part 2)

By V. G. Potter

In a previous article I described how to start a collection of medals, and what pitfalls to avoid.

In order to fully enjoy a medal collection, it is necessary to have as much information as possible on the particular series of medals or campaigns in which you are interested.

This brings forward the question of books; these are indispensable to any serious collector, whether of coins, stamps or medals. Unfortunately many collectors with hundreds of dollars worth of material have hardly any worthwhile books on their hobby.

For a collector of British medals, I would recommend the following excellent books: "British Battles and Medals" by Major L.L. Gordon, "Ribbons and Medals" by Dorling and Guille and "The Standard Catalogue of British Orders, Decorations and Medals" by E. C. Joslin. For collectors of medals to Canadians, I would highly recommend "War Medals and Decorations of Canada" by Ross W. Irwin.

Major Gordon's book is the standard work for campaign medals as it lists all regiments which were entitled to any particular medal or bar, plus type of official naming, and a resume of the campaign. Dorling's books also give Orders of Chivalry, Decorations, Long Service Medals and Foreign awards. For the collector of medals of a particular series, such as the Military General Service Medal 1733 - 1814 a medal roll is invaluable. This is a list containing the name of every person awarded the medal and which bars he received. The list is made up by regiment, so that to check a medal, all that is required is to look up the regiment and check in the alphabetically arranged list for the name and initials.



Some regiments have rolls containing names of the members who received medals for any of the campaigns the regiment served in. This is of great value to the person who collects to one regiment only.

For those who are interested in the details of the campaigns and battles, there is now available a reprint of "War Medals of the British Army 1650 - 1831" by T. Carter and W. H. Long. Also of value are regimental histories, army lists, orders and dispatches.

Once one has decided to collect medals, it is important to have a reliable source of supply; as there are far fewer dealers in medals than there are for stamps and coins, I have added a list of dealers that I have dealt with and can recommend. (See Later on).

Another source of supply is a medal club, as members often have items for trade or sale. In addition the beginner will receive much help and advice on the hobby from more experienced collectors. Some collectors are only interested in single medals, whilst others prefer groups.

The advantages and disadvantages of the above are as follows: a single medal is ideal if the collection is the type where one example of each medal or bar is required and where the extra medals in a group are redundant. Few collectors like to break up a group as this spoils the man's record of service. To the collector who likes to study the person who won the awards the group is more interesting.

Typical groups, in my collection, which have interesting stories are, 5 to Captain E. Atkin, O.B.E., R.A. These are office of the Order of the British Empire, Queens South Africa with 6 bars (Sgt.). British War & Victory medals (Capt.) & Long Service & Good Conduct (C.S.M.). E. Atkin joined the Royal Artillery at 14 years of age. Promoted by Lord Kitchener from Corporal to Sergeant for bravery in 1901, promoted to 2nd Lieutenant in 1915 and Captain in 1917 and awarded the O.B.E. in 1913 for his services in World War 1.

Another group is of 5 to Colonel A.H.S. Goff, C.M.G., R.A. This consists of the Queens South Africa Medal with 3 bars, (Major), the 1914 Star and Bar (Lt. Col.), British War Medal & Victory medal (Col.) and Queen Victoria's Jubilee medal of 1897 (Capt.). Col. Goff served with the "Contemptible Little Army" of 1914 and was under fire in the early battles of World War 1. He was the owner of Standerwich Court and was entitled to bear the Coat of Arms of "Goff of Hale Park, Hants". These arms were taken from the family in 1660 and not restored until 1820. Col. Goff was a direct descendent of Maj. Gen. William Goffe who served under Cromwell and was one of the trial judges of King Charles 1 and who signed his death warrant and it was for this reason that the Coat of Arms was forfeit.

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Groups of medals are often cheaper than the equivalent medals singly. This is because the more common medals are thrown in by the dealer as they would not sell so readily by themselves. Therefore, when buying a group for a couple of interesting medals it is necessary to take common medals which one may already have.

Whenever I purchase a medal I always clean (not polish) it with soapy water or silver dip, and put a clean ribbon on it. A dirty or tarnished medal with an old ribbon looks unsightly and very few old soldiers would be seen dead with their medals in such condition.

When medals are mounted in groups it is important to place them in the correct sequence. Generally this is Orders, Decorations, Medals for Bravery, Campaign medals in date order, commemorative medals (such as coronations), long service medals and foreign awards.

Most dealers in medals can supply new ribbons at about .10¢ per inch; 5 inches being needed for each medal. Dealers in medals are:-  
A. H. Baldwin and Sons Ltd., 11 Adelphi Terrace, London S.W.1.,  
England.

J. B. Hayward, 17 Piccadilly Arcade, London, S.W.1., England.

Canada Coin Exchange (R. Drummond, Medal Dept.) Room 101,  
1121 St. Catherine St. West, Montreal 110, P.Q.

Musket & Dubloon (Ed. Denby), 1206 Yonge St., Toronto, Ont.

Dealers in Military Medals:-

Les. Johnson, (New books), 9 Hill Place, Stoney Creek, Ont.

Frances Edwards (Old & New Books), 83 Manglebone High St.,  
London WIM4AL, England.

There are many more dealers who hold good stocks of medals and books, and I apologize for not mentioning more of them. However, to the beginner I would repeat my suggestion that you check with other collectors before spending large amounts with any particular dealer, as there are one or two shady characters in this, as in any other field of collectin.

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#### NEWS AROUND THE COIN CLUBS.

##### BRANTFORD NUMISMATIC SOCIETY -

At the last meeting the O.N.A. Audio-Visual slides on "Waumpuns to Decimals" was enjoyed by all. One of the items of interest brought up at the meeting was a set of 12 coloured postcards received by the editor depicting the rare Russian coins of the Hermitage Collection, printed in the Soviet Union. Also the latest discovery on Canadian Coins are the 1965 issue. The four digits have been found "Blunt" and are very scarce.

##### CENTRAL COIN CLUB

92 members attended the last meeting. The outstanding event of the meeting was the presentation by Frank Rose to the club of a silver Torex medal and a cheque for \$200.00 and thanked the club for helping to make Torex such a success. Then Frank Lieshout presented Mr. Rose with a life membership in the club.

##### CHAMPLAIN COIN CLUB

At the last meeting it was announced that the Editor is a member of the Sick Children's Hospital Chapter of the Canadian Kidney Foundation and that the Chapter is trying to buy an artificial kidney which costs \$3,589.00. Dominion Stores are going to

purchase the kidney if enough cash register tapes can be brought in. This is the way the club members can help by saving their sales slips. So let's see them.

HAMILTON COIN CLUB

At the last meeting Bruce Brace gave an illustrated talk on how to exhibit using his own handiwork as an example. Also Hans Rajadius showed some interesting 1935 \$25.00 notes and Bill Lavell patterns for Confederation medals. Prizes were won by Eugene Culp with Canadian Explorers Medallions and Lindsay McLennan with Asterick Notes. It was announced that the Canadian Association of Token Collectors was inaugurated in Kitchener with John Shaw as President.

HURONIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

At the last meeting the idea of a mini-show was introduced and exhibits were judged as in a large show with ribbons going to the winners. Discussions were held on the annual show to be held in September and plans for this were started.

INGERSOLL COIN CLUB

At the last meeting attended by 35 members and guests Alan Macnab gave a very interesting talk on "Paper Money of the Ingersoll Banks and the Bank of Canada". His talk was accompanied by a display of some paper money. The annual Dutch auction for the Easter Seal Fund was held and realized \$45.00 for the Fund.

KITCHENER COIN CLUB

The last meeting was called the "Albert Fuller Day". Albert is a charter member of the club and does much to promote numismatics with the displays he shows around the country and so a presentation was made to him in appreciation for his work.

NORTH YORK COIN CLUB

At the last meeting Michael Zigler displayed a collection of bank notes of the Peoples' Republic of China and Mr. Fred Jewett spoke on the Fenian Raid period in Canadian history and showed several British "Fenian Raid" service medals. Mr. Strong gave a very informative talk on the early French Regime and its effect on Canadian Numismatics. It was also announced that the recent show and bourse was a great success.

CITY OF OTTAWA COIN CLUB

At the last meeting a visitor, Mr. Boles, from the Canadian Time & Leisure Consultants, spoke on the people who bring their problems to them to be solved and how they try to help them to spend their leisure wisely. Two items were discussed and then left for a further meeting. Whether a person should be made a life member after 10 years in the club and whether there should be stamps at the annual show. These things will be decided later.

PETERBOROUGH NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

At the last meeting there was a slide presentation from the O.N.A. on the "Canadian Voyageur Dollar" which was much enjoyed. Plans for the annual show May 27th were finalized and we are looking forward to a good event. There were three new members added to our club and now we have a membership of 40.

PORT CREDIT COIN CLUB

The last meeting featured a talk by Mr. Stanley Clute on the "How and Why of Collecting Ancient Coins". Also plans for the annual strawberry festival on May 23rd were discussed.

ST. CATHARINES COIN CLUB

The last meeting was proclaimed "Special Junior Achievement Day" and was led by a Junior, Miss Dianne Kosiba who introduced the guest speaker, also a junior, Jan Nielson. Jan told how he first became interested in coins with the help of a few of the senior members. The speaker was thanked by another Junior, David Voaden, after which the meeting was again turned over to the senior members.

ST. THOMAS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

The special feature of the last meeting was a talk by Howard Whitfield on stamp collecting. The meeting also featured a lively coin auction and this showed how both hobbies can be combined.

TILLSONBURG NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

At the last meeting the game, "What's My Coin" was played. There was a panel of 4 and they tried to guess what coin another member had in three questions each. After the panel either guess the identity of the coin or have to be told the owner gives a short talk on it, its history, etc. The word went out that we need an auctioneer for our show Oct. 29th.

WATERLOO COIN SOCIETY

At the last meeting a talk was given by Dr. Robert McAlpine on coins and currency from the "Land Down Under, the Kangaroo, the KoalaBear and the Boomerang, none other than Australia. His talk was illustrated by a display of coins he brought back from his trip. This talk was very interesting and was enjoyed by all.  
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TOREX '72

Torex and the Central Coin Club Convention was a great success with over 4,000 people attending and it was hailed as one of the most successful shows in many years. The winners were as follows:-  
Best of Show - R. Marcetti, U.S.A., First - Jim Hayes, Georgetown, Second - Walter Allan, Oakville, Third - W. Kowalsky, Toronto, First Hon. Mention - R. Irwin, Second - Paul Johnson, Third - Tom Waller, Fourth - P. Melligan, Fifth - H. Rapedius. The winners in the Junior class were: First - T. Banning, Second - Christine Kosiba, Third - Diane Kosiba and Fourth - Gary Miller. The judges for the show were Head Judge - Bill English, Dr. Wilkinson, Pat Lambert, Don Flick, and Bill McDonald. Congratulations on a good show. All the best for next year.

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NORTH YORK COIN SHOW

The 1972 North York Coin Club Show and Bourse was a definite success. The dealers in attendance seemed very satisfied and two inquiries about bourse table for 1973 have already been received. The Club's White Elephant Table was very capably managed by Mrs. Louise Graham and Mrs. Lucille Colson with much help from Mr. Gordon Vanson. Displays ranged from Canadian Coins and railway tokens to Japanese and Roman coins. Good luck on next year, North York.

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I am sure that no quarrel  
Would last very long  
If one side were dead right  
And the other dead wrong.



PROPOSED COIN SHOWS

Listed below are the proposed coin club annual show dates and banquets. Please check to see if any of these dates will conflict with your club's proposed dates.

- May 13 - St. Thomas Annual Coin Show and Banquet in Grace United Church Auditorium. Details re bourse, etc., to St. Thomas Numismatic Association, P.O. Box 187, St. Thomas, Ont.
- May 13 - Orillia Champlain Coin Club Annual Show in the Orange Hall, Mississaga St. West, Orillia. Details re bourse, etc., to Harry Booth, 270 Nottawasaga St., Orillia.
- May 27 - Peterborough Numismatic Society Annual Coin Show at the Orange Hall, 184 Brock St., Peterborough, Ontario. Details re bourse and displays to Mr. Paul Johnson, 375 Rogers St., Peterborough, Ontario.
- June 4 - Welland Coin Club Show from 1.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. at the Princess Elizabeth School, Scholfield Street, four blocks east of Atlas Steel Plant, Main St., turn right. Enquiries as to bourse (\$10.00), exhibits, etc., to Howard Hill, 1 Hayes Street, St. Catharines, Ont.
- June 12 - Stratford Coin Club Dinner Meeting. No further details.
- Aug. 5-6- Joint C.N.A.-E.P.M.S. Convention at the Holiday Inn, Civic Square, Toronto, Ontario. Details re bourse to Jack Veffler, P.O. Box 7, Station "S", Toronto. General Chairman - Victor Snell, P.O. Box 2106, Station "B", St. Catharines, Ontario.
- July 15-16- City of Ottawa Coin Club 4th Annual Show in the Chateau Laurier Hotel. Details re bourse, displays, etc., to P.O. Box 6094, Station "J", Ottawa K2A 1T4.
- Sep. 17 - London Numismatic Society Coin Show at the Carousel Motor Hotel, Wellington Road South near Highway 401, London. Information re bourse, displays, etc., to Lloyd T. Smith, 123 Arundle Street, London 41, Ontario.
- Sep. 23 - Huronia Numismatic Association Annual Show and Banquet. Details re bourse, etc., in next bulletin.
- Oct. 1 - Sarnia Bluewater International Coin Show at the Village, 751 N. Christine St., Sarnia. Details re bourse to Norm. Scott, Box 89, Corunna, Exhibits - Robert Sargent, 1212 Hancock St., Port Huron, Michigan, and General Chairman - Carl Williamson, 931 Greendale St., Sarnia, Ont.
- Oct. 1 - Kitchener Coin Club Annual Show and Banquet at the Holiday Inn, Fairway Road, Kitchener. Details re bourse, etc., to Ted Turonski, 111 Lancaster St. East, Kitchener, Ont.
- Oct. 21 - St. Catharines Coin Club Annual Show and Banquet in Westminster United Church Parish Hall, Queenston St., St. Catharines. Details later.
- Oct. 22 - Stratford Coin Club Annual Show and Auction with eight bourse dealers and a 100 lot auction. Details re the above to Stratford Coin Club, P.O. Box 262, Stratford, Ont.
- Oct. 29 - Tillsonburg Numismatic Society Annual Coin and Antique Show in the Orange Hall, Brock St. Details re bourse to Chas B. Laister, No. 3 Highway, Tillsonburg. General Chairman - George Reynaert, 41 Park Avenue, Delhi, Ont.



CONVENTION '72

At 8.30 last Sunday night a very tired but happy Chairman and Co-chairman of your convention committee sat down over, I think, a well deserved and thoroughly earned drink to one of the most successful conventions in the history of the O.N.A. If we sound a little rambling please bear with us because we still have not gotten over the culmination of four months hard work....To mention but a few of the highlights, no convention in our recollection, has ever seated 40 bourse dealers, many of whom when questioned about "How was business" replied, "Good, Fine, Very Good, etc.," but nowhere did we hear any dealer say he had had a poor show (we sincerely hope this was the case with all)....we noted particularly the inter-dealing and exchange of quipps among the dealers and all appeared to be joining together in good fellowship....The banquet, while not as many as we had hoped for (300) did seat approximately 200...It was one of those banquets where everybody appeared to be thoroughly enjoying the meal and the spirit of friendliness seemed to mark the whole convention... The meal was excellent, efficiently served, piping hot and enjoyed by all ;... Another highlight was our guest speaker, Bob Willey, first recipient of the O.N.A. Gold Medal Award of Merit, past member of the executive, an ardent, conversant and dedicated numismatist, who, one can tell, just loves to impart his numismatic knowledge, be it to one or two persons or to an audience of 200 to 300...Bob's talk was as good as his knowledge of his subject....One or two things were forgotten in our excitement of the evening and here may we correct an oversight of your chairmen when introducing the head table and your hard-working convention committee, we forgot to welcome the many visitors from distant points to numerous to mention who travelled in some cases hundreds of miles...We say thank you for coming, and hope you will come again soon....The grand finale was, of course the O.N.A. Award of Merit; carefully planned with every precaution taken to ensure the recipient had no idea of the honour being bestowed upon her. How well we succeeded everyone at the banquet saw for themselves.... It is the first time in the many years we have known Louise Graham that we ever saw her lose her cool...I feel sure had it not been for the strong shoulder of our genial Bill English Louise might have pulled a most unladylike act and fainted----Congratulations, Louise, we know of no one who was more worthy and has earned this highest of awards....As for exhibits, there were some 89 cases of competitive displays with a number of fine exhibits in the Court of Honour...The majority of the competitive displays were excellent, making the work of the judges an arduous one, while we haven't the space to publish the complete list of display winners here, this will be done next month, but we just want to say Congrats to Walter Allen for his Best of Show display, to the St. Catharines Coin Club for winning the Charles Laister club trophy and to all those prize winners and non-prize winners alike, we pay a hearty vote of thanks for the many hours of painstaking work preparing your exhibits....Where our next Convention in 1973 will be held we do not know....We are awaiting an invitation...We do know it will have to be a real dilly to beat Convention '72 in the City of Niagara Falls...We close by saying "Thanks" to all who helped make this show a success and a big thank you "speshul-like" to the Sheraton-Brock Hotel for their many kindnesses and co-operation

NEW MEMBERS

Applications published in the March issue of the Ontario Numismatist have now been accepted. The following applications have been received. If no written objections are received, their acceptance will be acknowledged in the June issue of the Ontario Numismatist.

- 842 - J. F. Whitchurch St. Thomas, Ontario
- 843 - Russ McWhinnie Toronto 168, Ontario
- 844 - Robin Caldwell Peterborough, Ontario
- 845 - Ronald J. Marcetti Mount Clemens, Michigan 48043, U.S.A.
- 846 - Russ Wood R.R. # 3, Sudbury, Ontario
- 847 - Ray G. Pleau Oshawa, Ontario
- 848 - Chris Brooker London 15, Ontario

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THIS 'N THAT

Well another convention has come and gone which has been fully covered elsewhere --- However, I would like to draw your attention to one important item of all conventions, the date --- A rather unfortunate state of affairs has happened with the forthcoming show at Kitchener and Sarnia --- It would appear that Ye Ed mixed up the dates of these two shows as being one on the 1st of October and one on the 21st of October, and, although I have searched my old March notes, it would appear I have destroyed the notification from Norm Scott ---I hereby apologize to you, Norm, and of course you will note the error has been rectified in this current issue and I do hope you will overlook an honest mistake. --- Carrying this point of dates one step further, I would suggest those clubs which habitually clash year in and year out might find it advantageous to contact the club they clash with and request their forthcoming show date for the current year --This is just a suggestion to perhaps eliminate incidences of this kind and while we do our best to be as accurate as possible this service is at most only a guide to forthcoming shows and not a setting down of dates --- I note, passing, that there has not been any sort of response to my short article appearing on page 38 of the April Bulletin, no club has come up with an old-fashioned "let's get together in '73" ---For those of you who feel that you are not ready yet we say, 'How do you know until you try' and after all if the Niagara Falls Coin Club with a total membership of 23, half of which actively helped with the convention, can do it, so can you, you will have to work like hades, but we do promise you a great feeling of satisfaction when the show has been a success through your efforts --- Another point occurs to me in passing, perhaps we should consider the idea of only holding conventions every second year, in other words, only holding a convention in election year -- We invite our readers to comment on this as a guide for future discussion with our executive --- All for now --- See you folks in June

Ye Ed

ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

TREASURER'S REPORT  
FOR PERIOD JANUARY 1, 1971 TO DECEMBER 31, 1971

GENERAL ACCOUNT

PETTY CASH @ JANUARY 1, 1971	\$ 38.00	
BANK BALANCE @ JANUARY 1, 1971	<u>1,680.92</u>	\$1,718.92

RECEIPTS

MEMBERSHIPS (REGULAR, JUNIOR & CLUB) . . . . .	\$1,163.00	
MEDALS . . . . .	932.74	
LAPEL PINS . . . . .	24.75	
DISPLAY CASE RENTAL . . . . .	206.50	
O.N.A. SHARE OF NET PROFIT (N.B.C.C.) . . . . .	582.36	
BANK & BOND INTEREST . . . . .	59.34	
C.N.E. NET PROFIT . . . . .	391.87	
AUDIO VISUAL . . . . .	24.35	
ON A/C OF O.N.A. - H.N.A. CONVENTION LOSS . . . . .	38.00	
SUNDRIES . . . . .	<u>5.25</u>	\$3,428.16

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ROOM RENTALS . . . . .	25.00	
SUNDRIES . . . . .	<u>9.87</u>	\$2,833.33

EXCESS RECEIPTS OVER EXPENSES . . . . .		\$ 594.83
PETTY CASH @ DECEMBER 31, 1971 . . . . .	\$ 19.56	
CANADA SAVING BOND BALANCE @ DECEMBER 31, 1971 . . . . .	1,000.00	
BANK BALANCE @ DECEMBER 31, 1971 . . . . .	<u>1,294.19</u>	2,313.75

BANK RECONCILIATION

BANK PASS BOOK BALANCE @ DECEMBER 31, 1971 . . . . .	\$1,327.49	
LESS OUTSTANDING CHEQUES . . . . .	<u>33.30</u>	
STATEMENT BANK BALANCE @ DECEMBER 31, 1971 . . . . .	\$1,294.19	

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CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT

BANK BALANCE @ JANUARY 1, 1971 . . . . . \$ 30.60

RECEIPTS

INTEREST ON GUARANTEED INVESTMENT CERTIFICATE \$ 140.00  
INTEREST ON CANADA SAVINGS BONDS . . . . . 153.75  
BANK INTEREST . . . . . 5.84 \$ 299.59

EXPENSES

CANADA SAVINGS BONDS . . . . . 300.00 \$ 300.00  
EXCESS EXPENSES OVER RECEIPTS .. . . . \$ - .41  
BANK BALANCE @ DECEMBER 31, 1971 . . . . . \$ 30.19

LIFE MEMBERSHIP ACCOUNT

BANK BALANCE @ JANUARY 1, 1971 . . . . . \$ 106.36

RECEIPTS

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS . . . . . \$ 50.00  
INTEREST ON GUARANTEED INVESTMENT CERTIFICATES 66.11  
BANK INTEREST . . . . . 4.24 \$ 120.35

EXPENSES

MEMBERSHIP DUES (1971) . . . . . 45.00  
CANADA TRUST - GUARANTEED INVESTMENT CERT. 100.00 \$ 145.00  
EXCESS EXPENSES OVER RECEIPTS . . . . . \$ -24.65  
BANK BALANCE @ DECEMBER 31, 1971 . . . . . \$ 81.71

ASSET SUMMARY @ DECEMBER 31, 1971

CASH, BOND & BANK BALANCE - GENERAL ACCOUNT \$2,313.75  
BANK BALANCE - CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT . . . . . 30.19  
GUARANTEED INVESTMENT CERTIFICATE & CANADA  
SAVING BONDS - CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT . . . . . 4,300.00  
BANK BALANCE - LIFE MEMBERSHIP ACCOUNT . . . . . 81.71  
GUARANTEED INVESTMENT CERTIFICATES - LIFE  
MEMBERSHIP ACCOUNT . . . . . 850.00 \$7,575.65  
TOTAL ASSETS 1970 . . . . . 6,605.88  
INCREASE IN CASH ASSETS . . . . . \$ 969.77

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## CONVENTION ADDRESS BY GUEST SPEAKER

R. WILLEY

On learning that the Convention this year was to be held in Niagara Falls, I remembered an anecdote dating from the second World War, which would seem to prove George Bernard Shaw's dictum that England and America were two countries separated by the same language. A Canadian sailor on duty in England came to know an English family in London, whom he would visit when on leave. They were always correcting his pronunciation of such names as Worcester, Gloucester, Warwick and St. John Chelmondeley, all the letters of which he kept trying to pronounce. It came to be a bit embarrassing as time went on.

One day, however, he got his sweet revenge. A member of the family began to talk one evening of his visit to Canada before the war, and mentioned having seen Niagara Falls. Quick as a flash the seaman asked, "Where did you say you went in Canada?" "Niagara Falls", replied the host. "I Can't quite place the name," replied the sailor. "How do you spell it?" His host spelled it out for him. "Oh!" the sailor replied, "in Canada we pronounce it Niffles!"

Twenty-seven years after the war, the Ontario Numismatic Association is holding its annual convention here in "Niffles." The Association also has invited me, for the third time, to address its annual convention. I believe that I am the only individual to have been asked three times to be guest speaker, and for this reason I feel highly honoured. On this occasion I should like to say something about the past, present and future of Canadian numismatics.

Eric Nicol's and Peter Whalley's "Uninhibited History of Canada" begins with a cartoon showing a cave man and woman expressing anxiety over their boy, who sits and mopes all day asking, "Who are we? Where did we come from? Where are we going?" Thus do the

authors depict Canada's identity crisis, to use a current American psychological phrase, of the early 1960's. As numismatists we have undergone a sort of identity crisis as well. The market crash of 1965 brought on this situation, and though matters in the hobby are not as serious now as then, it still would be wise to take our bearings and think about the course we have followed and decide whether to continue it or plot a new course for the future.

Who are we? What are we? Canadian numismatists have been termed keen students, avid collectors, greedy speculators, mere accumulators, astute buyers, clever bargainers, and imaginative collectors. At one time I heard it said that we were the laughing-stock of the numismatic world. The activities of a few of the greedy speculators and mere accumulators of a few years ago hung this label on us. Are we any of these things, or all these things? Among Canadian numismatists we all can find examples of these types. There was a time when I felt it necessary to agree that there might be some basis to the allegation that we were the laughing-stock of the numismatic world. However, I do not feel that way now. Canadian numismatics is coming of age, and Canadian numismatists are now expanding their interests. We are slowly taking our place among the numismatists of other countries, and are making substantial contributions to the growth of numismatic knowledge.

Where did we come from? What is our history? We come from all walks of life and all segments of Canada. Our hobby is enjoyed by everyone from ages six to ninety-six. We have a three-hundred-year history, Louis XIV of France was himself a numismatist and, Canada being under his personal direction in those days, his collection included coins struck for use in Canada. After the British conquest a few English collectors were interested in Canadian numismatics but it then was only a part of the numismatics of the British colonial empire.

As the Canadian colonies grew, people began to take notice of the variety of coins in use, especially the copper, and by 1850 a systematic search for coins in Canada began. In 1862 the Numismatic and Antiquarian Society of Montreal was founded, and the Golden Age began. This period lasted 'til 1914, and was the age of Breton and Leroux, Sandham, Courteau, McLachlan, Dr. Kingsford, Judge Lees, and others, all of whom were keen collectors and students of the Canadian Colonial coinages. Some, such as Breton, studied the various trade tokens issued after 1870, while others, like Leroux, studied medals of all kinds. During this period the emphasis was on these items, decimal coins being looked on, unfortunately, as spending money.

Another reason for the neglect of decimal coins was economic. Few people could afford to put away very many Queen Victoria decimal coins in the days when fifty cents was wages for a whole day. Fifty-cent pieces therefore were almost never saved, which is why the early years command such high prices to-day in any condition better than very fine. Quarters were sometimes saved, being given as gifts to children

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by doting parents or relatives. Dimes were not often saved, for a dime was a useful coin. So many things could be bought for ten cents in those days that the coin had a phenomenal velocity of circulation. Five-cent pieces and cents were saved at that time, and were the only decimal coins that were actually collected in any quantity.

But all good things in this world eventually come to an end, and in 1914 the numismatic activity, gold coinage and all, was killed off, along with many other amenities of civilised living, by the outbreak of the first World War. The war was followed by disillusionment as the promise of 1918 rapidly proved false, and in the economic turmoil of the roaring twenties and the dirty thirties there was not time nor money to resume the study of numismatics. A few individuals continued as long as they were able, but after Courteau's last monograph in 1934 the flame burned very low indeed.

During this period numerous coins were produced, tokens used, and medals struck, but hardly anybody really cared enough to gather background data and record the number of items produced. The age of apathy had set in. Important things went unrecorded. The identity of the engraver of the reverses of most of the Canadian coinage from 1902 to 1936 was unknown until recently. It simply was not to be found in the literature anywhere. Present-day researchers are faced to-day with a dreadful problem, for information concerning medals, for example, of this period is extremely hard to find, and it may in many cases be irretrievably lost.

In 1939 the second World War broke out in consequence of the behaviour of a gang of bloodthirsty hoodlums, and it took six years to restore some semblance of civilised behaviour to the world. The war seemed to shake us out of the apathy into which we had sunk after 1918 and a numismatic renaissance began. People began to take an interest in coins, this time turning their attention to decimals. People began to collect all denominations date by date. It was the happy time when one could get everything but the extreme rarities from circulation in reasonable condition if one had the patience. Patience in those days was rewarded by finding such items as an extremely fine broad-leaved 1913 dime in circulation. Alas, alack and tears, idle tears, for the days that are no more!

In 1950 the Canadian Numismatic Association was founded, a consequence of the large number of collectors from all parts of Canada who joined the old Ottawa Coin Club. The Association grew quickly, and local clubs sprang up from coast to coast. Dealers began to appear in Canada about this time, and in 1952 J. E. Charlton published the first of his annual catalogues. His catalogue is now in its twentieth edition. This was of invaluable assistance to collectors, and it was not very long before important varieties were discovered. Some were at last beginning to study their coins, and their work is the foundation of present-day research.

The number of conventions and shows began to increase, and with it the number of dealers and clubs. In Ontario it soon became apparent that a provincial organization was necessary, if only to co-ordinate the activities of the clubs in the province. The O.N.A. was founded in 1962, and its full range of services and activities was developed and put into operation before the year was over.

Prices began to rise rapidly in 1962, and an element of speculation crept into the scene. A teletype service began, and trading in coins by the roll and bag and in sets by the hundreds or even by thousands became

brisk. Every convention had a teletype clacking away, with people sitting big-eyed in front of it as the quotations rattled on. Some began to feel priced out of things and turned elsewhere. Some collectors turned to foreign coins, others to Canadian colonials, medals, or paper money. Others brought on the era of dots and spots, splashes, and dashes, daubs and blobs, and other trivia. The numerous examples of hasty minting to meet an increased demand for coins for general circulation were now eagerly sought. At this time people wanted the standard catalogue to include all these accidental flaws, and made so much noise that by 1964 they almost drowned out the roll-and-bag speculators. It soon was learned that these items deserve a catalogue of their own, and about 1963 the first of the listings by Hans Zoell was published.

Then in 1965 the mint found itself obliged to discontinue the sale of proof-like sets on January 2. A storm of rage and frustration swept the country, and the government was obliged to find a place for the new machinery possessed by the mint but not then ready for use. This occurred in April, the mint accepted orders again, with intent to flood the market. The balloon burst, with an enormous bang. It was as if the teletype exploded in everyone's face.

The collapse of this artificially-inflated market did not affect too much the prices of early material in fine condition. It always was scarce and had a fairly steady market. But the current material, such as recent proof-like sets, lost nearly all its premium above face value or mint price, with results disastrous to the hoarders. The teletype service disappeared, since the market was no longer able to generate the revenue to pay the rental for the equipment. Coin clubs went through difficult times. A few clubs, riven with quarrels over who should be at the helm, and some which had steered a course that was crassly commercial, foundered completely, their members either losing interest in coins altogether or joining other, more soundly based clubs. "What now?" we asked, stepping gingerly over the prostrate forms of bankrupt dealers and speculators, the wrecks of derelict clubs, and the shattered remains of teletype screens. Where are we going? For a few years we didn't really know. We simply sat around in bewilderment as prices continued to decline and bargain-hunters eagerly awaited the next bankruptcy sale.

Then, in different parts of the country collectors struck out on a new course. Instead of merely accumulating coins they began to study them and take a look at other fields of Canadian Numismatics. They found plenty of material to work with. Rupe Killick, who rather saltily reviewed "The Coins of Canada" recently, would say of these collectors that they realized that they would never find fish by sitting on the dock and expecting them to jump into their laps; that the only way to get fish was to rig oneself in oilskins, put to sea, and get to work.

This is good advice, and those who took it found that it paid off handsomely. What did they find? Some, we know, studied decimals in depth, and found die varieties and other varieties that have been under our noses and before our unseeing eyes for years. We all know about the changes in the head of Queen Victoria on our coins from 1870 to 1901, but, seriously now, how many of us knew, before Dr. Haxby began to write about this matter, that the head on a 1900 quarter, for example, was not the same as that of an 1870 quarter? Some people interested in the accidental flaws on our recent coinage are now studying the technical



aspects of coining and learning how these freaks, mint errors, or whatever else they may be called, are produced. This is fundamental knowledge, and is beneficial to all numismatists whatever they collect.

Some have turned to the Colonial coinages and have found that the early writers by no means solved everything. In fact they made a few mistakes which are accepted to-day as Gospel truth. It is interesting to discover that in the so-called Golden Age, one numismatist often disagreed with his fellows on many subjects. This man was R. W. McLachlan, and recent work is showing that most of the time McLachlan, whose work is almost forgotten, was right. But for years collectors went no further than collecting according to Breton and Leroux. This approach to Colonials reminds me of an unfurnished ship. Sandham laid the keel, and Leroux and Breton built the hull. Courteau designed a superstructure, and McLachlan, Lees, Wood, and a few others contributed, but for some reason the ship was launched without these contributions. No wonder interest in Colonials died out! But fresh work is going on now, and a new ship is being built.

There is plenty of work to do here. Much has yet to be done to establish accurate degrees of rarity. Earlier writers established rarity tables for individual series, but is a Rarity 1 Bust & Harp as common as a Rarity 1 New Brunswick halfpenny of 1843? We need to establish a common standard of rarity for all Colonial coins. The old frauds, perpetrated in Breton's days, are reappearing to-day to deceive the novice. These need to be exposed, photographically as well as in print. Certain mysterious pieces ought to be studied and identified once and for all. What is Breton 968, for example, and what is Breton 999? Has anybody ever seen a "Trade & Navigation" penny dated 1812? This last has appeared in old auction catalogues years ago, but in our day nobody has ever seen a specimen. If it does exist, where did all the specimens go? These are only a few of the jobs to be done.

Another field entered by some collectors is that of trade and transportation tokens, those pieces redeemable in goods or in services of some sort. Most of these were issued within the last hundred years and are interesting souvenirs of the history of the development of our country since Confederation. These are being studied as never before, and books are available on the issues of British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ontario. Work is going on in the study of the trade tokens of Quebec and the Atlantic Provinces, sometimes with a bit of humour. One issuer of trade tokens in Bethune, Sask., fired a shotgun loaded with rock salt at a group of pranksters on Hallowe'en Night, 1912. He scored, and some were so badly filled with salt that they needed medical attention. The people of Bethune boycotted his store after this, and he had to sell out the following spring, and afterward left the country. Hallowe'en was a night of serious business back in those days!

Paper money collectors, or rag-pickers, as they sometimes are called in derision, are very active now and making plenty of noise. But the activity is generally very good, and the approach to the subject is sound. Much more important than the pricing of Canadian paper money out of the reach of many individuals is the activity of so many collectors in discovering the historical and economic background of their notes, the better to appreciate the rarities they have discovered. This work will be remembered long after the asterick-eyed numbers players are gone from the scene. A lot of information has been rescued from utter oblivion by these collectors. Paper money had been neglected for so many years that such valuable information was in danger of being irretrievably lost.

Considerable information concerning Canadian banks of the past has been unearthed, and many old bank notes have been documented in the literature for the first time. Paper money has a goodly number of keen students, and can use many more.

Medals form an enormous field. This field has been called by some students a bottomless pit. Canada is a young country; her numismatic history goes back only three hundred years or so. Yet in that time hundreds of medals relating to Canada have been produced. At long last, a few collectors are turning their attention to this field, and they have a long, hard task ahead of them. Apart from war medals and decorations, ably written up by R. W. Irwin, there is very little literature on Canadian medals. Research is going on into academic medals, Governor-Generals' and Lieutenant-Governors' Medals, and the classic historical medals, which will soon appear in print, I am told.

There is an enormous number of Canadian medals, which, having been issued during the famous period of neglect after 1914, were never published in numismatic literature. Many important details were never recorded. As an example, the beautiful medal issued in 1914 to commemorate the centenary of the Battle of Lundy's Lane was published, and all the historical facts of the medal are well known, but it is not known by whom it was designed, engraved, and struck. This is only one of the many examples. Research into medals will amply reward the student, for there is much that has to be ferreted out of hiding.

Last but not least, there is that galaxy of para-numismatic material lumped together under that new-fangled American word, "enonomia". This is an interesting word. It is plural; what is its singular? This will depend on whether it is considered as Latin or Greek in origin. Latin, Greek or just plain American, it covers such things as wooden nickels, shell cards, mirror cards, spinners, advertising counters, encased postage stamps, and the slugs used in former times in juke boxes and slot machines. Communion tokens are considered by some to be in this classification as well.

All these things are being studied now, and as recently as ten years ago all except Communion tokens were considered beneath the attention of the serious collector. These pieces are interesting souvenirs of past and contemporary social history, and many have yet to be recorded. Work is going on in this field, and we have already seen new literature on Presbyterian Communion tokens and Canadian wooden money.

The work in all these fields in Canadian numismatics shows that there are collectors who have altered course since the market crash. They are on the right course, and in the future there will be more and more collectors doing research as well as just collecting. If they continue this way, the future of Canadian numismatics will be bright. It will be bright for everyone, for the available literature will increase, there will be coins, clubs, and dealers, for the research will bring coins to light, discover more about coins we already know, and develop a firm market in which a dealer can make a good living. Prices will rise, inevitably, as demand increases, but will be less likely to be inflated artificially in such a numismatic climate. If we all study our coins and at least assist in research, the future of Canadian numismatics will always be bright.

PROPOSED COIN SHOWS

Listed below are the proposed coin club annual show dates and banquets. Please check to see if any of these dates will conflict with your club's proposed dates.

- June 12 - Stratford Coin Club annual dinner meeting in St. Paul's Anglican Church, 9 Douro St., Stratford. Guest speaker is John J. Pitman, and further details may be obtained from K. W. Wilmot, P.O. Box 76, Sebringville, Ontario.
- July 15-16- City of Ottawa Coin Club 4th Annual Show in the Chateau Laurier Hotel. Details re bourse, etc. to P.O. Box 6094, Station "J", Ottawa K2A 1T4, Ont.
- Aug. 2-6 - Joint C.N.A.-C.P.M.S. Convention at the Holiday Inn, Civic Square, Toronto, Ont. Details re bourse to Jack Veffler, P.O. Box 7, Station "S", Toronto. General Chairman - E. Victor Snell, P.O. Box 2186, Station "B", St. Catharines, Ontario.
- Sept. 17 - London Numismatic Society Coin Show at the Carousel Motor Hotel, Wellington Road South near Highway 401, London. Information re bourse, displays, etc., to Lloyd T. Smith, 123 Arundel Street, London 41, Ontario.
- Sept. 23 - Huronia Numismatic Association Annual Show and Banquet. Details later.
- Oct. 1 - Sarnia Bluewater International Coin Show at the Village, 751 N. Christine St., Sarnia. Details re bourse to Norm. Scott, Box 89, Corunna. Exhibits - Robt. Sargent, 1212 Hancock St., Port Huron, Michigan and General Chairman - Carl Williamson, 931 Greendale St., Sarnia, Ont.
- Oct. 1 - Kitchener Coin Club Annual Show and Banquet at the Holiday Inn, Fairway Road, Kitchener. Details re bourse, etc., to Ted Turonski, 111 Lancaster St. East, Kitchener, Ont.
- Oct. 21 - St. Catharines Coin Club Annual Show and Banquet in Westminster United Church Parish Hall, Queenston St., St. Catharines. For details write the President, R. Voaden, 63 Highland Ave., St. Catharines, Ont.
- Oct. 22 - Stratford Coin Club Annual Show and Auction with eight bourse dealers and a 100 lot auction. Details re the above to Stratford Coin Club, P.O. Box 262, Stratford, Ont.
- Oct. 29 - Tillsonburg Numismatic Society Annual Coin And Antique Show in the Orange Hall, Brock St. Details re bourse to Chas. B. Laister, No. 3 Highway, Tillsonburg. General Chairman - George Reynaert, 41 Park Avenue, Delhi, Ont.
- Nov. 4 - Oshawa and District Coin Club 12th Annual Coin-A-Rama to be held at the Mid-Town Mall in Oshawa. Details re bourse, exhibits, etc. to Henry Burke, P.O. Box 212, Oshawa, Ontario

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1. R. Marcetti - Mpunt Clemens, Mich.
2. S. Smigiera - Willowdale, Ont.
3. Tom Waller - London, Ont.

PAPER CURRENCY

1. W. Allen - Oakville, Ont.
2. S. F. Peaver - Bancroft, Ont.
3. Fred Barley - St. Catharines, Ont.

TOKENS

1. No first place winner
2. Albert Fuller - Kitchener, Ont.
3. Albert Fuller - Kitchener, Ont.

MEDALS

1. Albert Fuller - Kitchener, Ont.
2. S. F. Peaver - Bancroft, Ont.
3. Art Leff - London, Ont.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Phil Romeril - Racine, Wis.
2. Tom Waller - London, Ont.
3. S. F. Peaver - Bancroft, Ont.
3. Mrs. T. Daly - Niagara Falls

FOREIGN

1. Jan. Nielson - St. Catharines
2. J. Ashley - Ogdensburg, N.Y.
3. P. Sullivan - Ottawa, Ont.

TOPICAL

1. V. Snell - St. Catharines, Ont.
2. Art. Leff - London, Ont.
3. Mrs. R. McQuade - Ottawa, Ont.

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NEW MEMBERS

Applications published in the May issue of the Ontario Numismatist have now been accepted. The following applications have been received. If no written objection are received, their acceptance will be acknowledged in the July issue of the Ontario Numismatist.

- 849 - Mr. Jay Siegal Thornhill, Ontario
- 850 - Mr. Albert Bliman Willowdale, Ontario
- 851 - Mr. Jeffery Hoare Scarborough, Ontario
- 852 - Mr. Ken B. Forbes, F.R.N.S. - Toronto, Ontario
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- 856 - Howard C. Toaze Oshawa, Ontario
- 857 - Stanley H. Clute Willowdale, Ontario
- C71 - Peterborough Numismatic Association  
c/c Paul Johnson, 375 Rogers St., Peterborough, Ont.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Since publishing our last Bulletin it has now been confirmed that the Royal Canadian Mint will be striking a special commemorative silver (50-50) dollar along the lines as struck last year. This should be on the way to collectors, I understand, by the end of July. Price to be \$3.00 in simulated leather case.



Due to the length of the main feature in this month's Bulletin we have had to leave out news from the following coin club:- Brantford, Champlain, Central, Ottawa, Hamilton, Huronia, Ingersoll, Kitchener, Niagara Falls, Port Credit, Richmond Hill, St. Catharines, St. Thomas, Thistletown, North York and Waterloo - so please bear with us and be sure you will be in the news next July-August Bulletin -- as I am pinch-hitting in most instances for Ye Ed, who has been pretty sick, so if you have any squacks - send them to him! ! !

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THIS 'N THAT 'N THAT

What can I say when I don't know what is in my husband's head? Here goes --- I shall try --- from typist to author in one jump -- Help, Bob Willey -- I need your help --- All I can think about is that next month Pat will be back to do his own This 'n That -- I want to thank, on Pat's behalf - the over 50 kind folk who wished him well -- I know he has recovered quicker for your very kind thoughts -- Pat says he has had no more news about next year's show -- he trusts someone somewhere somehow is giving this some serious thoughts -- in conclusion I hope most of you are reading this in the quiet of your garden where it is nice and warm and that you are making your plans for this year's vacation --- See you all next month,

Sincerely,

"Ye Ed's Ed"

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## UNSAFE PLASTIC CONTAINERS

By W. H. McDonald

This could perhaps be described as a report indicating lack of progress -- quite a lot of information but nothing too clear-cut or definite yet.

Perhaps it would be timely to furnish an outline of the valuable information on the subject and what led up to the announcement in the last issue of the Canadian Paper Money Journal, page No. 113, that some containers are unsafe for paper money.

This subject has been raised on different occasions in the past. In the Rag Picker, the official publication of the Paper Money Collectors of Michigan, Volume IV, Issue No. 3 of July, 1969, Mr. John H. Bragg wrote that he had notes ruined after being stored in plastic pages. He described the problem as an oily film on the surface of the plastic. Apparently he was inserting notes directly, without plastic containers of their own, into the pages of three ring binders.

In the next issue of the Rag Picker, at page No. 147, Mr. Frank G. Burke reported similar damage. This was followed up by a further confirmation of the presence of an oily substance on these plastic pages, the "soft" plastic, by the way, by Mati Titus (Volume V, No. 1, Jan. 1970) who had an alternative suggestion on what can be used. He suggested acetate sheets used to house postage stamp first-day covers. Mr. Titus included in his article some excellent criteria on what constitutes the 'ideal' paper money album that is well worth reading.

One of the reports that caused concern was a brief reference in the Winter 1971 issue of the Easy-Proof Journal, Volume 28, No. 1, which reads as follows:

## BETTER PROTECTION FOR MUSEUM COLLECTION

The valuable collection of stamps housed in London's National Postal Museum is to be better protected from long-term deterioration. Laboratory tests by the British

Post Office have shown that the use of polyethelene terephthalate a type of transparent film, is the most suitable method of protecting stamps from physical damage without itself being dangerous to the collection.

At present polyvinyl chloride is used for this purpose, and although there is no evidence of its actually causing damage, it may with age produce hydrochloric acid. Another danger is that substances which are added to soften certain plastics may exude and affect dyes.

(The announcement in the above paragraph is merely a warning that paper money stored in certain containers may be suffering damage).

Barbara R. Mueller, the able Editor of the Easy-Proof Journal has since warningly advised that this information was taken from British Post Office press releases adding her concern about the properties of the various products used to house paper money, particularly vinyl plastics. She kindly suggested some additional sources of information which are being followed up.

The evidence was thus building up and came to a head when the result of some research by Harry M. Eisenhammer of Oromocto, N.B., one of our Executive Directors, was made known. Because of his concern about his fine collection, Harry made a number of enquiries and is now making some tests, himself. He took the matter up with the Dow Chemical Co. of Sarnia, Ont., furnishing them with all known plastic containers including the vinyl and cellophane types. The response he got was that all of them could be harmful. He then sent one of the "no-glare" kinds, (frosted) obtainable in the United States (perhaps only from Wm. Donlon?), and this was cleared by Dow as suitable to use. It is not clear from Harry's correspondence what tests Dow performed and exactly what they found wrong with each. This is being followed up also.

It was at this point that the warning was sounded because it seemed possible that many collectors were likely using one or more of these holders and thereby running the risk, depending on how dangerous they are, of damaging or ruining good and valuable notes.

Since then, a number of enquiries have been made, the chief of which has been to the National Research Council of Canada. Four different holders were furnished and the initial report indicates "visual surface contaminates" were present on three of the four. It has not yet been determined what damage these contaminates might do. The plastic holder given a clean bill of health was the same one cleared by Dow Chemical. N.C.R. has also furnished technical reports from "Modern Plastics Encyclopedia 1970-1971" covering cellulosic film and sheet and polyester film which "are recommended plastic film for your type of application". These reports are highly technical and need further clarification to determine their relevance to this problem.

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Further enquiries are being made and attempts will be continued to clarify some of the information already obtained. A further report, hopefully the final one, will be continued in the next issue of the Bulletin.

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NEWS AROUND THE COIN CLUBS

BRANTFORD NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

The last meeting featured some slides of Brantford medals, tokens and postal history items and on display were some documents pre-1850. These were presented by our Editor, John Barchilo. This was the last meeting until fall.

CHAMPLAIN ORILLIA COIN CLUB

The O.N.A. slides on "medals of Israel" was enjoyed by all at the last meeting. At the big show on May 13th there were many fine things for sale, such as, a set of five and ten dollar uncirculated gold pieces, stamps from around the world, paper money from Canada, antiques and imports from India and other countries. The whole show was a great success.

CENTRAL COIN CLUB

There were 86 members and guests present at the last meeting. Jim Hayes gave a short talk on displaying and starting at the next meeting there will again be a junior and senior display competition at which points will be given and a trophy awarded at the end. The winner must have at least 65 points to win.

LONDON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

There were 43 members and guests at the last meeting. The president of the Ingersoll Club, Jim Finch, gave an interesting talk with coloured slides on "British Orders of Chivalry". It was noted that a member of the club, Roy Stewart, won Best of Show at the Welland Coin Show. An interesting article "Who Do You Exhibit For?" was read by President Smith from Coin World.

HURONIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

The President, Bill Gage, gave a report on the O.N.A. Convention at Niagara Falls and Richard Ford, who was the delegate to the Convention also added some comments. An interesting talk was given on Shinplasters, their Origin and Purpose by Bill Gage.

INGERSOLL COIN CLUB

The highlight of the last meeting was the Junior speaker's competition. The topic was "Coins" and the trophy was won by Miss Chris Mortimer, a grade eight student and also a silver dollar. The runner up was from Tillsonburg. A lively auction was conducted by Howard Whitfield.

NIAGARA FALLS COIN CLUB

The last meeting took a little different angle with an auction in two parts, one at the beginning of the meeting and one at the end. The President, Mel Fiske, reported on the success of the recent O.N.A. Convention and it was understood that an over-all profit was made. There will be no more meetings until the fall.

NORTH YORK COIN CLUB

At the last meeting Harvey Farrow gave a talk on the Housing and Storing of Coins. There was also an exhibit of war ration books and the new signatures on the five dollar bills was noted. There will be no more meetings now until fall.

PETERBOROUGH NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

The special Show on May 27 was a great success with 12 dealers and about 40 displays. The winners were:- Canadian - Howard Toaz, Foreign - Ray Pleau, Paper Money - Fred Barley, Miscellaneous - George Moore-Gough, Medals - Norm Wells, Junior - Ted Banning, Best of Show - Norm Wells. Best Junior - Chris Dobbin, and Paul Johnson was rewarded for his work by being presented with the Peterborough Award of Merit.

PORT CREDIT COIN CLUB

The annual strawberry social was a great success. The Junior Competition was won by :- First - Bill Hotson and Ian Symons, Second - Bruce Petch, Third - Ron Baily, Fourth - David Schramm. The auction was enjoyed by all and the bidding was very lively.

RICHMOND HILL COIN CLUB

At the last meeting a very interesting film on "The Rise and Fall of the Great Lakes" was shown and enjoyed by all. Talk on the new signatures on the two and five dollar bills was enjoyed by all. This will be the last meeting until September.

ST. CATHARINES COIN CLUB

A very interesting talk was given by Bill Lavelle on how he first became interested in coins and brought back part of his collection from Europe. Jan Nielson thanked the speaker. There were 54 members and guests present. A "Point System" has been developed to indicate the interest of members and to keep account of who gets the most points. A lively auction was conducted by Lloyd Dorsey assisted by some members of the club.

ST. THOMAS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

The feature of the last meeting was the film "State Medals of Israel" by Arthur Leff. The winners at the annual coin show were :- Junior - Robert Steward, Medals - Art Leff, Foreign - Sam Smith, Paper Money - A. O'Neil, Canadian - Jim Hayes, U.S. A. Money - Howard Whitfield, Miscellaneous - Art Leff, Grand Award - Jim Hayes.

TORONTO COIN CLUB

The slides "The Canadian Silver Dollars" by Bill English was the feature of the meeting. Louise Graham had her Award of Merit Medal received at the O.N.A. Convention on display and a visitor displayed an 8 piece coin proof set dated 1970 of British coinage. Plans were made for the October 28th show before closing.

WELLAND DISTRICT COIN CLUB

The first Coin Show for the club proved to be a great success. Prizes were as follows :- Canadian Currency - Fred Barley, Foreign Money & Medals - Jan Nielson, Best of Show - Roy Stewart of London. All seemed to enjoy themselves and the children were made happy with the distribution of sets of Antique Cars and sets of football stars.

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DID YOU KNOW

The Caesars ruled the largest empire ever known for over 200 years, 1-Julius, 2-Augustus, 3-Tiberius, 4-Caligula, 5 - Claudius, 6 - Nero, 7 - Galba, 8 - Otho, 9 - Vitellus, 10 - Vesasian, 11 - Titus and 12 - Domitian, in that order. Collectors are warned that replicas exist and may fool if not knowing the originals. Beware!!

IN MEMORIAM

On June 12th the numismatic world was shocked to receive the sad news of the death of Byron Swayze.

Byron was one of the most enthusiastic collectors who had travelled to most of the world's Capitals attending shows and furthering his knowledge of our hobby. He passed on this knowledge to clubs all over Canada and fortunate indeed was the club who had him as a speaker.

He helped form many of the clubs throughout Ontario. He was the first President of the London Numismatic Society, served as Director for National and International Associations, giving his time freely and travelling many miles to help some club who needed a boost.

We extend our sympathy to Byron's family, and to Byron we say "Thank You, it was a pleasure knowing you".

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THE ROYAL MAUNDY MONEY

THE CEREMONY

"A new commandment I give unto you" will be the first words spoken at the Royal Maundy ceremony to be held this year on Maundy Thursday, April 3rd. As the season of Lent closes and Good Friday approaches, the British as well as other Christian peoples are reminded of the humbleness and example set by Christ when he washed the feet of the disciples at the Last Supper.

The custom is followed today by the Queen and her Lord High Almoner, leading the ceremony, distributing alms to the poor and observing a beautiful and historical church service.

The word "Maundy" comes from the Latin "Mandatum", meaning command or order as given in John XIII, verse 34. The Ceremony dates from the 5th century and gradually became more and more elaborate until it included gifts of food and clothing as well as money. St. Oswald, Archbishop of York observed the Maundy by feeding twelve poor men every day from 972 until his death during a Maundy Ceremony in 992. Aelfrio, Archbishop of Canterbury from 996 to 1005 instructed his priests to observe the Maundy custom once a week.

The Norman kings of England observed a form of Maundy, as did the Plantagenets. Edward I, 1272-1327 was the first English king to wash the feet of the poor. In the period from about 1370 to 1485 the custom was observed on very few occasions. Henry VII revived the ceremony in 1486 and it was held amidst great pomp and splendor, especially during the reign of Henry VIII.

During the reign of Elizabeth I, a red purse containing 20 shillings was given in place of clothing, a green purse containing 2 pounds 5 shillings was given in place of cloth and a white purse containing the number of pence as the queen's age was given -- this being the actual Maundy Money. These purses and values are still the same to-day.

The ceremony of Elizabeth I held in 1572 records that the feet of a number of poor people were first washed by the laundress, then by the Sub-Almoner, next by the Lord High Almoner and finally (after a careful inspection), by the Queen herself. William III gave the task



completely to his Lord Almoner and in 1754, during the reign of George II, the ceremony as such was discontinued.

The present day Maundy Ceremony contains all the tradition and pageantry of the ages. The ceremony starts with the Procession of the Royal Almonry which includes such persons as the verger, the Clerk of the Cheque and Adjutant, the Yeoman, the Wandsman, The Clergy, Sergeant of the Vestry of H.M. Chapel Royal, the Queen's Bodyguard, the Sub-Scrist and the Sub-Almoner. A hymn is sung during the processional.

The Precenter opens the ceremony with the words "A new Commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another as I have loved you, that ye also love one another," from John XIII, verse 34.

A prayer is followed by the Lord's Prayer, then the audience rises and sings the Gloria Patria and Psalm 91. After another prayer and a hymn, the first distribution takes place. Green purses are distributed to the women in lieu of clothing and contain one pound fifteen shillings; and white purses are distributed to the men and contain two pounds five shillings. Two more hymns are sung by the audience during this distribution. Following the reading of the scriptures, the second distribution takes place. This time the red purses containing one pound as part of the maundy and thirty shillings as an allowance for other provisions formerly given are distributed. Finally, the white purses containing as many pence as the Queen's age are given. This amount is made up of the denominations of 1, 2, 3 and 4 pence silver pieces and represent the balance of the Maundy.

The ceremony closes with the singing of an anthen, a prayer for the Queen, a general prayer of thanksgiving, a hymn, a benediction and the National Anthem.

#### THE COINAGE

The first actual Maundy Coins were struck during the reign of Charles II, just after the Restoration in 1660. These coins were undated. The first dated coins were struck in 1670 and were of 4, 3, 2 and 1 penny denominations. The first undated coins have the value in Roman numerals behind the King's head on the obverse. The dated issue is designed so that the value is shown in the linking of the "C's" on the reverse. Four "C's" being four pence, three "C's" three pence, etc.

The James II Maundy coins have the value in large Roman numerals on the reverse. Since that time, however, the value has always been shown in Arabic numerals.

Until the reign of George III, 1760-1820, the Maundy penny was the only official Maundy coin. Since that time, the set of four denominations are considered as the Maundy coinage.

This Maundy coinage of Victoria and Edward VII are more common than others because it was the practice of the Mint to issue more sets than necessary. These sets were sold through the banks. In 1909 Edward VII put restrictions on the amount of Maundy coins that were to be struck. The sets not used during the ceremony are usually presented to ceremony officials or visiting foreign government representatives.

The Maundy coins are the last official coins of the monarch. They are 925/1000 fine silver and are legal tender.

(The above article is taken from the London Numismatic Society's Bulletin, thanks to Mr. W. H. Clarke and Mr. Lloyd T. Smith)

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DID YOU KNOW

That Mr. James Richardson, Minister of Supply and Services, announced that the site of the new mint purchased for \$1,076,000 from the City of Winnipeg, will not only house the Mint, but a rolling mill and other light fabricating operations, plus a high rise office building. The suburban location was picked because Ottawa wants to develop a highly visible mint that will be a stopping-off point for tourists from across Canada and the United States.

WHAT EVERY YOUNG NUMISMATIST SHOULD KNOW

By R.C. Willey, F.R.N.S., F.C.N.R.S.

HOW TO BEGIN

Young people become interested in coins in many ways. Some are given a handful of foreign coins by an older brother, uncle or other relative who was overseas in the Second World War or the Korean War. A gift of such coins as these often creates an interest in Canadian coins as well. If the boy is interested in geography or history, he soon learns the value of coins in teaching history and geography, as well as such subjects as art and economics.

A few boys get interested in coins as a result of seeing an adult's collection. Usually they have never thought of coins except as current money, and the sight of specimens of the money of other countries and other periods in history reveals an interest which might not otherwise have a chance to develop. Such boys go back again and again to visit the owner of the collection and learn the fundamentals of numismatics.

Then there are the rare individuals, such as myself, who cannot remember a time when they did not have an interest in collecting coins. As very little children they kept a cent or a five-cent piece because of the design or colour, and began to keep a few coins as a collection of children's "pretty things". These young collectors never lose interest in coins at any time during their childhood and adolescence, and they quickly discover how useful coins can be in assisting their studies of history and geography in school. For such young collectors, the privilege of seeing an adult's collection is an intellectual treat, and they soon become full-fledged numismatists.

How does a person acquire coins? The usual way is to try and find from circulation every cent, in as good condition as possible, minted since 1937. Then a collector turns to nickels, dimes, quarters, and fifty-cent pieces since 1937, and the silver dollars. Current coins in their original mint state can be procured from the Royal Canadian Mint in sets each year as they are issued. While gathering coins dated since 1937, one snaps up from circulation any coin dated before 1937 in good condition.

Sooner or later, a youth has nearly everything he can get from circulation. What then? One course, and a very wise one, is to look for specimens of the same coins in better condition than those he already has. This is called improving or upgrading the collection. This is important, since a coin is more valuable if its condition is good than if it is worn.

Then comes a time when the collection is in the best condition its owner can afford. At this point, trading duplicates with other collectors enables the owner to obtain many pieces he could not get from circulation. As soon as one cannot get what he needs by swapping with others, it is necessary to go to a coin dealer.

(With special thanks to the Editor of the C.N.A. Journal, David Ashe)

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DID YOU KNOW

That there is a new signature on the Five-Dollar bill, it is signed G. K. Bouey, and as this will be the last of the old Five-Dollar bills we suggest you put one or two away, they could be valuable.





for \$17.50. An Unc 1921 50¢ was auctioned off for \$200. in 1951 and an 1889 dime in Unc went for \$67. An Unc 1921 5¢ silver was estimated to be worth \$80. and at that point I decided to see if there was any sherry left from our Christmas party. When I had enough courage to resume my task, I was determined to ignore coin prices and concentrate on Ottawa Coin Club Presidents. However, I did notice some interesting numismatic and near-numismatic facts --- the story that one GRLP took a \$10. gold piece his favourite aunt gave him on his wedding day and gave it immediately and very impetuously to the minister who tied the knot. (I wonder where that piece is today). Then there was the speech by Dr. Kaye Lamb, who told of a boy throwing dies for the B.C. \$10. gold piece into the river (skin-diving anyone?), and the discovery of the 1936-25¢ dot by a pioneer collector in the C.M.A., James A. Hector. In fact, there was enough material for a number of short articles in our bulletin (if the editor is interested) and I am sure this was a Sullivan plot to make me pull my weight and write something for our Bulletin. The final prick to my conscience came when I came across a report from the London chapter in 1965. Their meeting was spent discussing an article in the Financial Post, entitled "Fancy Prieseof Coins, Stamps and Books Can Dupe You". The name of the writer was a seer named - Jeffrey Holmes. Nuff said, I'll try to get a copy of this illuminating prose and if it looks good, I will offer it to your busy editor and if not I'll hide it under a bushel of unanswered critics letters.

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NEW MEMBERS

Applications published in the June issue of the Ontario Numismatist have now been accepted. New members will be published in the next issue of the Ontario Numismatist.

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THIS 'N THAT

Last month Ye Ed had himself a ball, Mrs. Ye Ed not only had to type this Bulletin but had to do the majority of the ("BRAIN-WORK", Gee, I bet it was tough). However, I cannot in all fairness plead the same excuse this month so here goes -- Firstly, I would like to express appreciation to the many members of the O.N.A. and its executive for their kind expressions of (Get well soon, Quit loafing on the job, Stop chasing the pretty nurses, etc.) ad nauseum, but seriously, I did appreciate the many kindnesses shown to me --- The DATE IS AUGUST 2,3,4,5 are the magic dates for the C.N.A. & C.P.M.S. CONVENTION AT TORONTO AT THE DOWNTOWN HOLIDAY INN -- I hope to see many of my old friends there and trust that this year will prove to be one of the most successful conventions ever --- Sometime ago I requested articles from coin collectors everywhere and to date the response has been rather poor, to be precise I received five articles which were all used by the February Bulletin; do you feel the urge to become a budding author? Would you like to contribute to this Bulletin a small article on ANY subject to do with numismatics? If you are holding back because 'you're English ain't so good' we shall be pleased to edit any article if so desired, so let's hear from you --- Hope to see you all at the C.N.A. in August, meanwhile, have a good summer and a safe return home from your vacations.



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## THE COLLECTING OF FOREIGN COINS

By Ken. B. Forbes, FRNS

I realize that this article is "old hat" to many members of the O.N.A., including yours truly, but if some enlightenment is contained herein for some readers, I will feel that its preparation has served the purpose.

The manner in which to collect foreign coins ..... you have many choices, such as the following:

1. Collect one coin of each country.
2. Collect type coin of each country.
3. Collect all the coins of a country of your choice.
4. Collect coins of different areas of the world, or groups of nations.
5. Collect coins of your native country, if you come from some other country than the one you are now living in.
6. Collect obsolete countries coins, that is countries that no longer exist as coin producing nations.
7. Collect crown size coins, by type, by date, or both, world wide or one nation or certain parts of the hemisphere.
8. Collect one of each different denomination of a country, or countries you choose. This is similar to type collecting.
9. Collect a certain era of coins, in any of the above manners, such as from 1700-1800 or from 1800-1900 from one country or several.

Now to break down the advantages, and some of the disadvantages of the types of collecting I have outlined ..... as I see them.

1. If you collect one coin of each country, the natural thing to do is to pick the least expensive coin of that country. You will accumulate a lot of coins, usually of little value, and they will not make the best of displays, should you be intending to exhibit, and there is little possibility of the coins enhancing in value as time moves along.
2. If collecting type pieces of each country you are bound to run into a few more expensive

items of a country, but these will not necessarily be unobtainable. Here you can restrict yourself somewhat, and stay away from the countries you feel will not be within reach of your personal economic situation.

3. If you collect all the coins of a given country, you can run into the same problems, as the previous paragraph, in so far as the scarcer pieces are concerned. But in many cases, a number of countries can be completed without too much trouble price wise, say in the \$2. to \$10. area.

4. If you choose to collect coins of countries of various parts of the hemisphere of the world, for example, European, Scandinavian, South American, British Commonwealth, etc., you are undertaking a larger task. In this case, type collecting is advisable, unless you are prepared to go for types as well as for all dates and denominations of issue. You can as well run into various different mint marks for a single denomination, and needless to say, this can multiply many times, for the various issues.

5. If your choice is collecting coins of your birth place, or nationality, in some cases countries go a long way back in history. In this instance you can revert to types, or limit yourself to a certain era in your birth place history, and then collect everything you desire between that period, for example, say Russia 1800 up or 1900 up.

6. Your choice of perhaps collecting obsolete countries, that is to say, countries that no longer exist as such, example, Estonia, Lithuania, Latvia, etc., which are part of other nations to-day, most of which are reasonably priced, with the usual exception of some scarcer items will give you great satisfaction. Again, of course, you can choose to collect by type, date, denomination or all issues involved.

7. If crown collecting is your calling, you can follow some of the previously outlined manners in which to collect, such as modern issues only, certain countries, certain eras, certain hemispheres, etc. In many cases, to collect crowns of a given country, providing it is an older nation, can be a full time undertaking, and sometimes can take you back in time to the 14th century, or earlier. There are a surprising amount of 14th to 17th century crowns available at reasonable prices, especially taking into consideration their age. There are many crowns in this period that are in the \$25. to \$40. range. You have to choose where to start and where to stop. Many crown collectors collect between certain periods of time in a chosen country's history, and stick to one country only, and perhaps include that country's possessions elsewhere during the same period. Again some of the above outlined suggestions would help you decide when and where to stop and start, or visa versa.

8. Collecting one of each of all the different countries, including dates and mint marks may become very expensive, and in some cases, uncollectable, because they will be unobtainable, regardless of price.

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Here again you must choose carefully how deep you want to get involved in the coinage of a given country.

9. Collecting a certain era of coins of a country or countries you desire you can use some or all of the previously outlined examples.

Now to the most important aspect of all .... the subject of books .... When undertaking the collecting of foreign coins of any kind, books are most important. There cannot be sufficient emphasis placed on this subject. There are many standard reference works available, many at a low cost, especially considering the wealth of information contained in each. Bear in mind, in all reference books, prices are only a guide, but in most cases the books are excellent and reasonably up to date.

If you are intent on specializing in a certain country or countries, many of the books you require are available readily. Some may be originals printed many years ago, some may be reprints. In the case of reprints, many of the errors or omissions from the original have been corrected in the reprinting and brought up to date and quite often up to date price guides have been included in the reprint.

Of course, it goes without saying that many specialized works, whether originals or reprints, will be in the language of the country involved, such as French, Russian, Spanish, etc. If you do not understand the language, and most of us don't, unless it is our native tongue, try and pick reference books that are well illustrated. This will make up somewhat for the language barrier, and also purchase a dictionary of the language, will help.

In regards to those books that are without up to date pricing lists included, you will have to research this information for yourself. This can be done by culling over foreign dealers price lists, auction catalogues, foreign coin publications, and where else can you obtain the required information. As a collector your foreign coin dealer is usually more than willing to advise you wherever he can. It's a lot of work coming up with desired information but rest assured you will be a more knowledgeable person on your chosen specialty.

My own library contains some 300 reference works, not including auction catalogues and various foreign publications, and I am seeking many more books that I feel I require. The fact that I am buying and selling all conceivable types of foreign coins, makes this a must for me and I take the trouble to cross reference all my library, because, in many cases, one book on the coinage of a given country will also appear in a book on the coinage of another seemingly unrelated country simply because the unrelated country made coinage for the former. For instance, some coins for early Germany were made in France and Poland and a number of British Commonwealth coins were made in Great Britain and so on. When you buy your reference books make sure you use them. Don't have a nice bookcase full of books in your living room, that just collects dust from disuse. The old saying, "buy the book before the coin" is most true.

In closing I must say that I find the collecting of foreign coins, in my case, the buying and selling of same a most challenging field, and holds considerably more interest than, for instance, row on row of Lincoln Head cents, or Canadian silver dollars or the like. Also the workmanship and design in most of the foreign field is far superior and more beautiful to behold than modern day mass produced domestic coinage.



This, of course, is a personal opinion, which I am not trying to force on the reader.

Your comments on the contents of this paper would be most welcome and inquiries for information regarding foreign coins, will be answered to the best of my ability. By the same token, any advice from a reader will also be appreciated. Happy hunting.

Thanks, Ken, for a most informative article.

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WHAT EVERY YOUNG NUMISMATIST SHOULD KNOW

By R. C. Willey F.R.N.S., F.C.R.N.S.,

Article 2

CLUBS AND ASSOCIATIONS, AND WHAT THEY DO

Since 1950, coin clubs have been organized all across Canada from St. John's, Newfoundland, to Prince Rupert in British Columbia. Provincial associations sprang up later, beginning in Ontario and Quebec. The national association was founded at Ottawa in 1950.

What are the advantages of joining a coin club? It enables a person to meet other collectors and gives him a chance to exchange duplicates. Clubs usually run an auction at which members may dispose of their duplicates. Tables are rented to dealers at every meeting to provide coins and supplies to the members. The club has a library from which members may borrow books for a week or two for study. Guest speakers are sometimes asked to come and talk about their specialties, and such occasions benefit everybody. Films and slides of coins are sometimes shown, accompanied by a prepared script read by one of the members. Through membership in a club, collectors are taught the necessary fundamental knowledge of numismatics and are advised of what to avoid when buying coins.

Provincial associations do much the same things, but on a larger scale, and assist local clubs in the province in projects too large for a local group to handle. The largest provincial association is the Ontario Numismatic Association. It sponsors an audio-visual service to clubs, provides guest speakers if requested in reasonable time, and co-ordinates the activities of member clubs so that a given date will not be overloaded with coin shows. The Association has an annual convention at which coins are exhibited, sold and discussed. The Association presents an Award of Merit each year to a numismatist who has made an outstanding contribution to Canadian numismatics in Ontario. The Province of Quebec, the Atlantic provinces, and the British Columbia numismatic associations are similar in scope and activities.

The Canadian Numismatic Association is the largest association in Canada, and the second largest in the world. Its Canadian Numismatic Journal has been published monthly for twelve years, and contains articles dealing mainly with Canadian numismatics. The Association has a large library, from which members may borrow books not otherwise obtainable. The annual convention is the largest such event in Canadian numismatics. The finest exhibits in Canada are shown at this convention. The foremost collectors in Canada are chosen as guest speakers. Panel discussions are conducted as part of an extensive educational program. Dealers from all over Canada rent tables for selling coins, and one of the largest coin auctions is conducted at the convention.

(Article No. 3 in October)

REPORT ON THE "JUNIOR PROGRAM" FOR  
C.N.A. DELEGATES' MEETING

By Paul R. Johnson Peterborough Coin Club

As many of you are aware, I have been appointed by President Williams to compile a report on the possibility of introducing a Junior Program into the C.N.A. I have done extensive research on the subject and truly hope that this is the first step in the right direction for the Program to become a reality. I have had assistance with ideas from many Junior and Senior collectors throughout Canada and also from some C.N.A. member clubs. Along with my opinions, this is what constitutes the basis of my report.

Before I continue, I wish to stress that the Junior collectors of to-day are equally important as the Senior members in any coin club. The young collectors of to-day need guidance. They need encouragement and responsibility. These are the young boys and girls who will lead our clubs and associations in the near future. This is possible with dedicated help from the older experienced members. By introducing a Junior program, we hope to improve this relationship in the C.N.A. on a Junior and Senior level.

A Junior Numismatic Literary Contest proved to be a favourable idea among members I approached. This could be a yearly event and awards presented at the C.N.A. Convention.

Another notable suggestion is to have a regular monthly section of the C.N.A. Journal devoted to the Junior membership. A numismatic article written by a Junior or Senior member could be featured each month. This may consist of notable achievements by the young collector that should be recognized nationally or a question and answer page.

Stemming from the above suggestion, an award could be presented for the best article written by a Junior member throughout the year in the C.N.A. Journal. Many people expressed interest in more Junior exhibit awards at the yearly C.N.A. Convention. For example: have a first place award in Canadian Coins, Paper Money, Medals and Tokens and Foreign coins. It was suggested that there be special activities for the Junior members at the C.N.A. Convention. This could include a Junior luncheon with a special guest speaker and maybe a tour to a notable place of interest.

How do you feel about having a responsible representative for the Junior membership serve on the C.N.A. Executive? The consensus on this question was favourable among those contacted.

Finally, an award for the "Outstanding Canadian Junior Numismatist" should be offered by the C.N.A. each year. This type of award has been given by the American Numismatic Association and proven to be successful. Nominees would be judged by involvement, leadership, enthusiasm and dedication in Canadian numismatics. I truly feel that young collectors should be rewarded for their numismatic achievements.

By introducing a Junior Program of this type, I'm sure the interest created on a Junior level will increase in educational value. The C.N.A. should strive to promote junior numismatics at the local club level and this, by itself, will be extended throughout all of Canada.

Lack of communication is the number one problem for the Junior collector in his efforts to begin collecting coins. We, as adults, must do everything possible to continue to help the youth in his pursuit





THE CHARLOTTE COUNTY BANK, NEW BRUNSWICH - 1825

By Harry Eisenhauer, FRNS

Shortly after taking up residence in the Province of New Brunswick, I became very interested in the many banks and bank notes of that Province. This article deals with but one of many banks founded in the Province, the Charlotte County Bank.

The first meeting of the stockholders and subscribers of the Charlotte County Bank was held in the "News Room" in St. Andrews on Thursday, the 12th day of May, 1825, for the purpose of establishing by-laws and ordinances and of choosing nine directors. These later were elected as follow:

President - Colin Campbell

Directors - Harris Hatch, John Dunn, John MacMaster, James Douglas, Thomas Wyer, Charles J. Briscoe, John McAllister and John Wilson.

Among the eighteen by-laws and regulations it was established that the Bank was to be open for business from ten o'clock in the morning until two in the afternoon.

One of the first duties of the Directors was to choose a cashier and on the 22nd day of June one, Peter Stubs, was duly appointed. He was to draw the elegant salary of one hundred and seventy-five pounds per annum. The Cashier's bond being signed, he was sworn into office by Justice Wyer.

At a meeting on the 20th of July, a committee composed of Harris Hatch, John Douglas and John MacMaster, Esquires, was appointed to enquire into a suitable place for the site of the Bank. After looking at several locations they decided on the house of Mr. Watt as being eligible for their purpose. They were ordered to lease two rooms in the house at the rent of twenty pounds per year for seven years and to build a vault therein, the entrance to the same to be in the Committee Room.

For getting the bank into operation, Thos, Wyer, H. Hatch and John MacMaster formed a committee to borrow one thousand pounds for six months.

The list of shareholders contains names from St. Andrews, St. Stephen, Pennfield, St. George, Saint John, Grand Manan and Eastport, Maine. Some of Saint John's leading business men owned stock: Thomas Merritt, R.W. Crookshank, William Block, Neville Parker, Thomas Hanford, etc. The ladies were not to be outdone and the following three owned shares: Mary Mackie, Mary Wyler and Grace Doughty.

With the bank nearly ready for business came the question of currency, so again a committee was formed to frame the face of the several notes required -- 5/, 10/, 20/, 40/, 5 pounds and ten pounds, and to write to some "respectable house in London" to procure the engraved plates.

As the letter written by Messrs. Wilson, Briscoe and Douglas, the Committee, is of sufficient interest to print, extracts from it follow:

St. Andrews  
6th June 1825

Messrs. Bainbridge & Brown, London.  
Gentlemen:

The legislature of the province having been pleased to incorporate a Society of Gentlemen under the denomination of the President Directors and Company of the Charlotte County Bank, New Brunswick of

of which body the undersigned are the President and a committee appointed for its purpose of procuring the necessary plates, paper, etc. and it being the unanimous wish by the President and the Directors that your House should be requested to accept the agency in London.

The whole of the capitol stock of the bank is already subscribed and it is provided by the Act of Incorporation that the President and Directors shall be entitled to put the Bank in operation upon the first day of October next. It has been determined that the issue shall be confined in the first instance to notes of five shillings, one pound, three pounds, five pounds and ten pounds, in all requiring five plates and that the number of notes to be struck off shall be as follows:

5 shillings to the amount of 8,000 pounds, 32,000  
1 pound to the amount of 6,000 pounds, 6,000  
3 pounds to the amount of 3,000 pounds, 1,000  
5 pounds to the amount of 5,000 pounds, 1,000  
10 pounds to the amount of 3,000 pounds, 300

Total pounds 25,000, 40,300 notes after the gravest consideration which the President and Committee have been able to bestow upon the subject they are of opinion that it would be advisable to return the embellishments of the several notes within the limits of those of the New Brunswick Bank at Saint John and that the paper, if practicable, should be thinner.

On top of the face of the note they are desirous some small emblematic device should be introduced applicable to the face of a county like New Brunswick, the staple commodity of which is Timber and the exertions of her merchants confined generally to shipping and navigation.

The whole of this device to be surmounted by a wreath composed of roses at the base of the thistle on the outer side and the shamrock on the sinister. The branches will be uniting above the device, which will not necessarily be confined strictly to a parallelogram the extreme size of the note  $6\frac{1}{2}$  inches by  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches.

In the space at the bottom of the face of the note, a still smaller device applying to commerce and agriculture generally may be inserted.

It is wished that an erect figure of Britannia with her usual emblems on a ground work of tracery should be placed with the ornamental writing and ground work where the values of the several notes are to be exhibited in figures and letters respectively and all the decorations intended for the faces of the several notes.

In the body of the notes, the words, President, Directors and Company Charlotte County Bank, New Brunswick and the words showing the values of the notes should be distinguished by a variation in the size and description of the letters employed.

For the backs of the notes, the colour should note be blue as on the backs of the St. John notes but a bright red, varying perhaps in shade in different places to correspond to the density of the impression in ink on the opposite side or front of the note.

Although the proposed plates will be much less showy and elaborate than those of St. John, yet it is desirable they should not fall at all short of them in Chasteness of design or excellence of workmanship. The undersigned therefore beg to suggest the propriety of employing artists eminent in the several walks of their respective professions.

In order to obviate as far as may be in their power the possibility

of disappointment by the occurrence of accident in the passage across the Atlantic, the undersigned are of the opinion it would be desirable to divide the notes into separate portions and that one parcel should be sent addressed to the President and Committee to the care of Mr. Bain at Halifax by the Falmouth packet and a second to the care of Mr. Bowman at Saint John by a direct conveyance to that place and a third direct to St. Andrews".

(To be concluded in the October issue)

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The following applications have been received. If no written objections are received, their acceptance will be acknowledged in the October issue of the Ontario Numismatist.

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859 Paul Wellman, 122 Lauder Road, Oshawa, Ontario.

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THIS 'N THAT

Its seems a coon's age since I scribbled off a few lines to our many readers -- Here we are in September and as the fellas of yesteryear used to say "Boy, I wonder where my summer wages has gone" While I know where my summer wages went - eats - taxes - etc. - I sure do not know where the time has gone -- It only appears a couple of weeks ago since the O.N.A. Convention at Niagara Falls -- Then we were talking of going to Stratford in June, when Ye Ed took sick -- First thing you know it was August and the C.N.A.-C.P.M.S. Convention was upon us in Toronto -- Boy, Ye Ed and Mrs. Ed had themselves a field day -- meeting folks we hadn't seen for many a day and I need hardly add feeling the better for it! -- Next came the opening of the "Ex" with the usual hurry and bustle of getting the O.N.A. exhibits set up, with Central Coin Club digging in to help get us shipshape for the coming influx of visitors -- I may add a note of pride here to all those who took time off their week'end to come to the Exhibition to set up their very special displays -- It's the first time since I've been going down to T.O. that I ever remember exhibits being turned down -- we had too many -- a good healthy sign altho' too bad for those who had to cut down on the number of cases they originally had intended to display-- Let's hope we will not run into this problem next year --- So now here we go again --fall is with us -- The clubs will be getting their programs ready-- don't forget to give friend Charlie Laister: plenty of time to get your slides away to you -- Also let us see some more of the clubs taking advantage of our Speakers Circuit -- You have a fine choice of 20-30 good knowledgeable speakers and many of them in your own area, so take advantage of them -- Write to Ken Prophet -- He'll be only too delighted to get you a speaker for your October or November meeting-- So on and on we go, let us hope to better things -- In conclusion may I say a big thank you to the many kind friends who sent articles as they promised and as you will see that I have used some of them to make this (I hope) a pretty interesting bulletin with something for everyone -- Meanwhile, it's back to school for the youngsters and back to the typewriter for

"Ye Ed"



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THE COIN INVESTMENT HOAX

By Greg Smith

In the United States there are well over ten million people who are interested in coin collecting. Each and every month, some eight thousand people join the ranks to further increase the number involved. To-day, it is safe to say that fifteen per cent of the total population collects coins in one way or another.

Although most of these people spend very little on the coins they keep, whether they hide them for a rainy day, or proudly display them where all can see, these coins, regardless of their value, are controlled by the syndicate. The scarcity, or rarity, of a coin does not in itself make that coin worth more than any other. The value of a coin is determined by the demand for it, and this is the area over which the syndicate, or Closed Corporation, has complete control. The syndicate can actually fluctuate the value of a coin to suit their needs and demands. By maintaining a hold on certain 'key' coins, they can see to it that the buying public only receives enough of them to retain a high value.

To undertake such an endeavour the Closed Corporation needs money, but it would be silly to use their own funds when so many people are offering their pay cheques to invest in an interesting hobby. Once a private investor has made a profit in selling coins, he will be back begging for more, trying to invest as much as he can afford.

If this same person then decides to sell, he has very little alternative but to unload them on his coin dealer. There is no other market that can deal with him in quantity: lots. Here we find the rigged buy-and-sell prices. There is a twenty per cent difference between the two columns, but, as was previously mentioned, he cannot break down a quantity-lot purchase and sell it piece-meal, as he has neither the buyers or equipment for such an operation. His investment



has probably paid off but he cannot realize on the full profit. In the meantime, his money has been working for the syndicate. They have not only received the twenty per cent off the top of the buy-and-sell difference, but, and this is a big help to them, the coins have been kept out of circulation. In this respect, every coin collector is helping to increase the prices for the coins he will eventually want to buy!

As long as these coins were not returned to circulation, the price has been maintained and the market is secure. For this reason, the future of coin collecting is in doubt. If people do not begin to realize the fact that the syndicate does indeed control the market, they will at least feel the pinch. Is there any way to beat the syndicate? Not really, but there are a few don'ts. Don't look for heavy rises in old coins. They have been around for a long time and their rarity and value have been sufficiently established so that their prices, while modestly increasing, will never take huge jumps.

Don't buy coins unless you check them personally, or, better yet, have them checked. Many rolls are sold with some "culls" in the middle. Rolls graded as brilliant uncirculated are often sold to the amateur after having been 'doctored'. These coins, perhaps only in very fine condition, have been dipped and rinsed in a caustic solution or tarnish remover to give them a like-new appearance.

Don't buy bargains. Outside of a few real hardship cases, there are no bargains. Suspect the bargain because it is very easy to alter coins. New techniques of counterfeiting and altering have kept up with modern developments. Filed off mint marks, soldered on dates, homemade double-struck coins, and other fakes are gaining in currency.

Finally, know your dealer. If you suspect his prices are too high, or his grading poor, change dealers. The syndicate is over-running coin collecting, and for this reason, it is difficult to determine who is involved.

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Ye Ed's note: Our sincere thanks to Junior Member, Greg Smith, for his interesting observations on some of the problems of coin collecting and good advice to all collectors. Greg is a member of the London Numismatic Society and our thanks to them for printing his article also.

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UNSAFE PLASTIC CONTAINERS

(continued from the July-August Bulletin)

Perhaps this further report under this heading should be entitled SAFE PLASTIC CONTAINERS because I can now report with some confidence that the results of my enquiries are at last positive.

It seems reasonably clear that safe plastic containers are those being made from the following two films ("film" is the trade term to

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describe sheets of material):

1. Cellulose Acetate
2. Polyester

The culprit appears to be polyvinyl film, the soft or flexible plastic or vinyl sometimes referred to as thermoplastic. Another similar film is polypropylene (protein, etc.). I'll say more about those later.

Cellulose Acetate films are manufactured by Eastman Kodak under the trade name KODACEL and marketed in Canada by Plastic and Paper Sales Limited, 140 Sunrise Avenue, Toronto 375, Ontario. They are also manufactured by the Celanese Corporation under the trade name FORTICEL (and perhaps other trade names).

Another name for polyester film is Polyethylene terephthalate, the material referred to in the British Post Office press release mentioned on page 16 of Volume 8 Number 1 of the Paper Money Journal. Polyester film is manufactured under a number of trade names such as:

CELMAR (Celanese)

MYLAR (Dupont) (The Canadian subsidiary is Dupont of Canada Limited 789 Don Mills Road, Suite 1103, Don Mills, Ontario).

Eastman Chemical Inter-American Limited report that Eastman Kodak do not at this time produce a polyester film. Rather they manufacture polyester plastic pellets and sell them to plastic processors.

In order to have full details on the characteristics of both these types of film the following technical description based on the reports referred to on page 21 of Volume 8, Number 1 of the Paper Money Journal is now included.

#### CELLULOSIC FILM

Film and sheeting produced from the four commercial types of celluloses - cellulose acetate, cellulose acetate butyrate, cellulose triacetate and cellulose propionate - are characterized by crystal clarity, wrinkle, grease and water resistance; dimensional stability, and high gas permeability. They are good electrical insulators, show low static build-up and have medium water-vapor transmission characteristics.

Acetate and butyrate film and sheet can be produced by extrusion or solvent casting, triacetate is generally solvent cast, and propionate is usually processed by extrusion.

Solvent cast film generally has better gage uniformity and greater clarity than extruded film. Film or sheet produced by dry extrusion is most often used for post-forming operations where original brilliance is not required although sheeting may be press polished if desired.

Celluloses can be printed by a variety of methods -- letterpress, offset, gravure, flexographic or silk screen.

#### CELLULOSE ACETATE

Acetate film plays an important part in the packaging of paper products, soft goods and novelties, and forms the windows of folding and set-up boxes.

Probably the largest markets for acetate sheeting are blisters, skin packing and transparent rigid containers. Acetate is easily formed does not become brittle or deteriorate with normal aging, has no objectionable odor and is available in a wide range of transparent, translucent or opaque colors.

Non-packaging applications for cellulose acetate range from uses as magnetic sound-recording-tape base, instrument dial crystals, pressure-sensitive tape, electrical insulation, book covers, gold-stamping foils and metallized ribbons to (in heavier gages) machine guards, welders' shields, safety lenses, glazing materials and eyeglass frames.

#### CELLULOSE TRIACETATE

Triacetate film is readily cut, punched, creased, folded or pressure formed, although it is not recommended for vacuum forming. With this one exception, it is handled the same as acetate. Its ability to take continual flexing accounts for its popularity in albums, price books, transparent folders and formed index tabs for files.

Triacetate is less moisture susceptible than diacetate sheet, therefore is more dimensionally stable. The unusual resistance exhibited by triacetate to grease, oils and many solvents permits printing without distortion, even on stock as thin as 1 mil, and use of triacetate sheets for shims and gaskets. Triacetate shows outstanding resistance to distortion under heat. This quality, together with a dielectric strength up to 3700 v/mil, depending upon thickness, makes triacetate foil and film ideal for coil forms, core and layer insulation and for nonconducting separators between electrical components. Triacetate film is also used as a base for magnetic recording tapes in thicknesses of 0.001 to 0.00142 inch. Stock 0.005-in-thick triacetate has long been the standard in motion picture sound-track recording.

#### CELLULOSE PROPIONATE

A tough material exhibiting impact strength over a wide range of temperatures, cellulose propionate has good dimensional stability, excellent transparency, good grease resistance and freedom from discoloration and embrittlement upon aging. Formulations meeting FDA requirements are available. Cellulose propionate is free of objectionable odors.

This material can be thermoformed easily and finds wide usage in blister packages and formed containers requiring high impact strength. It is an ideal material for metallizing. It is also used in safety goggles, motor covers, shipping trays, signs and displays.

#### CELLULOSE ACETATE BUTYRATE

Cellulose acetate butyrate is used in skin, blister and contour packaging applications. Additional uses include decorative plaques, machine guards, toys and outdoor signs. Available in continuous rolls, butyrate sheet lends itself readily to vacuum metallizing.

The outdoor-sign field is an especially important outlet for butyrate sheet. Specially formulated sheet offers all-around weather durability, high impact strength, colour stability, and ultra violet resistance. Skylights, pleasure-boat tops, curtain walls and small weather shelters are additional applications.

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#### DID YOU KNOW

SHIN PLASTER is a term applied to Continental Currency, U.S. fractional currency and sometimes to low denominations of American obsolete paper money, when referring to currency of little or no value.

NEWS AROUND THE COIN CLUBS

CHAMPLAIN ORILLIA COIN CLUB

The club announces their annual banquet on Nov. 2nd. with dinner and slides. A worthwhile saying comes from the editor, Gordon Horne, "The best slant on success is the Try-Angle".

CITY OF OTTAWA COIN CLUB

At the last meeting Tom Muir gave an interesting report on the C.N.A.-C.P.M.S. Convention in Toronto. The club announced that the editor, Mr. David Ashe, has resigned and that Mr. Frank Rose is taking over the job on a six month trial, with Mr. Stan. Clute as assistant. Good luck, Frank.

HURONIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

Special visitors to the last meeting were Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hunter and son from West Palm Beach, Florida. Another guest, George Burkside, collects wine, beer and liquor labels. Several members of the club participated in the C.N.E. Exhibit sponsored by the O.N.A. and Bill Gage, Ed. Dears and Ken Prophet helped to make the exhibit interesting.

INGERSOLL COIN CLUB

From the Editors, Barbara and Alan MacNab, comes a little chat about what they did and didnot accomplish during the two summer months. They attended the C.N.A.-C.P.M.S. Convention in Toronto and were very interested in the displays. At the side of the Inn was China Town and at night the lights made it just like a fairy palace. One bourse table was run by Mr. & Mrs. Bob Simmons from Brisbane, Australia.

LONDON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

The last meeting was attended by 35 members and guests and two bourse dealers. The club welcomed back G. Esler from a year's absence in England. At the annual show there were no categories in the displays except for Juniors and each display was based on a theme. The guest speaker, Mr. Chris Brooker, proprietor of Sovereign Stamp & Coin Shop, London's newest coin store, spoke on 20th Century English Coinage. The annual coin show was a great success and the new judging system seemed to be very fair.

NORTH YORK COIN CLUB

The summer meeting took the form of a garden party at the home of Ken and May Bunnett and the youngest numismatist present was the eleven-month old son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Fox. The buffet dinner was followed by a lively auction.

PORT CREDIT COIN CLUB

At the last meeting the O.N.A. slides Odd and Curious Money and Yukon Trading Tokens were shown. The talk of holding a coin show next March was discussed and will be taken up at length at future meetings.

ST. CATHARINES COIN CLUB

The first fall meeting was well attended and highlighted a report on the C.N.A. Convention by Vic Snell and delegate, Pat Lambert. Jan Nielson also gave a thumbnail sketch of a Junior's impressions of a C.N.A. Convetion, There were four bourse dealers present. Plans were finalized for the annual convention on Oct. 21st. A lively auction closed the meeting, the auctioneer being Lloyd Dorsey.



THISTLETOWN COIN CLUB

At the last meeting the bourse tables were free to any bona fide coin dealer who is a member of the club. Also any member could bring an item from his collection which seems to him to be unusual. These items were hung on a clothes line and were discussed by the members.

TORONTO COIN CLUB

At the last meeting Inspector Bob Hather, retired from the Metro Toronto Police Force gave an excellent talk on the security of a coin collection in the house. The President also gave a report on the C.N.A. Convention which he enjoyed very much.

WATERLOO COIN SOCIETY

At the last meeting the guest speaker was Stanby Clute of Toronto and he talked on Ancient Coins. He also had slides to show different coins and monarchs whose heads appeared on the coins during their reign. An interesting question and answer period followed his talk.

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PROPOSED COIN SHOWS

Listed below are the proposed coin club annual show dates and banquets. Please check to see if any of these dates will conflict with your club's proposed date.

- Oct. 21 - St. Catharines Coin Club 13th Annual Banquet and Coin Exhibition in Westminster United Church Hall, 182 Queenston St., St. Catharines. Details re bourse, etc. to the President, R. Voaden, 63 Highland Ave. Guest speaker will be W. K. Robertson, Chief of Numismatic Division, Royal Canadian Mint, Ottawa.
- Oct. 22 - Stratford Coin Club Annual Show and Auction with eight bourse dealers and a 100 lot auction. Details re bourse, etc. to Stratford Coin Club, P.O. Box 262, Stratford, Ont.
- Oct. 28 - Toronto Coin Club Show to celebrate its 36th anniversary, at the Royal York Hotel from 10.00 a.m. to 10.00 p.m. Enquiries re bourse and displays to Toronto Coin Club, 100 Front St. West, Toronto 116, Ont. Also a symposium for Junior and adult collectors is being sponsored by the C.N.A. Educational Committee.
- Oct. 29 - Tillsonburg Numismatic Society Annual Coin and Antique Show in the Orange Hall, Brock St., Tillsonburg. Details re bourse to Chas. B. Laister, No. 3 Highway, Tillsonburg. General Chairman - George Reynaert, 41 Park Ave., Delta, Ont.
- Nov. 2 - Champlain Coin Club annual banquet at St. David's Anglican Church, James St., Orillia with a hot turkey dinner and draw prizes during the evening.
- Nov. 4 - Oshawa and District Coin Club 12th Annual Coin-A-Rama to be held at the Mid-town Mall in Oshawa. Details re bourse, exhibits, etc. to Henry Burke, P.O. Box 212, Oshawa, Ont.

A **RESTRIKE** is a numismatic item produced from original dies at a later date; in the case of a coin usually not with a view to meeting monetary requirements.

THE CHARLOTTE COUNTY BANK - NEW BRUNSWICK 1825

(continued from September Bulletin)

The firm in London was able to supply the notes in good time and the bank began its operations shortly after the first day of October, 1825.

Consulting the New Brunswick Almanacs from 1825 onward, I find the Charlotte County Bank is given with its Directors complete to the year 1863 when it evidently ceased operations. From 1864 to 1865 there is a blank, but in 1866 there is listed a Commercial Bank agency at St. Andrews, cashier, J. W. Whitlock, Esquire. The Commercial Bank of New Brunswick with headquarters at Saint John was established in 1834.

From 6th September 1825 until 12th October 1827 the old minute book is a record of elections of officers, passing of notes and other bank business, a most interesting account of the ways of old time business men.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

Colin Campbell, Esquire, whose name appears as president of the Charlotte County Bank was an important man in St. Andrews during its early days. He was one of the many Colin Campbells who settled in New Brunswick and came originally from Sissiboo, Nova Scotia. He was also a director of the Public Grammar School in St. Andrews.

John Dunn and his wife, Elizabeth, were loyalists from New York. He was one of the founders of St. Andrews and became the second sheriff of Charlotte County, holding office from 1790 to 1803. He was for many years collector of customs. John Dunn died at St. Andrews in 1829 aged 76 years.

John McMaster was a loyalist who settled in St. Andrews and became a prominent citizen.

John Wilson was one of the early settlers of St. Andrews and was a Justice of the Peace for Charlotte County.

James Douglas was another early settler of Charlotte County.

Thomas Wyer Sr. was a prominent loyalist and an original grantee of St. Andrews. His son, Thomas Wyer, Jr. was a member of Her Majesty's Council, director of the Public Grammar School at St. Andrews, Lieutenant-colonel in the militia and director of the Charlotte County Bank. He died at St. Andrews in 1848 aged 69 years.

Charles J. Briscoe, Esquire, held a position in the Imperial customs at St. Andrews. He was an Englishman by birth and was reputed to be a son of King George IV. Charles Briscoe was remembered by the older people at St. Andrews as a tall, autocratic gentleman wearing a scarlet hunting coat. His wife was a lady of much culture and was at court in England before coming to this country.

Some years after Mr. Briscoe's death his grave was opened and papers which were supposed to throw light upon his origin were found, but upon exposure to the air they crumbled into dust and the secret remained forever untold.

Harris Hatch, Esquire, was a son of Christopher Hatch and Elizabeth, his wife. They were loyalists who came from Boston. Their son, Harris, is described as a gentleman of consideration and held the offices of member of Her Majesty's Council, commissioner of bankruptcies,

surrogate registrar of deeds, member of the Board of Education, lieutenant-colonel in the militia and judge of the court of common pleas.

John McAllister. The ancestors of the McAllisters came from Argyleshire and at a later period settled in the north of Ireland. Daniel and John McAllister came from Londonderry, Ireland, and settled in New Hampshire. Here the sons of David were born, Daniel, John and William. These three McAllisters were loyalists and came to New Brunswick to settle at Oak Bay in Charlotte County. They took up land under the Cape Ann association grants. John McAllister, son of Daniel and Mary Patterson, settled in St. Stephen and became a director of the Charlotte County Bank in 1825.

(Thanks, Harry Eisenhauer, for this article)

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JUNIOR C.N.A. MEETING

By Ted Banning, Grafton, Ont,

On the last day of the C.N.A.-C.P.M.S. Convention, August 5th, a group of junior numismatists met at a luncheon in the dining room near the top of the Toronto-Dominion Centre. During the luncheon, Paul Johnson, Peterborough, Jan Nielson, St. Catharines, Ted Banning, Grafton, Mark Mogen, Calgary, Steve Oatway, Moncton, Alan Taylor, London, and Al. Hudson, Napanee talked about Junior participation within numismatic organizations, particularly the C.N.A.

Some of the things suggested were a junior numismatic literary award, junior articles, more junior display categories, and a junior page in the C.N.A.'s Journal.

The seven made plans for upcoming shows and coin club meetings to further their ideas, divided the work between themselves, and decided to keep up correspondence to communicate their ideas and keep informed on the progress of their plans. With any luck the group will be growing in number.

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WHAT ON EARTH ARE JETTONS?

Jetons were issued originally as counters because many early French settlers in Canada had little education and found it difficult to make even the most elementary calculations. The jetons were a great help in general stores, for instance, where a box with three compartments - one for each denomination - was used.

The compartments were for deniers, sols and livres. Then there were 12 jetons in the deniers section, they were removed; one was dropped into the sols section; when 20 sols had accumulated, they were replaced by one in the livre compartment. The division of money was identical to that of the pound sterling -- 12 pence to a shilling, 20 shillings to a pound.

Pictures and descriptions of these beautiful early Canadian types of currency may be seen in our library catalogue books. Take one out to read, it is well worth your perusal.

These books are from the Thistown Coin Club Library as we have Thistown to thank for this article, but Ye Ed is sure other clubs have the same books in their libraries, so be sure to use them.

WHAT EVERY YOUNG NUMISMATIST SHOULD KNOW

By R. C. Willey F.R.N.S., F.C.R.N.A Article 3

HOW TO PROTECT COINS

Collectors over the years have developed many ways of storing their coins. The traditional method is to keep them in a wooden cabinet. The cabinet is usually made of mahogany or rosewood, and contains several shallow felt-lined drawers or trays. A collector can show several coins at once by removing the trays. Cabinets, unfortunately, are expensive and not much used because of this, even though a cabinet is the best way to keep coins.

Modern collectors use albums, envelopes and boxes, or plastic holders. The most common albums in use are the blue Whitman folders, available for Canadian, American, and English coins. There is a slot for every date in a given series, which makes it easy to see at a glance a whole collection of cents, for example. Only one side of the coins can be seen, and so an extra space is provided to show the obverse. The Dansco coin albums, also manufactured in the U.S. are larger and more expensive, and of heavier construction. They are available for Canadian, American, Australian and New Zealand coins. There is also a line of albums, similar to the Whitman line, made in Canada, for Canadian coins.

There are other albums of heavier construction made so that both sides of the coin can be seen. The most widely used are the Whitman "Bookshelf" albums for Canadian, American and English coins. Those are more expensive than the folders, and give excellent protection. Another line of albums sometimes seen is the "Library of Coins" series. Both it and the Whitman series will resemble books when closed.

Paper and plastic envelopes are the simplest means of keeping coins for which no albums are available. Envelopes are two inches square, made of white or manila paper or clear plastic. Cardboard and plastic boxes, about ten inches long, are available to hold a number of coins in their envelopes.

As to which way he wants to keep coins, each reader will have to make up his own mind. Economic Factors will decide in the end for most collectors. The small Whitman folders and paper envelopes and boxes are the cheapest methods. Next come "do-it-yourself" coin holders and the "bookshelf" albums.

Heavy plastic is expensive, but only as expensive as the collector wants to make it. A few favourite sets in ruby red plastic holders are quite attractive and not unduly hard on the purse. On the other hand, few people can afford to house each and every piece of a large collection in this manner.

(Article 4 coming next month)

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FLASH - LATE COIN CLUB  
CENTRAL COIN CLUB

The last meeting was opened by Frank Lieshout and the up-coming election of executive for next year was the main topic for discussion. It was reported that the club received many new members for being at the C.N.E. in conjunction with the O.N.A. The door prize was a 1967 proof set without the gold.



NEW MEMBERS

The following applications have been received. If no written objections are received, their acceptance will be acknowledged in the November issue of the Ontario Numismatist.

- 860 - K. T. Nayler, Box 532, Downsview, Ontario.
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- 863 - David Zimmerman, 28 Summerhill Ave., Toronto 7, Ont.
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is going to be rather rambling this month -- I've not gotten over Team Canada winning their series in Moscow -- They sure deserved it, for not only did they have to beat a really first class team, they had to contend with some pretty awful officiating by the referees - - - However, in the end 'WE WIN' which is the slogan of the day and I am sure all our readers will forgive my all Canadian plug, I feel we should shout it from the hilltops! ! ! // Now to other things, Ye ed and Mrs. Ed were guests of the Huronia Numismatic Society recently at their annual show --- Here I must commiserate with their banquet committee for the poor public response to their hard work in promoting their show, it was most disappointing to say the least -- However, there were compensations, the exhibits were good and while not as many as other years the quality was excellent which resulted in making the judges really earn their keep -- But let me add here a note of congratulations to the many exhibitors throughout our fair province of Ontario -- I believe that as at Huronia we can put on displays that are second to none, the quality of exhibits is rising which is a healthy sign -- I am sure that no judge minds having to re-judge four or five exhibits again because to him this means they must be of a high quality and therefore a challenge to him -- In conclusion, then, may I say to you "MR. EXHIBITOR," a big "CONGRATULATIONS" on your efforts, please keep it up and try to spread the good word among your fellow collectors, telling them how much FUN and personal satisfaction it can be, I KNOW for I see the winners' faces beaming all over the place when they are presented with their trophies "SO --- KEEP IT UP --- IT'S FUN & IT'S GOOD FOR YOU -- YOUR CLUB & YOUR HOBBY" --- So long for now until November --- Bona Snowshoes

Ye Ed



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## THE GLITTER OF GOLD

By Peter Degraaf F.R.N.S.

The rise in the unofficial price of gold from \$35.00 an ounce to the present price of about \$66.00 an ounce, has increased the value of every gold coin struck prior to 1968, when the latest "gold rush" started.

In retrospect it was only natural that gold should have increased in value, for the purchasing power of a paper dollar has since 1934 (when gold was pegged at \$35.00 an ounce), from \$1.00 to about .35¢. In other words, it now costs approximately \$3.00 to buy items that cost \$1.00 in 1934. As long as gold was available at \$35.00 an ounce, it became more and more of a bargain as the years went by, and as inflation kept eating away at the value of the dollar.

Prior to 1968, few people were interested in gold, because it seemed that the U.S. Government had enough to supply all buyers. During 1968 it became apparent to students of practical economics, that the U.S. stockpile of \$12 billion in gold could never last against the 50 billion which had been issued against the stockpile in Fort Knox,...and the "gold rush" began.

If you had money on deposit at a bank, and you found out one evening that the bank only had 25 percent of its assets left to return to its customers, having "used up" the remaining 75 percent, where would you be first thing the next morning?

During the hectic days that followed, about \$2 billion worth of gold left the U.S. stockpile, and to protect the remaining \$10 billion worth, a "two-tier" system (two prices, one official and one unofficial) was created. President Richard Nixon, in August 1971, closed the gold window completely when he declared that no longer could foreign government banks turn in their dollars for gold. Private citizens had lost their rights to redemption earlier; U.S. citizens in 1933 and foreigners in 1968.

Actually we should not think of gold as

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appreciating, but rather of paper money currency as depreciating, and gold along with silver and other precious metals are adjusting to the new, lower paper-money value. People who think gold will come down in price (aside from normal fluctuations), must also believe that the price of houses, cars, food and wages will decrease.

A simple analogy will prove my point. Imagine if you will an antique auction attended by 50 people all of whom are interested in at least one item among the many items for sale. We will assume that at the end of the auction the auctioneer will have sold every item and his sales will have totalled \$50,000. Just before the auction begins, however, an eccentric millionaire enters and hands out a \$1,000 bill to each of the 50 bidders. Though many of the bidders will use only a part of their windfall in the auction, the average price of the items sold at the auction will INCREASE and the total sales will be in excess of \$50,000.

The same principle is at work in the economics of all Western countries to-day. Governments in order to pay their various programs, increase the total money in circulation (not always dollar bills), usually treasury money, and this "watering down" of the money supply causes all other commodities to rise in value, in direct proportion to the percentage of the increase.

These commodities, especially precious metals, react to the diminishing value of paper money in the same way as the items in the hypothetical auction, though not necessarily at the same time, due to the complexity of our economic system.

Wherever there are losers, there are usually also winners, and the winners in our hobby are the collectors of gold coins. Due to the fact that U.S. citizens are not allowed to own bulk gold, the practice of collecting, or hoarding gold coins is becoming more and more popular in North America. Low mintage gold coins in top condition are becoming increasingly scarce -- witness the rise in value of the Canadian fives, tens and sovereigns.

The serious collector of gold coins probably does not own any bulk gold (especially if he happens to be a U.S. citizen). In his collection of gold coins however, he has the benefits of ... both the intrinsic gold value and the collectors value. An increase in demand for either commodity will see the value of his collection increase.

The collector of gold coins has advantages over the hoarder in that a diversified collection is made up of many dates, some scarce, while the hoarder usually has many duplicates. A collection generally shows a greater rate of appreciation, on the other hand a hoard usually has more actual gold content per coin. A gold collection need not necessarily be an expensive hobby, a type set of sovereigns is a good example. Collections of this type are easy to display at coin shows, and many different themes can be used to set the display apart from others.

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Two excellent catalogues on gold coins are available through most dealers: The Friedburg Catalogue (3rd edition) covers gold coins of the world; while Harris' "Gold Coins of the Americas" (First Edition), covers North and South American gold coins by dates. In addition, the Charlton catalogue lists the Canadian and Newfoundland gold issues, while the U.S. Redbook lists the U.S. gold.

There are at least two in-depth books on the market which are recommended reading for anyone interested in gold coins: "How to Invest in Gold Coins", by Hoppe (Arlington House, New Rochelle, N.Y.) and "Gold Coins for Economic Survival" by Turner, (Turner Publications, Nashville, Tenn.) Either of these books will show the amount of actual gold in all of the popular gold coins, as well as many other fascinating aspects of the hobby.

In closing I would like to pass along an experience related to me in 1963 at the Florida United Numismatists Convention in Miami, by a Cuban doctor, who fled Cuba the day before Castro marched from the hills and into Havana. This doctor took his gold coin collection from the bank and escaped with little else, on one of the last commercial flights to leave Cuba. Two days after he arrived in Miami, Castro's men seized every deposit box and confiscated the contents, for the state. The gold coin collection provided the only method of salvaging some of the doctor's assets. Paper pesos were soon replaced with new notes by the revolutionary government and would therefore not have served the same purpose.

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REPORT ON THE 1972 SHOW BY ALBERT FULLER

Went to Toronto from Kitchener on Sunday, August 13th, 1972, and had lots of help to set up the show. Would like to thank all those who helped.

There were 17 exhibitors with 47 exhibits which included :- medallions, paper money, foreign coins, Canadian decimals in sets and singles, also frames of C.N.E. medallions except 1972 which we did not receive in time to sell, also 2 frames of buttons. These buttons belong to the class of Hobby and Antiques and date back from 1800 and were prize winners. Buttons have never been shown at the C.N.E. before, and drew a lot of attention. The crowds were large and many questions were asked.

The first four days were highlighted by The Scottish World Festival with a large number of Pipe Bands. The largest band was from Edinburgh, Scotland. England, Canada and other parts of the world were also represented. It took 16 buses to take the players to their motels and hotels for four nights.

The largest crowd was on Saturday night and this was a good time for selling medallions which went all over Scotland and England. The first medallion sold was to Kitchener and the second went to Scotland near Mount Tinto. Also met the President of Bermuda Coin Club who was very much taken with our show and he took back as a souvenir a First Day Set of 1971 Stamps and Medallions. Two of Oktoberfest 1969 medallions were sold to two Catholic Sisters who were flying back to Rome Sunday, so our medallions travel many miles. Also sold a medallion to a Government man in the North West Territories. It is interesting to be at the Show and meet people from all over the world and answer questions on coins. As chairman of the show and on behalf of all the exhibitors



I would like to thank the O.N.A. Executive for the new shield which was given this year. Regarding sales of medallions as we did not get the 1972 Exhibition medallion, it kept our sales quite a bit lower, although in all, sales were very good.

On Monday, September 4th, there was a very good turn out to help take out the exhibits and once again I would like to thank all who helped make the show a success.

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NEWS AROUND THE COIN CLUBS

CENTRAL COIN CLUB-

At the last meeting the President welcomed 87 members and guests. As the club now has 49 Junior members it was decided to amend the constitution to include two instead of one Junior on the executive. Fine work, Central, glad to see so many Juniors out.

GALT AND AREA COIN CLUB-

At the last meeting the President welcomed 20 members and guests. A motion was put through to change the name of the club to "CAMBRIDGE COIN CLUB" on Jan. 1st, 1973 to coincide with the name change of the city of Galt, Preston and Hespler to Cambridge. A lively auction closed the meeting.

HURONIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION -

The 12th annual show was a great success with a fine crowd and excellent displays. At the last meeting the new constitution was distributed to the members and the evening closed with a lively auction conducted by Ken. Prophet.

LONDON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY -

The last meeting had a film from the C.N.A. entitled "C.N.A. Medals". A short review of the C.N.A. Bulletins was given by Lloyd Smith and the same of the O.N.A. Bulletins by Mackie Smith. The meeting closed with the usual auction.

NORTH YORK COIN CLUB -

The last meeting featured a set of 36 slides from the C.N.A. library on the development of ancient Roman coinage from the earliest Republican times to the coinage reforms of the Emperor Diocletian. Stan Clute supplied the commentary and had a case of Roman Imperial coins on display. Guest Basil Latham displayed a 1970 British proof-like set of coins.

PORT CREDIT COIN CLUB -

At the last meeting Charlton's "Standard Catalogue of Canadian Coins, Tokens and Paper Money" was discussed and recommended to the members. An interesting section is the recording of popular coin prices 20 years ago and a comparison with today's prices.

ST. CATHARINES COIN CLUB -

The guest speaker at the annual banquet was W. K. Robertson, Chief of Numismatic Division, Royal Canadian Mint. He was thanked by Pat Lambert who presented him with a token of the club's appreciation of his talk. Pat Lambert was also presented with a life membership in the club as an appreciation of his services. Bill English acted as Head Judge and Lloyd Dorsey conducted a lively auction to round out an really enjoyable evening.

SARNIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY - Just a word to say that the Coin Show at the Village Inn was a huge success. At the next meeting the officers for 1973 will be selected.

IN MEMORIAM

It was with deep regret your editor learned this week of the passing of Jack Wallace, of Kingston, Ontario, a very well known coin collector and hard worker on behalf of the hobby. Jack was a member of the Board of Directors of the Canadian Numismatic Variety Association, and during this period he came up with the now well known "Project Brenda" which I am sure has benefited many youngsters throughout the Province. He will be sadly missed, not only by his family, but by many in the hobby who knew and liked Jack for his sincere wish to be of service to others, especially the youngsters. I know I shall miss seeing him on my visits to Kingston. In conclusion, I extend the sympathy of our President, the Executive and our members to Mrs. Wallace, which I hope to give personally in the very near future.

Ye Ed.

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NEW MEMBERS

Applications published in the October issue of the Ontario Numismatist have now been accepted. The following applications have been received. If no written objections are received, their acceptance will be acknowledged in the December issue of the Ontario Numismatist.

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START THINKING

Your O.N.A. Executive are asking for you to decide on your new executive for 1973-75. Please refer to Page 10 of this Bulletin and forward your selections as soon as possible. All present officers of the Executive with the exception of Mr. Ken Prophet for First Vice-President are willing to stand for re-election. Please send your nominations to Mr. William English, P.O. Box 4, Waterloo, Ontario.

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HAVE YOU EVIER HEARD of the MILLERS, MERCHANTS AND FARMERS BANK OF CANADA WEST? Probably not. When the bank applied for a charter, the government took a dim view of this mixture of commercial interests and refused to grant charter until certain changes were made. The proposed name for the bank was then altered to the MILLERS ASSOCIATION OF CANADA WEST. No, that didn't seem to satisfy them, either. When the bank finally received its charter to operate, in 1855, it was officially called the BANK OF TORONTO and yes, it did issue banknotes, afterwards. (ref.: One Hundred Years of Banking in Canada, a History of the Toronto-Dominion Bank, 1958, Copp Clark Publishong Co.)

(Thanks to North York Coin Club)

PITTER PATTTER

Don't be a cloud  
Just because you can't be a star.

(Thanks Champlain Coin Club)

WHAT EVERY YOUNG NUMISMATIST SHOULD KNOW

By R. C. Willey F.R.N.S., F.C.R.N.S.

Article 4

TO CLEAN OR NOT TO CLEAN THAT IS THE QUESTION

If you ever want to start a king-sized row at a coin club meeting, just try talking about whether or not to clean coins, and voice your opinions on the best way to do so.

Generally speaking, "when in doubt, don't" is the best plan to follow. I have seen many coins which have been utterly spoiled by improper cleaning. Sandpaper, emery cloth, steel wool, SOS, and other abrasives must never be used to clean coins. Your mother's silver-ware, brassware and similar articles look wonderful after being polished with Silvo or Brasso or some other recommended polishing compound but these materials were never intended for use on coins. Toothpaste is good only for cleaning your teeth. Strong acids, alkalis and cleaning solutions are also very hard on coins. All these chemicals I have mentioned will remove dirt from coins and will remove tarnish, but the coins do not - definitely not - look like new. Their appearance does not in any way resemble the original lustre of the mint coins.

The original lustre, or mint bloom, of a coin is a beautiful surface finish imparted to the coin during striking. In some cases it causes the field of the coin to be like a mirror. This lustre is delicate and is soon lost in circulation. Once the lustre is gone it is, like your childhood, gone forever. No process of cleaning can ever bring it back. Cleaning of circulated coins serves to remove unsightly dirt and restore original colour where this is desirable.

What, then, can one do to clean coins? The simplest thing, which works nearly all the time, is boiling water. Immersing the coins in boiling water will remove all waxy or greasy dirt as well as the ordinary kind of dirt that gets under our fingernails once in a while. After boiling for a few minutes, the water is discarded and the coins rinsed in cold water to cool them so they can be safely handled.

Stubborn surface dirt can often be removed with soap and water. Pure soap is meant here, not detergent. The simplest way is to lather some toilet soap in warm or hot water and let the coins soak in the solution. The dirt will be loosened so that it can be removed with a toothpick. The coins are then rinsed with water to remove the soap.

Tarnish is another matter. Tarnish is a darkening of the colour of the coin as a result of exposure to air over a period of time, or the result of circulation. The metal is oxidized or combined with sulphur from atmospheric pollution such as smoke, exhaust fumes from cars, or the grease off people's fingers in circulation. Coins also tarnish through being kept in leather or plastic purses or in pockets of raincoats. There is no quicker way to tarnish a silver coin than to keep it in the pocket of a rubber raincoat. Treatment of tarnish depends on the metal of the coin.

Let's take a look at the peculiarities of some of the metals in coins.

Gold does not tarnish in ordinary circumstances and so it seldom has to be cleaned. Even immersion in sea water has no effect on gold. The gold coins brought up from the wreck of "Le Chameau" off Louisburg are as fresh now as when they were minted, despite their being underwater for more than two hundred years!

Silver coins can be safely cleaned with the old housewives' baking soda method. It takes the black tarnish off the tines of forks

used for eating eggs, and works on silver coins just as well, if done properly. The coins are placed in an aluminum saucepan (the pan must be aluminum) and covered with a strong solution of baking soda in water. The pan is then placed on the stove to warm the solution no hotter than the hand can bear. Aluminum reacts with the tarnish, and the sulphur is converted into a gas which comes out of the solution. The coins are left bright and clean. Rinsing in cold water completes the job.

The use of Quick Dip, available in most supermarkets, is effective. It can be used full strength on silver coins. The coin may be dipped into the solution, or the solution may be applied to the coin with a cotton swab. The solution quickly removes the tarnish. The coin is then rinsed in cold water --never hot-- and then dipped in soapy water and rinsed a second time in cold water. Again, use toilet soap, not detergent. The soap is necessary to neutralize the last traces of Quick Dip, which is an acid. After final rinsing in cold water the coins are gently patted dry.

Rinsing after treatment with Quick Dip must always be with cold water. I cannot stress too strongly the importance of using cold water. Hot water will cause a reaction that will give the coin a hard, white appearance that is most objectionable and cannot be removed.

Copper coins present a different problem. The man who finds a satisfactory way of cleaning copper will never have to work again. It is possible to restore the red colour to a brown cent, but the resulting redness is not the same as the original colour. It is generally better not to try and remove the tarnish on copper coins. This is best done only by an expert with years of experience.

Green spots of corrosion, however, can be removed. The green material is known as verdigris, and can be removed by immersing the coin in a strong solution of sodium sesquicarbonate until the solution turns bluish. Sodium sesquicarbonate can be bought in a drug store. If not available, it can be made by dissolving four parts of washing soda and one part of baking soda in water and boiling the solution for about an hour. When the solution cools, crystals of the sesquicarbonate form. These can be filtered off and dissolved in fresh water.

Nickel coins seldom need cleaning beyond the removal of surface dirt. Zinc coins are better left alone. Zinc is an active metal, and only experienced people can clean it well.

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DONATIONS TO FOUNDATION NOW EXCEED \$6,000.

At the annual meeting of the Board of Governors of the J. Douglas Ferguson Education and Research Foundation, Mr. William H. McDonald, chairman, reported on the affairs of the foundation and reviewed the development over the preceding year. E. Victor Snell was appointed Secretary/Treasurer. Mr. Snell has for many years been associated with numismatic organizations and brings great experience to this work. Mr. McDonald reported that financial support has come from many and varied sources, and now the donations total over \$6,000. We of the O.N.A. are very pleased to congratulate Mr. Snell on his appointment to the office and wish him all the best in this new effort.





LATE ARRIVAL - COIN CLUB ANNUAL SHOW

WOODSTOCK COIN CLUB - will hold their annual show at Old St. Paul's Parish Hall on Dundas St., Woodstock on April 28, 1973. Details re bourse, displays, etc. to The Secretary, Woodstock Coin Club, P.O. Box 631, WOODSTOCK, Ontario.

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BRANTFORD COIN CLUB - The last meeting was "Walter Griggs' Night" as he filled in for the film that didnot arrive and gave a resume of the C.N.A. activities and also a paper on Newfoundland Paper Money. The new address for any clubs writing to Brantford is - Brantford, Ont., N3T 5S1.

HAMILTON COIN CLUB -

The last meeting was attended by 17 members and guests. The club has a good Junior membership and now has 2 nice trophies for a competition for Juniors going from November to June/73. The club is still looking for an Editor so they can keep putting out the club news.

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THIS 'N THAT -

First we must apologize to our readers for the lateness of your Bulletin, but Ye Ed. and Mrs. Ed. moved recently to the up-town area and consequently we have been a pretty busy pair-- for the benefit of our CLUB SECRETARIES please send all future Bulletins for me to P.O. BOX 311, ST. CATHARINES, ONTARIO -- I thank you in advance for your co-operation -- We attended some shows this fall - not as many as we wished, but we were at St. Catharines, a good show but not as well attended by the public as other years -- this was due to the rain and inclement weather -- We also took in Oshawa and District Coin Club show at the Downtown Mall -- a strange place to hold a show -- very different but sure got the crowds in from surrounding stores -- the exhibits, tho' not great in quantity, were excellent in quality -- a real tough judging job -- we enjoyed the hospitality of the Pleaus, who made us feel right at home! -- I hope our readers will be thinking about the important Election of Officers and will send in your nominations -- be sure your choice is prepared to let his name stand tho' -- this is important -- another very important consideration to occupy our leisure moments is the choice for the 1973 "Award of Merit" nominees -- do you know some person who has contributed most to the betterment of Numismatics, who you feel deserves this highest honour the O.N.A. can possibly bestow --send your choice to me, c/o P.O. Box 311, St. Catharines and I shall pass them on to the Chairman when he has been selected by President Charles Laister -- he in turn will select two other members to help him in his difficult job -- so let's have those nominations for this Award in the next four weeks or so -- I guess this covers most of the items I wanted to talk over with you folks -- so until December, I'll say

So long,  
Ye Ed.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1973-1975

In accordance with our By-laws, article 7, section 4, we quote, "in an election year, the President shall make a call for nominations of elected officers six months prior to the opening of the annual General Meeting in the official publication, and at the same time shall appoint an election committee, consisting of a chairman and 2 members. This year's election committee is made up of Chairman - Bill English, who will complete his committee in the near future. Also we quote, "All nominations shall be made in writing, signed by two members in good standing and sent to the chairman of the Election Committee". Here is his address:

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Address-----

Please list the reasons for your nomination for the 1973 Award of Merit, of the Ontario Numismatic Association on a separate sheet and sign the name of the person or organization making the nomination.

(List achievements, Special services, Writing, Research, Advancement of numismatics, etc.)



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"THE YOUNGSTERS"

By W. E. Pat Lambert

I have purposely chosen this heading to express my concern for the collectors of to-morrow, in the hope they may find the challenge, yes and help, he or she may be looking for.

A few weeks ago Fred Jewett, First Vice-President of the C.N.A., kindly asked me to address the junior members of the C.N.A. at a special forum to be held in Toronto. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend - the loss I am sure, was mine, for I hear it was an excellent meeting and I hope to hear more from these enthusiasts in the near future.

This is fine, and an excellent start and will do much for many of our juniors, but do we go far enough? Travelling all over Ontario, as I do, I note, with some dismay, the lack of attendances of youngsters at the various shows, I saw but four at the recent St. Catharines Club Show, and only about eight at the annual show out of a membership of about 20. Is it because we do not make our meetings interesting enough? Business meetings should not take more than 20 minutes - leaving plenty of time for educational activities.

Slides are always good material from the O.N.A. and C.N.A., Good Speakers on interesting subjects are a must for at least three or four meetings a year, but keep speakers to 10-15 minutes at the outside. I've attended some meetings where the guest speaker speaks 30-40 minutes. It is too long. Some speakers try to cover too much at one session. Ten minutes is ideal, followed up with a question and answer period and, boy, here you had better know your stuff. But if you do not know, be honest and say so, the youngsters will appreciate the fact you don't know everything, and tell them so. I have found much success in drawing my listeners in to my remarks by asking them if





NEWS AROUND THE COIN CLUBS

CENTRAL COIN CLUB -

The last meeting had 126 members and guests present. One of the better known junior members, Leslie Brown, was nominated to the executive. This makes two juniors on the executive as there are 50 junior members in the club. The chief items of news was that there is to be a spring show on Feb. 3 and 4, 1973 in the St. Lawrence Hall with Intergold conducting the auction with the displays open only to the Juniors.

CITY OF OTTAWA COIN CLUB -

At the last meeting the following slate of officers were elected for 1973:- Acting President - L. Fletcher, First Vice-President - Tom Muir, Second Vice-President - Dr. F. C. Pace, Secretary - Mrs. Ruth McQuade, Treasurer - Dick Nash, Directors - Mr. Schneider and Mr. Carlisle and Mrs. McQuade as Editor. Michael Curry gave a short talk on "Octogan", a circular issued by Spinks and is given out free.

HURONIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION -

The last meeting was outstanding because of the large number of juniors present. It was reported that the Base Borden Librarian is searching for a list of coin books suitable for the coin collector. The Club are drawing up a list which will be donated to the Librarian. Harry Booth showed the members a One Dollar bill signed by John J. Pittman when he was guest speaker at the Annual Show. This bill will be auctioned off at the next meeting with the proceeds going to the club.

KITCHENER COIN CLUB -

The Club reports the annual show was not quite as successful this year as other years due to the lack of the general public not turning up. But they hope for better things next year. The winners of the displays were as follows - Junior - Enricho Elobeck, Big Al - Rudy Elobeck, Canadian Decimal - Bill Gage, Tokens and Medals - Wes Ham, Paper Money - Fred Barley, Foreign - Sam Smith, Topical - Albert Fuller, Hobby - Albert Fuller, Best of Show - Sam Smith.

NORTH YORK COIN CLUB -

The last meeting featured a set of slides depicting Coronation medals. This covered the English Coronation medals from the times of Kings Edward VI and Charles I to the crowning of Queen Elizabeth II. The nominating committee for the executive for 1973 was appointed and George Fraser exhibited Bank of Canada notes in denominations of one, two and five dollars bearing the new Bouey-Rasminsky signature combination.

RICHMOND HILL COIN CLUB -

The Pre Christmas Bonanza Show was held at the Towne and Country Square Mall and was well attended. There were no competitive displays but anyone having a special display was asked to set up to make the show more of a success. Also a quantity of numismatic news papers were given out.

ST. THOMAS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION -

The last meeting featured particularly beautiful collections set up and made a very interesting meeting. There was also a White Elephant Sale to help defray the cost of a Club in which should create much interest.

THISTLETOWN COIN CLUB -

The Club has come up with a novel idea which is to provide a free table for a year to bourse dealers as long as they join the club. They hope this will entice dealers to come out. Also nominations are being taken for the 1973 executive. The club promises to let us in on a new idea for an auction next month. We are anxious to hear about it.

TORONTO COIN CLUB -

At the annual Fall Show one of the features was a talk by Paul Johnson of Peterboro on what a junior needs from his club and in the evening Bill English gave an excellent talk on housing, recording and the security of a coin collection. The auction was conducted by Frank Rose. The show was well attended.

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PROPOSED COIN SHOWS

Listed below are the proposed coin club annual show dates and banquets. Please check to see if any of these dates will conflict with your club's proposed show.

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Feb. 3-4 - Central Coin Club 2-day show. Displays only from Juniors. Full details from Frank Lieshout, P.O. Box 841, Station "K", Toronto 315, Ontario.

Mar. 23-24 - The Torex Show - Joint Convention at the Holiday Inn, downtown Toronto. In conjunction with Central Coin Club. Full Details in next Bulletin.

Mar. 10 - North York Coin Club Annual Show, Bourse, Book and White Elephant Sale in the North York Community Hall, 5090 Yonge Street, Willowdale, Ontario from 10.00 a.m. to 10.00 p.m. For information write to P.O. Box 294, Willowdale, Ontario.

Apr. 14-15 - Ontario Numismatic Association Annual Convention at the Waterloo Motor Inn, Waterloo, Ontario. Information re bourse, displays, etc. to Wilf Erb, P.O. Box 41, Waterloo, Ontario.

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MILLION DOLLAR FACTS - Marge Farnum (A.N.A. Bulletin July 1971)

One million silver dollars stacked would reach 8,800 feet into the sky. Compare this to the Space Needle (600 ft.), the Eiffel Tower (934 ft), and the Empire State Building (1,250 ft.). Even by machine, it takes one man 18 days to count one million dollars. A million dollars would stack nicely in your living room where the baby grand piano stands. Total 180 cubic feet, weight 30 tons. Edge to edge, one million dollars would extend twenty-three miles.

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O.N.A. President's Greetings

At this time I would like to wish everyone a very special Merry Christmas and to one and all a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Hope to see you all at the O.N.A. Convention April 14-15-1973.

Yours very truly,

*Chas. B. Laister*

WHAT EVERY YOUNG NUMISMATIST SHOULD KNOW

By R. C. Willey F.R.N.S., F.C.R.N.S.

Article 5

CONDITION AND GRADING OF COINS

One of the most important things a collector must learn is how to judge the condition of coins. The better the condition of a coin, the better it looks and the more it is worth.

Over the years collectors have come to recognize certain terms for describing the condition of coins. In to-day's catalogues and price lists we find the terms FDC, Unc., AU, EF, VF, F, VG, and G. The first two terms have the same meaning, that is, fresh off the dies. The term FDC, or fleur de coin, is used more often in Europe. The term Unc, or uncirculated, is most often used in Canada.

If you take the word uncirculated literally, it means not having been put into circulation. Among coin collectors it refers to a coin which has no sign of wear at all, and has full mint lustre. Mint lustre was described in an earlier column, on cleaning coins.

Uncirculated coins often show slight scratches, from being handled in large quantities by the mint and by the banks. These are unavoidable. As a result, uncirculated coins with few or none of these "bag scratches", as they are called, are often described as select, gem or choice uncirculated specimens. In the case of copper or toned silver coins, the color is generally stated. For example, a red uncirculated 1927 cent is one which will still have its original redness. An 1881 cent described as "chocolate Unc" is one in uncirculated condition, but which has acquired a chocolate brown colour over the years.

A steel blue 1887 quarter would be one in uncirculated condition, but tarnished evenly to produce a steely blue tone. Such toning often enhances the value of a coin.

The term AU means almost, or about, uncirculated. It refers to a coin with only the slightest wear on the high spots of the design. All other details are sharp and clear. Most of the mint lustre remains. In earlier times such coins were described as uncirculated with cabinet friction. Believe it or not, the sliding of coins on the felt in the bottom of a cabinet drawer whenever the drawer is opened, can, in time, cause wear because of the rubbing action!

The term EF means extremely fine. Such a coin shows some wear on the high spots, but the worn places are still clear. Everything else is sharp and clear. There is often some mint lustre still remaining.

A coin is very fine (VF) when definitely worn but clear. The high spots are worn but not so as to blur the detail. Most other details are sharp. In a few cases mint lustre still lingers in sheltered places such as between the letters of the legends.

A fine (F) coin is worn all over, but nothing is worn off except for a few very high spots in positions exposed to wear during circulation. Everything else is clear but not necessarily sharp.

The term VG means very good, and refers to coins on which the highest parts of the design are worn away and the rest of the coin is still clear. The details on the rest of the coin are no longer sharp. This is usually the lowest condition acceptable to collectors.

The term good (G) is a borderline case. As a rule, only scarce

and rare coins are acceptable to collectors in this condition. Such coins are considerably worn, and do not show the finer details of the design. At this stage of preservation the legends and the date show considerable wear. In England the much better term mediocre is used to describe coins in this condition.

Occasionally coins in fair and poor condition are seen. On a fair coin you can read the date and legends and identify the types. It is often quite impossible to distinguish minor varieties because so little detail is visible.

Poor coins are so badly worn as to be of no value at all to a collector unless they are of extreme rarity. Only a partial outline of the type is visible, and the legends may be worn off.

The determination of the condition of coins is called grading. It has been for years a matter of opinion, since no two pairs of eyes see the same thing on the same coin. With the rise in popularity of numismatics in the past 20 years, it has become necessary to develop standards of grading for the American and Canadian coinages, which are most widely collected. At first the standard catalogues included a section on grading, but within the last three years books have been published on grading alone!

For Canadian coins, three books are available, The first is the Standard Grading Guide to Canadian Decimal Coins by Charlton and Willey. The terms are defined as they apply to every Canadian coin. Enlarged drawings show the points of wear of each coin.

The second is Hans Zoell's Simplified Grading Guide. Its illustrations are good, showing the points and progression of wear in red.

The third is The Guide for the Grading of Canadian Coins by Paul and Parker. It is a somewhat simplified treatment, using drawings which show the points and progression of wear in grey. All these works are available from coin dealers.

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SPECIAL FOR OUR JUNIOR COLLECTORS - ERA - 1980 - 1990

By John McKay-Clements

I have in my collection two coins struck in 1961 which claim that they can be redeemed before December 31, 1969 on the moon. They are octagonal and both the same size, 1.2 inches across the parallel sides. One is brass and has a value of 2 Astrons, the other is aluminum and good for 1 Astron. The symbol for Astron is a little like the dollar sign "\$" except that the capital "S" is replaced by a capital "U" inverted, and the vertical double lines are replaced by similar lines across the centre sloping up from left to right. The wording on the tokens reads -- Obverse, GOOD FOR 10¢ IN TRADE, around top / AT THE REGENCY COIN & STAMP CO. around bottom / and seven lines in the centre reading ARENA / BLDG. RED / RIVER EXHIBITION / OR 157 RUPERT / AVE. WINNIPEG / UNTIL / 12-31-61. Reverse, GOOD FOR #2.00 (2 ASTRONS) around top / ON THE MOON. around the bottom / and seven lines in the centre reading REDEEMABLE / For / #2.00 (2 ASTRONS) / AT ANY STORE OR / BANK ON THE MOON UNTIL / 12-31-1969. (I have used the symbol "#" in place of the Astron symbol as that is as close as I can get to it on my typewriter). The token described is brass, the aluminum token is for 5¢ on earth or 1 Astron on the moon. The intriguing thing about



these tokens is that they seem to have forecast with great accuracy men's progress in space travel, ten times around the moon in 1968 and possibly a man on the moon in 1969.

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THE FIRST TWENTY YEARS

By William C. Hayman.

On Friday, April 27, 1951, a meeting was held in Room 4 of the old Y.M.C.A. in London, Ontario to organize a "London Coin Club". This meeting was initiated by Byron Swayze and the following were elected to take office:- President - Byron Swayze, Vice-President - Dr. Gordon Suffell, Secretary - Alfred Nash, Treasurer - William C. Hayman, Directors - Hubert V. Eckert, John Middlebrook and Miss M. Laura Noxell (Newhook). There were fifteen collectors in attendance at this meeting.

This began one of the most successful coin clubs in North America resulting from the enthusiasm, dedication and hard work on the part of the Presidents and their executives during the years. The Society has always been most fortunate in having members who studied, researched and read everything they could to broaden their knowledge of the subject. The rewards of their efforts were always shared with their fellow members through papers presented at the meetings, articles prepared for the Bulletin and general discussion at meetings.

After the meetings at the Y.M.C.A., the Society moved to Room 208 of the London Public Library on Sept. 20, 1951. The first regular auction sale was held at Meeting No. 12, May 15, 1952 and auctions have been continued as a regular feature. On Feb. 19, 1953, Meeting No. 18, the Society met at the London Camera Club rooms over the Esquire Grill, Dundas St., and continued to meet there until Meeting No. 62, Feb. 7, 1956, when we moved back to the new Y.M.C.A.-Y.W.C.A. building with much more room. At Meeting No. 23, Oct. 7, 1953 it was decided to hold two meetings each month on the first Wednesday and the third Thursday. This continued until Meeting No. 62 when it was decided to hold meetings once a month on the first Tuesday of each month, a decision which has continued to the present.

Harry G. Williams took over as President from Byron Swayze at Meeting No. 30, Feb. 10, 1954 and it was noted at this meeting that members were present from Aylmer, Port Burwell, Sarnia, Strathroy, Exeter, Ingersoll, Stratford, Thamesford and Woodatock. In fact, the London Numismatic Society was the inspiration for many other clubs in Western Ontario during these years. On Oct. 16, 1954 the first Banquet and Show was held at the Knox United Church, Wortley Road, and this included displays, a bourse and an auction. The membership list at this time had grown to eighty-eight active members.

At Meeting No. 61, Jan. 26, 1956, Walter Holmes became the third President. At the 70th Meeting, Oct. 2, 1956 an extensive report was given on the events which took place at the Fourth Annual Convention of the Canadian Numismatic Association. The business sessions, bourse and auction were held at the old Masonic Temple on Queens Avenue and the banquet took place at the Hotel London, with J. Douglas Ferguson the speaker for the evening. This was an undertaking of no small measure for the five year old London Society and it was a very successful convention.

Major Sheldon S. Carroll became the fourth President of the Society at Meeting No. 83, Jan. 7, 1958 and remained so until he was moved

to Halifax. William N. Clarke was elected to take over from Major Sheldon Carroll at Meeting No. 105 on Sept. 8, 1959. The latest membership list showed ninety-seven members. The first Bourse Night was held at meeting No. 107, Nov. 3, 1959 and was a very successful event.

The present Bulletin was inaugurated with Meeting No. 122, Feb. 7, 1961 with Lloyd T. Smith as Editor. This replaced the former one page notice of meeting with the four or more (and now seven or more) page bulletin which has done so much to keep up the interest of the members in Society activities and to broaden the knowledge of all with the excellent articles prepared by our members. Meeting No. 135 Mar. 6, 1962 was held at the London Labour Hall, 133 Kent St. and the next 105 meetings were held at this new location. The membership in April, 1962 consisted of 84 members, which increased to over 120 by the end of the year.

A special feature of Meeting No. 143, Nov. 6, 1962 was a set of coloured slides and tape-recorded talk by Lloyd T. Smith on "The Romance of World Gold". This was the first of many Audio-Visual programs made available to the Society through the Ontario Numismatic Association. These programs have been a most interesting addition to our meetings on frequent occasions. At Meeting No. 151, July 2, 1963, William Clarke proposed the formation of a "LONDON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY COLLECTION" to be placed on permanent loan when a suitable museum is available in London. Graham Esler was named Custodian of the collection which was started with a donation of ten numismatic items. By Meeting No. 218, Feb. 4, 1969, the donation of 773 items had been acknowledged.

Meeting No. 173, May 4, 1965 included a report of the Third Annual Convention of the Ontario Numismatic Association which was held at the Windjammer Room, Treasure Island from April 30 to May 2, 1965. The London Society was Host Club for this Convention which was a very successful undertaking. Thomas Masters became the sixth President of the Society and took office at Meeting No. 175, July 6, 1965. He remained in office until Meeting No. 205, Jan. 2, 1968, at which time William Clarke was elected President. L. Mackie Smith was elected as our seventh President at Meeting No. 241, Jan. 5, 1971 and remains at the helm at the present time. Our most recent change in location took place at Meeting No. 241, Jan. 5, 1971, which was held in the Sir Lancelot Room of the Ivanhoe Curling Club, Brookside St. and Thompson Road.

In this necessarily abbreviated summary of 20 years activities of the London Numismatic Society, one thing has been omitted which I regret very much and is, that I have been unable to draw specific attention to individual members past and present, who have, through their efforts in many, many ways, contributed so much to the enjoyment of all. It is only in reviewing these activities that one realizes how much the members as a whole have given to help the Society. Having reviewed the past we should have complete confidence in the future of the London Numismatic Society.

Ye Ed's Note - Our thanks to William Hayman for his interesting review of the "First Twenty Years of the London Numismatic Society". May we all take courage from the progress made by the London Society and each help our own clubs to become the best they can. May all the member clubs of the O.N.A. look forward to celebrating their 20th birthday with as fine a record as London has.

COINS WITH 12 SIDES - DODECAGONS

By Ruth McQuade Ottawa Coin Club

Fourteen countries have issued coins with 12 sides and Canada was the second country to do this, Bolivia being the most recent country. In a short space of time some of these have already been replaced by decimal coins.

Great Britain was the first country to produce a 12 sided coin. A 12 sided threepenny piece was produced for Edward VIII, but never issued. After his abdication, these coins were melted down, but somehow a few escaped. At the Glenbow museum, near Calgary, one can be seen, so that we have here in Canada, an example of the first 12 sided coin ever produced. Britain did, however, issue a 12 sided 3d for George VI, and they continued producing these until they changed over to the decimal system recently.

From 1942 to 1963 the Canadian 5¢ was 12 sided. In 1942 the 12 sided 5¢, made of TOMBAC, created general curiosity. Tombac is an alloy of copper and zinc, and had never been used (for making coins) in Canada before. Some Canadians, due to misguided publicity, thought this Tombac 5¢ would rise in value. As this Tombac material is dark in colour, the 5¢ was made 12 sided to distinguish it from the bronze cent.

In 1943 Mr. Thomas Shingles prepared the first die ever produced by the Royal Canadian Mint, for the new design on the 5¢. On the reverse was the letter V and torch conjoined, emblematic of Victory and Sacrifice. Around the rim in Morse code was the message, "We win when we work willingly".

In 1944 and 1945 Chromium plated steel was used with the 1943 design. In 1946 the 5¢ was made of nickel and the design reverted to the prewar 5¢, but it remained 12 sided.

In 1951 a Commemorative 5¢ was issued to mark the 200th anniversary of the isolation of the metal nickel by a Swedish chemist, A. F. Cronstedt. The reverse of this coin was designed by Stephen Trenke, showing a nickel refinery. Later in the year this was changed to the normal beaver design in Chromium plated steel, and this continued until 1955, when it was changed to nickel and this style continued until 1963 when the 5¢ became round.

Nigeria is the only country at present with a 12 sided coin which is still on the Lsd system, but it is due to disappear soon. Jersey and Fiji have retired their 12 sided coins for decimal coins, but 12 sided coins are still used in Columbia, Seychelles, Tanzania, Argentina, South Vietnam, Australia, Zambia and Cyprus, and Bolivia has just introduced one.

I think these coins present a pleasing appearance. I also think it would be an advantage, since our coinage is nickel, to have the 5¢ return to a 12 sided coin. At present you have to be alert to know if you are handling a quarter or a nickel.

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I wish to draw attention to the small increase of \$1.00 in our annual dues (single membership now \$4.00, Family Membership - \$6.00). Your Executive were reluctant to take this step but the doubling of costs to produce this Bulletin has forced the issue. We trust our members will continue with their financial support by sending their cheque to Bruce Raszmann, P.O. Box 33, Waterloo within the next four weeks. Thank you.

THIS 'N THAT -

By the time you folks are reading these lines it will be crowding Christmas again - so may I, on behalf of the Editorial Staff of this Bulletin - i.e. - Ye Ed and Mrs. Ye Ed - typist, proof-reader, ad nauseum - wish you all a "Merry Christmas" and a "Real Prosperous and Happy New Year" --- I note in reading a report on the recent Intergold sale that an 1871 20¢ piece was sold for \$5,000.00 -- this is a new one on me -- maybe someone can tell me if this is a pattern piece -- something along the lines of the 1911 Silver Dollar -- I'll be waiting for your replies to me at P.O. Box 311, St. Catharines--

A word to Bill Gage -- I thank you for your kind remarks in your November Bulletin -- they were much appreciated -- reference to your query - Yes there is such a word as "Builded" as used in this quotation -- it's called "Poetic License" -- and while not in any dictionary is permissible -- so I believe! ! -- I hear friend Paul Sullivan of Ottawa has just lost 200 stones -- according to my calculations that is 2,000lbs. -- Boy, that must have been some man before the operation -- However, I guess it was 200 gall stones he lost and I'd say darn good riddance -- We all wish you well and a speedy recovery --

It was with surprise that I read the recent letter from the President, James A. Finch, of the Ingersoll Coin Club to their club members -- It would appear from its contents that the club executive have not been getting the support of their members and President Finch has laid it on the line for them to say whether or not they want their club to survive for another year -- I also hear via the grapevine that the Niagara Falls Club are having some problems getting their members to stand for office -- Is this a trend? -- I sincerely hope not -- here are two clubs, goodness knows how many more are in the same position -- who for lack of membership support could conceivably fold up, perhaps the members do not realize that they have a responsibility with that membership card -- they are a part of the club -- True, the club will not survive without them -- but also if you have no club where are you going to go from there for your knowledge, your supplies, your trading, in fact everything that makes your hobby possible? -- Think about it-- then do something about it -- Don't sit and say nothing, stand up and be counted and then run for office -- You might just spark off an idea and SAVE YOUR CLUB FROM FALLING APART and finally I will again remind our members that it is membership renewal time again-- and don't forget the dues are now \$4.00 for single membership and \$6.00 for Husband and Wife -- Send those cheques to Treasurer Bruce Raszmann at P.O. Box 33, Waterloo, Ontario -- NOW -- finally -- may we congratulate Lorraine Pleau in her new capacity as President of the Oshawa Coin Club -- succeeding husband Ray, and I'm sure, going to give him a "run for his money" -- All for now -- See you in 1973 --

"Have a Happy"

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Ye Ed