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## CONVENTION '70

To-day, more than ever, everybody needs to "belong", to identify himself with other members of society in the pursuit of happiness and contentment, and possibly at the same time to gain some form of recognition of his, or her self!

Our present society is not just a mass of individuals, like a group of zombies. People tend to band together in societies, clubs, etc., such as our own organization, to express themselves through these groups. If, therefore, our members do not find constructive satisfaction for their aspirations, then we as an organization are failing in our duty to these members. Each individual member of our association should and must put some effort into this association if we are to give you this "constructive satisfaction".

By your very presence at our Convention on May 2 and 3 at Barrie, Ontario, you will, I feel sure, experience that feeling of "belonging", and should you decide to exhibit your collection, you most certainly are providing satisfaction to others who attend by your very efforts to show you belong, and thus are enticing others to also belong, either by joining this Association or, if already a member, by showing them that numismatics can be and is a "fun hobby".

To our many readers may I ask that you help to make this our best Convention yet. If you can't exhibit, at least attend the various events the hard-working committee has provided. Try to attend the General Meeting at 10.30 a.m. Saturday, then take the Bus Tour at 2.00 p.m. or the Audio-Visual Show with guest speaker, Major Sheldon Carroll, stay for the banquet in the evening and enjoy the companionship of your fellow hobbyists, culminating with the highlight of the evening, our guest speaker, John J. Pitman.

Be assured that when you arrive, you will be welcomed and made to feel that YOU "belong" to the Ontario Numismatic Association.

Ye Ed.

Avon, Ontario Merchant's Trading Tokens

There are still a few people in and around Avon, Ontario, who can remember G. D. Binkley, the general merchant. His store, which is still in operation is situated on the southwest corner on the main intersection in Avon. Most of his trade was done with the surrounding farmers, and as any of you who can remember back to the early 1900's, know that many rural transactions did not deal in cold, hard cash. Farmers needing supplies of hardware, food, chewing tobacco, or other necessities would often pay for their wares in produce, such as butter or eggs. Naturally the butter, eggs, or other produce would be resold in the store. But often the amount of produce brought in by the farmer exceeded the value of his purchase. A farmer might bring in \$6.00 worth of butter and wish to buy a pitch fork worth only \$2.00. Naturally Mr. Binkley didn't like to see the remaining \$4.00, which came out of his pocket, go to a competitor. So to guarantee that the farmer would eventually spend the remainder in his store, he paid for all produce in tokens.

There were six different denominations of tokens ranging from 1¢ through to 1 dollar. The tokens were the same as cash to the farmer with one exception. They were only negotiable in Binkley's store. The tokens, therefore, guaranteed that Mr. Binkley would continue to get that farmer's business.

Mr. Binkley retired from the store in the early 1920's and the present owner, Mr. Clayton Daniels, has been operating since 1947. The tokens, although no longer negotiable, are interesting as collector's items, especially for token collectors in Elgin County.

(Thanks St. Thomas Numismatic Association)

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INGERSOLL COIN CLUB ANNUAL SHOW AND BANQUET

Plan to go to Ingersoll, June 6th, for their annual show and banquet. There are door prizes, banquet prizes, draw for a Canadian Presentation set with Gold and a special attraction will be the guest speakers, a husband and wife team, Bruce R. Brace, F.R.N.S. and Mrs. Dorte Brace. There are 8 display categories and a Best of Show prize. For reservation of space and/or loan of cases, write to Mr. Howard Whitfield, 89 Stanley St., London 16. For bourse reservations contact - Harry Eisenhauer, 501 Chester St., London 17, Ontario. All this and an auction at 8.00 p.m. with the auctioneer, Lloyd T. Smith.

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DID YOU KNOW -

The LONGEST word in the English language is SMILES..... there is a MILE between each S, (.....and TODAY you walk a MILE before you see a SMILE).

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PROPOSED COIN SHOWS

To help clubs decide upon a show date that will not conflict with another club in its area we are listing below proposed dates, which we now have on hand.

- May 9-10 - City of Ottawa Coin Club Exhibition and Show at the Chateau Laurier Hotel. Exhibits Chairman - Jeff Holmes, Auction Chairman - Peter Degraaf, both may be reached through the Ottawa Coin Club.
- May 16 - St. Thomas Numismatic Association in Grace United Church Hall, Balaclava St., St. Thomas. Details re bourse, exhibits, etc., write to A. W. O'Neill, P.O. Box 187, St. Thomas, Ontario.
- June 6 - Ingersoll Coin Club Annual Show and Banquet at the Ingersoll Community Centre Auditorium, Mutual Street. Information re bourse, exhibits, etc. either from Alan Macnab, 249 Hall St. or Harry Eisenhauer, 501 Chester St., London, Ont.
- Sept. 20 - London Numismatic Society Annual Coin Show and Banquet. Details as soon as London send us some information.
- Sept. 26 - Ingersoll Coin Club's Canadian Currency Convention sponsored by the Canadian Paper Money Society who will award the trophies. Guest speaker - Major Sheldon S. Carroll C.D. Contact Alan Macnab, 249 Hall St., Ingersoll or Harry Eisenhauer, 501 Chester St., London, Ont. re details.
- Sept. 27 - Bluewater International Coin Show at the Holiday Motel, Highway #7, Sarnia. General Chairman - Norn Scott, P.O. Box 89, Corunna, Ont., and displays - Fred Hurley, Box 89, Corunna, Ont.
- Oct. 4 - Kitchener Coin Club Annual Show and Banquet. Send us details and we will publish them, Kitchener.
- Oct. 17 - St. Catharines Coin Club Annual Show and Banquet in Westminster Church Hall, Queenston St., Ontario.
- Oct. 18 - Brantford Numismatic Society Exhibition and Banquet to commemorate their 10th Anniversary. Guest Speaker - Major Sheldon S. Carroll. Details re bourse, exhibits, etc., as soon as received.
- Oct. 25 - Tillsonburg Coin Club 8th Annual Fall Show in the Orange Hall, Brock St. East, Tillsonburg, Ont. Thanks for changing date so as not conflict with Brantford. Send details as to Bourse, Exhibits, Etc. for next bulletin.

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BOB VOADEN REPORTS ON O.N.A. CONVENTION IN BARRIE

General Chairman of the Convention, Ken Prophet, is expecting dealers from Montreal, Ottawa, North Bay, Sudbury, Winnipeg, Cleveland, Rochester and Michigan. John J. Pittman, President of the C.N.A. is the guest speaker and he is one of the outstanding numismatists of to-day. Time is drawing close, so if you have not already made reservations, do so at once. Send enquiries to - Huronia Numismatic Association, P.O. Box 243, Barrie, Ontario and do not be disappointed by getting a reply that all accommodations are taken. See you in Barrie, on May 2 and 3.

COIN CLUBS REPORT

CITY OF OTTAWA -

The last meeting was taken up mostly with plans for forthcoming Show on May 9 and 10. Mrs. Parker has made funds available for an annual trophy for "Best of Show" in memory of Norval Parker who was Master of the Royal Canadian Mint. Andy Winn, dean of dealers in Ottawa donated an award for the "General" category. To date, 16 bourse tables have been sold and deadline for auction material is finished. Exhibits have almost taken up all available space. Peter Degraaf is the auctioneer and there are some outstanding U.S.A., Great Britain, early South American and European items to be sold.

LONDON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY -

A report was given by Harry Eisenhauer on the Canadian Paper Money Society Show in Toronto. The main speaker was Tom Masters and his topic was "Broken Bank Notes of the U.S.A.". He told of a three dollar and thirty three cent piece of paper money. Have you ever seen one? A lively auction closed the meeting with the auctioneer being Lloyd Smith assisted by Howard Whitfield and Sam Smith.

ST. CATHARINES COIN CLUB -

Mr. Ron Scott of Smiley & Scott Accounting firm gave an informative and interesting talk on Mr. Benson's "White Paper" as it relates particularly to coin collections. Vic Snell also gave a short talk on his display of Maundy Money. Maundy Money is given to the poor and the amount given coincides with the Queen's age. Rose Thompson also showed three very interesting fractional currency bills, in denominations of .03¢, 10¢ and 25¢. A card was received from a lady in Long Beach, California, asking some member to exchange a St. Catharines Medallion for an American Coin. A lively auction conducted by Lloyd Dorsey, assisted by three club members closed the meeting.

SARNIA COIN CLUB -

Program Chairman, Don Park, held a "NUMISMATIC BEE" which turned out to be loads of fun. The Club voted to renew their membership in the C.N.A. and the O.N.A. and it was noted that all the Journals of these Associations would be kept in the library for any club member who wished to check on back issues. Good idea. Other clubs could well copy.

TORONTO COIN CLUB -

The last meeting featured participation by the members. Each was asked to bring something not regularly displayed or just recently acquired and speak for a few minutes about the item. This turned out quite well.

Due to enclosing Convention information in the May issue and getting the Bulletin in the hands of the members in plenty of time for them to make arrangements for Barrie, we do not have many club items. However, in the June issue anyone getting their news in Ye Ed's hands in the normal time will be included, and we will give extra space for the interesting doings of the clubs.

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DID YOU KNOW -

A milled Edge on a coin is a coin rim which has been raised in relation to the surface of the coin.

CHARTERED BANKS OF CANADA

By Harry Eisenhauer.

Any account of Canada's paper notes would not be complete without a reference to, and reproduction of, some of the chartered bank notes. Long before the "Province of Canada" (the union of the provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, now Ontario and Quebec) issued its first paper money in 1866, there was an urgent need of some sound and reliable system of exchange to finance the rapidly expanding industry of the new colony. General Brock's paper scrip, by which he paid his troops and carried on the war of 1812 and which was later redeemed in full, gave the public a growing confidence in paper and there was an immediate clamour for a continuance in some form.

Apart from a few notes of "The Canada Banking Company" dated 1792, which did not long survive, the "Montreal Bank" was the first to see the need (and the profit) in providing a service to the public. In 1822, they changed their name to "The Bank of Montreal" and became Canada's first chartered bank. That broke the ice, and during the next eight years charters were granted to seven others in Ontario, Quebec and the Maritimes, one of which lasted for only a few years, one for thirteen and the others from forty to sixty. None of these seven exist to-day.

As immigration increased, so did the pressure for more banks, the idea being that more banks would provide more money in circulation and prosperity for everyone; make borrowing easier and provide funds for expansion of new industries. The Government reluctantly granted new charters and more banks were opened. Unfortunately, some had no purpose than to issue paper which people would accept. When the home government in London realized that the situation was getting out of hand and refused more charters, it was too late. Newly chartered banks could not compete with the more soundly established institutions and they went broke. The panic of 1837 was the inevitable result; over-development and land speculation put an end to creating new banks for about twenty years. All this was the natural result of over-estimating the natural growth of the new colony.

Railway expansion shifted new industries; and new banks with, perhaps different policies, got the cream of the profitable new business, and the less firmly established could not stand the competition; they gradually dropped out. Some were absorbed by their stronger competitors and their notes redeemed by them. The notes of some were paid off in full or in part by the Dominion Government.

Of the ninety-eight banks which opened since 1800 and were in operation for a time, only nine remain, thirty-nine failed, fifty paid off and gave up or were absorbed. The nine are : The Bank of Montreal, Bank of Nova Scotia, The Toronto-Dominion Bank, La Banque Provinciale du Canada, Royal Bank of Canada, The Canadian Bank of Commerce, Banque Canadienne Nationale, The Imperial Bank of Canada, and Barclay's. The Bank of Toronto and the Dominion Bank merged a few years ago. Previous to that time, they had both been carrying on an honourable banking business for about one hundred years.

In the meantime, the old question of what body should have the right to issue paper money came up when the bank act was reviewed every ten years and it became increasingly clear that sooner or later a change must be made. In 1934 the change came and in the following year the Bank of Canada took over the issuing of all paper money. In

1950, in accordance with their fifteen year program, chartered banks paid over to the Bank of Canada the balance outstanding on the value of their notes still in the hands of the public; over thirteen million dollars.

Where these bills are is anyone's guess. Some may have been destroyed; some are probably tucked away in a dresser drawer, or carefully buried in cans under the floor of farm homes or behind a stone in the family fireplace; some among the prized specimens in collector's sets.

Apart from the nine banks mentioned above, which are still in operation, there is some difference of opinion among collectors in which category the notes from the fifty liquidated banks should be placed. Also, those from the thirty nine banks which "failed" and whose notes are now worthless. That is, whether they should be regarded as those of "chartered banks" or "broken banks".

The difference is that a bank which was unable to continue and the notes of which were worthless became a "broken" bank, whereas those which were "absorbed" or "liquidated" had their outstanding notes redeemed at so much on the dollar, are regarded as "chartered" banks in that their notes were partly paid off even though there was nothing left for the shareholders and the notes finally became worthless.

By a revision of the Federal Bank Act in 1890, all banks were required to deposit with the Minister of Finance (or the Bank of Canada) a sum equal to five percent of their average note circulation. These deposits provided a redemption fund from which notes could be redeemed in the event of a bank failure. As a result of this, the notes of any bank that has failed since 1890 are redeemable at face value. Many collectors have discovered a wide and new way for expanding the scope of their hobby in the paper notes of early banks. Some are rare; some have become almost priceless collector's items, particularly those in reasonably good condition; and even the notes of chartered banks before the Bank of Canada took over in 1935 are being eagerly sought now.

To complete a collection of Canadian chartered bank notes is impossible in any condition; however, one can complete a collection of the small size chartered bank notes without too much difficulty, but offers a challenge to complete them in uncirculated condition. This challenge would be mostly financial. So, in closing, my fellow "Rag Pickers", have fun and happy hunting!

(Good work, Harry, Ye Ed)

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NEW MEMBERS

The following applications for membership published in the April issue have now been accepted. They are: Mrs. Ernest Mastromatted, 19 Carey Road, Toronto 295, Ont., Mr. Carl W. Querbach, Box 173 Sandwich P.O., Windsor 10, Ont., and Mrs. Carolyn A. Querbach, Box 173 Sandwich P.O., Windsor 10, Ontario.

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See you at Barrie, May 2nd and 3rd for the O.N.A. Convention

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DID YOU KNOW - The LEGEND of a coin is the inscription on the rim or edge of coins.

SUDBURY'S NICKEL Belt COIN CLUB has given us a very interesting bit of news that we think is worth passing on. They have formed a Junior Club where the young people can learn about coins, how to collect, grade, display, care for and how to purchase paper money. Some of the senior members are helping to get the Junior Club rolling and it is hoped that eventually the Junior members will form their own executive and manage their own affairs. The following is an article written by one of the Junior members, John Kosiba, aged 12, grade 7, Churchill Public School. The following essay won John the right to represent his class in the "Public Speaking" school finals to be held in March. It is entitled "My Hobby" and is as follows:

"I would like to tell you about the most interesting subject I know, and that is money, for you see I am a coin collector. I started my hobby two years ago, and now belong to the Nickel Belt Coin Club. Although being one of the youngest members I do not feel out of place with all of the adults, for we all have the same interest. I was sure surprised when I started my hobby to see how much I was learning, especially history.

Did you know that it tells in the Bible that Abraham paid 400 shekels for his wife Sarah's burial, and that the Chinese were using paper money when Marco Polo visited them. (13th century).

It is interesting to note that wherever history is made, money or coins were involved. I found that a coin when studied is just like opening a history book, for I have studied most of the coins in my collection and have found many interesting things about people and places I have never seen. Some of the important things I have learned about coins are:-

- (1) How does the age and condition determine its value?
- (2) How to handle coins.

The next time you take a coin out of your pocket or purse, take a good look at it for it might just turn out to be a collector's item. But, remember please - 'All that glitters is not gold'.

(Good work, John, keep it up, Ye Ed.)

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THIS 'N THAT - Here we are at another big Convention and the end of another year of service for the growing family of O.N.A. members -- each passing year sees, we hope and trust, yet greater strides in providing bigger and better services--if you take time to look at the large list of slides now available to member clubs you can judge how this one facet of O.N.A. service has grown just over the past two years---Our display case service has improved and will again (we hope) continue to improve in the quality of cases and the method of shipping same to our clubs -- The fact we have not much say in the speed of their arrival via C.N.R. or C.P.R. goes without saying, but genial Walter is trying to alleviate this bothersome detail by sending your orders a bit sooner to avoid any disappointment--here again is another instance of letting us know your needs well in advance of dates--- even as we like to know your actual dates of shows well in advance to publicize and let other clubs know in order to set their dates accordingly---Finally to the many unsung heroes who painstakingly each and every month pound their typewriters, pencils, etc. in order to be sure their club is in the "news" as far as the O.N.A. bulletin is concerned--to you and those other folk who diligently compose articles for our bulletin we say here a big "THANK YOU KINDLY" for your help and interest--See you at the Convention, Sincerely,  
Ye Ed.