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## YOUR GOOD DEED FOR 1970

Every year the members of your Executive are requested by our hard-working membership chairman for help in collecting the forthcoming membership dues. This year Bruce has asked our members to co-operate with him by sending their dues in November, if possible for 1971. We quote from a letter received from Bruce as follows.-

"Once again it is time for our November issue of the Ontario Numismatist to be mailed. Accompanying this issue as in previous years is a renewal membership application which, I trust, you will complete and return with your 1971 dues, (however, if you are now a Life Member or your 1971 dues are already paid, no renewal membership application will be sent. As I am always very busy around the first of the new year, I am providing return postage to encourage you to mail your renewal membership application early. We are always looking for more life memberships in our association. Life Membership is only \$50.00, what a nice Christmas gift this would be for any numismatist."

As you can see we are trying to ease the work load on Bruce and your co-operation would be greatly appreciated.

PLEASE SEND IN YOUR 1971  
DUES THIS WEEK

YOUR EXECUTIVE

NUMISMATIC POLLUTION

By John McKay-Clements, F.R.N.S.

Words and causes can be fashions, a craze or just a fad. If you were given three guesses as to the most popular cause on everybody's mind at the present time I suggest that you could not miss, at least one of the three words that would spring to mind would be pollution.

Everywhere it is pollution that is getting the attention of today's thinkers and crusaders, polluted air, polluted food, polluted water, polluted morals, polluted business ethics, polluted art, and all crying out for drastic action if man is not to destroy himself.

What has this to do with coins? Just this, and I write from the point of view of a collector, the raw material of numismatics is fast becoming diluted with counterfeits, the worst of garbage in an environment that must be pure and beyond suspicion to properly fill its role.

While looking over numismatic publications received during the past three years I have been impressed by the steady stream of warnings carried by periodicals serving coin collectors, about specific instances of coin forgeries being produced in all parts of the world and notably in India, Japan, China, Greece, Germany, Italy, U.S.A., and South American countries. One in one week, one or two in another and so on, until the total in the three year period makes an impressive addition to the garbage that pollutes the mainstream of numismatic material.

It must be admitted that more awareness and emphasis has been created by the activities of the members of the American Numismatic Authentication Trust who have been struggling for three years to raise \$50,000.00 to establish an authentication service to fight this type of pollution. The fund has finally reached its goal and is now in the process of setting up the necessary procedures and facilities to carry out its aims. The fact that costs have substantially increased for the sophisticated equipment and professional know-how required has already made it necessary to appeal for another \$10,000.00 but there should be no reason to doubt that this further objective can be reached.

In the same way that modern equipment can aid in the protection of the collector, it is also available to the counterfeiter who, in a way, always has a certain time element in his favour.

His product has to be in the market before it can be suspected and for this reason he works swiftly and efficiently. There is little doubt that practically any forgery can be detected by the right person, using the right equipment at the right time --- that time is before parting with good cash.

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Special O.N.A. Sterling Silver Lapel Pins (screw back or pin back), only \$2.50.

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With the A.N.A.T..service in full operation there should be little excuse for a collector paying a large sum of money for a coin which HE thinks is genuine. A small investment in competent authentication services will protect him against this possibility. Indication to the source of supply that the proposed purchase is first subject to scrutiny by the A.N.A.T. will prove such a deterrent that even the authentication fee may not have to be paid.

A known forgery would no longer be available to the collector who displayed such an intelligent approach to his buying, the peddler of numismatic garbage would not risk detection and another step would have been taken to cut down on pollution --- numismatic pollution, that is.

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CANADIAN BANK NOTES BECOMING POPULAR

By Harry Eisenhauer.

Jack Veffer, president of the Canadian Paper Money Society once stated in an article by Mr. Frank Rasky, "My advice to investors who want a hedge against inflation is simple - the best way to make new money is to collect old money". In other words put money into irreplaceable tangible objects. How true that has proved and, particularly in the paper money world, as people are beginning to realize there are not so many of the beautiful old notes of the world about.

To-day those colourful, magnificiently designed nineteenth century Canadian bills present an opportunity to make up a pictorial history of the development of Canada, and, at the same time, can form an investment for the future.

Already many of them are hard to get, and I can promise you that they are going to be very much harder to get in the near future. Most are under-catalogued. Catalogue prices are dependent on supply and demand. To give an example of the above-mentioned statement, it was just four months ago when I was fortunate enough to purchase a Dominion of Canada one dollar note dated July 1st, 1870, in crisp uncirculated condition. To the best of my knowledge, very few exist in this condition. A Toronto dealer who has been in business for a number of years, said, when I showed the note to him, it was the nicest specimen he had ever seen. Another lucky find resulted in the purchase of the very rare lilac seal variety, bearing signatures and date, McCavour and Saunders, July 2nd, 1923, also in crisp uncirculated condition. Only three are known to exist in this preservation and are presently owned by three prominent paper money collectors.

The demand for paper money is increasing, and, with the high standards of living and thus more money to spend on hobbies, we can expect a snow ball reaction for rarities. Supply is an interesting aspect. The availability of perhaps most of the notes of the chartered banks of Canada and the broken banks is unknown. But take a look at the population of Canada in those pioneering days - make reductions for the area in which a particular note served, allow for destruction from fair wear and tear, and for destruction by bankruptcy or absorption by another bank. It is unlikely that any of these banks have left their wares for future generations in any great quantity.

Canada in particular is likely to show rapid price increase trends. This is because, until in fact the nineteen sixties, the

paper money of Canada was studied by only a handful of men and articles and information on the history of the notes is only beginning to seep through to the world of collectors. So my advice for a newcomer to the paper money world is to have a go at the Canadian notes while you can, with the forecast that if you leave it even another three years you may not be able to because of scarcity.

All correspondence pertaining to this article should be directed to Harry Eisenhauer, 501 Chester Street, London 17, Ontario.

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CURIOUS MONEY OF THE WORLD

By Ricky R. Morse.

In the days before modern coins, and banknotes, as we know them, the people of other lands used numerous other objects as money which had a trading or buying power. These objects took many odd and curious forms, and some are still used to-day in far-off places.

Africans made purchases with the bristles from an elephant's tail, and in certain sections of the world the teeth of sharks, dogs, boars, elks and bears were used as a form of money.

Bones, beads, stones and shells have also been used, and the people of Egypt once used rings as a form of money. Tea leaves mixed with sawdust to form a solid brick was once used in China, while the Aztecs of Mexico made pure gold figurines to trade for the things they desired.

Most of us have seen the cowrie shells, and the cowrie shell necklaces that were, and still are, used in Asia and sections of Africa. The wampum of the Indian is quite well-known, but did you know that different colours of beads in a wampum belt had different meanings? The dark beads meant "death, war, sorrow and sickness", while the white beads were a sign of "health, wealth and peace".

We have also heard of the huge stone money that weighs several tons, and is used as a symbol of wealth on the small island of Yap, but seldom is it mentioned that these same people also wear a necklace of stones that represent their wealth, or that the huge stones of Yap do not come from the island itself, but are transported there on rafts from other distant isles.

Expeditions in Africa at one time, paid the natives in bags of pure salt, which they promptly opened and ate by the mouthful. This was due to the scarcity of salt in that area at that particular time.

Even human beings have been used as a source of buying power via the exchange of slaves in the Far East for jewels, food and other necessary items. The history of money through the ages throws an interesting light on this odd and curious world.

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THE ANATOMY OF THE BONES

There are "Wishbones" who spend their time wishing somebody else would do the work.

And then there are the "Jawbones" who do all the talking, but very little else.

Next comes the "Knucklebones" who knock everything anyone does.

Finally, there are the "Backbones" who get under the load and work.  
(Sam Smith, London Numismatic Society)

NEWS AROUND THE COIN CLUBS

CHAMPLAIN COIN CLUB

At the last meeting Mr. Harry Booth spoke on the rules and regulations governing taking Silver and Nickel coins into the United States. He pointed out that one had to have a permit and then could only take limited quantities in. The meeting was also busy with planning for the Banquet Nov. 5th with an auction following.

HAMILTON COIN CLUB

The Club participated in the Hobby Show sponsored by the Wentworth Curling Club. Bruce Brace and Mildred McLennan reported on the C.N.A. Convention in Halifax at the last meeting.

HURONIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

For the 10th Anniversary meeting the film "The Ultimate Achievement", the film put out by the Franklin Mint, was shown and was well worth viewing. There were also excellent displays which gave the guests an idea as to how a coin club operates.

INGERSOLL COIN CLUB

The October meeting featured an O.N.A. Audio-Visual by David Ashe entitled Lundy Island and World Famous Orders, Part 1. This was an excellent film and very much enjoyed.

KITCHENER COIN CLUB

The October meeting featured the O.N.A. Audio-Visual entitled "Coinage of Newfoundland" and members were asked to bring their Newfoundland coins to show, trade or sell. The meeting was followed by an auction and refreshments.

LONDON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY -

The annual Show and Banquet was a great success with the following winners:-Canadian Decimals - Frank Lieshout, Canadian General - Jim Hayes, World Coins - Sam Smith, World Paper Currency - Charles Laister, British Commonwealth - William Clarke, Medals - Art Leff, Miscellaneous - Tom Waller, Juniors - Robert Stewart, Grand Award Winner for Labatt Trophy- Frank Lieshout. Space only permits listing the first in each group. But it sounds like a real good show.

PORT CREDIT COIN CLUB

Port Credit have two meetings a month starting October and the first one in October featured a film slide on Western Canada and the second one featured a visit from Mr. Terry Wedge who spoke on "Numismatics and Business". An auction followed at both meetings.

RICHMOND HILL COIN CLUB

The last meeting featured this year's winner of the Hans Zoell Trophy, Ron Bennett, in a demonstration on the identification of error coins. Members brought their own varieties for show, trade or selling.

SARNIA COIN CLUB

Winners at the Bluewater International Show were.- Canadian - Brian Nixon, American - Brian Nixon, Foreign - R. Sargent, Tokens - Gertrude Scott, Miscellaneous - T. Waller, Junior - Cheryl Latsun, Paper - C. Clark, Medals - P. Card. Space only permits listing firsts in each category. Best of Show winner was Clarence McGee, Sarnia. Sounded like a good show.

ST. CATHARINES COIN CLUB

Instead of a regular meeting the club held its 11th Show and Banquet on Oct. 17th with Major & Mrs. Sheldon Carroll and Mr. & Mrs. John Pitman as guests. Speaker was John McKay-Clements of Haileybury and he talked on how he acquired some of his collection. Firsts in various categories were - Junior - Jan Nielson, Canadian Decimal - F. Lieshout, Paper Money - Victor Snell, Medals - Art Leff, Topical - Victor Snell, World Coins - Victor Snell, Miscellaneous - T. Waller, Grand Award - Victor Snell and W.E.P. Lambert Trophy for Juniors - J. Nielson. It was a most successful show.

THISTLETOWN COIN CLUB

The club is aiming at total participation by all the members and this meeting was taken up with open discussion on coin magazines, newspapers, their advantages and disadvantages. It proved a worthwhile meeting.

TORONTO COIN CLUB

The last meeting presented an Audio-visual film entitled "The Paper Money of Newfoundland" by Norman Williams and Walter Allen. The next meeting is designated "Bring A Guest" meeting. This is a thought to be adopted by other clubs.

WATERLOO COIN SOCIETY

The October meeting was called "Oktoberfest Night" and there was a display of "Notgeld" which was used after the First World War in Germany. It is paper currency and takes book form. The Oktoberfest medals are going well and much interest is being shown in them. At this meeting there was also a display of 80 War Medals by W. H. Schmalz. Albert Fuller also gave a report on the displays at the C.N.E. where he was in charge.

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PROPOSED COIN SHOWS

Listed below are proposed coin club annual show dates and banquets. Please check to see if they conflict with YOUR club's forthcoming show.

Nov. 5 - Champlain Coin Club Annual Banquet and Auction. Everyone welcome. Regular meeting place Orillia Y.M.C.A., 18 Peter Street N., Orillia.

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Mar, 27-28 - Waterloo Coin Society Twelfth Annual Coin Show and Banquet to be held in the Walper Hotel, Kitchener, Ont. For details re bourse and exhibits write to P.O. Box 41, Waterloo, Ontario.

Apr. 24 & 25 - Ontario Numismatic Association Annual Convention to be hosted by the Nickel Belt Coin Club and held at the President Motor Hotel, Elm Street, Sudbury, Ont. Chairman of the Convention is Gerry Albert and Co-Chairman is Jack Dupont. Bourse dealers get your requests in early to Mrs. W. Campbell, 1369 Rpy Street, Sudbury, Ont.

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THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY - Remember your biggest asset is an ability to recognize that everyone appreciates a pat on the back for a job well done.

SPECIAL FOR O.N.A. JUNIOR READERS OF THE ONTARIO NUMISMATIST.

THE ROAD TO COINVILLE

By Ricky Morse.

On the road to Coinville you will see, and meet, people of all ages, who are interested in collecting the coins and money of every country in the world. Although all are interesting, I think that most young people in Canada find "topical" coins more to their taste for various reasons.

Ships and animals appear to be the leaders in this section of collecting and the field is unlimited. One girl I know in the United States has a huge collection of coins and medals, and each one has a horse(s) on it. She has won hundreds of trophies and prizes at coin show across the country, and has won hundreds of new friends through her hobby.

Coin collecting is especially great on those dark days when the rain, or snow is coming down heavily outside, while you're inside enjoying your collection. Being a coin collector is also a great help when you are stuck in bed through sickness, or an injury. Working with your coins can pass-away many an hour, and often make you completely forget your troubles.

Another good point about topical collecting is that you never have to worry about getting "key" or "semi-key" coins due to the dates on the coin not being important. Say, for example, you decide to collect all the coins with animals on them. Dates don't matter. You just want all the different animals, and start off with the Canadian beaver, then, perhaps, a buffalo nickel from the U.S., and a big horse from Ireland. Before you know it you have a couple of dozen, and will start looking for the ones showing pigs, elephants and polar bears.

Several times I have seen a topical collection win the Best of Show at a coin show, and this has been an added joy to the owner's heart. So, if you are wondering what to collect for fun and happiness, perhaps "topical collecting" is your answer. In any case ... get in on the action. I can promise you that you won't regret it.

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AWARD OF MERIT

Please start thinking about your "O.N.A. Award of Merit" (1971) nomination. This is a prize highly thought of in numismatic circles. Any person whom you feel has done much to improve our hobby, worked hard to promote its qualities and spread the word as to the merits of belonging to a club which specializes in making our hobby a healthy and worthwhile past time. This is the person who should receive your individual consideration, then take to your club for their support. Let's make it tough on the O.N.A. Executive this year and give them some real opposition to choose their Award of Merit Winner.

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DID YOU KNOW

Canadian coins since 1907 are turned from right to left to show the reverse in the same position whereas U.S. coins are up and down to show the reverse in the same position as the obverse.

NEW MEMBERSHIPS

The following applications for membership have been received. If no written objections are received, their acceptance will be acknowledged in the December issue.

#776 Ronald Young, 2547 Yonge Street, Toronto 299, Ontario.

#777 Mr. F. Rhode, 70 Galaxy Blvd., Rexdale 605, Ontario.

#778 Mrs. F. Rhode, 70 Galaxy Blvd., Rexdale 605, Ontario.

#779 A. J. Pinkos, Box 144, Station "B", Toronto 169, Ontario.

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THE IONIAN ISLANDS

By W. N. Clarke

The short association of the Ionian Islands with the British Empire has left us a most interesting series of coins to collect.

The Ionian Islands, situated off the south and west coasts of Greece have figured in history since ancient times, however, our interest here covers a short span of 43 years in the nineteenth century.

A brief history of the Islands leading up to their becoming a part of the British Empire shows the strategic importance of the Islands to the Mediterranean area. In 1799, the Islands were seized by Russia and Turkey and placed under Turkish protection; in 1807 they were given back to France by the Treaty of Tilsit; in 1809 Great Britain seized Zante, Cephalonia and Ceriga; in 1810 Santa Maura; in 1814 Paxo and after Napoleon's fall, Corfu. On Nov. 5, 1815, the Islands were formed into the United States of the Ionian Islands under British protection.

Under the direction of a Lord High Commissioner, public works were started which included road construction and the establishment of schools. New regulations governing taxation and the administration of justice was introduced and created permanent friction between the administration and the Island's representatives.

After 1849, insurrection broke out and discontent with British rule increased with agitation for union with Greece gaining in popularity. In 1858 a special commission under Mr. Gladstone was sent to the Islands to see what could be done to meet the demands of the population. The commission advised against annexation with Greece.

Further unrest followed, creating a most difficult situation. In 1863, a son of the King of Denmark was elected constitutional King of Greece, and England took this opportunity to rid themselves of this troublesome protectorate. On Nov. 14, 1863, a treaty was signed in London by which the Ionian Islands were incorporated as part of Greece.

The special coinage for the Ionian Islands was struck first in 1819. The obol was the chosen monetary unit with 100 oboli to the Spanish dollar. From 1821 to 1835, 4 Lepta equalled 1 obol and from 1835 to 1862 5 lepta equalled 1 obol. 30 lepta was the equivalent to the English threepence. In 1821, a quarter obol of 'rough local workmanship' was struck. This is perhaps a polite way of saying these were forgeries, however, they did receive wide circulation,

The basic design of the coinage has a winged Lion of St. Mark on the obverse and Britannia on the reverse. The silver 30 lepta has Britannia on the obverse and 30 within a wreath with date below the reverse.

A check list of the known dates of the various denominations is shown below:

COPPER- One Lepton -

George IV - 1821; William IV - 1834, 1835;  
Victoria - 1848, 1849, 1851, 1853, 1857, 1862.

One-half Obol (Farthing) -

George III - 1819, 1820.

One Obol (Half Penny) - George III - 1819

Two Obol (Penny) - George III - 1819.

SILVER - Thirty Lepta (Threepence)

William IV - 1834, (1835?)

Victoria - 1848, 1849, 1851, 1852, 1857, 1862.

These coins were struck at both the Royal Mint, London and Ralph Heaton & Sons, Birmingham. Neither series have a mint mark.

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THIS 'N THAT -

Ye Ed has two apologies to make - one to F. J. Lieshout who worked so hard at our recent show at the C.N.E. and then was left out of the "Thanks To You" write-up, This was too bad, please do accept our apologies --Also we apologize to Art Leff for giving credit for an article to "Norm" which "Art" wrote--our regrets -- A wee note to "Uncle John"; Yes, we could use 3 or 4 articles for our Juniors-- tried to see you at St. Catharines for a minute but could not--your suggested titles sound real interesting--could use them starting in the December Bulletin---Visited Nelson Boltz and Bernie Kline in Halifax recently--they seem to have gotten over the recent C.N.A. Convention and were raring to go setting up for their own show --nice to meet mutual friends of our hobby--well worth travelling nearly 2800 miles just to say "Howdy" --Incidentally in case I forgot to give the many personal messages from both Nelson and Bernie they said to say howdy to Bill English, Vic Snell and all the many old and new friends they made at the C.N.A. Convention--I hear via the grapevine that maybe something will be done about forming a protective association for dealers (and I hope) collectors alike -- will give more details when they come available -- by the way, next convention - April, 1971 at Sudbury, is election of officers time -- we need your suggestions for your new slate of officers -- we ask you to give it some thought and when we print the list (in Dec. and Jan. issues) we hope you will take an interest in this very important part of our Association--Same thing applies to your "Award of Merit" nominations-- but these must be enclosed in an envelope plainly marked for "Award of Merit" Committee to make sure they get to the right place --I guess this is about it for now except to say thanks for the letters I have received from many of our members and the nice things they say about the Bulletin -- it does make our job more worth while when people "say their thanks" -- a special message to Arthur Honour -- I haven't forgotten you -- just too busy keeping up with things to write -- we do think of you and are still waiting for your next article.

Ye Ed