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Dear Santa :

Listen Santa, I would like to ask you, as I lie here almost half asleep, Christmas! What does it mean to you? What does it mean to me? Work? Tinsel? Bells of red and blue glittering on a tree? Mistletoe, candy canes, egg-nogg, the hanging of stockings for toys, the glow of the yuletide log?

Santa, Christmas means all these and more - a few days off - a few days to play with our treasures - but more than that, dear Santa, it will mean much more if you can share with all the Ontario Numismatists these wishes for this Christmas Day.

Would you see to it, dear Santa that.....

President Elliott Jephson gets a new podium and gavel.

Ist Vice-Pres. Rick Ford gets a winning lottery ticket.

2nd Vice-Pres. Gerry Albert finds a bagfull of interesting articles.

Treasurer Bruce Raszmann finds Rem-i-dees for cash problems

Secretary Mrs. S. Hodge gets a new tape-recorder.

Past Pres. Pat Lambert gets a complete 1976 set of ONA Medals

And that his wife Trudy gets something Special this Christmas

And that Mel Fiske gets a well deserved HOLIDAY.

That the Directors for

Area I - Howard Whitfield gets a faster boat
Area I - Thomas Masters - a milder winter
Area 2 - Ken Wilmot - his First Million
Area 3 - Bob Voaden - another holiday to A - Lass - ka
Area 4 - Bruce Petch - a pool table etc. etc.
Area 5 - Wm. Gordon - a larger den
Area 6 - Gordon Culbert - Masonic Chapter Pennies
Area 7 - Tony Gordon - finds an unlisted Military Medal
Area 8 - Bruce Watt - very few snow storms
Area 9 - Jack Roberts - lots and lots of snow storms
Area 10 - Roland Albert - a new snow plow

That Don Flick - a letter from Mrs. B. Campbell

That Louise Graham - a lovely Fur Coat

Charles Laister - receives recognition as Canada's
No I audio visual Chairman

Ray Pleau - a nice 1921 fifty cent piece and
while your at it could you consi-
der an 1890 and 1898.

Lorraine Pleau - some Ecclesiastical Coinage

Ken Prophet - 4 cases of Scotch Wiskey for the
next O.N.A. Meeting

and for all the remaining paid up O.N.A. members,

much too numerous for me to mention by name,

would you please see to it, dear Santa, that they all receive

the numismatic item that they most require for their own personal
collection.

from your most helpfull little helper,

always ready with some good ideas,

Your temporary editor ??? GJA

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NEW MEMBERS

The following applications have been received and if no written objections are received, their acceptance will be acknowledged in the January issue of the Ontario Numismatist.

- 959 Sydney Banks, 250 Merton Street, Toronto, Ontario.
960 Michael Belcher, P.O. Box I9I30, Detroit, Michigan 482I9, USA.
96I Keith S. Greenham, 394 Richmond St., London, Ontario. N6A 3C7
962 Mario S. Sega, 42 Howbert Drive, Weston, Ontario. M9N 3L3
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964 Pat Vinish, Box 6608, Station "A", Toronto, Ontario. M5W IX4
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966 Noel Gordon, 23 Aneta Circle, Willowdale, Ontario. M2M 3J3
967 William Duffin, 828 Terlin Blvd., Mississauga, Ontario.
968 R.D. McAlpine, Box IO76, Deep River, Ontario. KOJ IPO
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- LM3I Robert C. Parkin, Toronto, Ontario. M6K 2NI
LM32 R.C. Willey, Espanola, Ontario. POP ICO
LM33 Joseph Mustos, Dorchester, Ontario. NOL IGO

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It looks like the "November Membership Month" was fairly successful. It's too bad that the mails were tied up so badly. I know of other applications mailed in that are not listed above and they will be listed in the January issue. Because of the mail strike new applications received in December will also count towards the Special Editors Recognition Award to be awarded. To the sponsoring members my personal thanks, and to all you New Members Welcome.

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.

- Feb. 14th- Huronia Numismatic Association Annual Mini-Show to be held at the Bayfield Mall, Barrie, Ontario, Saturday from 10.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. Enquiries - P.O.Box 243, Barrie, Ontario. L4M 4T2. There will be Coins, Stamps and Antiques Dealers and Coin Displays.
- Feb. 28th- North York Coin Club Annual Coin Show, North York Memorial Community Hall, 5090 Yonge St., Toronto, Ont.
- Mar. 20-21- Niagara Falls Coin Club 2 day Coin Show will be held at the Sheraton-Brock Hotel, Niagara Falls, Ontario. Charlton Numismatics will conduct the Auction with Bob Shillingworth as Auctioneer. Enquiries - to Mel Fiske, 7795 Beaverdams Rd., Niagara Falls, Ont. Bourse - to Howard Hill, 1 Hayes Ave., St. Catharines, Ont.
- May. 15-16- The Ontario Numismatic Association Annual Convention will be held at the Don Valley Holiday Inn, Toronto, Ont. Details re Bourse, Displays, Reservations, etc., to The North York Coin Club, P.O. Box 294, Willowdale, Ont. The guest speaker will be the well known numismatist Major Sheldon S. Carroll, Bank of Canada, Numismatic Section, Ottawa, Ontario.

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Congratulations

We extend sincere congratulations to N.B.C.C. Member Robert C. Willey, newly appointed Editor for the CNA Journal.

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Sudbury, England.

Located on the river Stour, 21 miles west of Ipswich, in Suffolk. It was a mediaeval wool town, and was the site of a mint in the reigns of Aethelred II, Cnut, Edward the Confessor, William I, William II, Henry I, and Stephen. These reigns span over 170 years, from 978 to 1154 A.D. Sudbury began to coin about the year 995.

The town was incorporated as a borough in the reign of Queen Elizabeth I. In 1596 it was granted the arms which appear on a token issued in 1793 by Goldsmith & Sons, tailors and drapers. Towards the end of the eighteenth century there was such a shortage of copper coins in England that merchants and corporations all over England began to issue tokens to provide small change. The same thing happened in Scotland and Ireland.

In Sudbury the only token to appear was the halfpenny issued by Goldsmith & Sons in 1793. The obverse bears the coat of arms of Sudbury, with the legend MAY THE TRADE OF SUDBURY FLOURISH. The reverse is simply inscribed PRO BONO PUBLICO (For The Public Good) with the date 1793. It was engraved by Thomas Wyon and struck by Peter Kempson.

Sudbury was the birthplace of Simon Tybald, Archbishop of Canterbury in the early years of the reign of Richard II. He was beheaded by the mob during Wat Tyler's rebellion in 1377. The famous painter Thomas Gainsborough was born in Sudbury in 1727.

Æthelred II the Unready

Æthelred II assumed the throne in 978 on the murder of his half brother Edward, for which he was responsible. It was considered the worst crime committed since the Anglo-Saxons came to Britain some four hundred years before, Edward being known ever since as Edward the Martyr. Æthelred was an opportunist whose policy was fatal to the kingdom. The word "Unready" meant in those days "without rede", an old way of saying without council or that he took no advice.

His reign was long and turbulent, England being almost constantly harried by the Norse and the Danes. Almost every year one or the other plundered the coasts of England. Eventually the Norse went elsewhere, but the Danes continued. Æthelred at first paid tribute (Danegeld) to keep them off, but the enormous sums carted off to Denmark only whetted the Danish appetite for more, so Æthelred resorted to murder in 1002.

In 1002 he ordered the massacre of all Norsemen and Danes in England. Only in a few parts of England was the King obeyed in this. Vengeance was swift and terrible. Over the next four years the Danes ravaged the South of England from Kent to Cornwall. Exeter was levelled to the ground in 1003, after the reeve treacherously let the Danes into the besieged city by night.

Enormous sums in Danegeld were paid again in 1007 and in 1010, in vain. The Danes returned under their King, Swein, in 1013 to conquer the country. They met no resistance, and Æthelred fled to Normandy. Swein died in 1014 and Æthelred returned to England. Canute, son of Swein, was crowned King of Denmark, and landed in England in 1015. He soon had most of England under his rule, and was advancing on London when Æthelred died in 1016.

Æthelred's son Edmund Ironside was chosen to succeed him, but he died in battle against the Danes seven months after his father, and Canute became King of England. Canute married the widow of Æthelred the following year.

Æthelred's queen, Emma, was a Norman princess. The marriage initiated close relations with Normandy, which paved the way for the Norman Conquest fifty years after Æthelred's death.

The Sudbury mint was opened in the reign of Æthelred II, and coins of three moneyers, possibly more, are known. The moneyer, or mint master, was an important official in those days. He was usually wealthy, but under close scrutiny to prevent fraud by debasement of the coinage. Moneyers guilty of fraud were punished with exemplary severity. The three known Sudbury moneyers at this time were named Brantine, Æthelwerd, and Heawult. The penny illustrated was struck under the administration of Æthelwerd. The obverse

shows a crude head of the King to left in a circle, with the legend AEDLRED REX ANGLOR. (Aethelred King of the English). The reverse bears a cross in a circle, with the letters C R V X in the Angles - the Latin word for cross. The legend is the moneyer's name and the mint- EDELPERD MO SVDBY (Aethelwerd of Sudbury).

The story above was presented as a talk to the Nickel Belt Coin Club by Robert C. Willey a few years back and I thought you might enjoy sharing it with us. My thanks to Bob for letting me reprint this article at this time.

If any member of the ONA has a story about their own town or city we would certainly appreciate it if they would forward it to us for printing in the NUMISMATIST.

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Uncle JRONAM's Coin Corner

As no mail has been received since we accepted to write this column, I would like to ramble about some ideas for all ages of classified collectors....

Do you remember when teddy bears were the toys to buy, the soft, cuddly toy with the lovely eyes, with the love me look.

Well many things have changed since then. Today's toys are usually programmed to implicitly obey instructions. Play hours are to be productive with a learning toy, and Grinches tell us we should no longer have pointless affection.

When I first started to collect, coins were usually kept in a glass jar or in a cigar box and dumped upon the kitchen table to be looked at and admired with pride. When you showed them off to other collectors the question usually asked was "How many countries do you have". Nobody at that time ever asked "How much is it worth"

I still own the first coin I ever acquired many years ago. It was given to me by a fine gentleman, who was a CPR Conductor, who delighted everyone he met with his wonderful stories. I wouldn't trade that coin for anything. It is loved.

This all happened before the GRINCHES decided to take the Junior collectors in hand. They taught him to handle his coins like a stock broker, and like a doctor; to analyze them, to wrap them up and put them away in a safety deposit box, where he can look at them during visiting hours.

Every collector can choose his own method of collecting. But stop and think. Are we responsible for inflicting our madness on our junior collector. Isn't it enough that they will inherit this world we now live in. Why don't we consider letting them develop their own style of collecting.

Should we instruct them in Coin Values? The way I see it, value is in the eyes of the beholder. Who among you can define it to another?

Do you think we should tell them not to handle their own coins? Remember to love is to touch.

Do you think we should tell them what to collect? Their wisdom is no less than ours.

Why can't we let them choose their own pleasure? Let them decide if they will love their coins for their artistic or historical merit; or worship them strictly for their monetary value.

So down with the Grinches ! Please let the Junior Collector do his own thinking. There's a great need for LOVE in this world of ours.

Uncle JRONAM

Dues *** Dues *** Dues ***

The 1976 membership dues are now due and payable because the January bulletin will be your last one mailed until all dues are paid. We would respectfully remind you to get that cheque in the mail, to Bruce Raszmann, P.O. Box 33, Waterloo, Ontario, to-day.

Canada's First Silver Dollar.

The Dominion of Canada Currency Act of 1910 first mentioned a silver dollar. It authorized the striking of a silver dollar weighing 3/4 of a troy ounce and a fineness of 92 1/2 %. A press was ordered from a firm in Birmingham specially to strike a dollar sized coin. The dies were engraved and prepared by the Royal Mint in London.

No mention of this coin was made in the official proclamation of the year. The coins proclaimed were : The \$5 and \$10 gold, The 50¢, 25¢, 10¢, and 5¢ silver, The 1¢ bronze.

So it appears that the silver dollar was not struck in Canada. This is confirmed by the Deputy-Master of the Ottawa branch of the Royal Mint. No reason was given for not striking the coin and we still have no explanation.

Two of the Patterns struck by the Royal Mint are known. One is in the Royal Mint, which keeps a sample of every coin struck there. The other was in the Farouk Collection and was sold by the Government of Egypt, after the abdication of King Farouk in 1952. This became the property of a western Collector who in turn sold it to a coin dealer in Arcadia, California. Then it was sold to a collector in Northern Ontario for around \$65,000.00, an increase of \$50,000.00 from the Egyptian sale. The pattern has the standard "Sir Bertram Mackerall" obverse of the George V issues and a reverse similar to the Wyon reverse of all the silver coins from Victoria to George V. This is one of the few coins unavailable to the British Museum.

My thanks to Phil J. Forster, a member of the N.B.C.C. , for an interesting article and allowing me to print it here.

Make A Note of This

We want your News. Does your Club have a Special event coming up? We'd like to hear about it. We would also be interested in having a list of your new executives and the place

and time of all your meeting places. We would like to focus our news on Ontario happenings but we are also interested in receiving any good Numismatic story. So do drop us a line to Gerry Albert, 158 Dunvegan Court, Sudbury, Ontario. Many thanks,

It's Great to be a Coin Collector.

A man gets something out of coin collecting only in proportion to what he puts into it.

He need invest only a little time and effort in his Coin Club to get rewarding dividends in new friendship, new status and importance.

Now ... if he should write a short story about his experience or his collection, if he would send it in to the editor, he would get a new and heart warming sense of usefulness because he is doing something for other collectors.

This N' That

Another mail strike has come and gone, in many respects the worst ever in all of Canada's history. I hope that for the next few months that we can expect good mail service. It is very hard to write up a bulletin when you don't get any feed back.

Did you Know that neither Hitler, Stalin nor Mussolini ever had their portraits on contemporary coinage of their own countries.

- ... that a numismatist can hardly go broke.
- ... that Paraguay issued only one silver coin in the 19th century, a one peso coin.
- ... that both the old and the new Mexican mints are using the MO mintmark.
- ... that the government looks upon a citizen as someone who has what it takes.
- ... that streaking is just a way of showing that you paid your income tax.

Christmas 1975 is here.... It's been a good year 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 wonderful people, to the hard working secretaries, to the club bulletin editors who also serve their clubs and the hobby we would like to say a very special "Happy Festive Season" to you all, may your stockings be filled full of the good things of life. To all we wish you joy and happiness over the "Yuletide".

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from

Ye and Mrs. Ed.