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Vacations

Garnett Ann Schultz

We work for fifty weeks a year
With just one thought in mind,
That when the summer rolls around
It'll be vacation time.
How patiently we plan and wait,
How carefully we save,
A penny here, a nickel there
From change the grocer gave.

We have a little piggy bank
For coins we put aside,
And as the weeks go rushing by
We watch it grow with pride,
We wonder just how much we've saved
Vacation time is near,
And will there be sufficient funds
For something nice this year.

At last the happy day arrives —
The waiting weeks are done,
And we are off for unknown parts
For two short weeks of fun —
For two short weeks that go so fast
We hardly know they're here,
And once again we're waiting for
Vacation time next year.

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A coin collection for the G-G's son

In a few years Toban Schreyer, six-year-old youngest son of Governor General of Canada, Edward Schreyer and Mrs. Schreyer, Ottawa, will have an extensive collection of wooden nickels.

That is if the plans of L. H. "Scoop" Lewry, Moose Jaw, Chairman of Coin Canada 1981, continue to unfold. As part of the 1981 observation of the national numismatic event, Lewry sent the young boy a set of wooden nickels of his own, made up of woods from across Canada. He had initially given a set of his personal woods to Toban's Mother, Her Excellency Lily Schreyer, when Lewry was installed as a Member of the Order of Canada in Ottawa in October 1980.

Lewry recently received a letter from Mrs. Schreyer's secretary, Miss Eva Allan, which read in part "Her Excellency has asked me to thank you, on Toban's behalf, for the wooden tokens you sent to commemorate "Coin Week Canada 1981. She appreciated so much your remembering to do this and certainly they are a welcome addition to the ones you gave him last year. These tokens are a great fascination and this is an impressive collection. Mrs. Schreyer sends her warmest thanks for this very thoughtful gesture — and her warmest good wishes."



Toban Schreyer, five-year-old son of Governor-General Ed Schreyer, is starting early in numismatics, thanks to a donation of wooden nickels from Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan collector and chairman of Coin Week Canada '81, Louis "Scoop" Lewry. (CP photo courtesy Ottawa Journal—Rene Pierre Allain).



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OTTAWA
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24th April, 1981.

Ref. Our file: 100-3

GOVERNMENT HOUSE
RÉSIDENCE DU GOUVERNEUR GÉNÉRAL

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Yours sincerely,

(Miss) Eva Allen

Mr. Louis H. Lewry, C.M.,
116-3rd Avenue N.W.,
Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan,
S6H 3V1.

June 24, 1981.

It is hoped this news doesn't affect the International Monetary Fund, or result in further devaluation of the Canadian dollar, but it can now be told that Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau of Canada has been accepting wooden nickels!

As part of his public relations campaign to promote Coin Week Canada 1981, L. H. "Scoop" Lewry of Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, chairman for the national observation, sent the Prime Minister three sets of wooden nickels he had issued over the past several years for the PM's three sons, Justin, Sacha and Michel.

Now, the Prime Minister has written to thank Mr. Lewry stating the boys were pleased with the gift. He stated he was sorry that his personal correspondence is behind schedule because of the "hectic times in Ottawa in the past few months."

The letter was personally signed by the Prime Minister and will now go in to Mr. Lewry's Coin Week Canada 1981 scrap book.



Coin Week Canada 1981

April 6 - 11

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24 Sussex Drive,
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Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

When I met you at Rideau Hall on October 15, 1980, after I was invested with the Order of Canada, I took the opportunity to present to you some of my "wooden nickels" and you responded that you would give them "to the boys." Delightful!

Now, I am General Chairman for Coin Week Canada 1981, April 6 to 11 inclusive, and I would like to present some more wooden tokens to you for the boys. I enclose herewith three complete sets of the woods I have issued in the past four years, some others that I am sure will interest Justin, Alexandre and Michel.

"Coin Week Canada 1981" is a nationally co-ordinated educational event, designed to make leisure-interest and social aspects of popular numismatics, the coin hobby, more generally known within Canada and Canada's rich numismatic heritage more fully appreciated abroad.

It will interest you to know that a year ago I "repatriated to Canada", the Canadian Large Cents Club which was founded in Texas in 1975. At that time it had 138 members in Canada and the United States. Today we have 457 members and growing daily. The Canadian Large Cents Club specializes in Canadian large cents which were minted between 1858 and 1920. Our Club is sponsoring "starter-kits" for young Canadians and Americans to get them interested in the coin hobby. These kits are available to those who are nominated by club members. So I am nominating Justin, Alexandre and Michel and I enclose a kit for each of them.

GENERAL CHAIRMAN

Louis H. Lewry 1161 3rd Ave. N.W. Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan Canada S6H 3V1

Coin Collecting
A Hobby for All Seasons

March 27, 1981.

Eight of Canada's ten lieutenant governors have agreed to act as Honorary Patrons of Coin Week Canada 1981, and I would appreciate it if you would give me a letter endorsing this event in the interests of Canadian unity.

Yours very sincerely,

Louis H. Lewry, CM

Encl.



CANADA

PRIME MINISTER • PREMIER MINISTRE

Ottawa, K1A 0A2,
June 18, 1981.

Dear Mr. Lewry,

I am sorry that my personal correspondence is so far behind but I am sure you know that we have had rather hectic times in Ottawa, in the past few months.

However, I would like you to know that Justin, Sacha and Michel were very pleased with your gift to them of the three complete sets of the woods you have issued in the past four years. On my children's behalf and in my own name, do let me thank you warmly.

With my best regards and with kindest wishes from the four of us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Luder". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "B".

Mr. Louis H. Lewry,
1161 3rd Avenue, N.W.,
Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan,
S6H 3V1.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE CLUBS

CHAMPLAIN COIN CLUB .C21

At the June meeting a very successful buffet supper was held. There many compliments received, and the Club Executive's were asked to another one next year. The 50-50 draw was won by Scott Jermey. To end a perfect evening a funny Laurel and Hardy film was showed by the President.

CANADIAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION...C73

Following are a few prices received at the 1981 C.N.A. Auction July 23-25,1981 in Toronto, Ontario.

1901 Five Cent Silver Unc.- \$425.00
 1921 Five Cent Silver VG.- \$1,600.00
 1921 Five Cent Silver Choice Unc.- \$20,000.00
 1947 Dot Five Cents Unc.- \$775.00
 1893 Twenty Five Cents AU.- \$800.00
 1858 Twenty Cents AU.- \$550.00
 1870 L.C.W. Fifty Cents AU.- \$900.00
 1870 No L.C,W. Fifty Cents VF.- \$1,800.00
 1929 Fifty Cents AU.- \$800.00
 1936 Fifty Cents Choice UNC. -\$800.00
 1948 Silver Dollar UNC.- \$1,750.00
 1880 Newfoundland \$2.00 Gold-\$1,900.00

Out of a total of 938 lots put up for sale, the total of all the sales was \$109,039.50.

CITY of OTTAWA COIN CLUB C19

The 159 meeting of the City of Ottawa Coin Club was held on Monday July 27th; 1981, at the War Museum. Attendance was low, 17 members and 5 guests attended.

Ross Caldwell won the 50-50 draw and the prize, a J.F. Kennedy Half Dollar kindly donated by Len Fletcher was won by Sue Nadin-Davis.

A discussion took placed a bout a 2 day show organized by club members- this would most likely occur in thr spring of 82.

A coin auction was held by Paul Nadin-Davis. Unfortunately, many of the 32 lots were not sold.

An application for membership was filed by Major Barry R. Dixon.

ST. THOMAS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION C78

The St. Thomas Numismatic Association met at the Central United Church, Monday, June 8th; 1981 at 8:00 P.M.

One of the highlights for the evening was Club Delegates reports of the O.N.A. Convention at Niagara Falls Ontario. Doris Astbury and Marilyn Davenport gave an excellent report of what took place.

There was 4 lucky draws held, an excellent coin auction including some key Canadian Coins.

A lunch of sandwiches, tea and coffee was served at the end of the pleasant evening.

WATERLOO COIN SOCIETY C1

The June meeting was held on June 16th; 1981, at the Waterloo Public Library, 35 Albert Street, Waterloo, at 8:00 P.M. The meeting was called to order by the President Harold Marshall. There 24 members and guests present.

President Harold Marshall announced a new member contest. There will be a prize awarded to the Waterloo Coin Society member who introduces the largest number of new members during the period of September 1st; to December 31st; 1981. The prize and the winner will be announced in January 1982.

A interesting numismatic quiz was conducted by President Marshall and assisted by Enrico Glowacki at the conclusion of the business meeting.

Bill English conducted a 40 lot auction.

Next meeting will be on September 15th: 1981.

BRANTFORD NUMISMATIC SOCIETY C15

The June meeting of the Brantford Numismatic Society was held at the Woodman Community Centre, 491 Grey St: Brantford on June June 21.

The attendance was low . The average turnout for the months January to June has been 22.4 members not very good with a membership of 58 members.

WOODSTOCK COIN CLUB C86

The Woodstock Coin Club meeting for June was held at Old St. Pauls Church on June 18th; 1981. Charles Laister showed slides of his recent vacation in Europe.

INGERSOLL COIN CLUB C59

The June meeting of the Ingersoll Coin Club was held on June 15th; 8:00 P.M. in the Senior Citizens room at the Lions Hall, Ingersoll.

Vice President Stella Hodge chaired the meeting. She extended a warm welcome to every one.

T. Masters, acting on behalf of the O.N.A. presented the Treasurer Len Cole with a cheque for \$108.00 for selling 54 books of tickets for the O.N.A. Raffle.

Mrs. Hodge also congratulated members for raising a record amount \$1,010.00 for the Easter Seal Program.

President Tom Masters offered congratulation to Mrs. Hodge and her daughter, Anne Towle on becoming a grandmother and mother.

Strawberry shortcake and ice cream was served by T. Masters assisted by Bonnie Dolson and Dean Roth.

The feature for the evening was a dual presentation by Stella Hodge and Tom Masters. The topic for the evening was Topical Coin Collecting.

A lively 40 lot auction concluded the evening.

Summer Vacation

To the ones that take a summer vacations, we the Executives of the Ontario Numismatic Association wish you all a happy safe summer.

Bruce R Watt
Editor

MOOSE JAW CENTENNIAL TIME VAULT.

An intriguing suggestion for Moose Jaw's Centennial observation in 1982 was thrown to the members of the Moose Jaw 100 Committee by Chairman L.H. "Scoop" Lewry.

Lewry proposed that the Committee consider arrangements for a time capsule or vault to house information and artifacts of our 1982 civilization of Moose Jaw at the time of the centennial of our founding, to be opened 100 years hence at the time of the bicentennial of Moose Jaw, in the year 2082.

He proposed that a cairn could be erected to house the time vault which will hold factual evidence of the way we live today, including our private automobiles, our transit systems, clothing, housing and business facilities and our cultural activities.

He will suggest that full details of Moose Jaw's history be placed in the vault so that those who follow us 100 years ahead will know what we did up until the time of our centennial, he said. He also proposed that the vault could house currency of the day, as well as Moose Jaw trade dollars and his own wooden nickels!

As chairman of the committee making arrangements for the 100th anniversary of the founding of Moose Jaw, Lewry says it is important that citizens of our City make input into the idea if it is to be successful. He asks that people consider the idea and write the Committee - Moose Jaw 100, P.O. Box 1932, Moose Jaw, Sask. S6H 7N7, with their suggestions.

The size of the vault and cairn and how it is to be constructed as well as the location will be decided later when full information is obtained, he said. He said he also has some information on financing the project independently of city finances.

CENTENNIAL DOLLAR BILLS

CENTENNIAL SETS SCARCE so ran the headline of an article by Bob Aaron, in the Canadian Coin News of October 1980. This headline aroused my interest as I had several centennial dollar bills in my possession. On checking through them, I found I had five of the nineteen required to make up a set of those with the alphabetical fraction and serial number. Of the nineteen alpha/numerical notes, four have an asterisk as well.

A complete set comprises of the following: Canadian Bank Note Company prefixes L/O, M/O, N/O, O/O, P/O, R/O, S/O, asterisks L/O and N/O; British American Bank Note Company prefixes F/P, G/P, H/P, I/P, J/P, K/P, L/P, M/P, asterisks B/M and F/P.

Armed with this information I set out to find just how difficult it would be to put together a complete set. On making the rounds of the local coin dealers and coin shows, I was able to pick up ten more of the fourteen I still required with not too much difficulty. The remaining four proved to be a difficult story.

After several months searching and sending numerous letters to dealers across Canada, none other than local coin dealer and club member Peter Van Weissen was able to obtain three of the elusive four. The last and most difficult one to obtain because of its apparent rarity, I picked up by sheer good luck. On my visit to Monex in Montreal I visited every dealer there without any success. Many of them promised to look out for one for me and inform me when they had located it. On leaving the show to go and meet my wife so that we could go and have lunch together; I was passing Simpsons on St. Catherine Street and having a few minutes to spare, I went in to see what they had — not only was I able to pick up one to complete my set, but three in crisp uncirculated condition at \$4.00 each (on special) and three rather worn bills at \$2.00 each. I suppose you all want to know what the letter prefix was on that elusive bill — well it was ?/P, or maybe it was ?/O.

If any of you collectors do decide to collect a set of centennial bills, I hope you have as much fun and meet as many interesting people as I did. Incidentally, I was able to complete collecting my set for one hundred dollars, not five thousand as was anticipated in Bob Aaron's article.

Submitted by the Editor of the City of Ottawa Coin Club.

Association News:

ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION'S 19th; ANNUAL CONVENTION
EXHIBIT WINNERS, APRIL, 1981, NIAGARA FALLS, ONTARIO.

BEST of SHOW....

Stephen Taylor
Dover, Delaware, U.S.A.

DECIMAL CANADIAN....

1ST.. Roy Richard
Pt. Edward, Ontario.

2ND.. Tom Kostaluk
London, Ontario

PAPER MONEY....

1ST.. Stephen Taylor
Dover, Delaware, U.S.A.

2ND.. Victor Snell
St. Catharines, Ontario.

3RD.. Fred. Barley
St. Catharines, Ontario.

BRITISH EMPIRE....

1ST.. Ross King

MEDALS....

1ST.. Tom Kostaluk
London, Ontario.

TOKENS....

1ST.. Tom Kostaluk
London, Ontario.

2ND.. Donald Ralph.

WOODEN MONEY....

1ST.. George Ramset.

JUNIOR....

1ST.. G. Smith.

CHARLES LAISTER CLUB TROPHY...1ST. St. Catharines, 2ND. Woodstock.

