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## SEASONS GREETINGS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Friends, members of The Ontario Numismatic Association and affiliated societies everywhere, to those of you whom I have had the pleasure of knowing personally, and to the others that I have not had the privilege of personal relationship -- I wish you all in behalf of the O.N.A. and myself,

## A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

In this present period of stress and strain in our economy, your O.N.A. executive is putting that much more effort into providing the necessary facilities and leadership, in promoting a worthwhile service to the coin collectors of Ontario.

In the best of times an interesting hobby is an exhilarating experience -- but when the going gets a little rough, there's nothing like a hobby (coins) as a steadying influence on the old equilibrium.

So let's give it all we have for the enrichment of ourselves as well as others, particularly our juniors.

Seasonably and Numismatically  
Yours,

Don Flick, President  
Ontario Numismatic Association.



(4) You claim that you must not become involved in such a group because "as the publisher of this newspaper I must retain an independent role". But independent from what, from seeing justice done between dealers and collectors? Hardly! I realize your predicament but I am sure you are aware that one of the strong disciplinary measures against dealers would be to refuse to accept their advertising. This would be very difficult to do but it surely would put teeth into the decisions of the organization you say is so badly needed.

(5) One of the risks which collectors run in an organization of the type suggested is that indirectly it becomes a collection agency for dealers by wielding the "big stick" against collectors who don't pay their bills. For collectors, this is a heads you win, tails we lose proposition.

(6) One final comment related to the reputation of the hobby which seems to be uppermost in the minds of everyone, people who don't pay their bills or are involved in theft, fraud, etc., are found everywhere. I don't think there are more of them in numismatics than elsewhere, but I may be wrong. Certainly I have run across more sharp traders in numismatics than in any other activity in which people engage as a pastime, and it thus can be argued that there is always a need to upgrade standards of conduct. Collectors organizations have attempted to do this with some degree of success although there is still more room for a greater effort. On the other hand the incidence of coin dealer bankruptcies or the frequency of criminal proceedings of one type or another brought against coin dealers appears to me to be quite high. However it is difficult to know how serious a problem this is because Canadian dealers have no organization to record such statistics or to act in these cases in the way mentioned above. The upgrading of the reputation of dealers, as a group, on balance seems to be where the greatest need lies and I believe that only dealers can do that.

I am sure you realize I have had to generalize in trying to establish the above basic points and that much more could be said on the subject. Also that I recognize clearly that there are good as well as bad dealers and collectors and that I have only referred to the problem areas not to the many fine things that have been, and are being done.

If you care to publish these views I have no objection provided they are included in their entirety. They are by the way my personal opinions and are not those of the Canadian Paper Money Society.

Yours very truly,

Signed: W. H. McDonald, Past President.

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Second letter re the above:-

"Finally after all these years, we are starting to talk to each other about "the dire need of a governing body to mediate on behalf of dealers and collectors alike" Personally, I feel that this need is LONG OVERDUE and, by rights, should have been attended to years ago, thus stopping the situation from becoming a headache to all concerned to-day. The first step necessary is to become honest, both with ourselves and with others. It would most certainly be a farce for one dealer to point a finger at a brother dealer when, he himself, has an extremely poor standard of ethics, and the same can apply to certain collectors. For some unknown reason certain dealers have the name of being "honest" and, for the life of me, I cannot understand how they ever got that name and managed to keep it. However, perhaps my ideals are too high, and "good business" is not considered dishonest as long as you're successful.

It is my considered opinion that NO DEALER should be on any of the Committees that has to do with mediating on matters that pertain to the "beefs" of collectors in relation to the ethics of dealers. The O.N.A. could form such a Committee made-up of men of good caliber such as John McKay-Clements, Elliott Jephson and Ken Prophet. Bob Voaden could easily form a fifth member and your Committee would be complete....with Ye Ed, Pat Lambert, at the helm.

Each Association should form its own Committee to deal with all such matters, and I have always been under the impression that the C.N.A. already had such a group. Added to this, I am perfectly willing to form such a Committee in the C.N.V.C.A. if so desired.

If the hobby of Numismatics is to survive, one thing is certain, our Committees must consist of men and/or women whose honesty and integrity are beyond reproach. To "favour" one dealer above all others would be hypocrisy itself. And we must be sure that a wrong has been done before we condemn one of our fellows.

Signed: Ricky R. Morse  
President, C.N.V.C.A.

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#### NEWS AROUND THE COIN CLUBS

##### BRANTFORD NUMISMATIC SOCIETY -

The Tenth Annual Banquet and Exhibition was a success. Major Sheldon Carroll spoke on the Bank of Canada's Numismatic Division and the first place winners in each category were as follows: Class 1 - G. Brunsdon, Class 11- T. Kostaluk, Class 111 - P. Baker, Class 1V-Mrs. D. Brace, Best of Show - Mrs. Brace.

##### HAMILTON COIN CLUB -

The last meeting featured the O.N.A. film "Canadian Large Cents" and was read by Bruce and Dorte Brace, with the voice of Bill English on the script. A good attendance was recorded.

##### HURONIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION -

The November meeting brought up such discussions as raising the yearly dues, having a Christmas party and bringing coins for the "old coin box".

##### KITCHENER COIN CLUB -

The Annual Show was a great success with between 800 and 900 attending. The first prize winners in each category were Canadian Decimals - F. Leishout, Paper Money - V. Snell, Foreign - V. Snell, Tokens and Medals - A. Leff, Topical - T. Waller, Miscellaneous - W. Hann, Junior O.N.A. - C. Kosiba, Big Al - L. Smith. Best of Show - F. Leishout.

##### LONDON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY-

The Club held their 19th Anniversary Banquet and Auction on October 6th with the founding president, Byron Swayze, giving a short review of the history of the club. The London "Award of Merit" trophy went to Percy Elgie for his contribution to the club. Major Sheldon Carroll purchased the L.N.S. Bulletins for the Bank of Canada Archives.

##### ORILLA CHAMPLAIN COIN CLUB -

The November meeting featured displays of any hobby the member was interested in with prizes in the following categories:- Numismatic by a member, by a non-member, non numismatic by a member, by a non-member. This was followed by a box lunch. This meeting was held at the Y.M.C.

CITY OF OTTAWA COIN CLUB -

At the last meeting Jack Roberts reported on the progress in acquiring slides of winning exhibits from last years Coin Show. The offer was also made that one of the members enjoyed the hobby of photography and would be willing to photograph a fellow members collection if he wished.

PORT CREDIT COIN CLUB -

The November meeting featured slides shown by Edith and Tony Klym while they lived and worked in Southeast Africa. In view of the significance of the happenings in that part of the world the talk and slides proved doubly interesting.

ST. CATHARINES COIN CLUB -

At the November meeting the question of the dealer, collector protective organization was brought up by one of the members and Pat Lambert explained what was going on so far in this. Diane Kosiba, aged 14, gave an interesting talk on her display on counterfeit money, which was well done for so young a collector. Also Vic Snell gave an interesting talk on his display of Malawi coinage.

SARNIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY -

The November meeting took the form of a "Stump the Panel of Experts and members brought various coins to challenge the Panel to tell what the Coin or Token was. It was called "Membership Participation Night.

STRATFORD COIN CLUB -

Exhibit winners at the 1970 show were as follows:- British Empire - Sam Smith, Foreign - Jerri Nixon, Paper Money - Charles Laister , Medals - A. Leff, Miscellaneous - T. Waller, Junior - R. Danboer, Best of Show - Sam Smith. The show was very well attended.

THISTLETOWN COIN CLUB -

The last meeting featured the members bringing in their smallest coin and the winning coin was "The world's smallest coin" from Travancore, India and magnifying glasses had to be used on it. This meeting also featured an interesting talk by Howard Degeer on "Women on Coins and Medals".

TORONTO COIN CLUB -

The last meeting was called "Bring A Coin" meeting and each member brought a special coin, medal or paper money from his own collection and explained what it was and discussed it with the rest of the club members. The slides entitled "Introduction to Canadian Paper Money was also featured.

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Letter from Elliott Jephson, Director of Area #10

It is noted that recent publications are backing a proposal whereby the Royal Canadian Mint will produce a silver content "proof-like" set for collectors.

Can this be considered legal coinage as it differs from the normal coins of Canada, which are now mainly nickel?

A coin is a coin and is circulated. These silver pieces would not enter circulation and would not be coins.

What do you think?

Ye Ed - The writer would be pleased to receive any comments on the above subject.



attempted to re-engrave the 3 into the likeness of an 8. The genuine issue of 1832 has a flat top 3 and is light in weight, while the bogus copy has a round top 3 and is full weight. Since many of the bogus tokens could not be detected from the official coins, they circulated quite freely. The issue of 1840 is a variety and consists of the large "O", a small "O" and a medium "O". The 1856 is another variety with and without the letters L.C.W. for the engraver, L. C. Wyon, appearing under the bust.

The tokens issued prior to 1856 has the figure of George IV on the obverse while the reverse depicts the thistle, the badge of Scotland. It is interesting to note that the 1832 issue was minted with the likeness of George IV even though the King had died two years before. The tokens minted after 1840 bears the likeness of Queen Victoria on the obverse and the reverse depicts the Mayflower, the provincial flower of Nova Scotia.

Circulating along with the bogus and official tokens were a number of store and trade tokens, many of these being issued in the Halifax area and depicting scenes of the sea on the reverse. One of the early tokens bearing the date of 1815 was issued by M. W. White, an ironmonger in Halifax. Black's Hardware, Halifax gave tokens for trade in 1816, while several other tokens were put out by hotel keepers, transportation companies and general stores. It is interesting to comment here that a Robert Purves of Wallace, Nova Scotia issued a token for trade in 1865 and retired from business in 1870. The obverse displays the words, "Cheap Family Store, Robert Purves, Wallace" while the reverse is lettered, "Encourage Country Importers". His business must have been good to retire in five years.

The weight of the half penny is exactly half the weight of the one penny, it is still a lot of weight to carry around in one's pocket.

The first decimal coins were minted in 1861 and comprised of the half and one cent. The Currency Act giving the Province the powers to change over to the decimal coinage was passed in 1860. British Silver was retained and because the British pound was worth \$5.00 and the sixpence worth 12½ cents it was necessary to issue half cents. The decimal coins bears the effigy of Queen Victoria on the obverse while the reverse displays the British Crown in the centre with the date and around the outer part of the coin a wreath of flowers with the figure "one cent" at the top, and Nova Scotia around the bottom rim. The half cent and one cent coins were minted in 1861 and in 1862 only the one cent coin was minted. The last issue was in 1864 when the one cent and the half cent were again issued.

Tokens are again being issued in Nova Scotia but these are of a private nature commemorating some significant part of the province's history. As a centennial project, a Miner's Museum was established at Glace Bay and a commemorative to mark this occasion was issued. Another commemorative was issued in 1967 depicting the untimely closing of the Sydney Steel Works, by Hawker Siddley.

When one considers the times and the tools with which the engraver conducted their painstaking work, one must marvel at these masterpieces of medalllic art.

JUNIORS' CORNER

By The Professor

You know I think sometimes we adults tend to underrate you youngsters by talking down to you and treating you more as kids of 9 - 10 or even less. So for once I thought it would be an idea to talk to you as one coin collector to another without regard to age.

My first thought is how you are making out with your collections? Are you, like myself, having a problem finding a nice 1922, 1923 and 1925 small cent? Or a decent 1925 nickel or a 1926 far 6? I note prices are much more reasonable to-day. A 1923 - 1925 cent in fine or better condition can be had to-day for around \$6.00 to \$9.00 each -- (hum! Wonder if Dad would go that much for a Christmas gift)? At a recent auction I noted that a 1925 nickel in fine condition sold for \$10.00 and a 1926 near six for \$2.00 and a "far 6" for \$18.00. This is surely a far cry from the \$25.00 - \$35.00 days. My point here is that those dollars earned this summer could be made to really repay you for your hours of cutting lawns, etc. by buying the coins you need for your collection.

Another idea I had was --have you thought of building your own coin cabinet? I'm sure, with some help from Dad, like borrowing his tools using his lumber, etc. you could build a really nice cabinet in which to start a collection of the new nickel coinage -- 1968, 1969 and 1970. Now I know it is not as nice as our pre-1968 coins with their nice silver lustre, but with a background of black velvet in the bottom of the drawers of your cabinet you could make up an exhibit you will be proud to show to your friends, school pals, relatives, etc., and you never know what this could lead to.

After all, not too many people are bothering to collect the "Tin Money", as they call it. Perhaps you would be smart to cash in on something not too many collectors are interested in, and in three, four or five years time you would have a nice exhibit you could show anywhere, at little more than the face value of the coins themselves.

This is all for now. I'll be talking to you again soon.  
Best o' Luck

The Professor

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NEWS FROM BAY OF QUINTE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION - (LATE)

From now on this club will have a new name. At the November meeting it was decided to call themselves "The Belleville Coin Club". A nominating committee was set up to bring in a slate of officers at the next meeting. The O.N.A. slides on the Canadian 5 cent silver was shown and a discussion followed when the members asked any questions on the film. There was also an auction and this was followed by refreshments.

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DID YOU KNOW -

When a coin has a sharp rim around its perimeter it is said to have a Wire Edge. Some of the 1907 Saint-Gaudens eagles and double eagles have wire edges.

Any coins or patterns designed by American mint engraver Charles E. Barber but used specifically to refer to the Liberty Head dime, quarter and half-dollar of the 1892-1916 issue are called Barber Head Coins.

NEW MEMBERS

Applications published in the November 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 January issue of the Ontario Numismatist.

- 780 Thos. G. Waller, P.O. Box 2742, Terminal "A", London 12,  
Ontario
- 781 George Reynaert, 41 Park Avenue, Delhi, Ontario,
- 782 Stanley Gregory, 139 Wilson Street, Woodstock, Ontario
- 783 Dr. R. S. Stubbings, Caroline Street, Creemore, Ontario.
- 784 Samuel Smith, 92 Elworthy Avenue, London 16, Ontario

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THIS 'N THAT -

Had an urgent, anguished call from friend Ken Prophet -- he has had no replies for speakers in his speakers Circuit request in our recent bulletin -- again, will those of our members who are willing to promote our hobby and their particular theme, please write to Ken and tell him what you are prepared to do -- Ken's address is - "Ken Prophet, C.F.M.T.C. C.F.B. BORDEN, BORDEN, Ontario -- I don't think those 1971 dues are coming in too fast -- we would appreciate it if you could send along your dues cheque in the next couple of weeks to take the work-load off Treasurer Bruce Raszmann, -- Send them to P.O. Box 33, Waterloo, Ontario -- By the way, I wonder how many of you realize how often we use a "two" letter word, which has so much meaning?-- To illustrate here are a few instances --Are you UP-to-date with your dues? Have you thought how you can brighten UP your collection by bringing your information UP-to-date-- or how you will soon have to dress UP the house for Christmas---and have you thought about the forthcoming Convention when your executive are UP for election-- what topic are you going to bring UP for discussion at the annual meeting -- where we expect the delegates to speak UP for their Club -- I guess it's now UP to me to shut UP for the time being and close with wishing all our readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Till next year, 1971,

Ye Ed

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1971-1973

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 - Walter Griggs, Bill English and Bruce Razmann. 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. His address is as follows: Mr. Walter Griggs, 56 Dublin Street, Brantford, Ontario.

Use the following form to send in your nominations.

- President-----
- First Vice-President-----
- Second Vice-President-----
- Secretary-----
- Treasurer-----
- Director Area No. 1-----
- Director Area No. 2-----
- Director Area No. 3-----
- Director Area No. 4-----
- Director Area No. 5-----
- Director Area No. 6-----
- Director Area No. 7-----
- Director Area No. 8-----
- Director Area No. 9-----
- Director Area No. 10-----

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Award of Merit-----	Nomination
Name ** -----	
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Please list the reasons for your nomination for The 1971 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, -----.)