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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR NEW EDITOR

I would like to thank Gerry Albert for all the kind words he printed about me in the last issue of the Numismatist. The acceptance of this position was not taken too lightly for I had given it a lot of thought and a lot of soul searching, for it is a big job and carried with it a lot of responsibilities.

Over the past twenty years that I have been in the hobby, three men come to mind, who, in a way, are responsible for my taking this position. The first man was Cale Jarvis, former publisher of a successful numismatic publication, the Canada coin news and a PR man with tremendous vitality & enthusiasm. Cale not only wrote of the happenings in various clubs through-out the land, but also visited many in an attempt to carry the message of the hobby to everyone. He was always available for information or assistance and he was a big help to me when I made my debut in numismatics. The next man was Pat Lambert, a long time editor of the Numismatist and a versatile organizer and helper in all aspects of the hobby. Pat knows the hobby and the people in it. His writings, through his column THIS 'N THAT, prompted discussions in the Numismatist that is healthy and vital to any organization. The general secretary of the C.N.A Ken Prophet was the next man to influence my decision. Ken, as many of you known, is not only a very hard worker for the hobby, but is very methodical and fastidious with his homework. As a matter of fact, I think Ken probably has every note he made on every show he worked on. These three men, each in their own way, played a vital role in furthering the cause of numismatics and they are indeed big men to follow. I shall try me best and just ask that you be patient with me in this transitional period. The "NEW BROOM" shall not sweep clean, because in doing so, one wouldn't be able to

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see anything for the dust. Change will inevitably come as it must in every facet of our life, but it will evolve slowly. The main theme will be, "SUPPORT ONTARIO NUMISMATICS" by being part of the Ontario Numismatic Association. We need your support, MAY WE HAVE IT!

We're in a hurry. What! I didn't tell? We're heading for Oshawa and the best show yet. Are you coming?



Oshawa is the city and the event is the 15th Annual Convention of the Ontario Numismatic Association which is being hosted by the Oshawa & District Coin Club. Chairman Henry Burke reports that all the BOURSE TABLES have been SOLD. This Convention appears that it will be one of the best in Numismatic circles. Two very interesting tours are scheduled, one being through the plant of General Motors, the other is a tour of the estate of the late R. S. McLaughlin. So be sure that you have marked on your calendar the week end of May 13-14-15, for OSHAWA. It has been reported by the Convention Committee that they be notified of all the names of delegates that will be attending and that all reservations for the Holiday Inn, be made through the Registration Chairman - - NINA WATT. All persons entering displays should get in touch with DISPLAY CHAIRMAN - DON COLE. Also the committee would appreciate knowing how many will be attending the banquet. Send all letters to:- OSHAWA AND DISTRICT COIN CLUB, P.O. Box 212, OSHAWA, Ontario, L1H 7L1.

THE CHARLES B. LAISTER TROPHY is the coveted prize awarded to the best entry submitted by a coin club in Ontario. This is a yearly event and gives a Coin Club the incentive to work together for a common goal. Who will be the winner this year?

Virgil Hancock, President of the largest Numismatic Association in the World, the American Numismatic Association, will be guest speaker.

A REMINDER: Anyone requiring a Convention Medal or Medals should order them promptly as there is only a limited number being minted. Bronze medals are priced at \$8.00 and the Silver medals are being sold for \$20.00. Order them from Box 212, Oshawa, Ontario.

THE HUMOUROUS SIDE: Unpleasant smoke that sometimes arises when cooking hot cakes can be avoided by tying some salt in a bag and rubbing the girdle with this instead of greasing it. (This journalistic boner comes to you with the compliments of the Charlotte (N.C.) News)

ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

15th ANNUAL CONVENTION

HOST CLUB

Oshawa & District Coin Club

BOX 212, OSHAWA, ONTARIO L1H 7L1



EXHIBIT RULES

1. Security will be provided during the three day Convention.
2. Competition for exhibitors is open to all members of the Ontario Numismatic Association.
3. Display material must be the property of the person displaying same.
4. The name or identity of any exhibitor shall not appear on the exhibit unless non-competitive.
5. Exhibitors are asked not to attend their exhibits while the displays are being judged.
6. All matters relating to the displays at this show shall be determined by the Exhibit Chairman.
7. Exhibitor is responsible for setting up display and removing same.
8. The judges will submit final point scores for all competitive displays to the Exhibit Chairman at the close of the judging. The selection of the prize winning exhibits is the responsibility of the judges and their decision is final.
9. Cases supplied are approximately 17" x 29" x 2½" inside, and about 18" x 30" x 3" outside dimensions.
10. No vertical frames or cases exhibits allowed. All cases must lie flat on exhibitor tables.
11. No moving or animated displays allowed.
12. No material of any kind allowed outside case.
13. Exhibit, in order to qualify, must be placed between 1:00 P.M. & 4:00 P.M. on Friday, May 13th, 1977 or between 8:00 A.M. & 12 Noon on Saturday, May 14th, 1977. Your display must be left intact until 4:00 P.M. on Sunday, May 15th, 1977.
14. No advertising in any form will be permitted with any exhibit.
15. Any material known to be a legitimate copy or replica, must be labelled. Any material known to be forged, spurious or counterfeit cannot be displayed unless the exhibit is labelled and titled as an exhibit of forgeries and displayed non-competitively for educational purposes only.
16. Display awards will be presented to the winners at the Banquet on Saturday evening.
17. Judging will take place around 2:00 P.M. on Saturday, May 14th, 1977.
18. No one may enter more than one exhibit in any one category.
19. All exhibits shall be shown at the owner's risk and neither the Ontario Numismatic Association, The Oshawa & District Coin Club, or the Holiday Inn shall be liable in the event of loss or damage to any exhibit.

Any questions or problems should be forwarded to:—

DON COLE
Convention Exhibit Chairman,
P.O. Box 212,
OSHAWA — ONTARIO

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EXHIBIT APPLICATION FORM

A condition of accepting your entry is that all competitive and commercial exhibits are set up between 1:00 P.M. & 4:00 P.M. on Friday, May 13th, 1977, and 8:00 A.M. to 12 Noon on Saturday, May 14th, 1977.

(Please print or type)

NAME: AGE (Juniors)

ADDRESS:

PROVINCE..... POSTAL CODE:

O.N.A. MEMBERSHIP No.....*(Juniors may use parent's number)

TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES:.....NUMBER OF YOUR OWN:.....

NUMBER WISHED TO BORROW:.....(Maximum of 2)

CATEGORIES

- A Juniors (born after May 13th, 1959).....() No. of cases
- B Canadian Decimal Coins()No. of cases
- C Canadian Paper Money() No. of cases
- D Tokens and Medals() No. of cases
- E World Coins.....() No. of cases
- F World Paper Money.....() No. of cases
- G Wood.....() No. of cases
- H Miscellaneous() No. of cases

Deadline for entries — Postmarked before May 6th, 1977

SEND ENTRIES TO:—

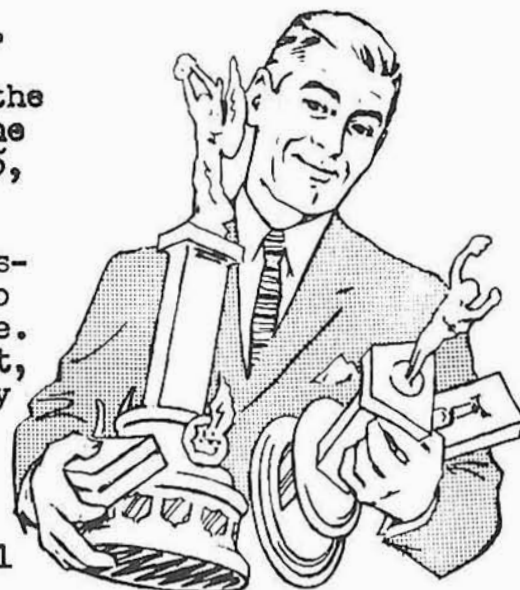
DON COLE
Exhibit Chairman,
Post Office Box 212,
OSHAWA — ONTARIO

The "Chas. B. Laister Trophy" donated to the Ontario Numismatic Association for Annual Competition of O.N.A. Member Club Displays.

This trophy will be up for competition at the 15th Annual O.N.A. Convention, hosted by the Oshawa and District Coin Club, May 13-14-15, 1977, at the Holiday Inn, 1011 Bloor St. E.

The trophy will be awarded for the best display from any O.N.A. Member Club in Ontario that is in good standing at Convention time. The display can be put in as a club project, or by a member of an Ontario Club, but only in the name of the Club he or she are a member of.

Only one display will be allowed from each member club. The space or area allowed will be that of one, two or three O.N.A. cases. The category will be of any category that the Club wish to put in. But all displays in this competition will be competitive and none of these displays will be allowed to compete in any other O.N.A. categories.



A WINNER

The Club that has the best display will get the Laister Trophy till the next O.N.A. Annual Convention. At that time the Trophy has to come back to the O.N.A. Annual Convention for the next competition.



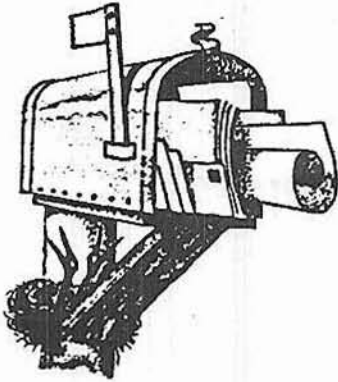
Award of Merit

Nominations are still open for the O.N.A. Award of Merit. This is a prize highly thought of in numismatic circles. Any person that 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 pastime, this is the person who should receive your individual consideration. Then take this name to your Club for their support. Make sure that your nomination is signed by your Club President or a member of your Club appointed by him.

All nominations for this award should be mailed to :
Chairman of Award Committee, W.E. Pat Lambert, Box 311, St. Catharines, Ontario. L2R 6T7.

Lets make it rough for the Chairman this year. Let's give him lots of names and make him work to choose the final Candidate, for the Annual Award of Merit.

PROPOSED COIN SHOWS:



The following are the Annual Coin Shows proposed for the next few months, that we have received notices for, or taken from Club Bulletins. We advise you to check this list as you debate the date of your Club's Show, to ensure that your date does not conflict with another show.

STOP THE PRESS - HOLD THE INK - Brantford Numismatic Society reports a change in Show date: New date will be SEPTEMBER 18, 1977 and place will be Brantford & District Civic Centre.

- May 13 - 15th The Ontario Numismatic Association Convention for 1977 will be held at the Holiday Inn in Oshawa. All enquiries re bourse, etc., should be sent to the Oshawa & District Coin Club, P.O. Box 212, Oshawa, Ontario.
- June 4 Newmarket Numismatic Society, Upper Canada Mall, Newmarket
- June 19 ~~Brantford Centennial Coin Show - Senior Citizen's Centre, Bourse - Exhibition Auction. 25 Charlotte St., Brantford.~~
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- AUG. 3 The 1977 Canadian Numismatic Association Convention will be held in Vancouver. More details on this important show later.
- AUG. 23 to 28 The American Numismatic Association will be held at Atlanta Georgia.
- Sept. 25 London Numismatic Society at the Lamplighter Inn, London.
- Oct. 2 The Sarnia Numismatic Society will host it's 16th Annual Sarnia Bluewater International Coin Show, at the Canterbury Inn, London Road west of Modeland Road at the eastern limits of the City of Sarnia, from 10:00a.m. to 6:00p.m. Enquiries: D. W. Park, 308 Savoy St., Sarnia, Ontario.
- Oct. 15 Richmond Hill Coin Club's Annual Show at the Hillcrest Mall, Yonge St., and Carrville Road, Richmond Hill. Further info: Richmond Hill Coin Club, P.O. Box 386, Richmond Hill L4C 4Y6 (One of the better malls in this part of Ontario)
- Oct. 30 Stratford's combined Stamp and Coin Show will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion at Church St., and St. Patrick Sts. Enquiries to P.O. Box 262, Stratford, Ontario.
- LATE ADDITION Huronia Numismatic Association's Annual Show at the Bayfield Mall, Bayfield St., Barrie, Ontario. Saturday, September 17, 1977. Details later.
- Oct. 22 St. Catherines Annual Coin Show and Banquet will be held on this date. More details to follow. This will be their 18th consecutive show.



FOR INFORMATION AND ENQUIRIES REGARDING THE LIBRARY, ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDANCE TO: TOM MASTERS, 823 VAN STREET, London, Ontario, N5Z 1M8.

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Every project requires a foundation and our library is no exception. Tom Masters, our new librarian, is busy arranging and getting into shape, our library, so that you, the collector, will know what we have to offer you in the way of numismatic literature. Our supply of books are not the best on which to base our library and I was thinking that if every reader of this column were to send Tom one book, pamphlet or periodical on numismatics, he would have better ingredients on which to build his foundation. I wonder if this appeal will fall on deaf ears or can we really swamp Tom with books. I'll let you know next month.

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AUDIO VISUAL

by

Charles Laister

PROGRAM CHAIRMEN: Summer months are the ideal time to plan for those winter meetings and NOW is the time to arrange your slide series while the selections are at its best. Charles Laister is the man to write and a letter will bring the information you require - fast.

Here is a sample of what we have in store for you:

Canadian Coat of Arms - Canada's heritage in heraldry

Canadian Fractional Currency - Pictorial history of our Shinplaster - the 25¢ bill.

Canadian Silver Dollars - Portrayal of our Canadian Silver Dollar series.

What's My Coin - a participation type coin series for the advanced collector but equally appealing to the novice as well.

TIPS FOR THE PROGRAM CHAIRMAN: Written for the British Columbia Numismatic Association by W. Arthur Honour

Variety is the life of programmes! That will be the key-note of this section and I will try to attempt to bring one off-beat idea after another, and will also include a few popular or different ideas to avoid the routine. Slides every month, no matter how varied the subject, is just plain dull and boring.

Once or twice a year a completely non-numismatic presentation is a nice change of pace. A camera nut in your community may just be willing to show his three month stay in Europe on film and his patter just might make it interesting. A fanatic souvenir collector may be asked to show off his collection and which may include such items as antique toys and artifacts, native clothing styles, match boxes and even a couple of paintings. Variety can be obtained from swap nights, theme programmes, or "tea and talk" get acquainted sessions. Possible themes include: a particular country, time period, or coin metal: my smallest, largest, most interesting, or ugliest coins: animals, kings, or ships on coins: or paper money, medals, tokens, or the odd and curious. One club had a resounding success by asking each member to bring his favourite book and give a one minute review of it followed by a general discussion of numismatic books.

Watch for speakers with unusual topics. Military medals are an interesting but little followed numismatic field. Perhaps a large department store or advertising agency can provide someone with a new slant on displaying. A policeman might speak on home security or counterfeiting.

A panel discussion usually proves very popular and has many advantages. Many club members who are afraid to attempt a 15 minute talk on their own will take part in a panel of three, four, each to talk for about 5 minutes on a topic such as: my favourite coin: how I started collecting: or why I collect coins, medals, tokens, paper money, etc. Each panelist should be different.

Major libraries and many smaller ones now have an audio visual department and will be happy to loan out films and projectors at reasonable cost. Check with your local library. If a speaker doesn't arrive or the projector won't work. If you have one or two good readers in the club gather a few interesting articles from magazines that most of your members are unlikely to have already read. Then keep at least one ready in reserve with about 15 to 20 minutes of stories that have been pre-read several times for familiarity. As an alternative, have a shorter controversial article and try to promote a general discussion. A list of 20 - 25 questions with carefully researched short answers, a few pages of blank paper, some old pencil stubs and a simple prize are the ingredients for a fun quiz, that can cover an embarrassing emergency. Gear the questions to the interests and average experience of your members, but try to include a wide range. Answers should be readily available in standard books such as Charlton's or Yeoman's catalogues.

Examiner to woman applicant for driver's test: What is the white line down the centre of the roadway? Applicant: "For bicycles!"

CURRENCY IN THE COLONIES

By S. S. Carroll

It is of interest to numismatists to know what kind of French coins were brought to the New World during this period. It is quite probable that every French coin issued from the late 1500's to the fall of Quebec in 1759 found its way to New France. These would include coins of copper, billon, silver and gold.

The French monetary system at this time was based on a livre of twenty sols or sous, each of twelve deniers. This was parallel to the English system of a pound of twenty shillings, each of twelve pennies. It is interesting to note that the abbreviations for these three denominations in both languages was L,s,d. Originally the French livre was equivalent in value to a pound of silver but its value had fallen steadily through the years until in the 17th century it was worth not much more than an English shilling.

It would serve no purpose in this survey to list in detail all the many denominations and issues of French coins that probably circulated in Canada as it would constitute merely a catalogue of the coins of metropolitan France during the reigns of Henri III to Louis XV. Instead we will concentrate on those coins of the regular issues which are known to have been shipped in quantity to the French Colonies in North America and those coins which were specifically struck for colonial use.

During the first fifty years of New France and Acadia a succession of colonial officials appealed to the authorities in France to take some action to alleviate the critical shortage of coins in those colonies. At the same time colonial officials in the English colonies to the south were making similar appeals to England to do something about a similar shortage in those colonies. The colonists of Massachusetts were the first to lose patience and take matters into their own hands. In 1652 the General Court of Massachusetts ordered the first metallic currency to be struck in the English Americas - the New England shilling, sixpence and three-pence. This issue was followed by the willow tree coinage beginning in 1653, the oak tree coinage beginning in 1660 and the pine tree coinage from 1667 - 1682. Lord Baltimore, the Lord Proprietor of Maryland, authorized a similar series of coins in 1658. Unlike the coins of Massachusetts, which were struck in Boston, the Maryland coinage was struck in England. The issue consisted of shillings, sixpences, groats or fourpences, in silver, and pennies in copper. New Jersey received an infusion of small change in 1681 when Mark Newby brought out from Dublin a quantity of Irish half-pennies bearing the image of St. Patrick. These were authorized in 1682 by the General Assembly to pass as legal tender.

Louis XIV of France, known as the Sun King, reacted slowly to the colonial pleas but to his credit he did act. In 1670 he signed an edict authorizing the issue of 40,000 15 sols pieces and 200,000 5 sols pieces, both in silver, to be struck at Paris and a quantity of 2 deniers pieces in copper to be struck at Nantes. These coins were authorized for use in New France, Acadia, the French settlements in Newfoundland, and the French West Indies.

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To be continued



Attended the recent TORFX SHOW in Toronto and I must say - numismatics seems to be alive and well - congrats to FRANK ROSE et al for a really good show - met many well known collectors and renewed old acquaintances as I moved around the bourse & display rooms - Al Rosen - jovial as ever - never a frown - talked with Ken Palmer - editor of Canadian Token - always a pleasure talking with Ken - Al Blimans busy as ever - shows like this bring a lot of collectors together for a common purpose and to have a little fun. I don't know how this first issue will come out - so hard to follow Gerry and Pat - so much enthusiasm and so much knowledge - remember Cassandra? Many good shows coming your way - the big one is the Ontario Numismatic Convention hosted this year by the Oshawa and District Coin Club - the motor city is going to bulge - someone asked me what is General Motors first name and what war he fought in - honest to goodness - trying to talk a certain Port Credit antique dealer into a party at the O.N.A. - Alma and I always enjoyed his parties - but times change and inflation is a real thing - particulurly when costs keep going up and we have to seek ways to earn more - right after the Oshawa we have a show in our area - Orillia - Champlain Coin Club is sponsoring a one day show on May 28 at the Orillia Square Mall on Highway 11 at West Street - would be nice to have participation from other clubs - So many clubs have disappeared from the scene - is it that people change - or times change - or was it for lack of programming - is there a cure for this or what can be done to increase interest in our mutual hobby. Take a look at your next show - are all the people there club members of some club or another? If not, why not? Some people take the notion that they don't want other people to see what they are collecting - check your local paper - how many people lose their collections through robbery or break-ins and are not club members - is there a cure for this - food for thought - why not rent a room in a school on some Saturday and announce through the media that you are sponsoring a seminar on how to protect your collections from theft. On the panel could be policemen who see many of these break-ins. Your local club could use the seminar to gain new members and more publicity. Just a thought - I don't have too many of them - A new column will appear entitled, What the Readers Say - this is your forum - use it to complain, suggest and comment on how we can better the hobby and our various clubs - A teacher once remarked - in school I go by the rules - at home I go by common sense - in my club I go there for fun and enjoy the companionship of others like me. If I were to go by rules in my club I would be a politician instead of a teacher - how right she is - sometimes we can be stifled by rules - I understand a certain couple are going to be celebrating their 25th this year - overheard at a recent show - you are wearing the pants - but I control the money and I say you will not buy that coin, Ralph! By the way it would be nice if we could have an assurance by some club that they will be staging the 1978 Convention and the 1979 Convention - that brings up another subject - displays - remember the O.N.A. show at Prudhommes - what has happened to all the displays - are we too busy to create new designs - displays are your showcases and relate to your interests in the hobby. Somehow displays seem to be slipping. Any remedy?