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WHAT SHALL I COLLECT?

by John L. McKay-Clements

One of the most frequent inquiries I get is, what do you advise me to collect? May answer is that there is tremendous scope as coins can be collected by countries or issuing areas (there are over 350 to choose from) and it is possible to collect for each country, either by types or dates, or both. A collection can be formed by getting one coin of each metal, such as gold, silver, nickel, copper, bronze, aluminum, zinc, tin, etc. Collecting by size - bit or little, crowns or cents. A group of shapes can be interesting - round, square, scalloped edges, holed, etc. Quite a zoo can be formed by collecting coins with animals, birds, insects or reptiles. Flowers and trees can be interesting. Many coins have been issued for one single year and it is quite a challenge to find and collect these, and you could also make a collection of coins dated for the year in which you were born, or even those with heavenly bodies such as moons, stars and suns, and there is a large group of commemorative coins recording special events. Coins issued by revolutionaries and temporary governments are another historical field and trade dollars of the world are also interesting. A subject in which you are already interested could form the theme of a collection such as ships, maps, castles, means of transportation, or a host of other subjects. These suggestions are only the beginning and when we consider the still unmentioned field of trade tokens and medals, it is obvious that if you want an interesting hobby and a specialized field in which to collect, you have a wide choice and the scope is almost unlimited.

As for the coins, they are found almost everywhere - in your pocket, the desk or bureau drawer, the button and the tool box, and undoubtedly many of your friends have a few hidden away somewhere. They are also available through reliable dealers at prices that range from a few cents to a few dollars.

A long, never-ending, fascinating hunt is yours once you start on a coin collection with an objective in which you are really interested, whether it be any of the vast fields of metallurgy, economics, history, geography or art. Good hunting!

(Taken in part from "Coin Conversation Column of the Temiskaming Speaker, May 12, 1966).

NEW MEMBERS

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

COMING EVENTS

- September 24 LONDON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY Annual Banquet and Coin Show, King St. United Church. Awards for prize-winning competitive displays. Separate Junior category with an award. Display Chairman - Sam Smith, 92 Elworthy Ave., London, Ontario. Auction - Lloyd T. Smith. General Chairman - William N. Clarke, 167 Delaware St., London, Ont.
- October 2 KITCHENER COIN CLUB 3rd. Annual Coin Show, Walper Hotel, Kitchener, Ontario. 10:00 a. m. to 6:00 p. m. Admission . . . FREE. There will be: competitive and non-competitive displays . . . hourly prize draws . . . bourse dealers . . . GIANT SILVER DOLLAR DRAW!!! Six competitive display categories - Gold; Canadian Decimal; Paper; Foreign (except U. S. A.); United States; Medals and Tokens. Special awards for Best-Of-Show and Most-Liked by the public. Display Chairman - Albert Fuller, 80 Water St. N., Kitchener, Ontario. Bourse Chairman - Patrick Collins, R. R. #2, Petersburg, Ontario.
- October 8, 9, and 10 CENTRAL COIN CLUB Semi-Annual Central Coin Show, Westbury Hotel, 475 Yonge Street, Toronto, Ontario. General Chairman - Larry Regitko, Jr. Information from: Central Coin Club, Central Y. M. C. A., 40 College Street, Toronto 2, Ontario. (This show will include a varied educational programme, including a quantity of O. N. A. Audio-Visuals).
- October 15 ST. CATHARINES COIN CLUB Annual Banquet, Queensway Hotel. Co-Chairmen: Pat Lambert and Sam McMullen. Guest speaker.- Mr. Art Duncan, executive of Bata Shoe Company. Fifteen bourse dealers - \$10.00 bourse fee includes dinner . . . contact: Mr. Victor Snell, 6 Rosemount Ave., St. Catharines, Ontario. A "POT OF GOLD" (?) guessing competition. A meal fit for a king, complete with all the trimmings. Exhibits, all comers welcome, prizes for visiting exhibitors. Admission FREE. Banquet tickets \$3.00 only. Prizes every hour on the hour. A million dollars worth of friendship to all who attend our banquet.

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HURON COUNTY NUMISMATIC SOCIETY 5th Annual Coin Show, Elm Haven Motel, Clinton, Ontario. General Chairman: Jack C. Dietrich

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CANADIAN NUMISMATIC VARIETIES COLLECTORS' ASSOCIATION First Annual Coin Show, Central YMCA, 40 College St., Toronto 2, Ont. Displays; bourse; Audio-Visuals; films and Guest Speakers dealing entirely with Mint Errors and Die Varieties. First show of its kind in Canada and the United States. Chairman - John Regitko, Jr., 29 Spruce Street, Toronto 2, Ontario. Assistant Chairman - Vince Doran, 606 Pape Avenue, Toronto, Ontario. Plan to attend this unique show dealing only with this interesting phase of numismatics.

CANADIAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION

Ontario Numismatic Association - Canadian National Exhibition coin exhibit is past history for another year.

Any exhibitor who was unable to remove his display at the closing of the Canadian National Exhibition should contact John Regitko Jr. regarding the return of the display. Displays are currently stored in one of the vaults at the Canadian National Exhibition grounds.

Each exhibitor, whether he volunteered a display or accepted the O. N. A.'s invitation to display, has received a metal shield engraved as follows:

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Also, O. N. A. attendants were allowed to keep the ribbons they wore at the O. N. A. booth, which identified them as an attendant to the non-collecting public that viewed the over-50 displays.

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The Central Coin Club has requested us to announce that Vince Doran is now accepting reservations for bourse space at the Club's forthcoming SEMI-ANNUAL CENTRAL COIN SHOW to be held at the Westbury Hotel, 475 Yonge Street, Toronto, Ontario, on October 8, 9, and 10, 1966 (a long week-end). Tables are only \$45 for the three-day show. This price includes table cloths, a display case, a sign in front of the table identifying the company or individual manning it, security guards, a very friendly atmosphere, air conditioning, thick carpets on the floor of the Maple Leaf Ballroom where the bourse will be located, and ice-water at the snap of the fingers being served by volunteers. Applications should be sent to Vince Doran, Bourse Chairman, Central Coin Show, c/o Central YMCA, 40 College Street, Toronto 2, Ontario. Choice locations will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

John Regitko Jr., Display Chairman, is also accepting enquiries regarding competitive coin displays. Due to the limited space available for displays, anyone interested in exhibiting at this Show should contact Regitko immediately asking for complete details as to categories, limitations as to number of cases, judging system, etc.

Others assisting in the Show are Larry McNeil, General Chairman; George Bedford, Treasurer; and Dominic Toth, in charge of Reception, Door Prizes and Raffles.

By the Central Coin Club

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CLUB NEWS

HURON COUNTY NUMISMATIC SOCIETY will be trying something new at their next auction. All bidding will begin with the face value of the coin. The society was to have heard the "Aspects of Coin Collecting" by Frank Wheeler at the June meeting. But because Mr. Wheeler was writing exams, the talk was postponed until the July meeting. The club is asking for designs for a new medal to be issued next year.

HURONIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION had thirty members and guests out to their July meeting. The association has moved back downtown to the Loyal True Blue Lodge Hall for more convenience to its members. There were guests present from Florida. The association will celebrate their anniversary, September 15th, with guest speakers, slides, displays, bourse and auction. Congratulations, H. N. A.

LONDON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY had 47 members and guests in attendance in July. Guest speaker of the evening was Mr. W. H. Measor, who gave a most enjoyable talk in an impressive, pleasant manner on the dual subjects of "Why Collect Coins?" and "Why I Collect Coins." L. N. S. members stood to observe one minute of silence honouring the memory of a recently deceased numismatist and friend, Mr. David Danderson, an early member of the society.

ST. THOMAS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION have been invited to attend the London Numismatic Society for their August meeting. Guest speaker will be Mr. Jack Shaddock of Ingersoll, featuring his United States Indian Head Cents.

CENTRAL COIN CLUB, which meets every Monday, has had a very active July. Speakers presented included Mr. Arnold Linetsky speaking on a new security lock the police recommend for homes when valuables are kept there; Mr. James Carnegie of the Toronto Auxiliary Police, whose talk was supplemented with a 125-piece display of "Police Badges and other Police Insignia"; Mr. Robert Thompson of the Toronto Fire Prevention Bureau, City Hall, Toronto, on the "Protection of Coins, Stamps and other valuables." One of the non-numismatic programmes presented during July was a group of nine Spanish Flamenco dancers from the Spanish Dance School of Toronto, performing a number of dances in full Spanish costume. Numismatic "Joke Night" won First Prize for Edward Burns who received two BU 1965 Canadian Silver Dollars, while Ricky Morse walked away with second prize for his jem. August 8th meeting presented Lea Ajub, who spoke on "Mexican Coinage", and Ed Burns on "The Hows and Whys of Error Coins." On August 15th, Paul Petch spoke on "Coins and the Computer", stating how Data Processing can be used to good advantage in numismatics. The Central Coin Club's attendance has remained over the 50-mark at its summer meetings, quite a feat considering most of the other clubs in the area have closed their doors for the summer.

RESULTS OF QUESTIONNAIRE TO DEALERS

Acting on a suggestion received at the Delegates Meeting held during the recent O. N. A. Convention, a questionnaire was prepared and sent to the dealers who have attended our conventions. The purpose of the questionnaire was to learn of the feelings and problems of the dealers, so that by working together, we can establish a better understanding.

The response and results were most gratifying and indicate a most co-operative

attitude on the part of our dealers. Naturally, we will not be able to please everyone as there is some difference of opinion between dealers, but on most questions, we now have a majority opinion and can operate the bourse section of our conventions accordingly.

The results of the questionnaire show that most dealers feel that a \$50.00 fee is reasonable for average convention expenses, with 10% to be used for direct bourse advertising. The number of dealers should be set at 40 with more rather than less dealers if this will enable us to set a lower fee.

On two questions there was almost unanimous agreement. An eight-foot table and a plug-in for a light were voted in on 90% and 100% of the replies respectively. Exactly 50% of the answers indicate a need for a display case at the table. There was a definite preference for having bourse tables assigned by date of application.

There was a considerable split on the matter of a public admission charge and on the number of auctions, though there was a slight preference for two auctions, with no auction on Sunday.

A pleasant facet of the questionnaire was the number of dealers who gave added suggestions, some of which can definitely be incorporated in plans for future conventions.

One such suggestion was for a dealer specialty list and table index to be posted at the entrance to the bourse area. This can be done and, if sufficient dealers will make early application for a table, the information will also be included in the direct advertising. Other individual suggestions such as preference to dealers who have previously supported our conventions, choosing the auctioneer rather than calling for tenders and others of significance will certainly receive consideration.

We wish to thank every dealer for those added suggestions and criticisms and particularly for the personal letters of encouragement and appreciation for the work of the Ontario Numismatic Association. May we see you all at the 1967 Convention in Kitchener and discuss any new problems that may arise, so that we may continue to improve our mutual interest in the progress of numismatics in Ontario.

Very sincerely,

Lloyd T. Smith, President.

Special to Bourse Dealers:

Application forms for bourse tables for the 1967 O. N. A. Convention are now available from Mr. P. Mueller, Bourse Chairman, 239 Lancaster Street West, Kitchener, Ontario.

Tables will be assigned according to the date of payment of the bourse fee.

Minister of Finance, Mitchell Sharp, has announced that there will be a special sterling silver centennial medallion offered for sale by the Royal Canadian Mint. The obverse carries a shield and crown with the word "Canada", and the reverse depicts the maple leaf Centennial symbol surrounded by a bilingual representation of the word "Confederation" and the dates 1867 and 1967. The medallion will be about $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter. Packaged in a plastic case and to sell for \$3.00 in Canadian funds; or the Centennial medallion plus the six new centennial coins, combined as a set and packaged in a red pigskin leather case with the Canadian shield embossed in silver on the cover may be purchased for \$12.00 in Canadian funds. Orders must be accompanied by a cheque, post office money order or bank draft, and made payable to the Receiver General of Canada. Sent to: Presentation Coin Set, P. O. Box 100, Ottawa 2, Ontario.

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