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## BRITISH CAMPAIGNS AND MEDALS

By Victor G. Potter

### (Part 1 - HINTS FOR BEGINNERS)

This series of articles on British medals is intended to assist the newcomer to the ranks of medal collectors, and I trust that the more experienced collector will bear with me if I impart no information which is of use to him.

To make a collection which will sustain interest, it is wise to consider what type of medals you wish to collect. The usual types of medal collection are those in which medals of a single regiment only are sought, another is formed of medals issued for a particular campaign, whilst many people collect a series of one basic medal and attempt to obtain all bars and units.

If it is decided to make a Regimental collection, it is essential to check on the regiment in order to find out in which campaigns the Regiment served. For instance, I would not suggest collecting only medals to the 2nd Dragoons, as from their raising in 1687 until 1900, they served in the "Marlborough" campaigns, at Waterloo, in the Crimea and the Boer War. This would limit the pre-1900 medals to this Regiment to one expensive set of Waterloo medals, and the Crimea and Boer War medals, which would be more reasonably priced.

Whereas a collection of medals to the Royal Artillery, Royal Engineers, South Staffs Regiment, or the King's Royal Rifle Corps, would provide a full range from the Napoleonic Wars through the Indian, African, China and Boer Wars.

By this, I do not wish to belittle or praise any particular Regiment or Corps, but only to point out that before a collection of this type is attempted, a full investigation of the scope should be made from the regimental history.

If perhaps no individual regiment is of interest, the "Campaign" collection could be started. Again, the more information that can be obtained from official reports, newspaper clippings, regimental histories, etc., the more knowledge and pleasure is obtained.

Which campaign should be chosen is entirely a case of personal preference, but it should be remembered that cost and availability have to be considered. Some of the more interesting campaigns are the Crimea, Indian Mutiny, Egypt and the Soudan 1882-1889, and the Boer War. I suggest these, as the medals are in the medium price range, they are reasonably available and there is a mass of information, both written and pictorial, which can be easily obtained.

The third main class of collection is that in which one medal is taken and an attempt is made to collect all the battle clasps issued, for example the Military General Service or Naval General Service of the 1793-1840 period, the Indian General Service 1854, or the East and West Africa 1887-1900. Each of these medals was issued with a number of bars, the I.G.S. 1854 having twenty-three, and the N.G.S. 1793-1840 having no fewer than two hundred and thirty-one. This was done to obviate the necessity of issuing many different medals for minor campaigns or actions.

Having decided upon the type of collection to be started, it now remains to consider the condition of the medals you wish to have. This is a point upon which many collectors are at variance, some insisting on perfection, others being content to allow anything which still shows enough detail to identify it as a particular medal.

I feel that, as in most things, it is wise to compromise and any medal which does not offend the eye or appear to have been mistreated is admissible to the collection. But unless it is exceptionally scarce or of particular individual interest, no medal which is not classed by the average dealer as Fine to Very Fine or better should be purchased. Firstly, this type of medal is difficult to re-sell at a good price and secondly, if placed in a collection with medals which are V.F. to E.F., it will look badly out of place.

It must not be forgotten that medals are worn by the recipients and tend to get marked. This is especially so with the Afghan 1878-80 medals when awarded with the Kabul to Kandahar (Roberts) Star, and the Egypt 1882-1889 medals when with the Khodives Star. These particular medals are often unmarked medals of these series.

It is a good idea to see other collections in order to form a clear idea of the look of medals classed as Fine, Very Fine and Extra Fine, and consider which class is acceptable to you.

Reference books are a "must" to the collector; the best in my opinion being "Ribbons and Medals" by Dorling and Guille, and "British Battles and Medals" by Major L. J. Gordon. The first book deals with

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possessions made up the largest and finest collection of Roman, Greek and contemporary coins in the world. But, in spite of his riches and position of honour within the court, his mind was on higher things. Always devout, the mature Eligius now became more and more devoted to spiritual values. He founded and built monasteries, nunneries, and cathedrals. He renounced his life of luxury and, as a simple monk, became the spiritual leader of thousands. His riches went to the poor and his beloved coins were melted down and fashioned into sacred vessels.

To its great credit, the Washington Coin Exchange (1104 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.), has done great research into the life of this once-forgotten Saint and has just produced a very fitting medal in his honour. Hopefully, through this medal and additional study of the life and lesson of St. Eligius, we shall see our Patron Saint honoured in the proper way in the world of numismatics.

(Thanks to Sarnia Numismatic Society Club Bulletin)

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MANITOBA'S TOKENS

By Dr. F. C. Pace

In general, little information on the trade, transportation and advertising tokens of the Province of Manitoba was available to the ordinary collector until quite recently. For example, Breton cites but one, Charlton, two principle types of this same item (Br 932) with four varieties of the second; Haxby and Willey, none at all. The repository of knowledge seems to have been the sophisticated collections of a few senior numismatists, until the appearance of D. M. Stewart's work, "Trade and Advertising Tokens of Manitoba (1960)". At about the same time, a series became known to the present writer through a casual purchase from a Montreal dealer - two or three examples - and he has followed and collected this group of tokens since, with modest success.

Of the nearly seven hundred items (from about one hundred and twenty communities) described by Stewart, many are of outstanding historical interest. In the field of early commerce, for example, one finds a unique (rarity 10) round aluminum token of 26 mm diameter for the Ile-a-la-Crosse post or fort. It bears the identification "D" over figure 11 to indicate the Saskatchewan district, which then included much of the present Manitoba. Evidently it circulated before the province entered confederation in 1870. A second significant piece is a brass uniface bearing the words "City of Winnipeg" and thought to have been exchangeable for one barrel of drinking water, delivered to the door. Safe water, one would hope, for the city until early in this century was much prone to water-borne typhoid fever and this door-to-door delivery might well have been a public health measure instituted by private hands. These tokens are quite plentiful. Still selecting at random, some early bridge tokens are worth noting, namely those of the Red River and Assiniboine Bridge Company - they are of several materials and shapes, and of several degrees of rarity.

To all but a fortunate few, the value of numismatic objects is of paramount importance. Granting that the worth of a coin is governed by how badly you want it, anyone interested in these tokens will be comforted to know that they are not considered expensive, one dollar, two dollars, a little more, a little less, seems to be the current value.

(FROM CITY OF OTTAWA CLUB BULLETIN)

THE BREAD TOKENS OF ONTARIO - continued from the October issue

MADOC By Wes Hamm, Ken Palmer & J. Douglas Ferguson FRNS FCNRS

Thos. Caverly/Baker/Madoc, Ont.  
Good for  $\frac{1}{2}$ /loaf/of bread A-R-25

MARKDALE

J.G. Mathews/Baker/Markdale, Ont.  
Good for 1/loaf of bread A-Sc10-31

MASSEY

E. F. Malleau/Massey/Ontario  
Good for one/loaf A-R-23

MERRICKVILLE

J. Cranstoun/Baker, Grocer/and/  
Confectioner/Merrickville,/Ont.  
Good for 1/loaf/of/bread A-Sc8-28

J. Cranstoun & Son/Bakers/and/Confectioners/  
Merrickville/ont  
Good for 1/loaf/of bread. A-Sc10-30

MILDMAY

Henry Keelan/Baker/Mildmay, Ont.  
Good for 1/loaf of bread A-Sc4/28

MILFORD BAY

Muskoka Bakeries/Milford/Bay,/Ont.  
Good for 1/loaf of bread A-R-26

MILVERTON

G. Guenther,/Baker/Confectioner/Milverton, Ont,  
Good for 1/loaf of bread A-S-23

MITCHELL

C. J. Moore/Baker/Mitchell, Ont.  
Good for 1/loaf/of/bread A-R-25

Wm Stoneman/Red Front/Grocery/Mitchell.  
Good for one/loaf/of/bread A-R-25

MOUNT FOREST

Burk's Bakery/Mount Forest/Ont.  
Good for 1/loaf. A-R-28

NEW HAMBURG

O. Voegtler,/Baker/New/Hamburg/Ont.  
Good for  $\frac{1}{2}$ /loaf of bread A-O-24  
Good for 1/loaf A-O-28

NIAGARA FALLS

Jas. Healey/Baker/Niagara Falls.  
Good for 1/loaf of bread A-O-25

Wm. Marshall/Baker/Niagara Falls, Ont.  
Good for one/loaf A-Sc4-29

NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE

Jas. MacPhee/Baker/Niagara-on-the-Lake  
Good for 1/loaf of bread A-Sc8-29

NORTH BAY

At Ernest Gauthier/Horth/Bay. Good for/1/loaf/bread	A-R-21
Lake Bros/Bakers/North Bay. ("Bakers" 12 MM Long) Good for/one loaf	A-OV-30x22
Lake Bros./Bakers/North Bay. ("Bakers" 15MM Long) Good for/one loaf	A-OV-30x22

NORWICH

Wm. Gould/Baker/Norwich, Ont. Good for/1/loaf of bread	A-RE-32x19 $\frac{1}{2}$
Good for/1/loaf of bread (10 Struck)	B-RE-32x19 $\frac{1}{2}$
Good for/1/loaf of bread (10 Struck)	C-RE-32x19 $\frac{1}{2}$
Good for/1/loaf of bread (10 Struck)	W-RE-32x19 $\frac{1}{2}$

NORWOOD

Good for/ $\frac{1}{2}$ /loaf./Tucker Bros. (Blank)	A-O-27
Good for/1/loaf./Tucker Bros. (Blank)	A-R-30

OAKVILLE

R. Ferrah/Baker/Oakville. Good for/one/half/loaf bread	A-R-26
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ORANGEVILLE

Frampton Bros./Bakers &/Confectioners/ Orangeville, Ont. Good for/one/half loaf	A-RE-32x19
Wise Bros./Leading/Bakers/Confectioners/ Fruiterers/Orangeville (Small "Leading/Bakers") Good for/1/loaf of bread	A-Ov-30x22
Wise Bros./Leading/Bakers/Confectioners/Fruiterers/ Orangeville (Large "Leading Bakers") Good for/1/loaf of bread	A-Ov-30x22

ORILLIA

W.L. Bennett/Baker/Orillia, Ont. Good for/ $\frac{1}{2}$ /loaf of bread	A-O-25
Good for/1/loaf of bread	A-R-25
J.F. Lawson/Baker/Orillia. Good for/ $\frac{1}{2}$ /loaf of bread	A-O-25
Good for/1/loaf of bread	A-R-27
F.T. Ross/Orillia Good for/ $\frac{1}{2}$ /loaf of bread	A-Sc8-28
Good for/1/loaf of bread	A-Sc4-28
Geo. Vick & Sons/Bakers/&/Confectioners Good for/ $\frac{1}{2}$ /loaf of bread	A-R-20
Good for/1/loaf of bread	A-R-25

OSHAWA

D.M. Tod/Phone 73/Oshawa. Good for/1/loaf of bread	A-RE-32x19 $\frac{1}{2}$
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OTTAWA

J.S. Balharrie & Sons/315/Rochester/St./Phone/ Carling/78	
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Good for/½/loaf of bread	A-0-21
Good for/1/loaf of bread	A-Sc8-29
J. Broadbent/Home Made/Bread (Blank)	A-R-24½
Good for/L/loaf	A-R-24½
J. Cunningham/Good for/½/loaf (Blank)	A-0-24
(Blank)	B-0-24
(Blank)	C-0-24
J. Cunningham/Good for/1/loaf (Blank)	A-0-26½
(Blank)	B-0-26½
M. Cunningham/Good for/½/loaf Pritchard Andrews Co.	A-0-21
M. Cunningham/Good for/1/loaf Pritchard & Andrews - Ottawa	A-0-27
Ottawa Bakery/½/A.J. Dompierre (Uniface)	BS-R-26
Ottawa Bakery/1/A.J. Dompierre (Uniface)	BS-R-28
Ottawa Bakery/A.J. Dompierre (Uniface)	B-RE-41x38
Ottawa Bakery/½/A.J. Dompierre (Uniface)	L-R-26
Ottawa Bakery/1/A.J. Dompierre (Uniface)	BS-R-33
Ottawa Bakery/1/A.J. Dompierre (Uniface)	L-R-33
Ottawa Bakery/½/Dompierre & Co. (Uniface)	B-R-22
Ottawa Bakery/½/Dompierre & Co. (Uniface)	A-R-22
Ottawa Bakery/½/Dompierre & Co. (L.I.) (Blank)	C-R-22
Ottawa Bakery/1/Dompierre & Co. (Blank)	W-R-28
Ottawa Bakery/1/Dompierre & Co. (L.I.) (Blank)	C-R-28
Ottawa Bakery/1/Dompierre & Co. (Uniface)	B-R-28
Ottawa Bakery/1/Dompierre & Co. (Uniface)	W-R-28
Greer's Bakery/Good for/1/loaf The Pritchard Andrews Co. of Ottawa Limited	A-Sc8-28
½ Loaf/Iliffe (Crown) (Uniface)	B-R-19
½ Loaf/Iliffe (Crown) (Incuse) (Uniface)	W-R-19
½ Loaf/Iliffe (Crown) (Uniface)	B-R-19

(To be continued next month)

NEWS AROUND THE COIN CLUBS

BRANTFORD NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

The last meeting saw an increase in attendance with the horse trading tables filled. An old pass book of the Royal Loan and Savings Co., Brantford drew much interest. Any further information about this would be appreciated.

CENTRAL COIN CLUB

At the last meeting the constitution was read and accepted by the club members. Please note the mailing address of the Central Coin Club is now P.O.Box 841, Station "K", Toronto 315. A junior member, Allan Large, has been appointed a director of the club.

COIN IRREGULARITY ASSOCIATION OF CANADA

The following is the result of the first election of officers:- President-Bill English, Kitchener, Vice-Pres.-John Regitko, Toronto, Sec.-Joanne Regitko, Toronto, Treas.-Ralph Trimble, Toronto, Directors-Paul Carl, Rochester, N.Y., Max McKinnon, Dartmouth, N.S., Jack Wallace, Kingston, Lillian Zant, Noranda, Que., Hans Zoell, Toronto. The aim of CIAC is to help the collector in the research and study of irregular coinage and to assist him with unusual coins.

HAMILTON COIN CLUB

At the last meeting Dorte Brace described "Beginnings of Coinage in Scandinavia", showing how trade brought Roman, Byzantine and Arabic coins into the region. The earliest Scandinavian coins were inspired by northern European coins especially Dorstadt.

INGERSOLL COIN CLUB

At the last meeting O.N.A. President, Charlie Laister, gave a report of the delegates meeting held in Kitchener. A highlight of the meeting was a taped talk and coloured slides by Alan Macnab entitled "Our Irish Vacation" accompanied by Irish music.

KITCHENER COIN CLUB

Report the October Show a great success, Due to Oktoberfest several hundred people passed in and out of the Walper Hotel where the show was held. There were many excellent exhibits and the dealers had some worthwhile items for sale.

LONDON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

The last meeting was the 20th Anniversary of the club and the Chairman, W. N. Clarke, congratulated several original members and the founding president, Byron Swayze, said a few words. Mention was made of the article "The First Twenty Years" written by an original member and best wishes were received from a member in England and Saskatchewan.

NIAGARA FALLS COIN CLUB

The club is officially hosting the 1972 O.N.A. Convention on April 22 and 23, 1972 at the Sheraton Brock Hotel. There have already been several bourse tables sold and all the chairmen of the various committees are working hard in their particular field.

CITY OF OTTAWA COIN CLUB

At the last meeting the past president, Paul Sullivan, reported on the club's progress in the last two years and then handed over the reigns of office to the new president, Al. Driega. Major Sheldon S. Carroll was made an honorary life member of the club. A letter was read from the Royal Canadian Mint regarding the competition for the design of the 1972 P.E.I. dollar.

PETERBOROUGH JUNIOR COIN CLUB

The following officers were elected for 1972 at the last meeting:-Pres.-Robin Caldwell, Vice-Pres.-Robert Metcalf, Sec.- Gord Landsmann, Treas.-Dale White, Advisors-Paul Johnson and Bill Hardwick. A film "The History of Coinage" was shown.

RICHMOND HILL COIN CLUB

At the last meeting arrangements were made for the Christmas Party to which all are looking forward. The Executive were given authority to look after the club's contribution to the Richmond Hill Centennial year which is being arranged now.

ST. CATHARINES COIN CLUB

At the Club's Twelfth Banquet the guest speaker was Dr. John S. Wilkinson and he spoke on Roman and Greek Coins with humorous stories interjected. Dr. Hunt was presented with the third life membership of the club. There was also a visitor from the West Coast, Mr. Zeigler of the Vancouver Numismatic Society.

SARNIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

At the last meeting a junior member, Gregg Kennedy, spoke on how he became attracted to coin collecting as a hobby, how he happened to join the Sarnia club, what the club is doing for him and what he expects to contribute to the club.

WATERLOO COIN SOCIETY

At the last meeting an Audio-Visual entitled "Shinplasters of Canada" was shown. The choice was made as several junior members and guests had requested it. This was followed by a short but interesting auction.

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PROPOSED COIN SHOWS

Listed below are the proposed coin club annual show dates and banquets. Check, please, to see if they conflict with your club's dates.

1972

- Mar. 25-26- Waterloo Coin Club Annual Show at the Holiday Inn, No. 8 Highway, Kitchener. Details re bourse, etc., to Waterloo Coin Society, P.O. Box 41, Waterloo, Ontario.
- April 8 - Woodstock Coin Club Annual Show and Banquet in Old St. Paul Parish Hall. Further details later.
- Apr. 22-23- O.N.A. 10th ANNUAL CONVENTION
  - Where - Sheraton-Brock Hotel, Niagara Falls, Ontario.
  - Who - Hosted by the Niagara Falls Coin Club.
  - Convention Chairman - Mel Fiske
  - Bourse Chairman - Howard Hill
  - Treasurer - Carl Coleman
  - Secretary - Mrs. "Marge" Smith
  - Room charges at Brock - Single-\$9.50, Double (1 bed)-\$13.50
  - Double Room (2 double beds) - \$16.00
  - All reservations to be made in advance otherwise no reduction in price.
  - Bourse - Write Howard Hill, 1 Hayes Ave., St. Catharines
  - For Full Particulars (14 booked to date)
  - Enquiries re Hotel accommodations, displays, etc. may we suggest you write to our genial secretary - Mrs. Marge Smith 5138 Willmott St., Niagara Falls, OR Mel Fiske, 7795 Beavercams Rd., Niagara Falls OR Pat Lambert, 57 Emmett Rd., R.R. #4, St. Catharines. One of us should be able to answer your enquiries.

NEW MEMBERS

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

826- G. G. Suffel, 125 Bloomfield Drive, London, Ontario

C-69 - Timmins Coin Club, c/o Mr. A. E. Humphries,  
289 Belleview Street, Timmins, Ontario

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MEMBERSHIP DUES

Your kind responses to our request in the last issue (94 renewals) prompts me to request you, who have not as yet sent Bruce Raszmann (P.O. Box 33, Waterloo, Ontario) your 1972 dues, to please do -- Bruce has taken on a rather tedious job and we are trying to ease his work load as far as is possible -- so please, all you members who have not sent in your 1972 dues, will you do it now?!

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Answers to Quizz in November issue

(1) In 1962 (2) All of us as the club is a member of the O.N.A. and can use its services. Pat Lambert is editor of their official publication, Mel Fiske is Area Representative. (3) Pat Lambert, Mel Fiske and Howard Hill. (4) Sudbury. (5) The satisfaction of hosting it, enjoying it and gaining \$500. for their treasury. (6) Come on Wednesday and see..

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TENDERS WANTED

Tenders are requested for the 1972 Convention Auction -- If you are interested please write to either President Charles Laister, Highway No. 3, Tillsonburg or Bruce Raszmann, P.O. Box 33, Waterloo, Ontario.

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THIS 'N THAT

Christmas 1971 is fast approaching and so is press time for this the last bulletin in 1971 -- It's been a good year press-wise, with many excellent articles from the many contributors who give of their time and their knowledge in order to help those of us learn more about our hobby -- to those fine unselfish folk, to the hard-working secretaries and club bulletin editors who also serve their clubs and the hobby we say a very special "Happy Festive Season" to you all - may your stockings be filled full of the good things of life -- to our poor suffering readers and members alike we wish you joy and happiness over the "Yuletide" - and as I am beginning to get a wee bit sentimental perhaps I'd better close with a "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year" from

Ye Ed.

SPECIAL NOTE: This will be the last bulletin to those who have not paid their dues by January 1,1972.