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AN EDITORIAL

It would appear, after perusing the newsletters received from clubs, that they are all trying to find solutions as to why members do not attend as regularly as they should, or why, during a show why it is hard to get members to help, or why various programs within their respective clubs die a silent death.

WHAT IS THE SOLUTION? One would have to have the wisdom of Solomon to come up with the answer, for no one really knows what is the solution. Are members really afraid to come forward to give a little talk or volunteering their assistance, or is there some other reason? What makes a member stay at home on a meeting night, or horrors, even forget there is a meeting on?

Many clubs have good programs. One club recently put on an essay contest, but only one member contributed. Picnics are put on with a great deal of trouble and expense to the organizers, but only a few avail themselves of the opportunity of attending.

A lot of people complain about the programs, about the meetings, about the newsletter, and on just about everything else, but did you notice, these same people never run for office, never pitch in and help when help is needed. Some will say, "why, they did not ask me".

Instead of waiting to be asked, step in and offer your assistance, NOW. This is a whole new season, with many shows coming up and the opportunity to help has never been greater. Show that you care about your club and want to make it the best. Display at the meetings. If the executive need changing, run for office and do something about it. Everyone has something to offer, and if everyone offered a little it would go a long way to success.

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THE WAY WE WERE

The house at the corner of Main East and Albert Street in Hamilton is historical in fact as well as in reality, for it is here that Robert Gage wakes up each morning to history. Nearby is land that bears the family name, sold some time ago to Hamilton for a park site. It is here, in times past, that war echoed throughout the region, and something has been left to numismatics.

In London England, at the great museum, there is a medal portraying on the obverse the bust of Sir Thomas Gage, who was the first Governor of Montreal, being appointed to that position by General Amherst, who was then Commander-in-Chief of North America. The medallion is bronze in composition, 3 inches in diameter and shows the General in full army dress. The appointment to Montreal took effect on the 20th of September, 1760 and remained as such until his transfer to New York on October 1st, 1763. One of the most urgent problems at the time was Paper Money and the shortage of it, to pay the garrison, to settle accounts, for clothing, fuel, etc. In a letter to the Right Honorable Earl of Egremont, Colonial Secretary, Sir Thomas Gage outlined the plight in this letter... .. My Lord, As soon as I was acquainted with the Declaration of the Duke of Choiseuil, respecting the debts due to the Canadians, I directed the Magistrates to make out a state of all the paper money of every species, remaining in the Government of Montreal; That the amount of the whole might be ascertained as exactly and as soon as possible: And I thought this step necessary to be taken immediately, before People in France, encouraged by the Declaration to hope for a readier payment here, than in that Kingdom: should have time to convey the paper money they had carried there, back into Canada. The Accounts are made out agreeable to a form given by the French King on the 24th December, 1763, in order to ascertain the quantity of paper money struck in Canada, which has been transferred to France. A ship sailing in a few days to London will carry these accounts with my courier

Signed ... Sir Thomas Gage

Paper money and the shortage of it was not the only problem besetting the Government of the day. Shortly after leaving Montreal, Sir. Thomas Gage was appointed commander in chief of North America with headquarters in New York. (General Amherst returned to England). This was confirmed in 1764 and he retained this title until 1772, when he took office as Governor of Boston. In 1774, in a troubled colony, Sir Thomas Gage was appointed Governor_in_chief of the Province of Massachusetts Bay, and in May of that year took up his quarters in Boston. The unrest that prevailed in Boston and district for the next three years, with fighting breaking out in Boston at Bunker's Hill and martial law in effect, it was the breaking point for a large number of people wishing to remain true to the Crown of England. This was the first of a number of people named the United Loyalists, who escaped by way of Upper New York State and settled in Cornwall, Prescott, Broskville, Kingston, York, Dundas and Stoney Creek. On display in the Boston Museum is a large, 3 inch silver medallion showing Bunker's Hill in the reverse and Sir Thomas Gage on the obverse.

In the British Museum, in London, England, are the private papers, medals dispatches, order-books, Regimental and General Orders and correspondance dealing with his term of office in Montreal New York & Boston There are

good examples of Card Money used in Canada in place of currency. The Treasury notes that were issued to replace the Card Money are also on view.

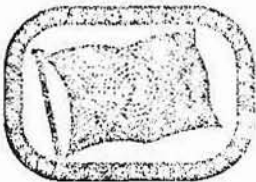
All of the United Empire Loyalists fleeing to Canada were given grants of land and one of these families that fled Boston during this turmoil was Loyalist James Gage, nephew of William and Mary Gage who were given a grant of land on the 21st Concession of Saltfleet Township. The home erected there became again, in less than thirty years from being erected, a place of history since war was declared between the United States and Canada. The march on Canada began in Newark now Niagara and moved on to Stoney Creek. This group of American militiamen decided to camp there and for their purposes seized the home of William and Mary Gage and turned the home into a military establishment. That night, a group of British Regulars under the command of Colonel Harvey, camped not too far away, decided on a surprise attack, since the Americans were not familiar with the layout at night. The attack came at 10.30 p.m. on June 6th, 1813, catching the enemy by surprise, who soon turned and fled across 40 mile creek to safety. A medal was struck by Wellings of Toronto commemorating the aid and comfort Mary Gage gave to the wounded on both sides. The medal was produced $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter and appears in both .999 silver and bronze. The old homestead is now a museum renamed, Battlefield House, and is situated on land donated to the Ontario Government at the end of Highway 20, in Stoney Creek.

The same war, 1812 - 1814, produced many casualties, most notably that of General Sir Isaac Brock who was fatally wounded in battle on the 13th of October, 1812, in Queenston Heights. A medal detailing Brock's exploits has also been minted by Wellings of Toronto in both bronze and .999 silver.

Wellings of Toronto was also instrumental in producing medallions showing other parts of the war of 1812 and 1814, by minting the Battle of York medal depicting the conquest of Toronto by a small band of Americans. Eastward, battles were fought at Chrysler's Farm and Brockville.

There are many fine numismatic material in existence that can be developed from the American Revolution of 1776 and Canada's war of 1812-14. Some are hard to locate while others are comparatively easy to obtain.

THE INTERNATIONAL POLICE
COIN & STAMP CLUB



The two items produced above show first the insignia on the left, the official crest of the International Police Coin & Stamp Club which show the United Nations flag in the field and around, the words, International Police Coin & Stamp Club. This club was formed by William Gage and William Buckner in 1962. Members of this club were serving police officers throughout the world, with most of them belonging to the International Police Association. Meetings were begun in the Community Centre at 5090 Yonge Street, in Willowdale, but because of the nature of the Club, decided to dispense with meetings in favor of correspondence with only the executive members meeting in various places. Turn to page 188

What's Up

It is that time of the year again, when leaves start falling in ever increasing numbers, the wind gets a little more colder and the rain feels like sleet on the face. It is the season for gremlins, ghosts and the oldest known flying object, the witch. It is also time to get the calendar down and mark the forthcoming coin shows on it for a daily reminder not to miss any this year.

There are several good shows coming your way: Thistletown, Richmond Hill, Tillsonburg, St. Catharines, Windsor, Stratford and the fall Torex, the biggest of them all. Two show dates, unfortunately, conflict, and it is a pity, for the both of them have hardworking members, draw good crowds and the hospitality is really good. What a complex situation, although I suppose one could start at Richmond Hill, and then continue on to St. Catharines, arriving on time to attend the show and the banquet. Robert Aaron is the guest speaker at St. Catharines, and the banquet is always worthy of your attendance. Fred Barley always has something up his sleeve to attract the attention of the collector and the wandering public and displays are always most notable. I suppose you can let the wife loose in the Mall, and it is a good Mall with many excellent stores, while you go around the bourse tables. The banquet would make the day exciting and for a really good week-end, why not treat yourself to Stratford's hospitality, by staying over Saturday night and catch their show on Sunday, at the Legion Hall. Numismatic week-ends like this do not happen very often.

Many clubs are approaching their anniversaries, most notably is St. Catharines which is celebrating their 20th year as a coin club.

Richmond Hill, in their brochure on the show, makes finding the location easy for the collector who has never been in the vicinity before by enclosing a map of the region showing all the major and minor roads, streets and highways. Cuts down on unnecessary driving and lost time.

Mr. Ray Else of the St. Thomas Numismatic Association recently returned from a visit to Mexico where he viewed the pyramids and ruins of the Inca's. As a result of his study in the area, Mr. Else will show slides in that area at the meeting in September. St. Thomas meets each month at Central United Church.

Thistletown Coin & Stamp Club meets in the Public Library on Albion Road, just west of Kipling. Time is 7:30p m. to 10:00p.m. Their big show is on the 21st of October at the same location as the meeting. President Norm Belsten is appealing for members for assistance on the day of the show and for donations to make their show auction a success. Participation is the key to make any show a success, not only from the club's own members, but from collectors who can attend the show and by their presence make the numbers increase.

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On the following two pages, are first, an articles which appeared in the Toronto Coin Club newsletter of October, which may be of interest to our members and the second page show some of the highlights of the Show held by the Toronto Coin Club, in the Royal York Hotel, in Toronto. Per- ypu will see someone you know in the pictures. Thanks to John Regitko & the Toronto Club for using this material. Turn to pages 185 and 186

The St. Catharines Coin Club recently held their 194th meeting. President Hal Siemens reports the death of Mike Chorney on September 12th, 1978. Mike was an active member of the club for about eight years. One of the founding members, Cy Dillon, was welcomed to the meeting by President Siemens. Other founding members present were: Presidents Vic Snell, Pat Lambert, Howard Hill Bernard "Cookie" Cooke, Treasurer Fred Barley and Earl Whittard. Guest speaker was Sgt. Michael Miljus, Niagara Regional Police Department attached to the Crime Prevention Branch, whose subject was counterfeiting. The auction was conducted by Lloyd Dorsey assisted by George Oblinsky and Pete Kostyk.

Stratford Coin Club reports their essay contest has come to an end with the winner being Wilf Becker's story on the Canadian Silver Dollars. The President's trophy has been located and will now be suitably engraved with the names of the last two winners, Dennis McFadden and Grant Monck. The dinner meeting was a success with guest speaker Robert Aaron talking on the Canadian Mints. A number of prizes were won and Ken reports the Roast Beef was delicious.

The editor of the Ottawa Coin Club has put the question squarely and worth repeating here: My friends, our next gathering will be the 125th consecutive meeting of our club. It calls for at least a small celebration and a big birthday present. What can we give ourselves as a fitting tribute for this occasion? What can we give our members who have weathered many a storm, played a leading part in the development of numismatics in Canada and generally enhanced the hobby of coin collecting? The answer is simple. It is for every member who receives a copy of this bulletin to make a real effort to attend this very special meeting. It is easy to belong to a club, yet, not really belong. To pay the dues, receive the advantages, but not put oneself out to make the club a success. To let someone else have the worry and do the work! Perhaps our club is beginning to suffer from the malaise of many clubs that have been running for a few years. A good size membership, but most of the real work of the club is being left to a few old stalwarts. (Sounds, familiar, doesn't it, Ed)

The September meeting of the Ingersoll Coin Club will feature a talk to be given by Grant Monck on the subject of his experiences at the A.N.A. Seminar at Colorado Springs. Grant Monck was notified that he had won one of the American Numismatic Association's Junior Scholarships, which entitled him to a free one week course on Numismatics at the A.N.A. Headquarters in Colorado Springs. At the Canadian Numismatic Association Convention in London, Ontario, Grant was awarded the C.N.A. Outstanding Junior Numismatic Award for 1978. All this for a young man, who may not be 15 years old yet. Quite an accomplishment. Grant Monck reported on the activities of the O.N.A. Convention, while editor Barbara Macnab reported on her activities at the C.N.A. and her special guests from the Atlantic Provinces, Harry & Linda Eisenhauer. President Tom Masters is about ready to take off for his vacation to the East Coast and by the time he reads this will be back at the grind again.

The Huronia Numismatic Association chalked up another successful show and all ready to tackle the spring show in February. All tables have been booked for the February show. The slide program shown at the September meeting was on the Nova Scotia coins of Bill Gage, with the photography done by Norm Howcroft. The slide series was shown as a tribute to the 125th Anniversary of the founding of Barrie, Ontario. Norm Howcroft is the club's photographer, and many other slides will be produced in the future. Norm has photographed the last show and the last meeting and these slides will be viewed at a later date.

THE ARTS, CRAFTS, HOBBIES '78 BUILDING

y Fred W. Brown, Manager - Arts, Crafts, Hobbies '78

With 1978 marking Centennial Year for the Canadian National Exhibition, the Arts, Crafts, Hobbies Building did its share to make the celebrations complete. Known as "The building with something of interest for everyone", it comprises 42,000 square feet of space completely devoted to craftsmen, craft guilds, artists, art groups, adjudicated art exhibition, hobby clubs of many different kinds, stamp collectors, coin clubs, photography, ethnic crafts, and hobbies. It is indeed a busy building with demonstrations in the various activities taking place throughout every day of the Ex. The young and the old, the physically fit and handicapped all find so much to delight them as they explore the many fascinating exhibits and talk to artists, craftspersons and hobbyists of all kinds. The opportunity to purchase directly from artists and craftspeople has great appeal for so many visitors looking for worthwhile handcrafted articles for gifts or for themselves. The atmosphere in the building is one of friendliness and relaxation. As well as being a pleasant part of a day at the Ex, a visit to the Arts, Crafts, Hobbies Building is indeed an adventure in learning.

The building itself which was built in 1912, has been officially designated as a historical edifice and is recognized as a fine example of a typical fair building surmounted by a huge glassed dome and two high turreted towers presenting an impressive sight both by day and when brightly lit at night. It is one of a very few buildings reflecting this unique architectural style remaining on this continent and the restoration program which has been underway for two years is restoring it to its original grandeur.

The restoration program on our building has continued throughout the winter. The exterior was restored and with new stairways and approaches, the west side of the building presented an entirely new look. It is indeed a handsome building!

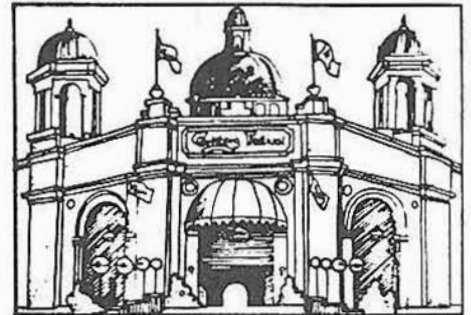


Our end of the park was an interesting place to be, with the addition of Centennial Square. This featured a turn-of-the-century street, featuring period style shops, brick walkways and a typical old-fashioned bandstand. The setting was illuminated by gas and old-fashioned electric lights. Also in the area was "A Century of Transportation" featuring old

and new vehicles of various modes of transportation (rail, highway, etc.). The "century" theme was also revived for the obverse of the Official CNE 100th Anniversary medal sold in the Coin Exhibit of the Arts, Crafts and Hobbies Building.

Across the road from us in the Carlsberg Building auditorium, a 30 foot diorama was constructed depicting the re-enactment of the Battle of York in April, 1913, which took place in the CNE Grounds. This is a moving diorama featuring the landing of the ships and invasion complete with sight and sound.

Objectives of the Arts, Crafts, Hobbies Show are to provide a meaningful feature attraction for the CNE; to introduce people to many worthwhile spare time activities; to aid the handicapped in finding an enjoyable and productive avocation or vocation, and to promote Canadian arts and crafts.



Classifications of businesses eligible for participation in commercial section include artists, craftsmen, art supply houses, craft supply houses, suppliers for model builders (trains, boats, planes, etc.) photographic supplies, suppliers for all hobbies, boutiques selling handcrafted articles, stamp and coin dealers, etc. The number of each classification of business is limited in fairness to all concerned and to keep an interesting and varied exhibit area.

FALL SHOW

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1978

ROYAL YORK HOTEL
100 FRONT ST. WEST
Toronto, Ontario

THE SHOW



BOB PORTER, HEAD JUDGE, BUSY AT WORK. THE FOURTY-PLUS CASES WERE OF VERY HIGH CALIBRE AND PROVIDED MUCH EDUCATION AND ENTERTAINMENT TO SHOW-GOERS.



BILL AND GWEN McDONALD VIEW THE 40 CASES OF COMPETITIVE DISPLAYS. MOST ENTRIES, TO BILL'S LIKING, WERE IN THE "PAPER MONEY" CATEGORY.



A WILLING HAND REACHES FOR COFFEE SERVED BY HAZEL MUNRO. SHIRLEY VEFFER PASSES THE SERVIETTES FOR THE FRESH DONUTS ALSO ON HAND.



THE "GUESS THE NUMBER OF CENTS IN THE JAR" CONTEST DREW HUNDREDS OF ENTRIES. THE WINNER, MRS. KATHLEEN GILMOUR, ONLY MISSED BY ONE. ACTUAL NUMBER OF CENTS WAS 2,020.



DAVID FITZGERALD AND STAN CLUTE TURN PROFESSIONAL FOR THE DAY AS THEY SELL OFF DUPLICATE COINS AND BOOKS. ROBERT WILLEY, LEFT, WHO CAME ALL THE WAY FROM ESPANOLA, STOPS TO CHAT.



ANDY MACDONALD EXAMINES COINS BROUGHT TO THE SHOW BY EVA PETERS AND JIMMY MATSON WHO FOUND OUT ABOUT THE SHOW AT THE CLUB'S CANADIAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION'S COIN EXHIBIT.



GORDON VANSON, BASIL LATHEM AND BRUCE WATT RELAX IN THE REFRESHMENTS AREA OF THE ROYAL YORK'S BALLROOM WHERE THE ANNUAL COIN SHOW WAS HELD.



WALTER ALLAN SHOWS A RECENTLY ACQUIRED NOTE TO SAM SNIDER, LONG-TIME MEMBER OF THE CLUB AND STAUNCH SUPPORTER OF TCC ANNUAL SHOWS.



THE AUCTION, CONDUCTED BY CHARLES D. MOORE AUCTIONS, WAS WELL ATTENDED. MAIL BIDDING WAS EXCELLENT, WITH FURTHER FLOOR BIDDING VERY SPIRITED.



CHUCK MOORE CONDUCTS THE EXTENSIVE AUCTION IN SALON "A", DIRECTLY ADJOINING THE HUGE BALLROOM OF THE HOTEL.



BRUCE WATT, TOM KOSTILAC, HERB BISHOP AND BERT PEDDIE GET CAUGHT BY THE CAMERA. NORM WELLS' BACK IS TO THE CAMERA.

Association News:

The applications that appeared in the June edition of The Ontario Numismatist have now been accepted. The following applications have been received and if no written objections are received, their acceptance will be acknowledged in the October issue of the Numismatist.

- 1096 Norman M. Willis, RR#2 Almonte, Ontario. KOA IAO
1097 Alex Brill, 42 St. Brendon Street, Sudbury, Ontario P3E IK2
1098 Real Gilbert, 754 Du Rosaire, Apt #3, Montreal, Quebec. H2R 2PI
J1099 Roger A. Dent, 1471 Orchard Ave., Ottawa, Ontario. KI4 7C4
1100 Greg Blackwell, 6 Westmoreland Road, London, Ontario. N6J 3N3
1101 Aubrey Leslie, 68 Yonge St., South, Aurora, Ontario. L4G IM2
1102 Calvin Leader, 8 Water Street, South, Cambridge, Ontario. NIR 3C5

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FROM YOUR EDITOR: This may, perhaps, be my last issue of the Ontario Numismatist that I will be writing and editing, as I have indicated to your president that due to the tremendous success of my business, which I started in January of this year, I cannot, in all fairness to our members, carry on any longer. The pressures of time allotted to volunteer work have been seriously curtailed in my endeavours to satisfy my customers. This is regrettable

for I have been in the coin scene for many years, and I thought, now that I am retired from Government Service, I would have a lot of time on my hands, but such is not the case. To those that have not heard, I am in the printing and rubber stamp business, an interest that was developed many years ago.

Writing a newsletter like the Ontario Numismatist requires considerable time and fortitude. Without articles from the members and receiving only four or five newsletters a month from the clubs, the job of putting together your Numismatist is a chore rather than a job for articles must be produced, items must be written up and someone has to do the typing. Your Numismatist is a ten page newsletter, and in order to justify the expense of producing this newsletter, there should be a constant flow of articles coming from members of the Association. My basket is empty and has been for two months. The articles in this newsletter, while not the best, has been inserted to fill the gap necessary due to having nothing on hand to write about, and this is the strange part. Members will complain of the lateness of the newsletter, but I wonder if these same members have contributed anything to the Numismatist? It is unfortunate because we have a lot of knowledgeable members who have written on various numismatic subjects and their articles would indeed be a pleasure to reproduce on these pages. But, alas, such is not the case.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for putting up with my typographical errors, caused mainly by a speedy electric typewriter that have the samesymptoms as a faulty machine gun. I would also like to thank all of you that have contributed articles to these pages. The Atlantic Provinces Numismatic Association. The Toronto Coin Club, The Ingersoll Coin Club and the City of Ottawa Coin Club are specially praised for doing such a good good job on their newsletter which are superbly produced and contain many fine articles and pictures. Many clubs do not send me their newsletters, so I cannot remark on them. I have tried to give you a newsletter that is both entertaining and educational along the lines of our mutual hobby. In this, I hope I have succeeded. It is surprising to me that so many members know so little on the Association that I have, from time to time, written items of past Presidents, past Award of Merit winners and past Conventions.

Several fine shows are coming up and these I will not miss. I hope to see a lot of you at these shows and in closing I would like to make a special mention to all those members, who like Fred Barley, in St. Catharines, are trying different means to attract spectators to the display areas and to the show. It is things like this that make a show a success.

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DID YOU KNOW that the 1973 Award of Merit nominee and one of the most dedicated men in the Ontario Numismatic Association was none other than our Treasurer, Bruce Raszmann. Bruce has served for many years as the Treasurer of the O.N.A. as well as being Treasurer of the Waterloo Coin Society. It is not only a hard job but at times a thankless one and Bruce was certainly deserving of this high honor that was bestowed on him in Waterloo.

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Put your best foot forward and join with us in making the 1979 Convention to be hosted by the Hamilton Coin Club a memorable occasion. The Convention will be from June 1st, 2nd and 3rd of 1979 and will be at the Royal Connought Hotel in downtown Hamilton.

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Displays is the one thing that the public will want to see and it is by displays that other clubs will assess the failure or success of the Convention. Plan your displays NOW, during the winter months, so that they will be ready when Convention time rolls around.

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INTERNATIONAL POLICE, Cont'd - The Toronto Chapter of the Association had two shows, one at the Willowdale location and two years later, at Alliston, in Simcoe County. For the second show, a wooden nickel was produced by the members, and the insignia on the right shows the obverse of the nickel, while the club crest dominated the reverse. There were only 25 wooden nickels issued and none exist to day, except by Norman Wells of the Canadian Wooden Money Collectors. Our first speaker was Mr. Cale Jarvis of Toronto who gave us encouragement in our founding years. The newsletter which the Association produced was sent to members in 121 free countries of the world. The Club does not exist now, but is part of the overall structure of the International Police Association.

SHOW TIME

October 21 Thistletown Coin and Stamp Club's Annual Show. Information Box 1143, Station "B", Weston, Ontario. M9L 2R8

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October 22 Tillsonburg Coin Club's Annual Show at the Orange Hall, Brock St., Tillsonburg, Ontario.

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October 28 Richmond Hill, Ontario. Richmond Hill Coin Club's Annual Show at the Hillcrest Mall, Yonge St., Richmond Hill, Ontario. Information can be obtained from: Box 386, Richmond Hill. Ontario. L4C 4Y6

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October 28 St. Catharines Coin Club's Annual Coin Show and Banquet at Westminster United Church, Queenston Road, St. Catharines, Ontario. Information on the show can be obtained by writing to the following address: P.O. Box 1492, St. Catharines, Ontario. L2R 7J9

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October 29 Stratford Coin and Stamp Club's Annual Show at the Legion Hall corner of St. Patrick St. and Church Streets, in Stratford. Address your inquiries to: P.O. Box 262, Stratford, Ontario.

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November 4 Oshawa Coin Club's Annual Show at the Midtown Mall, Oshawa. Write" Box 212, Oshawa, Ontario. L1H 7L1 for information.

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November 5 Windsor Coin Club's Annual Show at the Holiday Inn, 480 Riverside Drive, West, Windsor. For information, write W. Holzel, 3401 McKay, Windsor, Ontario N9E 2N8.

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November 9 Fall Torex '78 at the Sheraton Centre Hotel, 123 Queen Street,
10 West, Toronto. For information on the show - bourse - displays
11 etc, write to: Peter Findlay, Box 28, King City, Ontario.
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ONE WORTH PASSING ON: Timmy surprised his grandmother with a cup of tea in bed. "It's delicious", she told him. "I'm glad", said the child. "I was worried because I had to use milk out of the cat's saucer." (Top of the hat to the Stratford Newsletter for this one, Ed)

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