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The Ontario Numismatist,
Attention the Editor.

Dear Mr. Editor :

In answer to your recent request for me to consider writing a short story to be published monthly in this bulletin, for all Junior O.N.A. members under 18 years of age, it is my pleasure to inform you that I will accept. Keeping the column informative will be my goal. Could we possibly call column JRONAM's Coin Corner.

I hope that all Junior O.N.A. members have all paid up their dues for 1976 because I know were in for a lot of fun in the coming year.

I started to collect coins a long, long time ago, but there are other things about the hobby that I love to recall. I hope that I shall never forget all the pleasures it brought me when I was your age. I want to share this with you and help you if I can. Write to me anytime you like about your collecting problems, send your letters to Uncle JRONAM, c/o Gerry Albert, 158 Dunvegan Court, Sudbury, Ontario. P3E 1Z2 The editor will send them to me and I will answer them as soon as I can.

Enclose with your letters a stamped self addressed envelope for the reply. Print your name and address to make sure it can be clearly read by the post office people. Be sure to give me your O.N.A. membership number and sign your name. Never enclose coins or tokens in your letters, they may get lost and neither I nor the editor can be responsible for them.

If you want to talk about a coin you would have liked to show me, make a rubbing of it by placing a piece of thin white paper over it and gently rubbing the lead from a soft pencil over

it while making sure that the paper does not move on the coin.

In future letters I hope to write about the books you should have, coin grading, advise on buying for your collection, about cleaning or not cleaning your coins and about many other facets of this very interesting hobby of ours.

So if you have any questions at all, send them to me : I and all your fellow members in the O.N.A. want you to feel very much a part of our Association, and we will do everything we can to work towards that happy result.

Sincerely Yours,

Uncle JRONAM.

Many thanks for accepting this challenge Uncle JRONAM, I'm sure looking forward to your future articles knowing all about your sense of humor and fair play.

Ye - Ed.

A Bit About Nickel

by Ruth McQuade as written in the July-August City of Ottawa Coin Club Monthly Bulletin.

As early as two centuries before the Christian era, China produced "paktong", a copper nickel ore to which they added zinc. This was known as "white copper". This alloy found its way to Europe, where it was very popular and known as German silver. It was later electro plated with silver and nickel plating was developed about 1870.

In 1751 Axel Frederick Cronstedt, a Swedish chemist, isolated the element nickel and in 1951 Canada issued a 5 cent piece to commemorate the 200th anniversary of this event.

When the Canadian Pacific Railway was built west of Sudbury in 1883, nickel ore was exposed. It was first thought valuable for its copper content. This discovery of the Sudbury Nickel Basin led to the opening of many mines, and this area now produces 90% of the world's nickel.

In the first World War, most of the world's consumption was used for making arms. After the war, producers searched for new ideas for new uses of the metal. Monel metal was introduced, which is a natural alloy made from ore found near Sudbury. The nickel copper content of this ore has twice as much nickel as copper.

In 1850 the Swiss made coins containing about 62% copper, 23% zinc and 15% nickel, and in 1881 they became the first country to make
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pure nickel coins when they issued a 20 centime piece.

Nickel is ideal for coinage - it resists wear and corrosion, it is easily struck and is magnetic. Its value is suitable for the minor coins it is often used for. It is the only metal that has proved satisfactory for coins in a pure state.

From 1881 - Feb. 1968, 65 countries have issued nickel coins in 163 denominations and 245 different types.

In recent years more than 5 million pounds of nickel have been used annually for coinage.

My thanks Ruth for a very interesting article. G.A.

Proposed Coin Shows

The following are the annual Coin Shows proposed for the near future, that we have received notices for and/or taken from Club bulletins. We advise you to check this list as you debate on the date of your own Club's annual show to ensure that your date does not conflict with any other Shows.

Nov. 20-23 Canadian Association of Numismatic Dealers (C.A.N.D.)
Fall Show, Hotel Toronto, Toronto, Ontario.

Feb. 28/76 North York Coin Club Annual Coin Show, North York Memorial
Community Hall, 5090 Yonge St., Toronto, Ontario.

Mar. 20-21 Niagara Falls Coin Club 2-day coin show, to be held at the
Sheraton-Brock Hotel, Niagara Falls, Ontario. Charlton
Numismatics will conduct the Auction with Bob Shilling-
worth as Auctioneer. Enquiries to Mel Fiske, 7795
Beaverdams Rd., Niagara Falls, Ontario. Bourses to Howard Hill,
I Hayes Ave., St. Catharines, Ontario.

May 15-16 The Ontario Numismatic Association Convention for 1976,
will be held at the Don Valley Holiday Inn, Toronto, Ont.
The North York Coin Club will be the Host Club. People
interested in submitting tenders for the Auction, should
submit them no later than Dec. 1st, 1975, to W.E.P.
Lambert, P.O. Box 311, St. Catharines, Ont. L2R 6T7. The
guest speaker will be the well known numismatist Major
Sheldon S. Carroll, Bank of Canada Numismatic Section,
Ottawa, Ontario.

GET YOUR EDITOR "ONE NEW MEMBER MONTH"

Just a reminder that the Month of November is membership Development Month. I hope that every member of the O.N.A. will seriously consider sponsoring a new member this month. There will be a Special Editors Recognition Award to the member who sponsors the most new members. Maybe it could be you.

Auction Tenders Invited

To all interested Auctioneers, professional and amateur, the executive of the O.N.A. are inviting you to tender for the 1976 Convention Auction, which is to be held May 15 and 16 in Toronto, at the Don Valley Holiday Inn. The North York Coin Club will host this Convention.

The Auction will be in one session, on Saturday May 15th from 1.00 p.m. until no later than 6.00 p.m. with a maximum of 600 lots. The Deadline date for bids is December 1st, 1975.

Submit tenders to W.E.P. Lambert, P.O. Box 311, St. Catharines, Ontario. L2R 6T7.

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DUES ARE DUE ! "Due" look after them right away !

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A trip to Yugoslavia

As I mentioned in the last issue of this bulletin we were going to Europe for a short holiday. Well I must tell you that we had a most beautiful holiday, one of our best. We flew non-stop from North Bay to Dubrovnik in Yugoslavia arriving at 6.30 a.m. in the morning to a most interesting and beautiful city on the Adriatic. Dubrovnik by the way ranks among the best known wine growing regions in Yugoslavia.

We stayed at a fantastic hotel, rumored to have cost \$32 million dollars to build, the Hotel Croatia, in Cavtat, a small town just east of Dubrovnik.

One of our first tours was to the city of Dubrovnik. The entire inner city is girdled and enclosed by massive walls and fortifications, which were built, reinforced and expanded from the 12th to the middle of the 17th century. The wall is furnished with 5 bastions, 3 round and 12 rectangular towers, 2 corner towers and one large fortress which encloses the old city harbour.

Dubrovnik has four city gates and we entered one over a stone bridge connected with the gate by a wooden draw-bridge. The city walls are well preserved in their original state.

As you enter the city you see that the most prominent place in this wall enclosed city is taken up by administrative and municipal buildings. You see the Rector's Palace, the seat of the government; the palace of the Great Council, adjoined by the building of the Main Guard; the city Clock Tower flanked by the Bell Loggia constructed in 1463; the Sponza Palace which today houses the Historical Archives and a museum.

A little to the west stands quadrangular Orlando's Column which was the medieval symbol of a free merchant city. The Church of St. Blaise, the patron saint of Dubrovnik stands a little to the south. The southern side of Luza Square is taken up by Dubrovnik's Cathedral, which has on display a considerable number of old works of art which have survived.

The Cathedral's Treasury stands beside the Church and contains many reliquaries made of gold and silver. It is interesting to note that the Treasury was jealously guarded by both the Church and the Republic so that its door was provided with three locks each with a separate key; one kept by the Archbishop, the other by the Rector and the third by the Secretary of the Republic, so that none could enter without the other two. This custom has been preserved with the only difference being that the third key is now kept in the Institute for the Conservation of Cultural Monuments.

Then we were shown through the Franciscan Pharmacy dating back to 1317. It probably was the first pharmacy in Europe and it certainly is presently the Oldest in Europe. Many manuscripts, books, coins, etc. were on display for all to see.

It would take far too much space if we tried to present here every interesting item that we saw. It will suffice if we take a walk along main street, a unique open air hall, which has no match anywhere else in the world.

Along the main street, the side streets, the connecting streets are hundreds and hundreds of little stores and I mean little, some as small as 6 feet by eight feet and all are owner owned and staffed.

As I was looking for coins I spent much of my time looking in jewellery stores. There are no coin shops there as we know them here in Canada but many of the jewellery stores have coins for sale. You are expected to ask to see them as they are usually kept under the counters in bags or behind some shelves. I found the price range to run from normal to ridiculous. Silver coins that are sold in Canada for \$8.00 are shown to you at prices ranging from \$9.00 to \$50.00. It's unbelievable.

Perhaps curiosity is a Canadian trait, but I certainly found little evidence of any interest in how their money was made among the people I was able to communicate with in Yugoslavia, and actually not too much interest in any kind of coin collecting, although there was indications that nearly every jeweller had a small hoard of various coins accumulated over the years. I had a chance to examine a few of these but only after the jeweller was entirely satisfied that we could be trusted. The language barrier is a factor, but many of them speak Italian where we could communicate.

One of the things we decided after the trip was that we made a lot of mistakes that we fully intend to correct on the next visit. The main problem was that there were simply so many new impressions that it was hard to concentrate on any specific subject.

We were shown many gold coins and from our limited knowledge we could tell that many were restrikes and I am very sure in my own mind that many were counterfeits. Because of these reasons we made no gold purchases. We did however make a few purchases of small quantities of Silver Crowns in a jewellery shop that added immeasurably to our knowledge of Yugoslavia coins. We

payedtop dollar for all of the coins, but we do have the pleasure of knowing a little bit more about another foreign country.

The above was only one of our many tours. We also travelled to the city of Ljubljana pronounced Lubyana; to the city of Trieste; to Venice in Italy; to the city of Zagreb in the northern part of Jugoslavia and then back to Dubrovnik.

Maybe in the near future when we run out of articles, we might be talked into writing about the rest of our most interesting holiday.

Your travelling Edtr

Never criticize your wife's faults -
Remember it may have been these little imperfections that stopped her from getting a better husband !

Thanks for working your way through all of these pages.
Sometimes I write more than I have to say.

New Members

The applications published in the October 1975 issue of the Ontario Numismatist have now been accepted.

REPORT OF THE MASTER OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN MINT FOR 1974

Production in the Coining and Medal division increased from 816,570,771 pieces in 1973 to 1,184,383,107 pieces in 1974, an increase of 45%.

During 1974 the Mint produced a total of 75.1 million pieces of foreign coin. Coin was produced for Israel (56 million), Honduras (40,650), Barbados (18.5 million), Trinidad and Tobago (460,032).

Sales of Canadian coins of numismatic quality decreased somewhat. In the Refinery division, rejected Olympic silver coins weighing 545,438.69 oz. gross were destroyed by melting and casting ingots for the Numismatic division.

Cupro-nickel and bronze scrap weighing 1,604 lb., mutilated steel coin weighing 255.44 lbs., and 14,064.91 oz. of silver blanks, coins and scissel were melted and cast into ingots for the Coining and Medal division.

500 lbs. copper were melted and poured into granulations for the Coining and Medal division.

An estimated 46 matrices and punches were produced for coins, 347 medals were engraved and 39,812 dies were produced.

The above items were picked at random from the report.

And again my thanks for the above article to the City of Ottawa Coin Club Bulletin of October 1975. Ye Ed.

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Two fellows were discussing the decline of the coin market. One asked the other; "Does it bother you?" "Who, me?" replied his friend. "I sleep like a baby. Every two hours I wake up and cry."

This 'N That

Now that I've told you some of my holiday experience I must come back to earth and tell you some news regarding some of our members and Clubs.

I must congratulate the Sarnia Numismatic Society for their fine bulletin that they issue every month. The bulletin continues to be informative, educational and one of the largest received each month. This months issue was 15 pages in length, very pleasing and easy to read. Bouquets to Fred Webb editor, Rose McGee and Gertrude Scott assistant Editors, keep up the wonderful work.

I should also inform you that the Niagara Falls Coin Club has moved their meeting place to the Stamford Lions Club Centre but their meeting remains on the second Sunday of every month at 2.00 p.m.

I must also tell you about some of the many letters I received this past month; from our President Elliott Jephson, who is presently very busy in the background preparing some new ideas for our Association; From Jim Charlton who promises to write us an article very shortly after getting settled in Florida for the winter months; from Clare A. McGee President of the Sarnia Numismatic Society with some very nice comments; from Douglas Ferguson who is presently trying to fill in the gaps of his "wooden Pieces" collection. He tells me that he presently has 404 Canadian varieties but is missing a few and is wondering if any one of us could help him find any of the following that are listed. He is willing to buy or trade. Requires the Sudbury 1967 "Nickel Capital of the world" the Parry Sound Chamber of Commerce issue; the 1955 Sault Ste Marie issue; the Kenora Winter Carnival 1973 issue; the Cobalt 1967 issue. If you have any of the above would you drop him a line, his address is J. Douglas Ferguson F.R.N.S., Box 38 Rock Island, Quebec, JOB 2K0

I also received a few other letters offering best wishes, your messages of appreciation makes me feel a little better, I now feel that some of you are reading this bulletin, and I can tell you that it will make me work a little harder to make this the bulletin that you the member wants.

In the past few months, the Coin Stamp Antique News has done a wonderful job of publicizing all the Coin Clubs Show Dates and the Club News. I am not agaisnt this policy in any way, as a matter of fact I like the idea very much and I think they should be complimented, but it seems to me that your Editor of the Ontario Numismatist is duplicating a service already being done by the Coin Stamp Antique News.

I am sure that you realize as I do that we want this bulletin to be your publication, with stories, ideas and news that touches on your own particular interests of collecting.

I am also keenly aware of all the blank spots in newmismatic communications in Ontario, and I am most anxious that the Ontario Numismatist play its part to fill in these areas.

With this in mind I have made up a questionnaire on the following page that I hope you will take time to fill out, and mail it to me. I would like to publish this bulletin as you the member wants it. To do this I require an idea of your likes, dislike, preferences and interests. It will only take a few minutes, would you do it to help us all. Many thanks.

Ye - Ed G.A.

O.N.A. QUESTIONNAIRE NOVEMBER 1975.

Do you enjoy reading ...	Yes	No
1) The listing of the Proposed Coin Shows	-----	-----
2) News from around the Coin Clubs as done previously	-----	-----
3) This 'N That	-----	-----
4) Letters to the Editor	-----	-----
5) Coin Stories as we have had	-----	-----
6) Should we eliminate any of the above	-----	-----

If Yes to the above which one _____

Which of the above do you prefer the most
1st Choice _____

2nd Choice _____

Would you like something as	Yes	No
1) A history of every Coin Club in Ontario	-----	-----
2) An Educational Series If yes in what category _____	-----	-----
3) Articles on Foreign Coins If yes in what category _____	-----	-----
4) Quizzes	-----	-----
5) Could you suggest any others _____		

Miscellaneous

What would you like to see different in this bulletin _____

How can we improve the bulletin

Do You have any other suggestions

Name and address of your Club

Where and When do you Meet

Your name and O.N.A. #

Thanks G.A.