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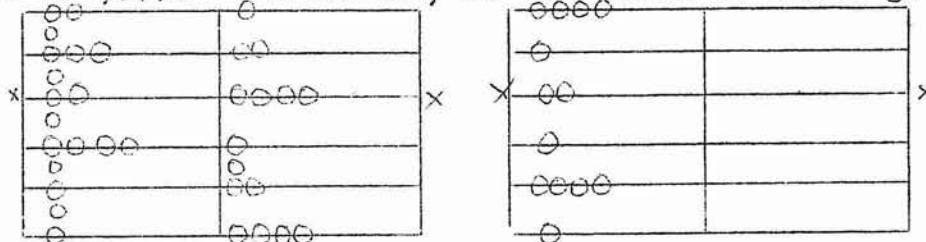
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His counting-board had six horizontal lines representing from the bottom to the top ones, tens, hundreds, thousands (marked by a star), ten-thousands, and hundred thousands. The spaces,

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then, represent fives, fifties, five-hundreds, five thousands, and fifty-thousands. As an example, I have marked on the diagram jettons in the position for 287,966.

To add you lay out jettons for the second number to the right of the centre line. Then one row at a time you shift them to the left, moving counters upward and discarding as needed. Below is an example: 287,966 plus 124,579. The answer, on the board to the right, is 412,545.



It will be noted immediately how similar this is to using Roman numerals. Certain authors claim that these methods of "ocular arithmetic" helped to preserve the use of Roman numerals in the face of the rise of the superior Arabic system which we now use.

Notice, also, how close this is in method to the Chinese form of the abacus. However, it was never quite as fast. In a French-English dictionary of 1530 we read: # Augrym, algorisme. To counte, reckon by cyfers of agryme (arithmetic), enchifrer. To cast an accomptes in aulgorisme (arithmetic) with a penne, enchifrer, after the aulgorisme manner, to cast an accomptes with counters (jettons), calculer. To caste an accomptes after the comen maner, with counters, compter par ject. I shall reckon it syxe times by aulgorisme (ciphering) or (before) you can caste it ones (once) by counters."

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NEWS FROM THE COIN CLUBSCENTRAL COIN CLUB

Members and guests were really treated to a wonderful sight at the last meeting, when, Ingrid Smith appeared at the Experts Table with her collection of PORCELAIN MONEY OF GERMANY, consisting of 400 pieces in UNC. condition. Ingrid is our Champion Prize Winner for winning BEST OF SHOW, both in Canada and the U.S.A. She answered questions in regard to her display, and proved once again that she is a true Numismatist of the highest caliber.

BRANTFORD COIN CLUB

The theme for the June meeting is Indian Artifacts, and our guest speaker will be Mr. Elliot Moses, well-known Indian historian and lecturer who has again accepted our invitation to speak on Indian folklore and cultural customs of the Indians in early Canada. Mr. Moses also displayed numerous Indian artifacts and tools used by the Indians years ago. The Hamilton Coin Club met with us and also the Norfolk and Woodstock clubs. The meeting was very interesting.

Editor --- John Barchino.

CHAMPLAIN COIN CLUB - ORILLIA

Our June meeting was held on the 6th. Mr. Russel Heard, President of the Woodville Club and a member of our club was present and invited everyone to the Woodville Banquet on June 15th. Your editor attended the large coin show held recently at the Continental Inn at Barrie. There was a large number of displays and many dealers with a wonderful display of coins in all price ranges with some real bargains. The following is by Mr. William Irvine-----

Watch for these valuable old Newfoundland Coins, 1885 and 1888, they could be worth fourteen to one hundred dollars each.

Coins of Newfoundland until recently, haven't appreciated in value to the same extent as those of the rest of Canada. Collectors and dealers in Canada and the United States, are now taking a second look at these coins, since they will now be issued again under Newfoundland's name.

To-day every 1¢ piece ever issued by the Island Province has a premium. Two of the more valuable are large cents, about the size of to-day's quarters, dated 1885 and 1888. Only 40,000 dated 1885 were made for Newfoundland at the London Mint and shipped overseas. This compares with Canada's present production of cents in the tens of millions.

Newfoundland did not order any more large cents in 1886 or 1887, as the number already in circulation proved sufficient for the needs of its people. By 1888, however, a scarcity of cents was again noted and an order was placed in London for 50,000.

In average condition these now bring a premium of \$10.00 each or more if they are in extra fine condition.

Editor ---Gordon Horne.

HURONIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

This club has been notified by the Ontario Retail Sales Tax that they will have a representative examine the books of the club. Other clubs may expect to have their books examined at any time in the future. Our coin show was very successful for the club, as we show a profit of over \$150.00 and this money will be used mainly to improve our show next year. At the last meeting it was felt that ribbons and awards should be given regardless of the points scored by the display. The main feeling was that if a member takes the time to make up a display to the best of his ability, he should not be told it is not good enough for first prize. If he was the only one with

enough ambition to make up a display in that category he should be given first, if not for the display, for the effort made to bring it. The majority of the members went along with this line of thought.

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LONDON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

June 4th was our Annual Display Night, the theme was "TOKENS". Several members presented a varied display of tokens from many countries. Several bourse dealers operated tables and a few coins changed hands between collectors. There was no regular auction but there were two draws and Jack Dietrich won a 1964 Canadian Silver Dollar and Lloyd Smith a silver Centennial medallion. At the July meeting we will be treated to Part 1 of the slides of Roman coins purchased some time ago for our club. This set will be "Coins of the Roman Republic" and Mr. Graham Esler will give us a commentary on the coins.
Editor ---- Lloyd T. Smith

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NIAGARA FALLS COIN CLUB

June 19th was the last meeting before the Summer holidays. Mr. & Mrs. Salt had some interesting good coins to show from their trip to England. The guest speaker was Mr. Francis S. Petrie who is the local historian. His talk will be "Coins reflect much history". Did you know that Wildcat Money got it's name from the issuance of certificates of legal tender as a bounty for killing off wolves, panthers and wildcats in Missouri in 1816. Later the term wildcat was used to describe notes of questionable banks. Wildcat banking ended in 1866. REDBANKS were notes of banks organized under the free banking act of 1838. Enjoy your vacations but please drive carefully. We want you back in the Fall in Brilliant Uncirculated Condition. Remember - every other driver on the road or highway is an accident looking for a place to happen, so give them a lot room and don't become a statistic.

Lloyd Hottot

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OSHAWA COIN CLUB

The final plans have been made in regards to the club's Fall coin show with displays to be found in 14 different sections in the huge event, to be held in the Genosha Hotel, Oshawa on Nov. 2, 1968. The club will recess for the summer months, and resume meetings again in September.

Editor----Ricky Morse

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RICHMOND HILL COIN CLUB

Main event of the last meeting was a Canadian Coin Quiz, consisting of twenty questions that could be answered from J. E. Charlton's Standard Catalogue for 1968. Ricky Morse conducted the quiz with all the members, including the Executive and dealers joining in the fun, and three prizes donated by Ricky for the best answers over 65 out of a possible 100 points. The September meeting should find the club in its new quarters in the Lions Hall Community Centre, on the third Tuesday of the month.

ST. CATHARINES COIN CLUB

The Club's 100th meeting was held on June 16th with 91 members and 22 guests in attendance. Those present were reminded of the Annual Coin Show and Banquet, to be held on October 19th, 1968 in Welland Ave. United Church Parish Hall. John Pitman will be the guest speaker and there will be ten categories, one just for dealers. The past presidents of the club were presented with a silver dollar in a cube designating the year he was President. President Betty Lou Bellows presented Vic Snell with his cube. He was president in 1958-59-60 and again in 1964. Vic is at present Editor of the C.N.A. Bulletin and President of the C.N.A. Dr. Earl Hunt presented Cy Dillon with his cube. Cy was President in 1961 and is currently editor of the club bulletin. Bob Prince, President in 1962-3 was given his cube by Rose Thompson. Following Bob as President was Bob Cassidy in 1965 and Fred Barley gave Bob his cube. Bernard "Cookie" Cook President in 1966 was presented with his cube by first vice-president Pat Lambert. Betty Lou Bellows gave Lloyd Dorsey, our president in 1967 his cube. All were pleasantly surprised as this had been kept a secret. The members and guests were wined and dined - well, dined anyway, on sandwiches and cake along with the usual coffee and cold drinks. Everybody sure seemed to enjoy themselves the way the #grub# disappeared. A good time was had by all. It certainly was nice to see all the old faces again.

Editor-----R. Voaden

TORONTO COIN CLUB

We were all saddened by the death on May 22nd of Hamilton A. Craig, the Honourary President of the Toronto Coin Club and Dr. Wilkinson moved that the Toronto Coin Club consider the establishment, at a later date, of a HAMILTON A. CRAIG MEMORIAL FUND, to be presented annually to a Canadian writing a numismatic article published in the Canadian Numismatic Journal. Cale Jarvis announced that the first all-nickel dollar of Canada was struck by the Royal Canadian Mint on May 23rd. The President announced that a delegate to the C.N.A. Convention in Calgary would be appointed. Mr. Willey had an extensive display of silver medals at the meeting, one of which was a Wyon medal of Queen Victoria. He stated that the engraver, Heath, who was the designer of the famous very rare half-penny black stamp, worked from a sketch of this medal. The portrait that was of the diademed head of Queen Victoria, which appeared on colonial coinage, including the Canadian 50-cent piece.

Editor --- Winifred Mather

WOODSTOCK COIN CLUB

Many of our members kept requesting a meeting in which they could have a greater opportunity of exchanging coins with fellow club members and the June meeting gave them this opportunity. We wish to thank all our members for their keen participation in our Dutch Auction last month raising a total of \$35.00 for the Rotary Crippled Children. It was also a pleasure to receive the words of a real dedicated numismatist in the person of Walter Griggs of Brantford. We also appreciate his action in starting a library fund for our coin club. We express appreciation to Mr. Stan Gregory for his efforts in making what we have available at each meeting. Full use of what we have is not now being fully utilized so perhaps more members will try to use our library. Any donations to our new library fund are welcomed. See you in the Fall.

Your Editor

SIAMESE PORCELAIN TOKENS USED FOR GAMBLING IN LIEU OF COINS

By Nathan N. Eglit - World Coins, Sept./64.

The porcelain pieces that, for the first time in numismatic ceramics actually bore designs with set values and symbols of an issuing authority are the Siamese tokens. These tokens were called "Pee" or "Pi". Quiggin states that "In 1744 Siamese history records a shortage of cowries, and small red clay seals called prokab were stamped with various designs and issued as substitutes." The majority of these pieces were issued by companies and traders in Bangkok and were issued in denominations of one fourth to one sixty-fourth of a tical.

The values appeared on the reverses and are generally inscribed in blue. They were legally accepted in circulation until they were declared illegal by decree in 1871.

LeMay states that they were used almost exclusively in the gambling houses as small change and then goes on to quote another source which stated that: "These counters, being used under authority granted in the gambling license or concession, rapidly became a favourite medium of exchange and were found to fill a long-felt want of small money so well that the circulation went much beyond its legal sphere.

"Such a facile field for foreigners was not long to be left unexplored by the enterprising celestial. Gradually a large quantity of imitations was thrown into circulation and in self-defence the gambling "hongs" were compelled to call in and exchange for money their counters, which they continually substituted by new ones of varied colors and shapes. In this way originated the great variety of counters consisting, as far as I can ascertain, of about 890 different kinds".

LeMay further states that "these Pee are still to be found in large quantities in Bangkok, in the stalls of the pawnshops in the Sampeng quarter; and at one time certain enthusiasts used to endeavour to make complete collections of them to the number of about 2,000 sets."

The large circulation of these convenient tokens made them acceptable to the merchants of the district since they were redeemable very easily by the gambling houses where issued. However, to curtail counterfeiting practices these tokens were called in at the first of each year, and after a two-week period of grace were no longer redeemable as new tokens were issued. Since many of the tokens were never redeemed because they were kept as souvenirs or as collector's items, or else were broken or lost, the gambling houses often issued more than they needed in the ordinary course of business. Thus they developed another gimmick to add to their gambling profits.

The Tokens were made by the Chinese porcelain producers, who in their inimitable fashion created a great variety of designs and shapes for this purpose. They took the shapes of fish, butterflies and birds; and were oval and rectangular; had serrated and scalloped edges; and came in many other shapes and different sizes. They were made of the famous white Chinese porcelain, and were inscribed with varied colored designs. On one side would appear the name of the gaming house and on the other the denomination. The script was Chinese but a few are known with English words.

"A big thank you to the London Numismatic Society and Lloyd Smith
Editor.

PROPOSED COIN SHOWS

To help clubs decide upon a coin show date that will not conflict with another club in its area we are listing proposed show dates. If a show has been previously confirmed for the same date please contact the listed club(s) within seven days so they may know how to proceed with their plans.

- July 15-16-17 - Canadian Numismatic Association Annual Convention at Calgary, Alberta. Come and see the stampede at the same time.
- Sept. 14 - London Numismatic Society 17th Annual Banquet, Auction and Exhibit, Hotel London, London, Ont. Guest speaker--Mr. Fred C. Jewett. Bourse Chairman - Percy Elgie, Thamesford, Ont. Display Chairman-L.M. Smith, 691 Strathmeyer St., London; Information-W.N. Clarke, 167 Delaware St., London.
- Oct. 5 & 6 - O. N. A. Convention Host Club-Kitchener Coin Club at the Granite Club, Kitchener, Ont.
Please note- the bourse tables are going fast - don't wait too long, get in on the \$10.00 savings deal (Aug. 1st is the deadline and the \$5.00 savings is the 1st of September) - after this you pay the full price--See you at the show.
- Oct. 6 - Bluewater International Annual Coin Show and Banquet, in association with Sarnia Numismatic Society.
- Oct. 12 - Bay of Quinte Numismatic Association "Coin-Arama", in the Pinnacle Room" of the Hotel Quinte--10.a.m. to 10. p.m. Bourse--Competitive displays--Auction.
Information - Bay of Quinte Numismatic Association, P.O. Box 125, Belleville, Ontario.
- Oct. 19 - St. Catharines Coin Club Annual Coin Show and Banquet in Welland Ave. Parish Hall, Welland Ave., St. Catharines, Ont.
- Oct. 27 - Tillsonburg Numismatic Society Annual Coin Show at the Orange Hall, Brock Street, Tillsonburg, Ontario.
- Nov. 2 - Oshawa Coin Club Annual Banquet - Displays, etc.-- More details later.
- Nov. 16 - Hamilton Coin Club proposed Show and Auction.
- Nov. 16-17- Windsor Coin Club Annual Show at North Palmer. Enquiries re Exhibits, etc., to Guy Jamieson, 3199 Dominion Blvd., Windsor, Ontario.

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- Mar. 22 - St. Thomas Numismatic Association Sixth Annual Coin Show and Banquet at the Grace United Church, St. Thomas, Ontario.
- Mar. 29 - Waterloo Coin Society Annual Banquet and Coin Show--details later.
- Oct. 4-5- Kitchener Coin Club Annual Show and Banquet.
We will have full details later.

Be sure to send in the proposed or confirmed dates of your clubs' Banquets and Coin Shows early so we can list them on this page, then we will not have conflicting shows.

"This N' That"

They showed a photograph to a small child and asked him what he saw.
"It's a plate of spaghetti," he replied. Actually it was an aerial view
of a bathing beach on a holiday week-end.
The U.S. has 3,700 miles of coastline, but one day there'll be no room
for you on the beach.
Golfers line up before daylight to tee off at noon.
Campers drive up to see "Sorry - Camp Full"
Boaters are now putting quarters in parking meters.
The wide open spaces are under siege.
Shorter working hours and more income mean more people are looking for
more space to play.
But it's being gobbled up fast for homes, factories and highways.
Of the public areas designated for outdoor recreation, only 4% is in the
northeastern U.S. which has 25% of our people. A knowing man said,
"Recreation is not a luxury; it is essential to life."
If you want a place to play, you'd better go to work.
This is happening in the United States. Could it happen here?
"Courtesy of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #24.

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I leave you with a short quotation from Ibid --

"If you are grateful for anything on any particular day, by the time
you wake up next morning, it's probably been taken away."

So long till August

Ye Editor

COIN SHOW '68

Saturday, Oct. 5

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