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## DID YOU KNOW:

by Terry Roit.

STRATFORD COIN CLUB

That you can do twice as much work in half the time: Most of us know someone who is so smoothly organized, he or she seems to breeze through life, handling all problems, getting everything gone, never forgetting important things, and in general being about 300 per cent more efficient than everybody else. And most of us have envied that ability.

The truth is, some people are born with a more "organized" nature than others; still, being organized is more likely to be a talent you can develop. Many men and women who, as teens were completely disorganized now handle a job, a marriage, a house and parenthood, with relative, efficient ease.

If you are somewhat on the disorganized side, here's how to change.

First, don't tell anyone what you are doing. It has become such a joke - "Tomorrow I've got to get organized:" - that you might be teased to the point that you'll give it all up.

Second, don't think you'll automatically become a Bionic Woman or Superman, whipping through everything with ease. It's a skill that needs to be worked on, and one which gets better and works more smoothly as you go along.

Third, begin with a good clean-out of all the areas where you spend time or do work - your room, your desk, your closets, etc. This not only "clears the air" and gets you off to a good start, it's a mark of most people who accomplish things. They tend not to be swamped with clutter, and don't have to waste time or emotional energy tearing around hunting for a misplaced item.

Fourth, get a small, easy-to-carry notebook and a pen. At the beginning of each day, week, evening, or however it works best for you, write down the things you need to get done, in order of importance. You may use separate headings on different pages if you like: "Letters I Need To Write," "Calls I Need To Make," "Errands To Run," etc.

With this notebook in front of you, you are much less likely to forget things you must do, or to run one errand when, on the same trip, you could have taken care of three or four.

Some people say, "Oh, I can remember." You probably can. However, the list is a good psychological aid, for several reasons. To begin with, it gives you a visual outline of what needs to get done, and that really does help. Also, there is a great deal of satisfaction in finishing a chore, crossing it off the list, and going on to the next thing. You have a great feeling of accomplishment, of being in control. And, if you are hurrying, or tired, or trying to deal with many things at once, you just might forget something important. (It does happen to all of us now and again.)

Fifth, study your list of jobs. Which ones can best be done in segments ( a little today, a little tomorrow), and which ones need to be carried through in one operation? For example, you might do your mending, build a bookcase, answer letters, write thank-you notes, a bit at a time, but a major job like cleaning a room needs to be started and finished with as little interruption as possible.

Do the worst jobs first, going down the list to the easier, more enjoyable ones. "Procrastination is a thief of time" is a tacky old cliché, but it does have an element of truth. As you keep putting off something you don't really want to do, you can waste a tremendous amount of time and energy on unimportant things. But if you can force yourself to dig in there and get the monster out of the way, you'll feel much better, won't have to worry or think about it any more, and you can go on to more pleasant things.

Cross things off on your notebook pages as you do them, and every now and then start a new page. If you have a page that is two-thirds full of cross-offs, things still to be done tend to get lost and overlooked.

Sixth, weed out unimportant time wasters. We all have a lot of these - the trick is to see them coming and avoid them. If you've been nominated for an office you really don't want, turn it down before the election. Don't fume and fret because it's taking hours of time afterwards. If a longwinded friend telephones, think of ways to get off the line before you find the evening gone and chores waiting that you still need to do.

Seventh, allow a regular "re-organization" day, once a month, a week, or whatever, when you take care of all the little nitty things that have been piling up, and free yourself for handling the more important things in you life. Like your coin collection.

Eighth, allow yourself time to rest - and also time to enjoy your new freedom. Isn't that, really, the best reason for wanting to become more organized?

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Here's to the greatest gambler of all time -  
Lady Godiva.

She put everything she had on a horse.

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What tangles some couples up is that they don't  
know the ropes.

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## Association News:

ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION 20th ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION  
 MARCH 12,13&14, 1982, LOUISE GRAHAM SPECIAL LUNCHEON  
 March 14, 1982 WOODEN TOKEN REPORT.

Submitted by Henry Burke, Convention General Chairman

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Henry Burke.

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### ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP REPORT.

In 1977 the Ontario Numismatic Association formed a O.N.A. Scholarship for students who attend college or university and is a member or their parents is a member of the Ontario Numismatic Association.

In the summer of 1982 Grant Monck, J994 of Lucan, Ontario applied for the scholarship. It gives me great pleasure to announce that Grants application was accepted by the executives and he received his scholatship in the fall of 1982.

Congraduations Grant, keep up the good work.

Bruce R. Watt

Past President 1977-1981 .

## O.N.A. 21st CONVENTION NEWS

There are some changes been made for the 1983 ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION'S 21st CONVENTION.

They are:

The Peterborough Coin Club has withdrawn itself as the Host Club for the O.N.A. 21st Convention, April 8-10, 1983, Rock Haven Motel, Peterborough, Ontario.

Instead the Peterborough Coin Club will be the GUEST CLUB to the Convention.

The 21st Convention will be sponsored by the Ontario Numismatic Association and the Convention Chairman will be Henry Burke.

For information on the following:

Pre Registration

Contact

Bourse

Displays

Henry Burke

Banquet

181 Albert Street,

Wine & Cheese Party

Oshawa, Ontario,

Auction

L1H 4R3

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## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Because our printer was closed for a holiday in December and the Ontario Numismatist was held up in the Christmas mail in Post Office in December, the Nominations for the Merit Award and the 1983-1985 O.N.A Executives dead line date has been extended to February 15th, 1983.

## O.N.A. CONVENTION RAFFLE NEWS

LOOK WHAT WE HAVE FOR YOU THIS YEAR  
 FOR THE O.N.A. CONVENTION RAFFLE  
 TO BE DRAWED APRIL 10th, 1983  
 AT THE ROCK HAVEN MOTEL, PETERBOROUGH.

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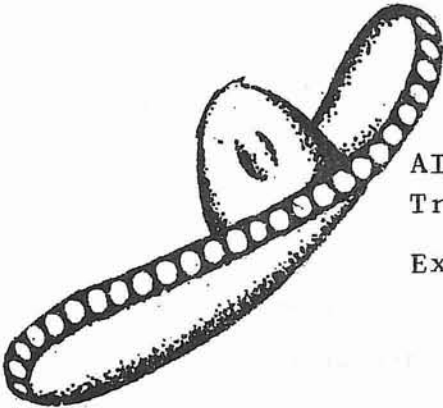
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The following coin clubs meetings is for members to attend when they visit the west coast of Florida.

CLEARWATER COIN CLUB, second and fourth Tuesday, 7:30 P.M.  
Women's Garden Club, N Fort Harrison  
Ave. and Seminole St., Clearwater.

GULFPORT COIN CLUB of ST. PETERSBURG INC., fourth Friday, 7:30  
P.M., American Legion Hall, 1520 Fourth  
St.N., St. Petersburg.

LARGO COIN CLUB, third Wednesday, 7:45 P.M., Freedom Savings  
and Loan Bldg., East Bay Drive at Keene  
Plaza, Largo.

ST. PETERSBURG COIN CLUB, second Friday, 6 P.M. American Legion  
Hall, 1520 Fourth St. N., St. Petersburg.

SARASOTA COIN CLUB, third Monday, 7 P.M., United Federal Savings  
and Loan Bldg., 3550 South Trail, Sara-  
sota.

TAMPA COIN CLUB, second Thursday, 6:30 P.M.. Community Room of  
Tampa Bay Center, W. Buffalo Ave., Tampa.

TAMPA BAY AINA COIN CLUB, third Monday 7 P.M., Jewish Community  
Center, 2808 Horatio St., Tampa.

WEST PASCO COIN CLUB, fourth Thursday, 7:15 P.M., Florida Power  
Bldg., 701 Sunset Road, New Port Richey.

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SPECIAL O.N.A. 21st CONVENTION NEWS RFLLEASE

The Coin Auction for the 21st O.N.A. Convention will be  
held by

"" EAGLE COINS of NIAGARA FALLS, ONTARIO ""

on

Friday April 8th, 1983, 7 to 9:30 P.M.

at

ROCK HAVEN MOTEL, PETERBCROUGH,

# ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

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FOUNDED - 1962

January 1983

## NOTICE

In accordance with article 8 and section 1 of the constitution.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Ontario Numismatic Association will be held at the Rock Haven Motel, Peterborough, Ontario on Saturday, April 9th, 1983, at 10:00 A.M.

All members are urged to attend.

F.C. Jewett

President

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## **Wampum as Harvard Tuition**

Harvard University, founded in 1636, once accepted Indian wampum beads as tuition payment. The beads were tiny white or purple seashells that had been worked into ornamental strings and belts.

Because English money was so scarce in the Colonies in the early 17th century, a Harvard student had the option of paying his fees in a number of commodities that would "supply the necessities of the College." This usually meant crops or livestock, and many a Harvard man arrived at school with a cow or a flock of chickens at his heels. Still others turned up with nonedibles, such as hardware, textiles, buttons and footwear.

At times, the students would eat the school into the red, being specially punishing to stocks of beer and bread. When this began to happen, the college steward would randomly select a student who owed tuition and send him back to the farm with an order for whatever commodities were in short supply.

If a present day Harvard undergraduate were required to ante up in this manner, he would owe \$8195 worth of groceries for a year's tuition.

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## **NEWS FROM AROUND THE CLUBS**

### ST. THOMAS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION C78

The Annual Christmas Dinner of the St. Thomas Numismatic Association was held on December 13th, 1982 at 6:30 P.M., in the Central United Church. The attendance was very good and enjoyed by all.

There were door draws held followed with a 52 lot coin auction.

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### STRATFORD COIN CLUB C20

The November meeting was a top rate meeting with twenty-six members and five guests present. The meeting opened with the Membership Draw which was won by Tom Kennedy.

Kathy Jackson won the Numismatic Quiz.

The past Coin Show Display Winners...

Canadian Decimal	(1) Wm. Payne - London,	(2) Wilf Becker
Foreign	(1) Ross Blakey- London,	(2) Wilf Becker
Paper Money	(1) Tom Kostaluk-London,	(2) Terry Becker, Huron Park
Misc.	(1) Tom Kennedy	(2) Roger Zabizewski Guelph
Medals & Tokens	(1) Tom Kostaluk	(2) Wilf Becker
BEST of SHOW	Bill Payne	

### INGERSOLL COIN CLUB C59

The November meeting was in the form of its 8th Annual Pre-Christmas Banquet. Fifty-four members and guest were served a delicious turkey dinner by the staff of the Senior Citizens Centre. Don Hillis,

Don Hillis, Chairman of the Ingersoll Kiwanis Club's Easter

Seal Program, was introduced. He thanked the coin club for the 18 years of continuous support the club has made.

Corsages were presented by the President to the following ladies for their contribution to the success of the club, Anne Towle, Frances Hollingshead, Velma MacGinnis, Evelyn Mercer and Stella Hodge.

Stella Hodge was presented with Life Membership #7 to the Ingersoll Coin Club for her accomplishments in the past year.

Stella Hodge presented Tom Masters, a ceramic bell with an inset 1982 1 cent with the inscription in gold lettering, "President Ingersoll Coin Club Mr. Thomas Masters." This in appreciation for his 9 years as President.

Draw Prize Winners were: Jack Macginnis, Art Leff, Don Hillis Bill Baxter and Roy Hollingshead.

Charles Laister showed two films, from the Woodstock Public Library, one on the Calgary Zoo and the other on the printing of postage stamps.

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#### WATERLOO COIN SOCIETY C1

On November 16th meeting, Tom Masters, President of the Ingersoll Coin Club was the guest speaker. His topic was "When did your Hobby begin, and where is it going?!" His topic was enjoyed very much by all.

The Feature Draw Winners are as follows:

1st Prize - Wilf Kneisel

2nd Prize-Doh Robb

3rd Prize-Doug Clifford.

Haig Douglas arranged the refreshments for the evening.

A 35 lot auction was conducted by John McIntyre.

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# COIN WEEK NORTH AMERICA SOUVENIR BUTTONS

The Regina Coin Club is pleased to announce the issue of an attractive souvenir badge to help promote the second coin week North America, April 17th-23rd, 1983, to be observed jointly by Canada, the United States of America and Mexico.



COLOURS : GOLD,  
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BLACK

The Badge features three outstanding beautiful gold coins, one from each nation. The U.S. 1907 Double Eagle, the Mexican 1943 50 Pesos and the 1908 Canadian Gold Sovereign.

Proceeds from the sale of the Coin Week Badges will be put towards financing a Major Symposium on "THE NUMISMATICS of NORTH AMERICA" which the Regina Club is planning to hold in July 1985.

The Cost of the Badges are as follows:

1 to 5 badges	.....	\$1.00 each
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11	12 badges.....	\$10.00 total
	20 badges	..... \$17.50 total
	25 badges	.....\$20.00 total
	50 badges.....	\$35.00 total
	100 badges.....	\$50.00 total
	1000 badges	.....\$400.00 total

Mailing address..... REGINA COIN CLUB

P.O. Box 174, Regina, Sask, S4P 2Z6

Further information contact  
Paul Nadin-Davis  
(613) 235-1916

### **NADIN-DAVIS RELEASE CATALOG FOR MARCH T.I.C.F. AUCTION**

The Ottawa, Canada firm Nadin-Davis Numismatics has released its catalog for the March 26, 1983 auction of world coins, tokens and medals at the Toronto International Coin Fair. The Show will take place at the Lakeshore Inn, Toronto, Canada March 25-27, with the Nadin-Davis auction commencing at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday. Mail bids, of course, are also being accepted.

While Canadian and Newfoundland coins and banknotes will be offered in a separate sale by Charles D. Moore of Walnut Creek, Ca., the Nadin-Davis auction is comprised approximately 50% of better world coins, tokens and medals, and 50% of Canadian tokens and medals. Included in the auction is a fine collection of counterstamped coins and tokens of the world, including the fabulous "Bowman specimen" Prince Edward Island holey dollar, a previously unlisted Mozambique counterstamp, and a number of revolutionary and provincial pieces of the Spanish-speaking world.

Among highlights of the auction are some extremely rare "Breton" tokens of Canada, including a specimen proof Quebec Bank token, a brockage bouquet sou/U.S. large cent, and some commoner pieces in high grade. Canadian medals listed by Jos. Leroux comprise nearly 100 lots, and Nadin-Davis expect this to be a busy part of the sale due to their recent release of a reprint of the medals portions of the LeRoux work, which is available from the firm at \$10.00 postpaid.

The second half of the sale contains a fine selection of world crowns, minors, medals and tokens, strong in German States, early British and European, and with even a selection of "bulk lots" to delight the adventurous collector. At the very back is a mail bid only section, which includes a number of "dealer lots" and "starter sets" of Canadian trade dollars, numismatic literature and miscellaneous items.

Catalogs for the T.I.C.F. auction are available from Nadin-Davis at Box 95, Station A, Ottawa, Canada K1N 8V1. A \$1 bill to help with postage is appreciated. The firm offers an annual subscription to its price lists and auctions, usually numbering 12 or more, the current price for a 1983 subscription being only \$5.00.

# SHOW AND BOURSE DATES

MARCH 12, 1983

WILLOWDALE, ONTARIO.....NORTH YORK COIN CLUB'S  
Annual Coin Show

North York Community Hall  
5090 Yonge St, Willowdale, Ont.

For information... Harvey Farrow, Chairman  
P.O. Box 294, Sta. "A",  
Willowdale, Ontario, M2N 5S9

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MARCH 25 to 27, 1983

TORONTO, ONTARIO..... TORONTO INTERNATIONAL COIN FAIR  
SPRING SHOW

Lakeshore Inn 2000 Lakeshore Blvd. W.,  
Toronto, Ontario

For information... P.O. Box 973, Sta. "B",  
Willowdale, Ontario, M2K 2T6

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APRIL 8-10, 1983

PETERBOROUGH, ONTARIO..... O.N.A. 'S 21st CONVENTION

Rock Haven Motel, Peterborough, Ont.

For information... Henry Burke  
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### The "CHAS. B. LAISTER TROPHY"

donated to the Ontario Numismatic Association for Annual Competition of O.N.A. Member Club Displays, will be up for competition again, at the 21st Annual O.N.A. Convention, to be held at the Rockhaven Motel, Highway #28, Peterborough, Ontario, April 8th, 9th & 10th, 1983.

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 is 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 display 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.

The Club that has the best display will get the "Laister Trophy" till the next O.N.A. Convention. At that time the Trophy has to be returned to the O.N.A. Annual Convention for the next competition. So start getting your Club Display ready NOW.

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**DID YOU KNOW:**

by Terry Roit. Assistant Editor, Stratford Coin Club

This month let's take a trip to China.

**CHINA:** The two-fen banknote was issued by the People's Republic of China. To the left of the airplane on the obverse is the banknote's denomination in Chinese. The Chinese characters seen in the upper border translate as The People's Bank of China.

The two-fen denomination also appears on the reverse on either side of the official state emblem. The legends appearing around the emblem are inscribed in four different languages - Han, Mongolian, Tibetan and Uigurian. Each legend translates as The People's Bank of China.

The state emblem depicts the Gate of Heavenly Peace, a famous landmark in the capital city of Peking. The large star in the center symbolizes the Chinese Republic, while the four smaller stars represent the classes of workers who make up the Republic: white-collar, managerial, industrial and agricultural. The bordering wreath is symbolic of agriculture, and the cogwheel at the base of the emblem represents industrial development.

With a population of about one billion, the People's Republic of China is the most populous nation on earth. China's modern history dates back to 1949 when Mao Tse-tung's communists ousted the Chinese nationalists. Since that time, the People's Republic of China has emerged as one of the world's most powerful nations.

**HONG KONG:** The ten-dollar banknote was issued by the British crown colony of Hong Kong. A classic-style portrait of a woman holding a sheaf of grain can be observed on the front side near the upper left corner. Below the portrait the Royal Arms of the United Kingdom are combined with a scene of Hong Kong harbor. A watermark portraying a warrior in a Greek helmet can be seen on the right. The Hong Kong and Shanghai Corporation building is depicted on the note's reverse.

Located off the south coast of mainland China, Hong Kong is one of the world's busiest and most important ports. Hong Kong consists of some 235 islands covering an area of 1,126 square miles. Hong Kong Island is the most important land mass in the chain, and it is here that the capital city of Victoria is located. Across the harbor from Victoria is Kowloon, another important urban center. About 80 percent of Hong Kong's 4.5 million people live in this area.

The British gained control of Hong Kong in 1842 as part of the Treaty of Nanking, which ended the Opium War with China. The Japanese gained control of the area during World War II, but Hong Kong was restored to the British after the war. Today Hong Kong is still one of the largest commercial and trading centers in Asia.

**REPUBLIC OF CHINA:** China's revolutionary hero Dr. Sun Yat-sen is portrayed on the 10-dollar banknote issued by the Republic of China. Born in 1866, Sun studied medicine in Canton and Hong Kong, and received his degree in 1892. As a revolutionary, he was devoted to freeing China from the Manchu rulers. After the revolution of 1911, Sun became the republic's first president. He stepped aside in 1912 in favor of the powerful Yuan Shih-K'ai. As the latter assumed more and more dictatorial powers, Sun, with the aid of the National People's party, set up a rival government in Canton. Sun died in 1925. His tomb in Nanking has become a national shrine.

The Presidential Office Building is depicted on the reverse. This structure dominates Presidential Square in the capital city of Taipei.

After the communist takeover of mainland China in 1949, the government of the Republic of China moved to the island of Taiwan, some 100 miles off the southeast coast of the mainland. Although Taiwan has few natural resources, the Taiwanese have made agriculture an important part of the national economy and have built a strong industrial base.

Now let's cross the Yellow Sea and go into Japan.

**JAPAN:** Symbolic of the natural beauty of Japan, the 500-yen note issued by the Bank of Japan is a work of art in itself. The design is executed primarily in blue, highlighted by delicate pastels.

The face of the note portrays Prince Tomomi Iwakura, a noted 19th-century statesman. Iwakura was influential in putting an end to the shogun-controlled feudal military system of government. To the left of the portrait are the bold Japanese characters for "Banknote of Japan," and the smaller characters stand for "Bank of Japan." Also seen is a cluster of cherry blossoms, the national flower of Japan. The cherry blossom motif is repeated, with a series of wavy lines, in the watermark to the left.

The reverse side depicts Mount Fuji. Rising to a height of 12,388 feet, Mount Fuji, or Fujiyama, is the highest point in Japan. Considered to be sacred, it is the traditional goal for Buddhist pilgrims.

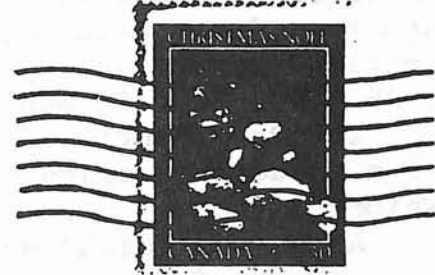
Japan is the romanized version of the Japanese name, Nippon, meaning land of the rising sun, which appears at the top of the note. Although it is a very small island nation, Japan is one of the world's leading industrial and trading powers.

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Did you know the books in the libraries of the great Turkish sultans were perfumed. Each volume had its own particular fragrance. A scentmaster, in charge of mixing precious essences, decided which perfume would best suit the contents and character of each book.

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I love being a writer, what I can't stand is the paper work.



## Mailing Coins: The Post Office Policy

Dear APNA member:

You have a coin with a market value of \$975 ready to sell to a fellow collector across the country. You walk into your neighborhood post office and ask the clerk about the safest way to mail your precious package. He informs you that registered mail is your best bet but the limit of indemnity for articles lost or damaged (he never mentions "stolen") in the mail is \$1000. "Ah," you say to yourself, "since my coin's worth \$975, I have \$25 to spare." So you ask the clerk to register your package for \$975 and you pay the proper registration fee (in this case \$4.55) plus first class postage. The clerk hands you an official registration receipt and you walk away confident that your coin will be delivered safely to its destination.

One month and a few chewed fingernails later, no reply is received from the collector to whom your coin was destined. So you call him long distance ready to accuse him of being a crook for not paying for the coin you sent him. He swears on a stack of bibles that he never received the coin at all so it must have been somehow lost in the mail. Your next step is to bite off what's left of your fingernails. Then you remember that your precious coin was registered for its full value. So despite a few anxious moments, you're confident that all will turn out well, and the post office will pay you \$975 for the lost shipment.

The next day you pay a visit to the postmaster and present your case backed by your official registration receipt. After filling out a detailed *Mail Enquiry or Application of Indemnity* (5 copies no less), a post office investigation is initiated. >

MAILING COINS:

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THE POST OFFICE POLICY (Continued)

Weeks later, your claim cheque arrives in the morning mail but it's for only \$100. Your blood pressure hits the roof and you make a beeline for your postmaster to give him a piece of what's left of your mind. "Why," you ask in a crackling voice, "did I only get \$100 for a coin registered for \$975?" His reply hits you like a ton of bricks: "I'm sorry, but coins and currency are only indemnified for up to \$100, regardless of how much more they're actually worth."

This little scenario illustrates the sobering fact that, while most articles of general merchandise can be registered and indemnified against loss or damage for up to the \$1000 limit, coins and currency (including numismatic material) are limited to an indemnity of only \$100. This little-known post office policy will come as shocking news to many collectors and dealers.

Following is a reply from Canada Post Corporation president Michael Warren in answer to my inquiry about official post office policy regarding the mailing of numismatic items:

*"It used to be our policy to charge the letter rate of postage on such numismatic mailings irrespective of the value of the coins.*

*"However, in view of representations received from coin collectors that payment of the first class rate on such mailings created a hardship on the numismatic trade, a decision was reached permitting the acceptance of coins at the fourth class rate of postage when posted by numismatists. On the understanding, of course, that such shipments would not be accepted for insurance and no indemnity would be paid in case of loss or damage. This applies to both domestic and international mailings of this nature.*

*"We do not insure such coin shipments when mailed as fourth class (parcel post). Unlike articles of general merchandise, where the value can easily be established, coin collections have a numismatic value which cannot readily be determined. Furthermore, such shipments contain such a variety of coins that it would be difficult to prove claims of pilfering.*

*"If you wish indemnity, you may send your numismatic items by first class and register them if their value is \$100 or less. If the value is over \$100 you must use the money packet rate. In either case, the maximum indemnity would be \$100.*

*"If indemnity is desired on shipments of coins weighing 500 g or less to countries outside Canada (including U.S.A.) they must be prepaid at the first class rate of postage and registered."*

What particularly stands out is Mr. Warren's statement that "coin collections have a numismatic value which cannot be readily determined." Obviously Mr. Warren is not a numismatist, else he would know that coins and banknotes have definite market values which are readily determined. >

Perhaps someone should send him a current Charlton catalogue! Ironically, cancelled and uncanceled postage stamps can be registered for the maximum \$1000 limit according to post office policy. The marketability and pricing structure of postage stamps is basically no different from coins; so why should stamp collectors be allowed to register their stamps for up to \$1000 while coin collectors are limited to an indemnity of only \$100 for their coins? This is a case of discrimination and post office regulations should obviously be changed.

Another point raised in Mr. Warren's letter is *money packets*. This is a special class of mail which includes bank notes, coins, gold bullion or gold dust, jewels and most bearer-negotiable securities. All such items must be sent as money packets if their value exceeds \$100. Money packets are handled as registered mail but the limit of indemnity for lost or damaged shipments is still \$100. The rates for money packets begin at \$4 (depending on weight) but this amount includes first class postage and the registration fee. Ordinary registered mail carries a basic fee of \$1.85 plus first class postage. Obviously, money packets are generally more expensive to mail than ordinary registered mail. If you've never heard of money packets, you're in good company: very few people have, including some postal clerks. I recently asked one such clerk to send a coin shipment as a money packet. A glazed look came over the clerk's eyes, followed by the reply: "*Money packets? What's that? Never heard of it!*"

Evidently, a detailed explanation of Canadian postal regulations is not possible here. Registered shipments to countries outside Canada have lower indemnity limits which vary according to destination.

If you're a U.S. resident, you can take comfort in the fact that U.S. postal regulations are much more favorable to the coin collector. Numismatic items can be insured for up to \$400 (actually it's less expensive to register any item worth over \$300). Insured shipments may be sent by 3rd or 4th class mail and they may also be sent by first class mail if the package is clearly marked *First Class Mail - Third Class Merchandise Enclosed*. Registered mail can be used if the value of your coin(s) exceeds \$400 and such shipments may be indemnified for up to \$25,000 (you can register for more than \$25,000 but you may have problems collecting the insurance if the shipment is lost or damaged).

I hasten to point out that very few registered packages are lost in the mails. In fact, my own firm, Consolidated Numismatics Limited, has mailed thousands of registered rare coin shipments but only one was ever lost, and this is our 9th year of business. Registered mail is still the safest and least expensive way to ship valuables and I've found it to be very reliable.

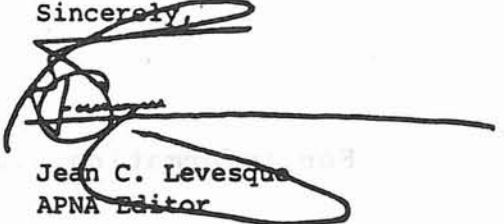
Still, there are certain precautions to take when mailing coins. Make sure they're packed securely so they don't rattle around inside the envelope. Mail is subjected to constant handling while in transit and loosely packed coins make excellent battering rams inside the envelope. >

Metal versus paper is a sure bet as to which will be the winner. Always include an itemized list of the coins contained in the package. Just a few days ago, I received a battered package which had been ripped open at one end while in the mails. I was informed by the postmaster that the coins inside the package had poured out and they were found at the bottom of the mail bag. Luckily the sender had taken the time to include an itemized list of the contents and all coins were accounted for.

It's wise never to write the words *Numismatics* or *Coins* on the package. This is an open invitation to an unscrupulous postal employee to "borrow" your coins indefinitely. Try to use large envelopes (at least business size) or shipping containers. A large package is much harder for someone to conceal than a small envelope.

Finally, before assuming that a coin shipment has been lost in the mails, it's wise to wait about 30 days before making an inquiry. There are rumors going around that postal service tends to be somewhat slow at times and patience is a good virtue to possess in this case.

Sincerely,



Jean C. Levesque  
APNA Editor

P.S. There may soon be favorable changes in Canadian postal regulations. I recently spoke with James Corkery, former head of Canada Post (now Master of the Royal Canadian Mint), and he told me that Canada Post was currently revising their antiquated policies regarding registered mail classification and indemnity. With any luck, these updated policies will take effect some time this year and we can all rest a little easier when mailing our treasures.

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MARCH 12, 1983

WILLOWDALE, ONTARIO.....NORTH YORK COIN CLUB'S  
Annual Coin Show  
North York Community Hall  
5090 Yonge St, Willowdale, Ont.

MARCH 25 to 27, 1983

TORONTO, ONTARIO.....TORONTO INTERNATIONAL COIN FAIR  
SPRING SHOW  
Lakeshore Inn, 2000 Lakeshore, W.,  
Toronto, Ontario.

APRIL 8 10, 1983

PETERBOROUGH, ONTARIO????.....ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION  
21st Annual Convention  
Rockhaven Motel, Highway #28,  
Peterborough, Ontario.

For information..... Henry Burke  
181 Albert St,  
Oshawa, Ontario, L1H 4R3

APRIL 16th, 1983

OSHAWA, ONTARIO.....OSHAWA & DISTRICT COIN CLUB  
SPRING SHOW

FOR INFORMATION OSHAWA SHOPPING CENTRE  
P.O. Box 212  
Oshawa, Ontario, L1H 7L1

APRIL 17th, 1983

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Annual Coin Show  
Wheels Motor Inn  
Chatham, Ontario

For information.... Mr. Lou Wagener  
27 Peter St, Chatham, Ont., N7M 5B2

## **NEWS FROM AROUND THE CLUBS**

### **ST. CATHARINES COIN CLUB C13**

The 235th meeting of the St. Catharines Coin Club was held on December 19th, 1982, with 45 members and guest present.

Due to illness of the President Ken Spiece, Vice President Dina Cece chaired the meeting.

Draw winners at this meeting were Shawn Falazi who won a duck, winner of the chicken was Marjorie Nelson and the winners of the two turkeys were Past Presidents Hilda Shepard and Bernard Cooke.

The Executives for the year 1983 are as follows:

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 Membership... Carl Szic

The auction was conducted by Lloyd Dorsey assisted by Geo. Oblinsky and L. Shepard.

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### **CITY of OTTAWA COIN CLUB C19**

The 177th meeting was held on Monday, January 24, 1983 at the National Archives Building on Wellington Street, Ottawa with 28 Members and 2 Guest in attendance. Paul Nadin-Davis, President for 1982 thanked the members of the outgoing Executives for their work and support during the past year. He then introduced Frank Fesco, President for 1983.

The 50-50 draw was won by Peter Willis and the door prize, which was donated by Al Davies, won by Mrs Esler.

Graham Esler was the guest speaker for the evening. His topic was on Lithuanian coinage of the 16th century.

Al Davies conducted the coin auction.

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## LAKESHORE COIN CLUB C81

The Lakeshore Coin Club of Pointe Claire Quebec still has available a few Commemorative Medals for the Fred Bowman 1974 Testimonial Dinner for sale. There were 100 originally struck 36mm in size at \$5.00 each.

Mailing address is Barry Uman

Lakeshore Coin Club

P.O. Box 1137

Pointe Claire, P.Q. H9S 4H9

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## NORTH YORK COIN CLUB C76

At the January meeting Dr. Marvin Kay gave an excellent talk on the "Coins of Israel" showing slides of the geophraphic scenes of the country, showing the various coins issued from the mandate of Israel's independence over the past 25 years. He also mentioned the various group organizations that you can join to know more about the coins of Israel.

George Gale gave a short talk on Byzantium coins which he had a display case full of some of the coins.

Wally Ciona gave the financial report of the club for 1982 which showed that the club had a deficit of just over \$300.00 for the year, considering that the postal rates increased 76% and the rent was increased 10%.

The refreshments were served by Jean Orr, followed with a floor auction conducted by Glen Williams, assisted by Basil Latham.

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## **Association News:**

To All Members:

The increase in postal rates, and change in postal regulations effective January 15, 1983, has created a serious problem in financial planning for your Executive.

At the present time, the annual dues of adult members of \$7 per annum do not cover the production costs of the "Ontario Numismatist", and the postal changes necessitates some change.

The matter was given a thorough review at the Executive meeting held February 6, 1983, and it was decided that the several alternatives should be placed before all members now.

A report on the views of members will be incorporated in a presentation made at the Annual Meeting on April 9th next, when dealing with dues for the year 1984.

The options now open to the Association, as regards the "Ontario Numismatist" are as follows:

1. Maintain the present 11 issues at 8 sheets (16 pages) at a cost for postage of \$5.28 per annum (against \$3.30 previously) and increase the Annual Dues from \$7 to \$10.
2. Reduce the 11 issues from 8 sheets to 5 sheets (10 pages) each, at a cost for postage of \$4.07 per annum, largely by almost eliminating illustrations, and tightening up copy, The increase in annual dues would be from \$7 to \$8.
3. Reduce the frequency to 6 issues of 8 sheets per annum, without a change in dues.
4. Reduce the frequency to 4 issues of 12 sheets per annum, without a change in dues.

It should be borne in mind that costs in 1984 will probably necessitate an increase in dues in 1985 of a minimum of \$2 per adult member.

Please consider the above alternatives most carefully, and WRITE ME BEFORE APRIL 1 st, your views on which should be recommended to the Annual Meeting.

F. C. Jewett, President  
26 Davean Drive,  
WILLOWDALE, Ontario  
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Mel Fiske  
Chairman, Nomination Committee

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CLASSIFICATION ON DISPLAY CATEGORIES  
ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

1. JUNIOR All displays entered by persons under 16 years of age. A contest by themselves apart from all other categories.
2. CANADIAN Includes all Provincial and Canadian Coins  
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3. U.S.A. Includes all U.S.A. Coins
4. BRITISH EMPIRE AND COMMONWEALTH  
Include all coins of British Colonies, Dominions and Great Britain (except Canada)
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6. PAPER Includes all paper money, documents and other forms of exchange, etc., from any one country or from various countries, including Canada and U.S.A,
7. MEDALS Includes all War Decoration Medals
8. MISCELLANEOUS Includes all other numismatic items and novelty exhibits not applicable in any of the above categories. This includes any one display showing metal items from more than one country (other than defined in #5 and 11, and or any one display showing both metal items and paper items together.
9. ERRORS Errors occurring in the official production of numismatic material.
10. TOKENS Including tokens from U.S.A. Canada and Foreign countries.
11. WOODEN MONEY All wooden Money Canada, U.S.A. and Foreign,
12. BEST O.N.A. CLUB MEMBER DISPLAY  
Includes all above categories, O.N.A Club members in good standing 6 months prior to the show date only can participate in this category. Material from Club Archives or Library.
- 13 BEST OF SHOW All categories listed above excluding #12 will constitute one category to ascertain the identity of the highest point scoring displays in the entire exhibition.
14. NO-COMPETITION EXHIBITS Open to Collectors, Dealers, Banks etc.  
No award is given in this category.

AWARDS AND RIBBONS WILL BE AWARDED ACCORDING WITH DISPLAY RULES

EXHIBIT RULES

1. Security will be provided during the day by private protection.
2. Competition for exhibitors is open to all members of any numismatic Association.
3. The display material must be the property of the person displaying the exhibit.
4. The name or identity of any of the exhibitors shall not appear on the exhibit unless non-competitive.
5. The exhibitors are asked not to attend their displays while the displays are being judged.
6. All matter relating to the displays at this show shall be determined by the display chairman.
7. The exhibitor is responsible for setting up and removing his displays.
8. The exhibit (display) chairman, in conference with the exhibitor may transfer an exhibit from one category to another before the judging, if it appears the exhibitor has entered his exhibit in the improper class. A small amount of related material is allowed to present numismatic information to the viewer without changing the classification of the exhibit to a general one.
9. The judges will submit final points scores for all competitive exhibits 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. Judging sheets will be held for seven days and then destroyed.
10. No moving or animated displays are allowed.
11. No material of any kind is allowed outside the case.
12. An exhibitor may enter only one display in each category.
13. The exhibit, in order to qualify for judging must be registered no later than 12:00 Noon Saturday of Convention Week. Judging starts at 2:00 P.M. on the Saturday.
14. A separate application for each exhibit must be submitted.
15. No advertising of any kind will be permitted with any of the exhibits.
16. Any material known to be 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. Exhibitors shall not violate any Canadian or Provincial Laws relating to the holding or exhibiting of forged, spurious, or counterfeit numismatic items.
17. Display prizes will include ribbons and trophies or medals with the appropriate inscribed detail.

18. The exhibitor is responsible for his displays. The executives of the Ontario Numismatic Association or the Convention committee will not be responsible for lost, stolen or damaged material of displays.

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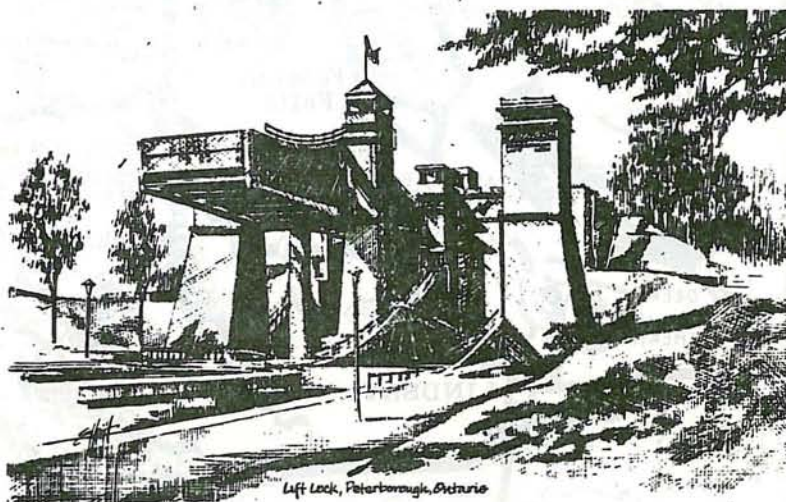
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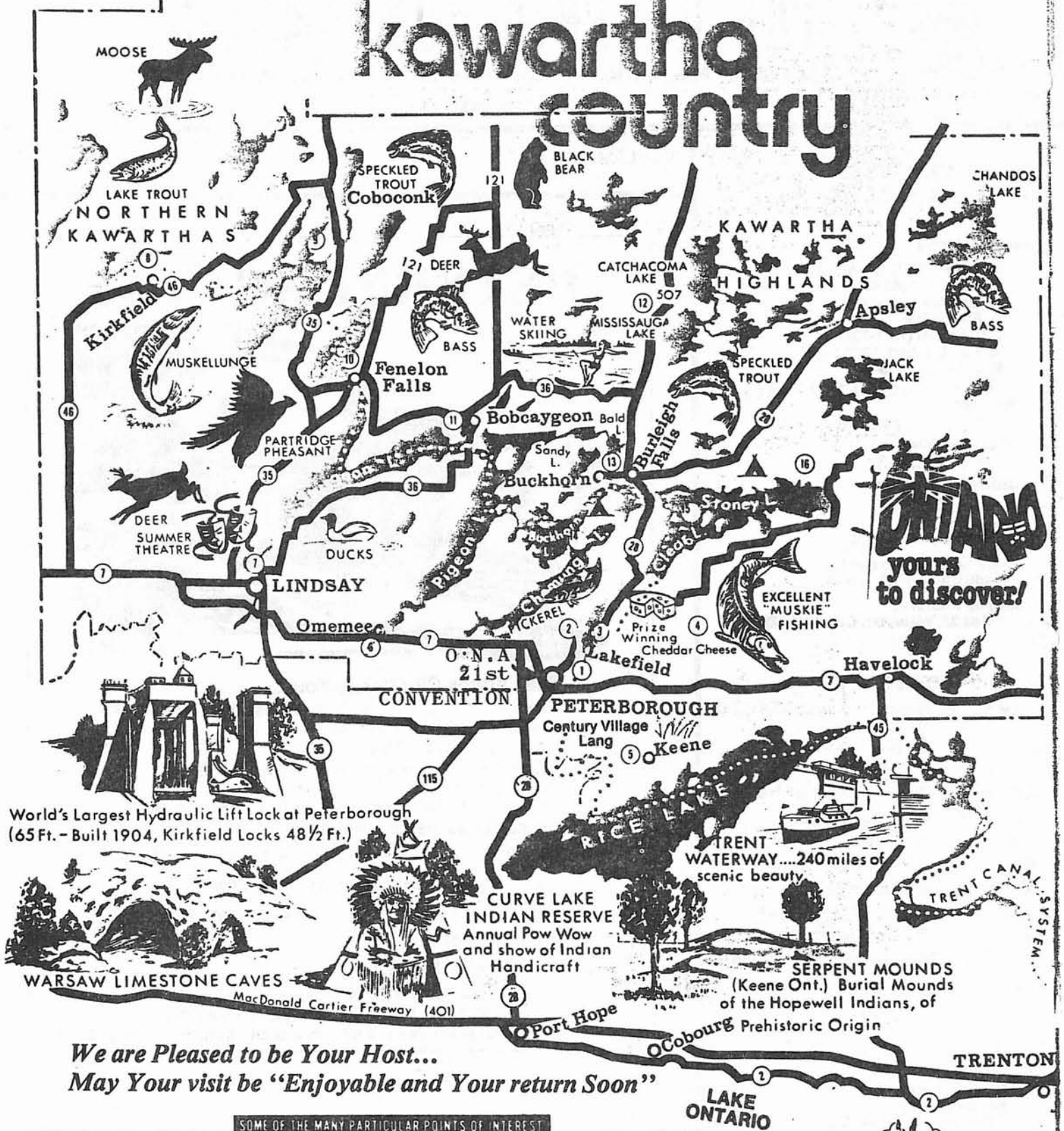
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At

ROCKHAVEN MOTEL, PETERBOROUGH, ONTARIO, HIGHWAY #28

PROGRAMME

FRIDAY, APRIL 8th, 1983

8:00 A.M. BOURSE SET UP ALGONQUIN A&amp;B ROOMS

9:00 A.M. PRE-REGISTRATION DESK OPEN

DISPLAYS SET UP ALGONQUIN C. ROOM

10:00 A.M. OPEN TO PUBLIC

7:00 P.M. AUCTION CONDUCTED by EAGLE COINS, NIAGARA FALLS  
ALGONQUIN C ROOM

8:00 P.M. BOURSE &amp; DISPLAY ROOMS CLOSES

9:00 P.M. WINE &amp; CHEESE PARTY PERSIMMON ROOM A&amp;B

SATURDAY, APRIL 9th, 1983

8:30 A.M. O.N.A EXECUTIVES &amp; JUDGES BREAKFAST PERSIMMON A.

9:00 A.M. BOURSE SET UP

DISPLAYS SET  
REGISTRATION DESK OPEN

10:00 A.M. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ALGONQUIN ROOM C.

12:00 NOON WOODEN MONEY MEETING ALGONQUIN ROOM C.

2:00 P.M. EDUCATIONAL FORUM (300YEARS COINAGE of CANADA  
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ALGONQUIN ROOM C

4:30P.M. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS ALGONQUIN ROOM C.

6:00 P.M. RECEPTION COTILLION ROOM

BOURSE CLOSES

BANQUET GUEST SPEAKER COTILLION ROOM

MERIT AWARD, BEST OF SHOW AWARD &amp; BEST JUNIOR AWARD

SUNDAY APRIL 10th, 1983

9:00 A.M. O.N.A CLUB DELEGATE'S BREAKFAST COTILLION ROOM

10:00 A.M. BOURSE &amp; DISPLAY ROOMS OPEN

3:30 P.M. O.N.A. DRAW

4:30 P.M. CONVENTION CLOSES FOR 1983

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- 1945 50¢ B.U. M.S. 55
- 1947 P.7 Silver Dollar B.U. M.S. 60



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## ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL

by TOM KOSZTALUK

One day in the early 1870's a young man was writing to the girl that he was later to marry.

In his letter he described his father's home in Canada. The house, he explained, was built upon heights overlooking the Grand River at Brantford, Ontario, and on the edge of a nearby cliff was a grassy depression so like a couch that the family called it "THE SOFA SEAT". "This is my dreaming place" the young man wrote.

"EXPLORING THE WORLD OF SPEECH"

The family background and early education of Alexander Graham Bell had a profound influence on his career.

He was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, on March 3rd, 1847, the son of Alexander Melville Bell, a Professor at the University of Edinburgh, and Eliza Grace Symonds, a daughter of a surgeon in the Royal Navy.

His mother, who was a portrait painter and an accomplished musician, began to lose her hearing when Graham was a boy of Twelve.

His father enjoyed a world-wide reputation as a teacher and author of textbooks on correct speech, and as the inventor of "Visible Speech," Graham as he grew up became expert in their use for that purpose. The boy's Grandfather, Alexander Bell, was also a specialist in the art of good speech.

Both Father and Grandfather studied the processes of speech with scientific thoroughness, and their methods and Melville Bell's textbooks were widely used.

"GRAHAM BELL GOES TO BOSTON"

When the Spring of 1871 came, Graham was ready to make a career for himself, and the best opportunity appeared to be in Boston.

He went to Boston endowed with talent and ability. They seem to have combined for the purpose of helping him to invent the telepheme. His knowledge of speech and hearing and their mechanisms, his growing interest in electricity, his training in music and sensitive ear, and his desire to serve humanity-through work for the deaf all were to lead him towards his great gift to mankind. The idea that deaf children could be taught to speak was relatively new in America. The prevailing view was, "NOTHING CAN BE DONE".



Alexander Graham Bell in his student days in Edinburgh.

### "THE SOUND IS HEARD"

On June 2nd, 1875, came the "BREAK" in TELEPHONE HISTORY. In the Garret at 109 Court Street, Bell at one end of the line, and Watson at the other, in different rooms, were tuning the reeds of the Harmonic Telegraph. Watson plucked it to free it. Twang-g Bell at the other end of the line heard in his receiver a sound quite different from the usual whine sent out by the vibrating transmitter. Quickly he ran to Watson, shouting, "Watson, what did you do then? Don't change anything. Let me see."

After an hour or so plucking reeds and listening to the transmitted sounds, Bell gave his assistant instructions for making "THE FIRST BELL TELEPHONE", and on the next day the primitive instrument transmitted the sound of Bell's voice to Watson.

The two men went on experimenting all summer, and in September at Brantford Bell began to write specifications for his first Telephone Patent, before he filed his patent application, on February 14th, 1876.

"IT SPEAKS! THE TELEPHONE"

In August, when Bell was once more on holiday at his parents home he put the matter to the test. He connected the homestead at Tutelo Heights with the City of Brantford by telephone, and in another test he made a connection with the village of Mount Pleasant.

In 1876 he came to test his nearly perfected telephone over a distant. On August 10th, 1876 the worlds first long distance telephone call was made successfully one-way over the telegraph line from Brantford to Paris, Ontario.

In 1881, when Alexander Melville Bell left his homestead to live near his son in Washington, D.C. Brantfordites turned out in force to say farewell, and this homestead would be long remembered, because he said pointing to the building, "UNDER YON ROOF OF MINE, THE TELEPHONE WAS BORN".



Alexander Graham Bell, 1876



Bell's Homestead, Brantford, Ontario

"BELL'S LEGACY TO THE WORLD"

ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL CAN TRULY BE CALLED A CITIZEN OF THE WORLD.

Born in Edinburgh, Scotland March 3rd, 1847, he worked in Canada and in the United States. He became a United States citizen in 1882. He once said, "Though I cannot claim to be a Canadian... I have a warm spot in my heart for Canada.

He died at Bein Bhreagh, in August, 1922, and was buried on his beloved Cape Breton Hillside overlooking the Bras D'Or Lakes, Canada...

"THE TELEPHONE CITY"

In the words of the inventor himself, at the unveiling of the Bell Memorial in 1917, "Brantford became my thinking place". Here, that the Telephone was invented, the first Draft of Patent Specifications was prepared, here also the first public demonstration of this result was given to the world.

Brantford has an indisputable claim to this distinction and is rightfully named "THE TELEPHONE CITY" June 9thN 1909.

The Homestead was marked as a National Historic Site in 1953 by the Government of Canada.

The City of Brantford, Ontario, issued in 1974 a set of 3 Medals of Graham Bell.(1oz. 999 silver)

HOMESTEAD MEDAL within six days of the arrival in Canada of the Bell Family on August, 1870, the inventor's father purchased the house in Brantford, now is the Bell Homestead, Robert Morton, who built it in 1857.

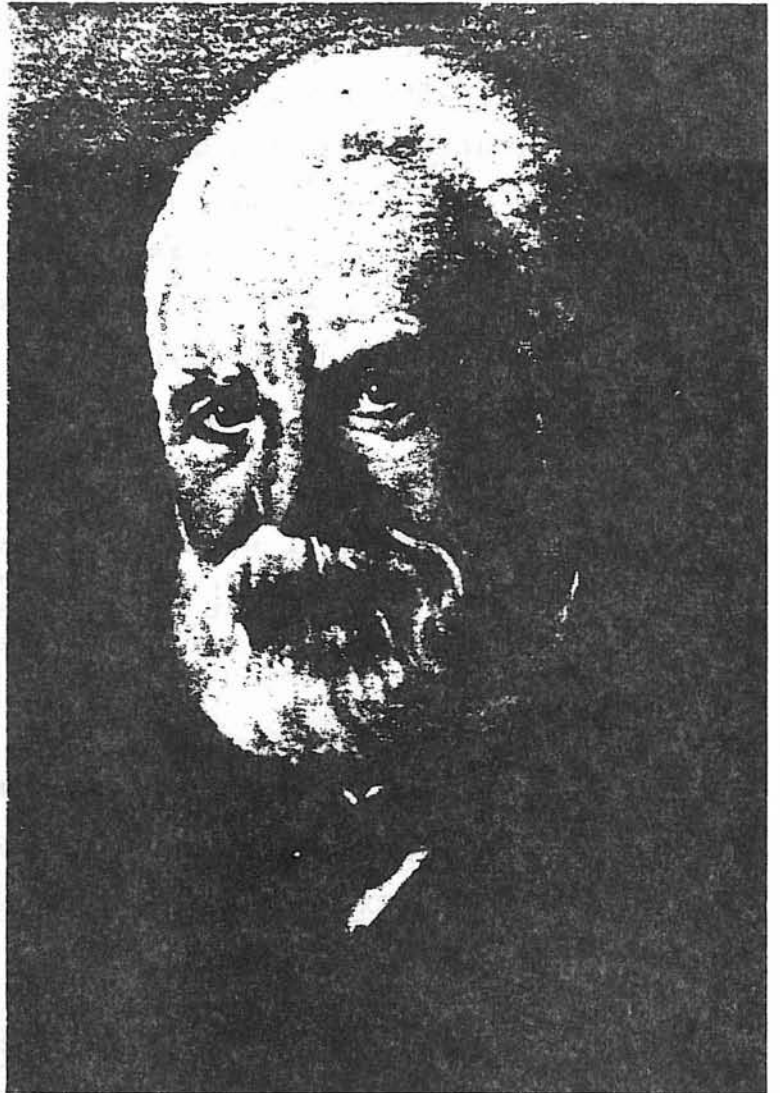
CITY CREST MEDAL , the Coat of Arms shows a Central Shield, Canadian Beaver, flanked by an Indian on the left of the shield and a pioneer on the right. The Shield is topped by the Maple Leaf crest.

BUST of ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL MEDAL, "Don't Keep Forever On The Public Road, Going Only Where Others Have Gone. Leave The Beaten Track Occasionally And Drive Into The Woods. You Will Be Certain To Find Something You Have Never Seen Before. Of Course, It Will Be A Little Thing.

Brantford Numismatic Association has issued Medal in Nickel - Silver and in Bronze in 1974, and a set of Wooden Money in 1982. Brantford Regional Chamber of Commerce issued a Trade Dollar in 1981.

REFERENCES:

- The Bell Telephone Company of Canada.
- The Invention of the Telephone by Marcus Van Steen
- The Canadians, Alexander Graham Bell, by A. Roy Petrie.



*Alexander Graham Bell 1847-1922*

The inventor at the age of twenty-five, taken in a room of the Bell home on Tutelo Heights.

## **NEWS FROM AROUND THE CLUBS**

### CHAMPLAIN COIN CLUB C21

The February meeting was held on February 3rd, 1983, at St. David's Anglican Church, 8:00 P.M. Orillia, Ontario. The meeting was a very successful meeting. The night was stormy and the roads were very slippery, but this didn't stop the faithful members from attending.

A motion was passed that the ladies of the Church be contacted to cater the Annual Buffet Supper in June, more information will be released, when available.

The Coin Week Canada project will be discussed at the March meeting.

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### STRATFORD COIN CLUB C20

The February meeting was held at the Kiwanis Community Centre, Lakeside Drive, on the 14th, at 7:30 P.M.

The feature was the C.N.A. Slide Series on Mortuary Medals and also the one on Bouquet Sous. After a break for Coffee, Milk and goodies, a 42 lot Auction was conducted by Ken Wilmot, assisted by Wilf Becker and Gary Archer.

The attendance was down somewhat with 34 members and one guest. Andrew Park was welcomed to the club as a new member.

Finally the meeting was closed with a couple of plates sandwiches, coffee and coffee cake served.

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### WATERLOO COIN SOCIETY C 1

There was an excellent turnout of attendance of 30 members and guest attended the January 18th, in the Waterloo Public Library, at 8:00 P.M.

The Feature Draw was won by the follows:

1st Prize Richard Struther 1970 P.L. Set

2nd Prize Scott Linton 1980 P.L. Set

A very active coin auction was held and all the lots were sold.

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### C. N. A. Announces New Exhibit Handbook

The Canadian Numismatic Association is pleased to announce the completion of a handbook titled "Exhibits and Judging in Numismatics".

This 54 page booklet provides a comprehensive study on the design and set-up of numismatic displays, exhibit research, originality, photography and judging organization. Special chapters are also featured on the duties of an Exhibit Chairman, responsibilities of the Head Judge and the rationale of the current C.N.A. Judging system.

In short, this booklet is the only available source at present which summarizes basically everything one needs to know in planning a numismatic display. Four pages are devoted to actual display case layouts.

Paul Johnson, C.N.A. Ontario Director and member of the Education Committee, and Ted Banning, Coin Columnist of the Toronto Globe and Mail newspaper, edited the material while Johnson served as Co-ordinator of the project. Fifteen top experts in the field of exhibiting and judging contributed in-depth papers towards the success of this booklet.

Other contributing writers besides Banning and Johnson include the following individuals: David Block, Gainesville, Florida; Bruce R. Brace, Ancaster, Ontario; James Brandt, Pearl River, New York; Stanley Clute, High River, Alberta; John Greenslet, Reisterstown, Maryland; Ray Gregory, Cookstown, Ontario; Mark Mogen, Calgary, Alberta; Robert Porter, Rexdale, Ontario; Edwin Quagliana, Malvern, Pennsylvania; John Regitko, Toronto, Ontario; and Stephen R. Taylor, Dover, Delaware.

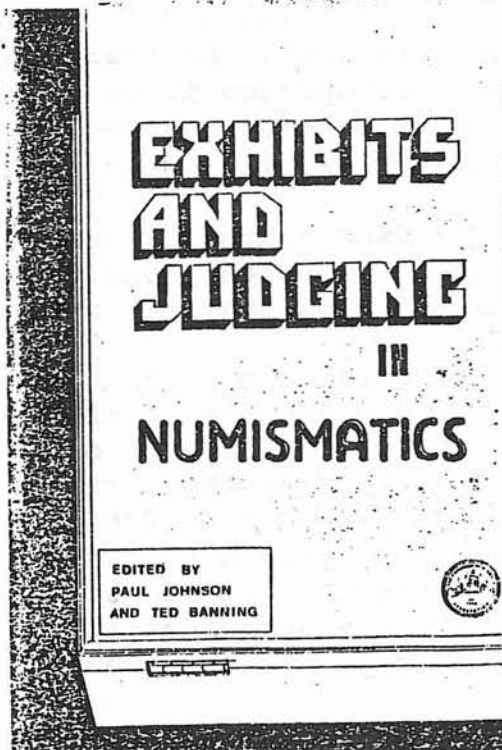
This project is in keeping with C.N.A. emphasis and desire toward numismatic education. Exhibits are often, and usually should be the highlight of any numismatic convention. The prime reasons for exhibiting are: to show your numismatic



material; to develop research skills; to expand your creative imagination and to learn more about your own collecting interests. Exhibiting can be viewed similarly to writing; that of communicating your research to other interested individuals. Furthermore, this gives the collector an outlet for taking pride in his numismatic collection by showing it in an organized manner to fellow hobbyists.

The quality and quantity of exhibits have steadily decreased at many coin club shows during the past few years. It is hoped that more collectors will take the initiative and meet the challenge by displaying parts of their collection at future numismatic gatherings.

The booklet will be a valuable aid to numismatists planning a display and is now available for \$3.00 post-paid. Copies may be purchased from: The Canadian Numismatic Association, P. O. Box 226, Barrie, Ontario, L4M 4T2 Canada.



**DO YOU KNOW:**

by Terry Roit. Assistant Editor Stratford Coin Club

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Just a little something that Wilf Becker passed on to me that I thought might bring a chuckle to start the New Year right.

**RUFFLED GROUCH:** Its main habitat is coin conventions where it is usually found sulking because some other bird beat it to the bargains. Hasn't bought a coin since 1961. Distinctive cry "crooks, crooks".

**BRIGHT-EYED TABLEHOPPER:** Usually seen flying along the aisles at conventions expecting to find bargains. Obviously a fledgling. as an adult bird becomes a Ruffled Grouch.

**BUSHY-TAILED WHEELER-DEALERS:** Main habitat is around the fringes of bourse tables. Characterized by enormously enlarged vest pockets. A predatory bird its usual prey is the Bright-eyed Table-hopper which it uses to feather its nest.

**GULLIBLE PIGEON:** Another prey of the Bushy-tailed Wheeler-dealer. Its main diet is grossly overpriced speculative coins which sooner or later gives it a severe indigestion. This causes a deep sinking feeling in the pit of its stomach.

**FURTIVE DIPPER:** A nocturnal bird. Spends the daylight hours in the basement dipping coins in cyanide or baking soda. Fledglings have been known to use Dutch Cleanser. Comes out at night to frequent club meetings and conventions. Distinctive cry. "Bee-yu, Bee-yu".

**BURRING NIT-PICKER:** A sour looking beady-eyed bird usually seen hopping about on the fringes of a meeting room criticizing everything in sight. On being approached to join a committee or run for office, it runs for cover and isn't seen again for months.

**JAUNDICED GREYBEARD:** An old-fashioned bird that gathers older coins. It is almost extinct. Because of its intense antipathy towards other species it is usually found hunched in a corner casting about baleful glances. But a meeting with another of its own species will often elicit uncharacteristic joyous cries.

**BLUE MOANER:** Closely related to the Jaundiced Greybeard. Believes that numismatics is going to the dogs. Rather an unintelligent species, for it doesn't realize that numismatics already has gone to the dogs.

**WHITMAN'S GLUEBIRD:** A fledgling bird of the forager type that sticks Brilliant Uncirculated cents in Whitman folders. Has been known to aid the process by use of mucilage. This bird eventually grows only to find that its formerly Brilliant Uncirculated coins have aged even faster than it has.

**FLEDGLING BOURSE-DEALER:** A young bird that forages for food behind a bourse table. It has the utmost difficulty in maintaining itself because of its unshakable faith in the validity of "Trend" prices. Distinctive cry: "Cheap, Cheap".

# SHOW AND BOURSE DATES

MARCH 12, 1983

WILLOWDALE, ONTARIO.....NORTH YORK COIN CLUB'S

Annual Coin Show

North York Community Hall

5090 Yonge St, Willowdale, Ont.

MARCH 25 to 27, 1983

TORONTO, ONTARIO.....TORONTO INTERNATIONAL COIN FAIR

SPRING SHOW

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Toronto, Ontario.

APRIL 8 10, 1983

PETERBOROUGH, ONTARIO????.....ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

21st Annual Convention

Rockhaven Motel, Highway #28,  
Peterborough, Ontario.

For information..... Henry Burke

181 Albert St,

Oshawa, Ontario, L1H 4R3

APRIL 16th, 1983

OSHAWA, ONTARIO.....OSHAWA & DISTRICT COIN CLUB

SPRING SHOW

OSHAWA SHOPPING CENTRE

FOR INFORMATION

P.O. Box 212

Oshawa, Ontario, L1H 7L1

APRIL 17th, 1983

CHATHAM, ONTARIO.....KENT COIN CLUB

Annual Coin Show

Wheels Motor Inn

Chatham, Ontario

For information.... Mr. Lou Wagener

27 Peter St, Chatham, Ont., N7M 5B2

MAY 7th, 1983

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23rd Annual Coin Show  
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Cannington, Ontario.  
10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.  
Banquet 6:00 P.M.

for information...Mr. Elmer Workman

R.R. # 2, Cannington, Ontario, L0E 1E0.

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### PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

**Minted:** 1935 to 1967 **Silver Content:** 0.60 Troy

**Diameter:** 36 mm **Weight:** 0.75 Troy (23.33 Grams)

**Purity:** 0.800 Fine Silver

### SILVER DOLLAR FACTS

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# Fredericton Trade Dollars

## Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada Historical Résumé

Fredericton, the "City of Stately Elms" and Provincial Capital of New Brunswick, is situated astride the beautiful St. John River in the heart of the Central part of the province, about 112 km (70 miles) from where the river empties into the Bay of Fundy.

In 1973 Fredericton celebrated the 125th Anniversary of its incorporation as a city, and at the same time doubled its size and population when a number of surrounding communities were amalgamated with it to form a new and larger city.

Although incorporated for more than 125 years, Fredericton can trace its beginnings back about 300 years. The first inhabitants of the area were Maliseet and MicMac Indians who hunted, fished and lived along the Woolastook (the name the Indians called the St. John River).

Next came the Acadian period, and during it the earliest known settlement in the Fredericton area was de Villebon's Fort Nashwaak established in 1692 on the north side of the St. John River near the mouth of the Nashwaak River.

An Acadian settlement known as Ste. Anne's Point was established about 1732 on the south side of the St. John River in the area where Old Government House is located. In 1733 an authentic French census recorded 15 families totalling 83 persons living here.

The area came under English jurisdiction in 1759, and shortly after 1762 a permanent English settlement was established here.

It is said, however, that the City of Fredericton resulted from the arrival of the United Empire Loyalists from the United States in 1783. Many of the thousands of Loyalists who disembarked at the mouth of the St. John River in the summer of that year pushed inland to seek homesteads in the great river valley.

The first group of Loyalist settlers reached the townsite here on October 8th, 1783. They suffered great hardship in improvised shelters, and many died from cold and privation in the winter that followed.

A simple granite boulder on The Green along Waterloo Row in Fredericton East bears the legend: "To commemorate the loyalty, courage, sacrifices and achievements of early settlers who established this City of Fredericton, a grateful posterity has erected this monument."

The coming of the Loyalists quickened an agitation for a separate province, and in 1784 the onetime County of Sunbury, Nova Scotia, became the Province of New Brunswick.

In 1785 Governor Thomas Carleton declared the site of the old village of St. Anne's Point to be the capital of the new province, and named it Frederick Town in honour of the second son of King George III of England.

The New Brunswick Legislature held its first meeting in Fredericton on July 18th, 1788, in a wooden building on Queen Street where the Playhouse now stands opposite the Lord Beaverbrook Hotel.

On April 25th, 1845, the Town of Fredericton, although far below the 10,000 population usually necessary for incorporation, was elevated to the status of a city. Queen Victoria, acting as head of the Church of England, caused letters patent to be issued making Fredericton a cathedral city and the seat of a Bishop's Diocese.

The past has seen Fredericton develop from a small village in the wilderness into a large, modern, growing city that is the cultural, educational and legislative centre of New Brunswick.

Today Fredericton is a city of tree-lined streets and orderly development, unspoiled by industrial pollution or urban decay. It offers visitors a pleasant, relaxing vacation environment and the opportunity to take away happy memories of a quiet, unhurried atmosphere and friendly people who help make visits enjoyable.



## OLD ARTS BUILDING UNIVERSITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK FREDERICTON, N.B.

The Old Arts Building on the University of New Brunswick campus is the oldest college building in the country still actively used for university purposes.

The building was originally constructed to house King's College, a forerunner of UNB. An even earlier institution known as the College of New Brunswick had operated out of a house in downtown Fredericton. However, in 1823, when the New Brunswick Legislature requested that a King's College be chartered in Fredericton they also granted a sum of £1,500 for the erection of a permanent, stone edifice to properly accommodate the school.

The College Council chose a site at the head of Sunbury Street, now known as University Avenue, and on March 15, 1825, a call for tenders for construction of the building was placed in the *Royal Gazette*:

The building to be of rough stone of the Country, with Hewn coins (sic) for the Corners, Windows and Doors: Slated Roof, to project over the Wall — and not to be more than two stories in height . . . the whole sufficiently large to afford accommodations for a President, a Vice President, one or two Professors, twenty students, a steward and servants, also rooms for a Chapel, Public Exercises, a Dining Hall, a Library, Philosophical Apparatus, and Lectures — allowing to the President two handsome Sitting Rooms, and two Bed Rooms, with Kitchen and Servants' Rooms, so as to accommodate a Family, if necessary:

The building was designed by J. E. Woolford, who also designed two other Fredericton buildings which are still standing — Government House and the Officers' Quarters. It was constructed by the local firm, Cross & Murray, at a final cost of £11,300 and officially opened Jan. 1, 1829.

The new college aroused the immediate and intense interest of the people of Fredericton and beyond. It was a major provincial building, not only as an educational institution but also as an architectural wonder. Even the Legislative Building (known then as Province Hall) was not half so fine, it being constructed of wood. A "Rambler," writing for the *Saint John Observer* in 1831, exclaimed,

If ever I was struck with the appearance of anything, it was the Fredericton College. Its magnitude, the neatness, novel appearance, and arrangement of its windows, the apparent rusticity and antiquity of its chimnies . . . the elegance of its cornice, and the Tuscan grandeur of its porticoes, seemed to give the whole such an antique and noble appearance, that I imagined myself in ancient Pompeii, or in Rome, in the days of the Caesars.

The first students took up residence in the college on November 21, 1829 at a fee of 12s 6d per week including meals. According to the original plans, the student dormitories were approximately twelve feet by seven feet, and up to fifteen students could be accommodated. Day and night, students, professors and their families, and the college staff occupied the forty-two rooms at King's. Disagreements were frequent and the constant physical proximity of professors and students did not produce ideal results.

In 1859, King's was re-chartered as the University of New Brunswick. As it grew in student numbers, course offerings, and staff, the building became increasingly cramped. In 1876, a local firm completed the construction of a mansard roof, thus providing a third storey expansion to accommo-

date a chemical lecture-room, working lecture rooms, other rooms, and a museum and library. The building was permanently closed to resident students by the University senate in 1904 after a first abolishment as residence in 1887 and a short-lived comeback.

The Great Hall of the original college building and the adjoining chapel were the scene of all ceremonial occasions during the years UNB was known as King's College. The official opening took place there and on June 24, 1830 the first Encaenia was held there. Convocations in the fall, graduations in the spring, and even discussion evenings and literary and musical entertainments were held there for years.

Today, the building is occupied by administrative offices and the Faculty Club. In the Great Hall are portraits of past presidents and two memorial stained glass windows. Immediately to the left of the front entrance is the Edwin Jacob Chapel, named in memory of the Vice-President and Principal of King's College. A permanent display illustrating the history of the University is located in the Great Hall. It includes the cornerstone of the building, laid in 1826 and excavated in 1978 prior to the sesquicentennial celebrations.

Most of this copy has been extracted from articles researched and written by Linda Squiers Hansen for several University of New Brunswick publications — the 1978 sesquicentennial brochure *King's College* and "A Backward Glance" columns in *Alumni News* (Oct. and Dec. 1981) and *UNB Perspectives* (Dec. 1981 and Jan. 1982).



## CITY HALL FREDERICTON, N.B. HISTORY

Construction of the present City Hall was started in May 1875, with the official opening first scheduled for July 1876, but this was postponed to September and then had to be postponed again to October, 1876.

It was the fourth building constructed on the Phoenix Square site, and replaced our first City Hall which was destroyed by fire in 1875.

The City Hall building which was completed in 1876 has survived to the present time. It is 115 ft. long and was erected mainly on the foundation of the previous building which was 50 ft. wide, but the City hall front facing Queen

Street projects 5 ft. on each side of the old foundation for a frontage width of 60 ft. The basement, with 4 entrances, was finished for a market; the main floor was designed for the council chamber and the city offices; and the second floor was a very well planned hall for public meetings and entertainment. This hall, which was usually referred to as the Opera House, had a good stage, a horse-shoe gallery and seating accommodation for about 800 people.

During the late 1800's and the early years of the present century the Opera House was the entertainment centre of Fredericton.

The detailed description of the exterior of the City Hall is still applicable today, except where it has been changed by the alterations started in 1975. The references to the stone work are especially interesting:

"The main floor is approached by a broad flight of granite steps with freestone ramps and pedestals for gas lamps. These steps lead to a porch 16 ft. square with arches supported on polished red granite columns with carved caps of freestone. The floor of the porch is laid with marble and slate tiling. In the gable over the front arch, in relief is the coat-of-arms of the City of Fredericton."

The tower is 115 ft. high, and in the original plans approved in 1875 it was designed to accommodate a bell which could be sounded as a fire alarm. In 1876 before the tower was completed the Mayor, Edward I. Wetmore and Council had the plan altered and the tower strengthened so that a clock as well as a bell could be installed. George E. Fenety, who was Mayor in 1877, has been given much of the credit for having the clock placed in the City Hall tower. The clock, whose 8 ft. dials and hands are of copper, was struck for the first time on May 1, 1878, during the second term of Mayor G. F. Gregory.

At one time a portion of the basement contained the magistrate's office and jail cells, while the remainder of the street level was a public farmers market.

The use of City Hall as an opera house was terminated in the 1940's, and the council chambers were eventually moved to the second floor. The farmers market continued to exist at Phoenix Square until construction of the Boyce Market on George Street in 1952. The Police Dept. and the lock-up were maintained in the City Hall basement until construction of the new central Police and Fire Station on York Street in 1971.

The new administration wing was completed and moved into in 1976, almost 100 years to the day that the old City Hall building was completed. Restoration of the old building was begun immediately thereafter, and the first council meeting held in the renovated structure was on Tuesday, April 12, 1977, with the final finishing touches to the old building being completed later that summer.

Fredericton City Council placed great emphasis on retaining the architectural features of the old City Hall and to have the annex designed in such a manner that the new addition would not detract from the old historic structure.

The original plans for the old City Hall included two sets of oak stairs with only one set constructed. The set used since 1876 was cleaned and refinished, yet retaining the normal scars of one hundred years of usage.

The Council Chamber is located on the second and third floors, with the Mayor's dais at the location of the former opera house stage. The horseshoe gallery has been replaced and the high domed ceiling and cornice have been retained.

Fredericton City Hall is a remarkable example of the blending of the new with the old — the functional with the historical will continue to stimulate civic pride in the City's unique heritage through the coming years.

The renovated City Hall was officially opened in a public ceremony on July 1, 1978, as part of Fredericton's observance of Dominion Day and celebration of Canada Week.



## CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL FREDERICTON, N.B. HISTORY

It was Major General Sir Howard Douglas, Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick from 1824 to 1831, who first urged upon his Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies the establishment of a separate Anglican diocese for this Province. This however, did not come about until 1845, when the Reverend John Medley, of the Diocese of Exeter, was consecrated the first Bishop of Fredericton.

The Bishop employed Mr. Frank Wills to draw plans for a cathedral for his new diocese. He sent him to Snettisham in Norfolk to take measurements of the fine parish church there, which appeared to the Bishop to be a suitable model. The noble proportions of the nave are a faithful copy from this church. In general style we may trace Bishop Medley's love of Exeter Cathedral, and the "Decorated" period of Gothic architecture.

The first sod for the foundation was turned on August 28, 1845, and the laying of the foundation stone on October 15 of the same year. The ceremony was performed by Sir William Colebrooke, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, in the presence of nearly three thousand people.

It is the first cathedral built in the Anglican communion since the Reformation, and it may be truly said to be the

first Cathedral foundation since the Norman Conquest, for although many of the English Cathedrals as they now stand have been erected since that great event, they are all on the site of earlier Christian edifices.

The Cathedral was consecrated on August 31, 1853, and was performed by Bishop Medley.

On August 4, 1860, H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, who was travelling in Canada, paid a visit to the Cathedral, where he was received by the Bishop. On Sunday, August 5, the Prince with his staff attended Divine Worship at the Cathedral, the Bishop preaching. As a memento of his visit, his Royal Highness sent a beautiful and valuable copy of the Holy Bible, inscribed with his autograph. This Bible was also autographed by their Majesties King George VI and Queen Elizabeth in June 1939 and by her Royal Highness, Princess Elizabeth, now her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, and the Duke of Edinburgh in November, 1951, on the occasion of their visit to Fredericton. It is preserved in the Cathedral and is used on great occasions.

#### DESCRIPTION OF THE CATHEDRAL DIMENSIONS

Extreme length	172 feet
Width, exclusive of porch	67 feet
Height of nave and choir to the ridge of the roof	62 feet
Height of tower to base of pinnacle	84 feet
Height of spire including cross	114 feet
Height of tower and spire	194 feet
Height of aisle walls	20 feet
Height of clerestory	43 feet

#### STYLE OF ARCHITECTURE

It is what is technically termed "Middle-Pointed," or "Decorated," with a determination rather towards the Flamboyant than the geometrical in the great Eastern and Western windows. It is, in fact, a specimen of that period of ancient art, when what is called Gothic architecture had attained its highest point, and had not begun to degenerate into mere frippery of detail. The equilateral triangle will be found to be the leading feature of the design. Every arch within, every window without, every gable of nave, transepts and choir, every principal rafter, obeys this fundamental law, with more or less exactness, and the same principle is observed in the relation which the height of the spire bears to the length of the building. The old architects observed this principle in nature, and made it the foundation of some of their best works.



## Legislative Assembly Building

FREDERICTON, N.B.

The present Legislative Assembly Building in Fredericton has been the seat and symbol of democracy in New Brunswick since 1882, when it replaced a building that had been destroyed by fire two years earlier.

Of Corinthian architecture, its dominant external feature is a tower surmounted by a 135-foot-high dome. The portico sheltering the main entrance is supported by four columns, each a 14-foot shaft of solid stone, and is topped by an ornamental railing with stone pillars, each of which is decorated with four carved faces.

Presiding over the exact centre of the façade is a six-foot-high image of Britannia with her trident, a reminder that the building was constructed in an era when Britain, rather than Neptune, ruled the waves.

The main entrance opens into a vestibule, containing a number of commemorative plaques, through which the visitor passes into an octagonal hallway, hung with portraits of historical interest. Beyond this, to the rear, stands a large spiral staircase, probably the most eye-pleasing feature of the interior.

The most impressive element of the Assembly Chamber itself is its height, more striking because of the relative smallness of the room in terms of length and breadth. It rises 43 feet through the two main stories of the building. The visitor's attention is likely to turn next to the two large portraits, one on either side of the Throne: replicas of paintings by Sir Joshua Reynolds of King George III and his consort, Queen Charlotte.

George III had reigned for 24 years and had 36 years left to live when New Brunswick was separated from Nova Scotia and created a separate province in 1784. The province was named for his family's ancestral seat, Brunswick, in Germany. Previously it had been known as Sunbury County, Nova Scotia.

The Throne, set on a dais under a canopy bearing a carving of the Royal Coat of Arms, serves as such only when the Lieutenant-Governor enters the House to deliver the Speech from the Throne which opens a session of the Legislature, to perform the formal function of giving Royal Assent to bills or to prorogue the House. During the Legislative session it is the Speaker's Chair and is occupied by the member elected by members of the assembly to preside.

The Throne, or Speaker's Chair, together with the clerk's desk and the table in the Assembly Chamber, were rescued from the fire that destroyed the old legislative building.

Above the Throne rest the Colours of the Carleton and York Regiment (Queen's Colours on the right and Battle Honours on the left). They were a gift from the Regiment's Honorary Colonel, the late Hon. Murray MacLaren, a former Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick. The late King George VI presented the Colours to the First Battalion in a ceremony on July 1, 1941. They were deposited in the Legislative Assembly Chamber on February 10, 1955.

In keeping with tradition, the Premier, the Cabinet and members of the government party are seated on the Speaker's right, while members of the Opposition are seated on his left, beneath the Visitors' Gallery.

Information provided by N.B.I.S.



The Fredericton Chamber of Commerce minted a solid gold medallion in honour of the Royal Wedding of His Royal Highness Prince Charles to Lady Diana Spencer as the community's gift to the Royal Couple. The citizens of Fredericton supported the cost of the gold medallion by purchasing a nickel-bonded steel copy of the coin. Most of the purchasers of the coin signed a "best wishes" book sent to London, England, with the solid gold medallion.

The coin features an engraving of Prince Charles and Lady Diana with the wording "The Marriage of the Prince of Wales and Lady Diana Spencer, Wednesday, 29th July, 1981." The Fredericton Coat of Arms is on the reverse side of the medallion.

Five thousand medallions were minted in nickel bonded steel, 110 in antique bronze, 100 in gold plate and 26 in silver. The gold plate and silver coins were sold out within a week of delivery and about 4500 of the nickel medallions were sold within a two month period at the time of the wedding.

Fredericton was one of four Canadian cities authorized to issue commemorative medallions. Permission was received from the Lord Chamberlain's office in London, England and the office of the Governor General at Rideau Hall, Ottawa, for coins to be issued by Fredericton, Gravenhurst, London and Timmins.

The Royal Wedding was a once in a lifetime event to be remembered. Prince Charles will some day become the King of England and the British Empire.



COAT OF ARMS  
CITY OF FREDERICTON

Fredericton's coat of arms consists of three shields. The Union Jack is in the upper left shield surmounted by a crown. The Royal Arms crowned, the personal flag of the reigning sovereign of Britain, are in the upper right shield. The irradiated cross above signifies Fredericton's status as a cathedral city; while below, a fir tree symbolizes the forests of New Brunswick. The motto is: *Fredericopolis silvae filia nobilis* (Fredericton noble daughter of the forest).

On April 25, 1845, Queen Victoria of Britain commanded that Fredericton become a city. Three years later, on March 30th, 1848, the city was incorporated by Act of the New Brunswick Legislature. At that time the arms for the new city were designed by Dr. James Robb, a professor at King's College (now University of New Brunswick), who was also a member of Fredericton's first City Council. The arms were drawn without regard to the laws of heraldry and were not recorded nor approved by the College of Arms in Britain at that time.

In 1955 when the late Brigadier Michael Wardell of Fredericton entered into discussions with the College of Arms on behalf of the City with a view to obtaining official authority for the arms, it was stated that in no circumstances could such use of the royal emblems be sanctioned. The difficulties seemed insurmountable, but the discussions continued over the years, and three successive mayors of Fredericton urged the city's case for the official recognition of its arms based on unbroken usage for more than a century.

In 1970, as a result of procedures suggested by Sir Anthony Wagner, the Garter King of Arms, a petition was made to the Queen by the Governor General of Canada on a proposal of the Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick. The Queen, in view of the special circumstances, approved in principle the use of the old arms, thus empowering the College of Arms to grant to the City of Fredericton the lawful authority and unique distinction of being entitled to bear and use the Royal Arms for ever, as set forth in Letters Patent presented to the City on June 10th, 1971.

Loyalist Days Inc., 24 Sydney St., Saint John, N.B., E2L 2L3, CANADA

Loyalist Trade Dollars are put out by Loyalist Days festival in Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada. All are on a heritage theme on one face with the city's crest on the reverse. All are of nickle-bonded steel by Sherritt Mint.

1978

Loyalist man and woman in typical costume

1979

Sailing ship similar to those carrying the loyal Americans to Saint John from the rebel colonies in 1783

1980

Victorian bandstand in King Square given by the city's coronet band in honour of King George V in 1910. One of the original coronets is on top of the roof-point.

1981

Loyalist House (1810) now a museum was built by one of Saint John's first Loyalists, David Merritt, a successful merchant. It is structurally unchanged and was lived in until recently by Merritt descendants. Many of the original furnishings remain.

1982

County Court House (1830) was designed by a Loyalist architect who had the stone brought from Scotland. It has been refurbished several times but its original purpose never wavered. The Court House is still in daily use. The original spiral staircase to the second floor chambers is very fine.

1983

A drummer from DeLancey's Brigade, the first commissioned Loyalist company of Royal Provincials. DeLancey's Brigade was formed to fight the Loyalist cause in 1776. It defended the Loyalist refugees as they retreated to Long Island to find ships for escape to Saint John in 1783 after 7 hard years of fighting. Saint John's first mayor was a DeLancey battalion commander. DeLancey's Brigade has been re-constituted in Saint John in honour of the military origin of the city. It was disbanded in Saint John 200 years ago, 1783.



'78



'79



'80



'81



'82



'83

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city crest

## Bad pennies keep coming back? Here's a place to send them

LOS ANGELES TIMES

NEWBURY PARK, CALIF. - To err is human ; to collect is Devine. John Devine, that is.

He runs the Error Coin Museum. Actually the museum has no building, although one is planned. The Collection is a traveling show that Devine runs out of his coin shop in Newbury Park about 70 kilometres north west of Los Angeles.

"If we had a museum in Newbury Park, I don't know how many people would see it," he said. So Devine takes his exhibit to the people - mostly to bank lobbies and coin shows.

### Coin errors

He claims that his is the nation's only museum devoted to coin errors - or error coins, as collectors say. Other museums exhibit error coins but only as a small part of their collections, allowing them to become "lost in the ivy." Devine said.

Devine founded the museum in July ,1981, after he saw a number of error coin collections broken up. mostly by collectors who were giving up the hobby.

He said he obtained non profit status for the museum to encourage tax-deductible donations of collections.

The collection consists of errors made by the U.S. Bureau of the Mint, and Devine hopes to include mistakes by foreign mints and counterfeiters.

Among the Error Coin Museum's exhibits are "clips," coins that are missing a section because of errors in the blanking portion of the minting process. During blanking, planchets - the metal discs that are made into coins - are punched out of strips. Sometimes, the punches overlap or miss, creating coins with crescents taken out of them.

The museum hopes to acquire exhibits of "wrong planchets." which bear the wrong image, such as a penny with the face of Thomas Jefferson which normally appears on a nickel. Also sought are "bonded pairs," coins struck together.

**Date**

The value of an error coin depends on the type of error and the coin's condition and date, Devine said.

Devine 49, became interested in error coins 18 years ago when he found a penny with a section missing. "I was so fascinated that I wanted to find out about it," he said.



"I take it you're back from the ONA convention much wiser but no richer."



Mayor L. H. Scoop Lewry of Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan has been nominated to contest the post of first vice-president of the Canadian Numismatic Association.

Lewry who is serving his 14th year as chief magistrate of Saskatchewan's third city, has been chairman of Coin Week Canada for 1983 and has been liaison officer for the C.N.A. for the past two years.

He co-operated with Les Winners, Chairman of National Coin Week in the United States to institute the first Coin Week North America in 1982 and brought Mexico in for the week-long hobby recognition. This year the two chairmen are exploring the possibility of extending the observation to other countries. Already, Great Britain, Australia, Iceland and South Africa have indicated interest.

Lewry said he will run on a ticket with Geoff Bell of Moncton, N.B. as President and Al Bliman of Willowdale, Ontario as second Vice-President in the election.


## COIN WEEK CANADA REPORT

A World Coin Week commemorative trade dollar has been printed for distribution around the world to numismatists.

The paper dollar features the presidents of the Mexican, American and Canadian numismatic societies for the second annual commemorative Coin Week North America on the reverse while the obverse shows world coinage in the background.

The trade dollar will be sold at three for one dollar, or its equivalent, plus postage. World Coin Week co-ordinator L. H. Scoop Lewry, P.O. Box 1982, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Canada S6H 7N7 is handling the sales.

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## **WELL-KNOWN DEALERS COOPERATE TO MAKE CLASSIC CANADIAN WORK, LE ROUX, AVAILABLE TO COLLECTORS**

Well-known token and medal dealers R. Paul Nadin-Davis, of Ottawa, Ontario, and Doug Robins, of Corvallis, Oregon, have announced that they will jointly issue a partial reprint of the classic Canadian work, Le Roux's "The Canadian Coin Cabinet". Long out of print, the work is still the standard reference on Canadian medals up to the turn of the 20th century, and original copies are highly sought-after as collectibles in themselves.

While the original version occupied some 400 pages after various amendments, the publishers note that of these, some 200 pages are now virtually obsolete, as they cover communion and merchants' tokens, most of which are listed elsewhere. Consequently, the new printing contains only the pages relating to Canadian medals.

Nadin-Davis plans to release a separate price-guide to the Le Roux work some time in 1984. He comments, however, that it would not be appropriate to publish such a guide earlier, as the re-release of the standard catalog might well trigger some activity in the Canadian medal market. No changes have been made in the format of the new version, other than the deletion of duplicated sections.

Delivery of the book is expected early in 1983. Nadin-Davis and Robins are offering a special price on orders received prior to March 1, 1983, of only \$10 (Canadian funds to Canada, U.S. funds to addresses in the U.S.A.) per copy. This, the publishers hope, will make this classic reference available to virtually every collector who wants a copy, at least until the present printing runs out. Orders may be sent to Nadin-Davis and Robins at P.O. Box 95, Station A, Ottawa, Canada K1N 8V1. Orders for the price-guide may also be registered at this time, though no payment will be due until actual release.

Nadin-Davis mentions that he is planning an ambitious programme of publishing for 1983, and further news on major projects will follow.

## **NADIN-DAVIS NUMISMATICS ANNOUNCE LONG-AWAITED REPRINT OF BRETON'S CLASSIC WORK ON CANADIAN TOKENS**

Nadin-Davis Numismatics of Ottawa, Ontario have announced that a new reprint of the classic Canadian work, Breton's "Canadian Coins and Tokens", will be available shortly. Breton-listed tokens have been among the most active of all types of numismatic material in the 1982 market, and renewed collector interest has sparked new demand for this pioneering work.

Last reprinted in the mid-1960s, the work has long been out of print, and original copies have soared in price way beyond the cost of the latest reprint. Nadin-Davis has removed only a few photographs of prominent numismatists from this new version, thus making it once again the complete reference for token collectors.

Copies of the new reprint may be ordered from Nadin-Davis at P.O. Box 95, Station A, Ottawa, Canada K1N 8V1 prior to March 1, 1983, at a cost of \$13 each (U.S. funds \$12). After March 1 the pre-publication price will no longer be available.

Nadin-Davis is working on an accompanying price guide, for publication in 1984. He comments that now is not the appropriate time for publication of such a guide, due to volatility in the market. Another year, he suggests, should be time enough for the many new collectors to acquaint themselves with the marketplace and begin setting more stable price trends for the Breton series. Copies of the price guide may be ordered now, but no money need be paid until its actual release.



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## Outlook For 1983

The Numismatic Coin Market is just as strong, maybe stronger, than the stock market.

The coin market will remain strong through the coming growth cycle and through the inflationary cycle which will follow. When the next inflationary cycle causes a downturn in stocks, the rare coin market will still be rising. So look to hold coins for at least three to five years for the greatest profit potential.

The coin market must be entered with caution, however. Only properly graded coins should be purchased. Always take delivery. Only work with reputable dealers. And, for now, buy only mint condition coins etc.

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**COLLECTOR CASHES IN ON GREY & BRUCE**  
**Old bond gets 4% for 898 years**

By **TESSA WILMOTT**  
 Staff Writer  
 The Toronto Sun,

Over 100 years ago a bunch of investors in Canada and Britain put up 100 Pounds each, for a total of 719,000 Pounds, and got a railway going.

They were people with a lot of faith who'd never heard of inflation. They were delighted with a 4% annual return for the next 999 years.

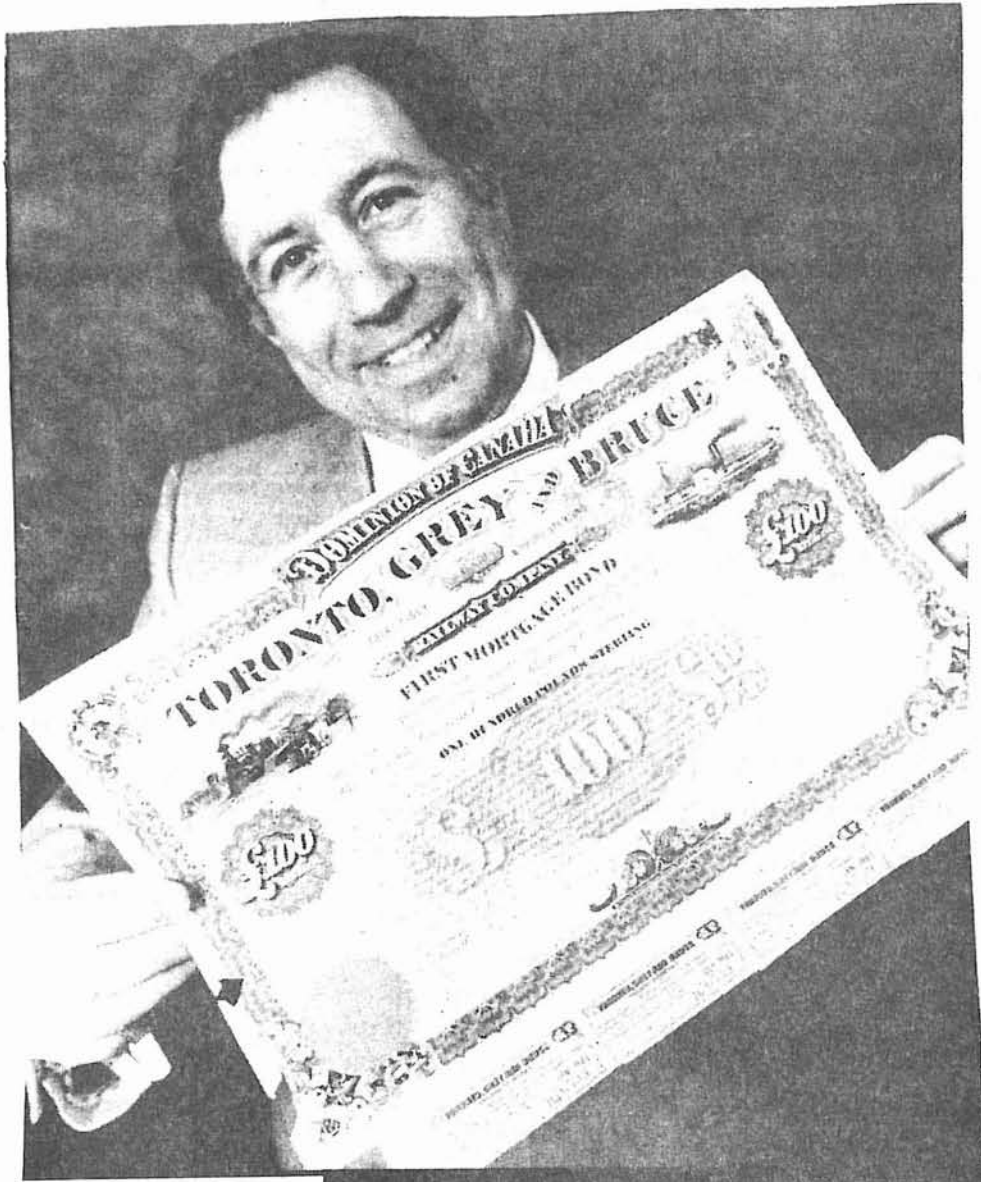
Well, the more things change, the more they stay the same. Most of us have never heard of the Toronto, Grey & Bruce railway and inflation has rendered a 4% return ridiculous, but Sol Mednick is still delighted. He got a return where he never expected one.

Mednick is a Toronto recreational real estate agent who collects old stock and bond certificates. "I came across this one while reviewing bonds in New York City," he explains. His 1882 bond, numbered 6539 out of 7190, came complete with little coupons, good for 2 pounds every six months.

"I clipped off two of the coupons," he says and followed the directions on the bond. He sent his coupons to the Bank of Montreal, who essentially drew on Canadian Pacific Rail accounts, and got his 4% interest.

The Toronto, Grey & Bruce built 73 miles of track between 1869 and 1873 going from Toronto to Alton, to Orangeville, to Southampton, to other Ontario towns until it found its way to Owen Sound. It was capitalized at 10,000 common shares and with 719,000 Pounds in first mortgage bonds.

It seems the Toronto, Grey & Bruce fell on hard times. When it wasn't a money maker, its lines and lands were leased to Ontario & Quebec, the railway that joined Windsor to Montreal via Toronto, in a perpetual lease with O&Q picking up the 4% interest payments for the 999 years.



COLLECTOR OF OLD stock and bond certificates, Sol Mednick, clipped a coupon from this 1882 bond and discovered the dividends are still being paid.

The O&Q had its troubles too and, a year later, in 1884, the lease along with O&Q lines and lands was transferred to CPR. So CP was paying the tab for the bonds and still is.

### Unknown quantity.

CP Rail a part of the conglomerate Canadian Pacific Ltd doesn't know exactly how many 4% dividends its paying. Bit by bit it's bought back bonds and holds about 66% of the common shares. To date, if each of the 7,190 bondholders claimed his 4% annual return, CP would have paid out 2.8 million pounds. Over the life of lease CP is looking at a 28.7 million pounds investment.

There's still semi-annual meetings of the Toronto, Grey & Bruce to preserve the company charter, and minority shareholders, wherever they may be, are notified by newspaper ads.

Says one collector: "They were probably presumed worthless when O&Q took up the lease."

That's not necessarily the case. There's the example of O&Q. According to CP Ltd's 1982 annual report the company is tied up in two court actions brought by two minority shareholders of the O&Q, the T. Eaton Co. Pension Fund and Toronto broker Joseph Pope. The minority shareholders allege "Misuse of assets, breaches and terminations of the perpetual lease" with O&Q. They are, they have argued before the courts, entitled to some of the proceeds from the sale of O&Q surplus lands. It comes out to a lot of cash.

That issue is still awaiting plaintiff appeal before the Supreme Court of Canada. In the meantime O&Q stock has gone about \$100 to \$8,500 then \$15,000 in 1979. In 81 it had backed down to \$13,000 and it's currently around \$6,500 in over-the-counter trading.

As for Mednick, he's happy. "I bought it as a collector's item," he says grinning. "It's worth \$100 to \$125." He figures so far he's gotten \$50 worth of dividends out of the deal. And there are still 898 years to go.



*"Whoever wins this penny-ante pot has really got something; there's a 1914-D in it!"*

## COIN WEEK CANADA REPORT

Promoting with the approved theme "Numismatics: Exploring our Proud Heritage", the first World Coin Week in history has been an outstanding success, according to L. H. Scoop Lewry of Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, who co-ordinated the event.

"What we attempted to do was to get coin clubs around the world to be informed on Coin Week North America, now in its second year, and to co-relate National Coin Week in the United States and Coin Week Canada with a world-wide recognition for the hobby", he said.

"We have the unique situation where The Elks Club in Wildwood, Alberta, Canada and the Cyprus Numismatic Society in Nicosia, Cyprus, minted a medallion for the first world coin week at the same time", he said.

In addition, clubs in India, Capetown, South Africa and Keflavik, Iceland have thrown their weight behind the annual observance, as well as Great Britain, Germany, The United States and Mexico.

Lewry said he was pleased with the first attempt to get clubs interested in a world-wide coin week and he will certainly be able to promote the event for even better involvement in 1984.

Lewry was appointed Chairman of Coin Week Canada by John Regitko, Canadian Numismatic Association President, for 1982 and 1983, and has issued a number of numismatic firsts, including the first Canadian souvenir money cards and the first triangle stamps ever issued in Canada. All proceeds from the sale of these items are used to expand coin week promotions.

The events have been approved by Adna Wilde, Jr., President of the American Numismatic Association; John Regitko, President of the Canadian Numismatic Association and Senor Javier Lopez de Ilerena, Presidente of the Sociedad Numismatica de Mexico.

The "final artifact" for Coin Week 1983 - a three-inch spruce dollar - has been "minted" by L. H. Scoop Lewry, Coin Week Chairman.

The spruce dollar, produced in Prince George, B. C., is the second minted for an organization outside of Prince George. The first was for Coin Week Canada 1982.

The obverse of the trade dollar for 1983 shows the first World Coin Week and the design of the Wildwood, Alberta, Elks Club trade dollar has been reproduced with permission of that club. The reverse shows the insignia of the United States, Canadian and Mexican Numismatics Associations and states the wood is good for trade in Moose Jaw during 1983.

Only 500 have been made and they are available to collectors for \$3.00 postpaid from Mayor L. H. Scoop Lewry, P.O. Box 1982, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan S6H 7N7.



# Yank feds hope Satchmo will blow golden once more

By DENIS G. GULINO  
WASHINGTON (UPI) —

The U.S. government is making another effort to turn Americans into gold bugs, unveiling both new gold medallions and a marketing strategy designed to improve on the success of the South African Krugerrand.

New one-ounce and half ounce gold pieces have been designed to resemble the gold coins of other countries complete with a beaded edge, the name of the United States and the weight prominently displayed, coin dealers said.

But while the one-ounce medallion resembles the Krugerrand format it will not be mistaken for a product of South Africa, where racial segregation is state policy. The American one-ounce medallion commemorates black jazz stylist Louie Armstrong, a U.S. Mint spokeswoman confirmed on April 7th, 1983.

Coin dealers described the new program after a private public relations firm informed the news media Treasury Secretary Donald Regan would unveil the coin-like medallions and the sales strategy April 12th.

Precious metal dealers say that even more important to the sale than the design is a new sales strategy closely resembling the way South African Krugerrands are marketed, widely considered the most successful gold coin program in the world.



**ARMSTRONG**

This time gold strikes him as U.S. sets out to popularize new one-ounce gold coin bearing the musician's image.

American coin dealers, brokerage houses, banks, department stores and other outlets will offer not only to sell the coin but to buy them back at a slight discount, creating a twoway market considered the key to the Krugerrand's success.

The administration has enthusiastically backed the gold sales program, despite recent criticism that such investments divert funds away from the nation's pool of savings used by businesses to create new jobs.

The government also sells special gold Olympic commemorative coins, but adds a sizable fee which is transferred to the Olympic program.

In contrast, the American gold medallions sell at prices which compete with the Krugerrand, the Canadian Maple Leaf and other investment coins.

Architect Frank Lloyd Wright will be on the half-ounce medallion.

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#### SPECIAL NOTICE

On Friday April 15th, 1983 we in the Numismatic hobby lost one of our best known, well liked friend... FRANK ROSE, of Deerfield Beach, Florida, formerly of Toronto. He was the founder of Torex as well as having the well known coin shop in the Arcade in Toronto before moving to Florida.



### **In Memoriam**

In memory of a friend Frank Rose, who  
passed away on Friday, April, 15th, 1983,  
To all of us you gave your best.  
God grant you peace and rest.  
You will be missed....

Executives of the  
Ontario Numismatic Association

It was a great pleasure for my wife and I to be dinner guests of Frank at his home in Boca Raton, Florida on March 15, 1983 while we were vacationing in Florida.

Shortly after our return to Port Joli, Nova Scotia, I heard from Frank, who suggested we meet at the Torex Spring Show in Toronto in May. Both of us had made air reservations to fly to Toronto. A week later, on April 16th, I received a phone call from his sister announcing his passing in Florida.

It has been my privilege to have known Frank Rose for thirty years. He was a real friend, an honest and tremendous promoter. I am sure he will be greatly missed by all those who had personal or business relations with him.

Dor Flick  
Port Joli, N.S.



# Association News:

## ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

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### Passing of the Gavel

1983 - 1985 O.N.A. Executives  
Nominations And Election Results

General Membership Meeting  
April 9th, 1983  
Peterborough, Ontario, Can.

President..... Stella Hodge    Acclamation  
1st Vice President...Roy Hollingshead    Acclamation  
2nd Vice President...Ken Wilmot    Acclamation  
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3 .....	Mel Fiske	Acclamation
4 ...	Bob Fletcher	Acclamation
5a....	Wm. Gordon	Acclamation
5b....	Tom Kennedy	Acclamation
6.....	W. Ham	Acclamation
7.....	Walter Ciona	Acclamation
8.....	Ed. Keetch	Acclamation
9.....	Len Fletcher	Acclamation
10.....	R. Albert	Acclamation

Mel Fiske  
Nomination & Election Committee

TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR PERIOD JANUARY 1, 1982 TO DECEMBER 31, 1982

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Petty Cash @ Jan. 1, 1982	1.30	
Bank Balance @ Jan. 1, 1982 (Daily Interest)		
"    "    "    "    (General Fund)	1497.61	
"    "    "    "    (Library)	4.22	
"    "    "    "    (Virgil Hancock Award)	101.62	
"    "    "    "    (Audio Visual)	<u>46.55</u>	1651.30

RECEIPTS

Memberships (Regular, Junior & Club)	2708.00	
Convention (Toronto)	1000.00	
O.N.A. Convention Draws	1744.81	
Club Ticket Rebate	54.00	
Bank Interest	380.08	
Bulletin Advertising	6.00	
Repayment of 1982 Convention Advance	200.00	
Premium U.S.A. Money	10.15	
Donations	13.00	
Advance - F. C. Jewett	<u>100.00</u>	6216.04

EXPENSES

O.N.A. Publication "Ontario Numismatist"	3403.93	
Postage	182.33	
Printing	201.71	
Safety Deposit & P.O. Box Rental	136.00	
Honorariums	650.00	
Scholarship - Grant Monck	200.00	
ANA Dues	20.13	
Office Supplies	7.57	
Telephone	84.90	
Library	26.00	
(1981) Award of Merit	21.60	
Insurance	311.00	
O.N.A. Ticket Rebates	666.00	
Room Rental, Travelling Expenses & Tax	110.77	
Virgil Hancock Jr. Membership	3.00	
Proof Like Set & Silver Dollar	22.74	
Advance - F. C. Jewett	<u>100.00</u>	6147.68
Excess Receipts Over Expenses		68.36

Petty Cash @ December 31, 1982	35.07	
Bank Balance (Daily Interest)		
"    "    "    (General Fund)	1536.20	
"    "    "    (Library)	3.22	
"    "    "    (Virgil Hancock Award)	98.62	
"    "    "    (Audio Visual)	46.55	1719.66

BANK RECONCILIATION

Bank Pass Book Balance @ December 31, 1982	1698.59
(2) Outstanding Cheques Totalling	<u>14.00</u>
Statement Bank Balance @ December 31, 1982	1684.59

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TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 1982 TO DECEMBER 31, 1982

CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT

Bank Balance @ January 1, 1982 5229.58

RECEIPTS

Interest Guaranteed Investment Certificates 365.00  
Bank Interest 701.41 1066.41

EXPENSES

NIL

Excess Receipts over Expenses 1066.41

Bank Balance @ December 31, 1982 6295.99

LIFE MEMBERSHIP ACCOUNT

Bank Balance @ January 1, 1982 1776.78

RECEIPTS

Life Memberships 250.00  
Interest Guaranteed Investment Certificates 385.00  
Guaranteed Investment Certificate (Matured) 500.00  
Bank Interest 104.47 1239.47

EXPENSES

Membership Dues (1982) 476.00  
Guaranteed Investment Certificate 2200.00 2676.00

Excess Expenses Over Receipts - 1436.53

Bank Balance @ December 31, 1982 340.25

CASH ASSET SUMMARY @ DECEMBER 31, 1982

Cash & Bank Balance - General Account 1719.66  
Bank Balance - Contingency Account 6295.99  
Guaranteed Investment Certificates  
Contingency Account 4000.00  
Bank Balance - Life Membership Account 340.25  
Guaranteed Investment Certificates -  
Life Membership Account 3600.00 15,955.90  
Total Cash Assets 1981 14,557.66  
Increase in Cash Assets 1,398.24

The Bank Accounts are maintained at  
The Canada Trust, Belmont Branch  
Kitchener, Ontario

Treasurer Bruce A. Kaszorian



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## O.N.A. 1983 CONVENTION DRAW CLUB REBATES

<u>CLUB NO</u>		<u>BOOKS SOLD</u>	<u>REBATE</u>
1	Waterloo Coin Society	29	\$58.00
4	Cambridge Coin Club	2	4 00
7	Sarnia Numismatic Society	15	30.00
13	St. Catharines Coin Club	3	6.00
15	Brantford Numismatic Society	1	2.00
17	Huronian Numismatic Association	4	8.00
19	City of Ottawa Coin Club	16	32.00
20	Stratford Coin Club	110	220.00
21	Champlain Coin Club	2	4.00
35	Oshawa & District Coin Club	13	26.00
39	Thistleton Coin & Stamp Club	3	6.00
48	Niagara Falls Coin Club	5	10.00
55	Nickle Belt Coin Club	7	14.00
59	Ingersoll Coin Club	59	118.00
62	Hamilton Coin Club	2	4.00
66	Richmond Hill Coin Club	4	8.00
68	Welland & District Coin Club	1	2.00
69	Timmins Coin Club	1	2.00
74	North York Coin Club	24	48.00
76	Windsor Coin Club	1	2.00
78	St. Thomas Numismatic Association	2	4.00
79	Toronto Coin Club	4	8.00
80	Tillsonburg Numismatic Association	6	12.00
81	Lakeshore Coin Club	1	2.00
83	Canadian Association of Wooden Money	7	14.00
84	Kent Coin Club	1	2.00
85	Canadian Large Cent Club	2	4.00
86	Woodstock Coin Club	7	14.00
87	Peterborough Coin Club	28	56.00
88	Scarborough Coin Club	7	14.00
*	Central Coin Club	1	2.00
*	London Numismatic Society	1	2.00
*	Markham Village Coin Club	10	10.00
*	Norfolk Coin Club	1	2.00

* Lake Superior Coin Club	5	10.00
* Mississauga Coin Club	1	2.00
Don Thomas Mem. Fund	4	8.00
O.N.A.	<u>24</u>	<u>48.00</u>
	412	824.00

Note: \* Are non-member clubs, which have let their membership expire.

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## SHOW AND BOURSE

MAY 7th, 1983  
CANNINGTON, ONTARIO ..... VICTORIA-SIMCOE NUMISMATIC  
ASSOCIATION'S  
23rd Annual Coin Show  
Rebekah Hall, 24 Laidlaw St., s.,  
Cannington, Ontario.  
10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.  
Banquet 6:00 P.M.  
for information .... Mr, Elmer Workman  
R.R. # 2, Cannington,  
Ontario, L0E 1E0.

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MAY 14th, 1983  
DOWNSview, Ontario..... Thistletown Coin & Stamp Club's  
Annual Coin & Stamp Show  
Sheridan Mall, Downsview.  
for information.... Robert Porter  
P.O. Box 1143, Station "B",  
Weston, Ontario, M9L 2R8

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MAY 15th, 1983

WINDSOR, ONTARIO ..... Windsor Coin Club's  
 Annual Coin Show  
 Knights of Columbus Hall  
 1140 Goyeau St, Windsor, Ontario.  
 For information..... Gary Stamcoff  
 1165 Lincoln Rd., Windsor,  
 Ontario, N8Y 2H6

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MAY 29th, 1983

INGERSOLL, ONTARIO..... INGERSOLL COIN CLUB"s  
 Mini-Coin Show  
 Kiwans Building, Senior Citezens  
 Room  
 Thames St., S., Ingersoll, Ont.  
 For information... Tom Masters  
 823 Van Street,  
 London, Ontario,

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JUNE 11th, 1983

RICHMOND HILL, ONTARIO..... Richmond Hill Coin Club's  
 Annual Coin Show  
 Hillcrest Mall, Richmond Hill,  
 For information.... Robert Porter  
 P.O. Box .1143, Station "B",  
 Weston, Ontario, M9L 2R8.

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JUNE 26th, 1983

BRANTFORD, ONTARIO..... Brantford Numismatic Society"s  
 5th Annual Coin Show  
 Brantford Civic Centre.  
 for information.... John Barchino  
 Box 953,  
 Brantford, Ontario, N3T 5S1.



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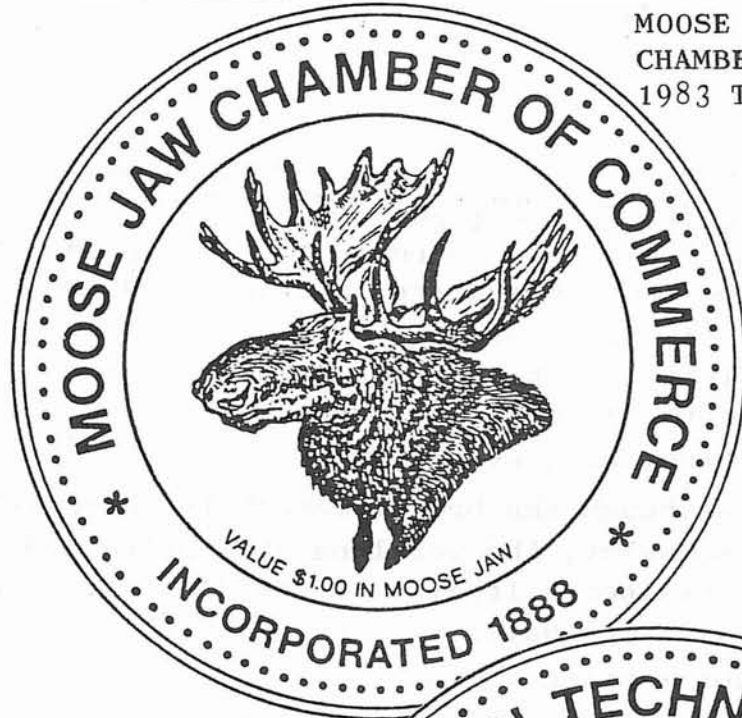
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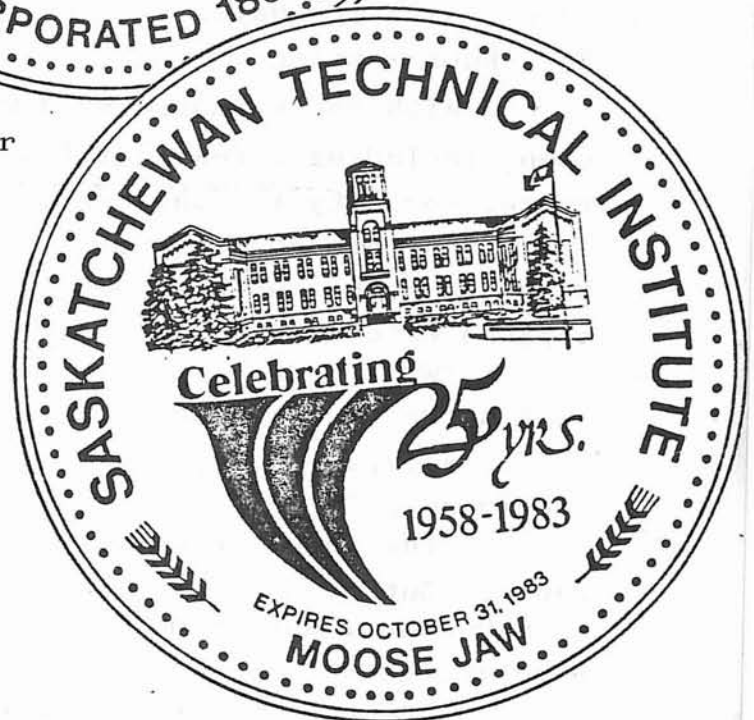
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1983 TRADE DOOLAR

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# *Cashing in on coins mint topic at show*

By JOHN WARK  
Sentinel Star

Compared to the prices fetched during the mad rush of 1979-80, gold is cold. Silver is lukewarm.

But perfectly struck, scarce and lustrous coins, the bedrock of serious collecting are lava hot. And pennies could become the collectible of tomorrow.

That's what the experts were saying on the last day of one of the nation's major coin show, the 27th Annual Florida United Numismatic Inc. Convention.

Although the bright market for coins of two years ago has dulled somewhat, the weeklong show attracted more than 7,500 registered visitors. It also hosted 355 dealers who transformed two huge convention halls of the Orlando Sheraton Twin Towers into a Fort Knox setting.

With an estimated \$250 million in money lying about in the open, including a few individual coins valued in the five figure range, security for the convention was also as tight as Fort Knox.

Buying and selling was frantic. But there were also literal signs that the euphoric sales of 1979-80 when gold hovered around \$875 an ounce and silver soared to \$52, are truly over.

"We Are Here To Sell - No Reasonable Offer Refused," read a sign posted above Harold Charney's booth.

"We're very frank about what we do," said Charney, who owns a coin shop in Woonsocket, R.I.

"The show's been very good, both for the dealers and the public. But it's not what it was. People are plunking \$20 instead of \$100s now. When times get a little tight people buy the less expensive items."

Charney said he didn't even bother to attend the 1980 convention when business was booming and everyone, it seemed either rushed to invest in coins or sell them at hefty profits.

"During the gold and silver rush it didn't pay to close and come down here," he said. "I had hundreds of people lined up around the block to get in my store."

Most sales at the convention involved American coins, with half dollars and Morgan dollars selling best. Dealers said sale prices ranged from \$50 to \$2,000. But there was also \$50,000 paid for a nearly one-of-a-kind 1849 Charlotte gold dollar auctioned at the convention Friday night.

The auction, conducted by New England Rare Coin Galleries, featured two private collections filled with silver and gold coins, with individual coins valued at up to \$60,000.

"The market is down in the sense that all coins escalated quite rapidly in 1979-80," said Paul V. Battaglia, a professional numismatist who works for the Boston based firm.

"But it's a good, strong market. The coin market moves in cycles and after each cycle it takes a breather and prices level," he added.

According to Battaglia, coins remain a good investment that can only increase in value. The reason, he said, is that the number of collectors and dealers is increasing rapidly but the number of high-grade collectible coins remains the same.

"It's simple supply and demand", he said. "Of all the coins minted, only 1 to 2 percent are in collector-condition. The rest is of little or no value.

"I've seen common coins go for as low as \$5- pocket change. Other coins, the rare, choice ones, will go for a lifetime's pay."

Robert L. Hendershott, one of the founders of the annual coin convention, agrees.

"We're seeing more and more people getting into it," he said. "And there are always new coins to collect. I think that as the government begins lowering the copper content in pennies and increasing the zinc content you'll see people collecting them too."

One of these people "getting into it" Saturday was 12-year-old Ronald Burkard, who said this was his first coin show.

Among Burkard's coins are a Cuban silver piece and a Saint Gaudens \$20 gold coin that sells for between \$500 and \$220,000.

But he said he also collects pennies "because I have a feeling they're going to go off the market and I just like them. And maybe when I get older in five or six years they'll be worth some money."

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# Peterborough site of ONA Convention



Paul Nadin-Davis of Ottawa and CCN fame, discusses the tokens market with a visitor to the bourse floor.



Tom Masters, secretary of the ONA, hosted one of the several educational forums held in conjunction with the recent ONA convention.



Judges discuss their choices for best-of-show award in the exhibits competition.



**Del Curtis discusses recent upward trends in the coin market with an interested client.**



**Joyce Armstrong of Owen Sound was one of several dealers who travelled long distances to attend the sale at the 21st annual ONA Convention.**



**Robert Shillingsworth and CNA president John Regitko discuss the recent success of the Toronto International Coin Fair while attending an ONA function.**



**Bruce Raszmann, long-time treasurer and membership chairman of the ONA, counts entries for one of the many draws held at the Peterborough convention.**

## *Regitko recipient of O.N.A.'s Award of Merit*



The Ontario Numismatic Association's Award of Merit was presented to John Regitko at the annual Convention April 9th, 1983, in Peterborough, Ontario.

Regitko, the current president of the Canadian Numismatic Association and general manager of the Toronto International Coin Fair, was presented with the award for his contribution to the hobby and generally advancing numismatics in Ontario. He has been active in conduct-

ing school seminars, writing articles for various publications, and has spent countless hours bringing the hobby to the general public.

It's the general consensus that no other man has contributed so much to numismatics in the Province of Ontario as has John Regitko.

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## **NEWS FROM AROUND THE CLUBS**

### **NORTH YORK COIN CLUB C74**

The May 24th meeting featured a set of slides from the CNA Library on "An Introduction to Canadian Paper Money". George Fraser supplemented little known facts concerning the more recent series of Canadian Paper Money on such aspects as asterisk notes, current procedures on replacements notes and how to collect paper money inexpensively.

It was George's birthday and he was presented with a birthday cake.

A 25th Anniversary Committee will be formed to plan the special celebrations for the club's 25th Anniversary to be held in 1985. Two executive members of the club and two members at large will form the committee. Ron Zelk and Ron Postill were appointed at large with the President Harvey Farrow from the executive plus another one from the executive to be appointed later.

Coffee and cookies was served by Jean Orr at the refreshment break.

The Auction was conducted by Carl Anderson and assisted by Basil Latham.

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### **CITY of OTTAWA COIN CLUB C19**

The 181st Meeting of the City of Ottawa Coin Club was held on Monday May 23rd, 1983 at the National Archives Building, Ottawa. There was 26 members and 1 guest present.

Paul Nadin-Davis presented Valadimir Kraouze, who was returning to Russia, with a copy of "Numismatic Ottawa" as a token of appreciation for his contribution to and the support of the club during the past two years. The book was signed by all members who were present at the meeting

Len Fletcher and Paul Nadin-Davis, Ed Burt gave a report on various coin shows and the ONA Convention.

Hillel Kaslove gave an excellent talk on Metallic Currency in Canada during the period of 1820-1870.

The usual Club Auction was the final event of the evening.

#### OSHAWA & DISTRICT COIN CLUB C35

More than 15,000 people attended the Oshawa & District Coin Club Spring Show, Saturday, April 16th, 1983 at the Oshawa Centre.

The show was held to celebrate Coin Week in Canada and also to celebrate the 22nd Anniversary of the founding of the Oshawa Club.

In celebration, the club issued 250 sets of wooden nickels. The sets contained four identical pieces, in four different colors. But the big attraction was the real coins.

Twenty-five dealers from across Ontario and Ohio participated in the event and reported that sales were better than at most larger coin shows.

The original members that participate at the show were, Wayne Goring President, Bruce R. Watt, Vice-President, Henry Burke, Past President, D. Gillette, Secretary, and Bobbie Larmer.

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#### HURONIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION C17

The May meeting was held on Thursday, May 19th, at the Adult Rehabilitation Centre, 175 Bayfield Street, Barrie, Ontario, 7:15 P.M.

Bill Gage the club editor and treasurer was the speaker for the evening. His topic was the history of the Canadian Tire Corp. He showed some notes from this company as well slides. This was a very interesting presentation from all reports. Good work Bill.

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#### STRATFORD COIN CLUB C20

May meeting was held at the Kiwanis Centre at 7:30 P.M. Some of the members brought some coin displays, as this meeting was called Display Nite. There were some excellent displays which was enjoyed by every one.

Refreshments were served followed by the everso popular Coin Auction was held.

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DID YOU KNOW:

by Terry Roit. Assistant Editor Stratford Coin Club

Let's continue our European tour.

**BELGIUM:** The 50-franc banknote was issued by the Kingdom of Belgium. A portrait of King Baudouin I and Queen Fabiola can be observed on the front. The royal coat of arms is depicted near the center, and on the left a watermark portraying the king in profile can be seen.

Belgium is situated near the very heart of Europe's most heavily populated industrial complex. Its location has made Belgium one of the most prosperous nations in Europe. However, there are drawbacks as well as benefits, and for centuries Belgium has found itself to be one of the major battlefields in Europe. Throughout much of its history Belgium has been ruled by foreign powers.

In 1830 Belgium broke away from the Netherlands, and was soon recognized as an independent country under a constitutional monarchy. For nearly a century afterward, Belgium remained neutral in the military affairs of Europe. In 1914, however, the nation was overrun by the Germans and King Albert allied with the French in an effort to repel the invaders. Some of the First World War's bloodiest battles were fought on Belgian soil.

Belgium has made great contributions to world culture. It is well known for its excellent universities and for the outstanding literature and paintings produced by Flemish authors and artists.

**NETHERLANDS:** Issued by the Netherlands, the five-Gulden banknote bears the portrait of the Dutch poet and dramatist Joost van den Vondel. A watermark depicting an inkpot, quill pen and scroll can be observed at the left.

Vondel was born in Cologne in 1587. Throughout his literary career he preferred treating themes of a religious nature. His poems and such plays as Lucifer (1654), Adam in Exile (1664) and Noah (1667) rank among the greatest achievements in Dutch literature. Vondel also translated many Greek and Latin masterpieces into his native tongue. He died in Amsterdam in 1679.

Situated on the North Sea, the Netherlands is a densely populated country of about 14 million people. Manufacturing and agriculture have made the Netherlands one of the most prosperous countries in Europe.

At one time, a good deal of the Netherlands was totally submerged. However, after centuries of toil, Dutch ingenuity finally prevailed and much of the land was drained. This rich, fertile land was to make agriculture an important facet of the Dutch economy.

The Kingdom of the Netherlands is a parliamentary democracy, with a hereditary monarch. While the monarch still serves as head of state, the prime minister and the cabinet oversee the affairs of the government.



## IN DEFENSE OF MOTHERS-IN-LAW.

by Alice E. Chase.

We always think of mothers  
As a very special breed,  
There to love and care for us  
And fill our every need.

Yet when someone else's mother  
Gets to be our mom-in-law,  
We're ready with a microscope  
To pick out every flaw.

We call it interfering  
If she ventures some advice;  
Look for hidden motives  
When she's trying to be nice.

If she offers us a recipe  
For Hubby's favorite cake,  
We're suspicious she's suggesting  
It's time we learned to bake:

Too often we are influenced  
By old wives' tales and jokes  
That make her out to be a threat  
To happy married folks.

And maybe if we didn't try  
To look for every flaw,  
We'd find a lot of things to like  
About our mom-in-law.

For starters - here's one attribute  
Nobody else can claim:  
Her son's the guy we loved enough  
To proudly bear his name:

So on this Mother's Day  
Let's give the mom-in-law her due  
And show her she's important,  
And pretty special, too:

Submitted by Terry Roit.



For the second year in succession, the Moose Jaw trade dollar is available in a three-coin set, gold plated, copper plated and nickel bonded steel. They are available only this year from L. H. Scoop Lewry, Chairman of Coin Week Canada, P.O. Box 1982, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, S6H 7N7.

The sets in a plush velvet case are available at \$15 each plus \$1 postage. They are also available in single coins at \$5.50 for the gold plated, \$4.50 for the copper plated and \$1.00 for the nickel bonded steel.

The obverse of the 1983 coin shows the Saskatchewan Technical Institute building which is celebrating its 25th year of service training students in the technical trades. The building was constructed as a Teachers' College in 1930 and was used for teacher training until 1958 when the technical training courses took over.

The coin's reverse shows the seal of the Moose Jaw Chamber of Commerce which was incorporated in 1888.

*We Care Enough To Do Our Best*



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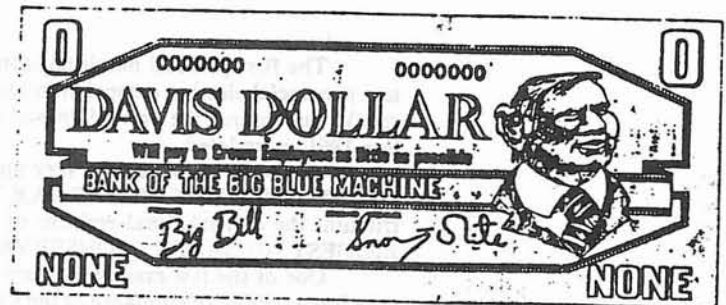
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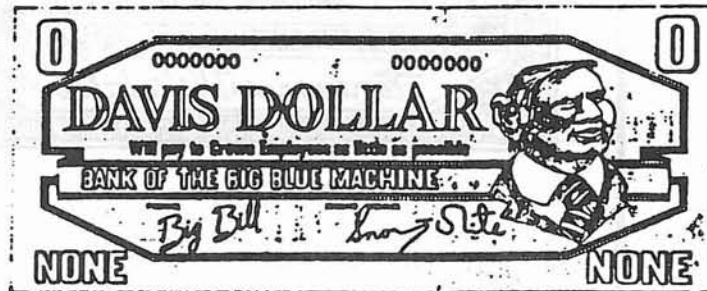
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## Political Numismatics



Numismatists have had the opportunity to expand their collections (or their junk boxes) with a variety of political advertising material which recalls past election campaigns.

Except for one cardboard token, all the items are made to resemble the Canadian one dollar note. In fact, in 1979, the resemblance to the Canadian one dollar note was so close that two Timmins (Ontario) businessmen were charged under a section of the Criminal Code which makes it an offence to print anything in the likeness of a current banknote. Because their Levesque Dollar was made as a novelty item, with no attempt at counterfeiting, they were given an absolute discharge.



The first political numismatic item is the only coin-like article we have from any provincial election campaign in Ontario. It is a 29 mm cardboard token, which speaks out against the newly-imposed Ontario retail sales tax. The token, issued in late 1961, is undated.

The obverse, pictures a very unhappy citizen of Ontario. The legend reads, "TORY 3 PERCENT - SALES TAX TOKEN". The reverse of the token shows a trillium, the official floral emblem of Ontario, and has the words "ONTARIO'S BIGGEST NUISANCE - CONSERVATIVE SALES TAX".

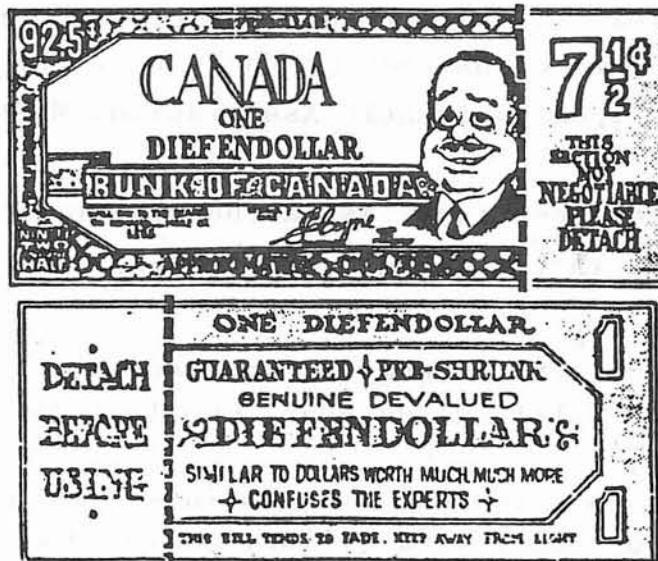
One of the few examples of provincial "funny money" is from Ontario. The note has a remote resemblance to the Canadian one dollar note, but it is not intended to fool anyone. This note was more likely put out during labour negotiations between the provincial civil servants and the Ontario Government.

On the face of the note there is a caricature of Premier William Davis. On the back of the note is a text listing grievances of the civil servants that a dollar is worth about 63 cents to Government employees. The date of issue of this note is not known.



The caricature of Prime Minister John Diefenbaker or "Diefenbuck" was issued during the federal election of 1962. The "Diefenbuck" note is the same on both sides. It calls attention to the fact that the Canadian dollar was devalued to ninety-two and one half cents in terms of the U.S. dollar.

The "Diefendollar", pokes fun at the same devaluation, but it caricatures the Finance Minister Ian Fleming.



In the 1963 federal election, the Progressive Conservatives fought back with their version of "funny money". Of course, their notes pointed out the benefits that came to Canada as a result of devaluation of the dollar.

The face of the note has a remote resemblance to the Canadian dollar, but instead of a portrait of Elizabeth II we see a fatherly John Diefenbaker. He is balanced by a maple leaf. Between them are the words, "A 100% STABLE CANADIAN DOLLAR". A tab (not shown) on the right of the dollar gives defence against the tab shown on the "Diefendollars" of the year before.

The back of the note (not shown) the reader is reminded of the Liberal "lies", and then is given the benefits of the Progressive Conservative "truth" to help him to decide how to vote!

# Experts keep thieves and counterfeiters from cashing in on coins

The Orlando Sentinel

COLORADO SPRINGS Colo.... Dealers and collectors across the country send thousands of rare coins each month to be authenticated by examiners at the American Numismatic Association. Most are either phony or stolen.

But among the exceptions, ANA authenticators found one of the most valuable coins in the world, the "Linderman specimen" of the 1804 silver dollar.

Their quick detective work led to recovery of the \$750,000 coin for its owner, Willis H. du Pont, who lost it in a burglary at his Miami Beach home.

"The Lindeman has its own fingerprints, its own little unique marks that are on no other 1804 dollar," says Ed Rochette, ANA executive vice president.

A man named Paul Quinn allegedly brought the stolen coin to ANA headquarters seeking a certificate of authentication, Rochette say.

"Before Quinn left the building, we knew it was du Pont's coin," Rochette says. "The minute we picked up the coin and we talked Quinn into leaving it so we could examine it, we notified the FBI."

Quinn, who maintains he was given the coin by his grandfather before it was reported stolen in 1967, was indicted in May with another Las Vegas, Nev. man, Salvatore Manarite, for allegedly transporting the stolen coin across state lines.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Rafferty says the two were not charged with stealing the coin, but he says that Quinn allegedly "discussed" a sale in seeking ANA authentication.

"You need the ANA certification to make a particular coin marketable," he says.

The 20 authenticators at ANA headquarters rarely find a stolen coin of such value, Rochette says. More often, among the 3,000 coins examined each month, they discover counterfeits or common coins altered to resemble rare and valuable collector's items.

"There's always somebody who's trying to make a collectible out of something phony," he says. "A 1914 Lincoln cent might be worth four or five dollars, but with a Denver mint mark that coin would be worth several hundreds of dollars, so they'll counterfeit one or take a 1914 and actually add the mint mark."

Clever counterfeiters use minuscule tools to chisel the "D" off one penny and transfer it to another, Rochette says. Others drill a tiny hole to enter the coin from its edge and punch the "D" from inside, a technique that escaped detection for a time, he says.

The faked coins are detected by authenticators who weigh them, study them under microscopes and perform specific-gravity tests.

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#### BONES OF AN ORGANIZATION- -

- 1.. The Wishbones who spend all the time wishing someone else would do his job.
- 2.. The Jawbones who do all the talking but very little else.
- 3.. The Knucklebones who knock everything that everybody else tries to do.
- 4.. The Backbones who get under the load and do the job.

Reprint from the Brantford Numismatic Society October 1982 News Letter.

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Mary Robinson displays specially minted coin used for the Marigold Festival.

## Specially minted coins promote Marigold Festival

Specially minted brass Whitby Marigold Festival coins will be used as passports during the four-day event in September.

According to Brian Winter, one of the organizers of the Marigold Festival, the soon-to-be available coin will cost \$3 and will allow free admission to some events and pay reduced rates at other happenings during the festival, Sept. 8, 9, 10, 11, 1983.

"It's going to be a souvenir because next year's coin will be different," Winter says.

As well as setting out the cost for the coins, the Marigold committee has also verified events and times they will be held. A more detailed brochure will be made available to the public by 15th, August with exact times, Winter says.

"Various clubs and groups will be selling the coins in the latter part of August," Winter says. And most of the activities will be sponsored by these groups."

The Whitby Theatre Company will sponsor a variety show in

the Cennial Building Thursday and Friday nights. The town's recreation department will put on a Multicultural Show International Friday night at Iroquois Park.

Winter says various ethnic groups have been invited to take part in the event which will showcase food, dancing and culture.

The Whitby Chamber of Commerce will put on a dinner Friday night for winners of the Marigold Contest. The free dinner will be held at the Cullen Gardens Restaurant.

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 112 will hold a dance Friday night at the Legion Hall on Bryron Street South.

And on Saturday morning, the Whitby Jaycees along with other groups will take part in a parade through Whitby streets. Bus tours will be organized Saturday and Sunday to take interested people to see the gardens of the winners of the Marigold Contest.

On Saturday afternoon, the Jaycettes will sponsor puppet shows and other children's entertainment at Rotary Centennial Park. And at Cullen Gardens there will be balloon rides and antique car show. Those antique cars will be in the parade earlier in the day.

The Lions Club, and other clubs will sponsor a Casino Night at Iroquois Park Saturday night.

Saturday morning will kick off bright and early with a pancake breakfast at Cullens Gardens sponsored by the Rotary Club. Later in the day, a soap box derby will be run down the hill in front of the Durham Region headquarters on Rossland Road East. It is sponsored by the Jaycees.

To end everything with a bang a fireworks display will be held in the evening at Iroquois Park.

For information on obtaining the Marigold Festival Trade \$3 Coin, Contact:

WHITBY CHAMBER of COMMERCE, Whitby, Ontario.

or

The Whitby Senior Citizens Centre  
Brock Street, S., Whitby,  
Ontario, Canada.

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## Association News:

In the Week of June 12th, 1983 we in the Numismatic World lost a true Numismatist due to a heart attack, Mel Fiske of Niagara Falls, Ontario. He was on the top executive of the Ontario Numismatic Association, Niagara Falls Coin Club plus member of various clubs in the area. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him. The minister of the church that he attended in the last while said that Mel was a diamond in the rough, how true was he.

On behalf of the Executive and members of the Ontario Numismatic Association I would pass along our deepest sympathy to his wife Annie and his family.

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ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

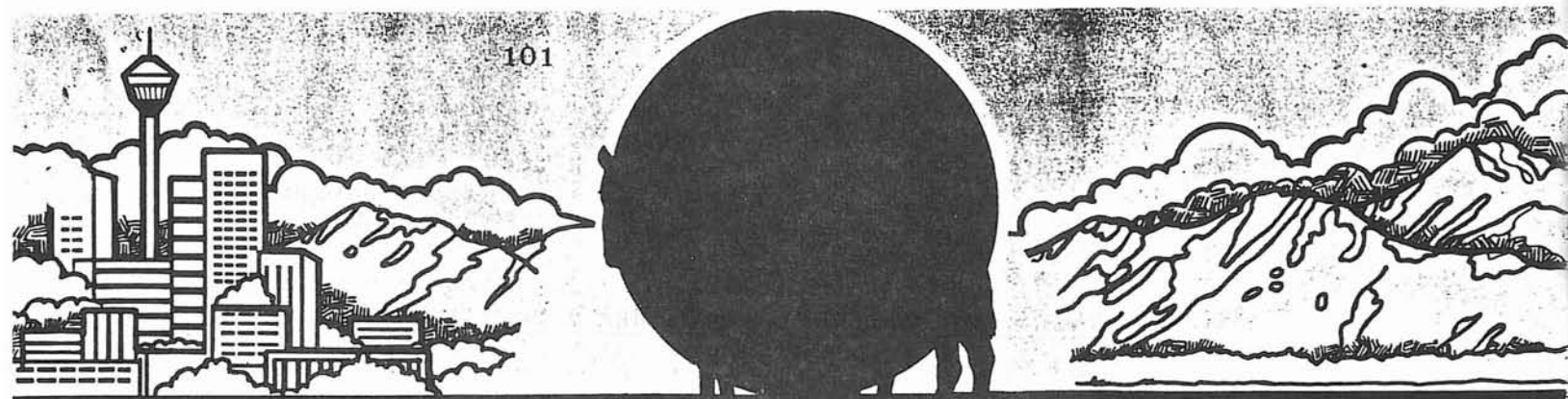


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THEIR 1984 CONVENTION will be HOSTED by the  
 SARNIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY.

This event will be held at the GUILDWOOD (Best Western)  
 INN, SARNIA, ONTARIO.

Late May 1984. Further news releases will be  
 forthcoming when the exact date is known.



## CALGARY TOURIST AND CONVENTION BUREAU

The 1983 Stampede Dollar is the third of our series of rodeo greats featuring famous cowboys and the rodeo events that made them known throughout the rodeo world. 1983 theme is Dick Cosgrave and Chuckwagon racing. 1982 was Pete Knight and Calf Roping. 1981 was Guy Weadick and Saddle Bronc.

### April - 1983 Price List (All others out-dated)

1983 Stampede Dollar (Dick Cosgrave and Chuckwagon)	\$ 1.00
1983 Gift Pak -- 4 mint marks - fold over cover	5.00
1983 Silver and Gold - prices on request	
1982 Pete Knight and Calf Roping	1.75
1982 Gift Pak -- 4 mint marks - fold over cover	7.00
1982 \$5.00 gold dipped medallion -- no mint mark	8.00
1982 Five pack with 4 mint marks plus 1 - \$5.00 gold dipped	15.00

Presentation package -- 10 coins 1971 - 1980 Special Price of \$35.00

Imprinted - simulated leather case with brown velvet coin inlay - The Doug Stephens collection -- Postage, handling and registration add \$5.00.

### Individual Coins

1971 Two Second Out	\$ 5.00	1977 The Warrior	2.50
1972 The Arena Director	4.25	1977 No Mint Mark	7.50
1974 The Old Ranger	3.25	1978 The Rimrock	2.00
1975 The Storm	2.75	1979 The Ramrock	1.75
1975 Grey Cup	3.25	1980 The Doll	1.75
1976 With 'Im	2.50	1981 Guy Weadick & Bronc	2.50
1976 No Mint Mark	7.50		

1976 4 Pak	10.00	1979 4 Pak	7.00
1977 4 Pak	10.00	1980 4 Pak	7.00
1978 4 Pak	8.00	1981 4 Pak	10.00

### Calgary Jay-Cees Stampede Dollar (Other Coins available)

1963	6.50	1966 Incuse Circle	4.50
1964	6.00	1966	3.25
1965	4.50	1967 Medallion	10.00
		1969 Casino \$1.00	20.00

Mail 60¢ per item. If you wish your package registered, include \$1.85.

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Toronto International Auction Catalog almost ready

Nadin-Davis Numismatics of Ottawa, Ontario, who will be conducting all auction sessions at this November's Toronto International Coin Fair (Nov. 18-20 at the Lakeshore Inn) have announced that their catalog will be ready for mailing "in a few days' time". Paul Nadin-Davis, owner of the enterprise, has been very successful in securing quality consignments for the auction, which he says will be his "best yet".

Included in the auction are the following items of Canadian interest: the "Virginia collection" of Breton tokens, some 250 high-quality items including a high-grade Magdalen Islands token, several "side-view" bank tokens, and extensive runs of the other major Breton pieces; a consignment of high-quality LeRoux medals, plus several other unlisted medals of Canadian origin; a collection of Canadian half dollars with most 20th century dates represented and several earlier pieces; a small group of communion tokens, and other Canadiana.

In the ancients section are several fine Greek and Roman coins, and a 42-piece collection of the scarce coins of the Sassanian kingdom, offered as one lot.

Among world coinage there is extensive representation of all parts of the world, with several rarities represented. The auction is particularly strong in German coinage, and there are some 100 lots of British hammered material. An odd and curious section adds zest to the auction, containing several lots of inexpensive but interesting "odd and curious" money from various parts of the world.

A "mail bid only" section contains a good offering of numismatic literature. Bargain-hunters will no doubt enjoy several offerings of bulk lots, ranging from exonomia to ancient coinage. The catalog may be obtained by sending \$3 to P.O. Box 95, Station A, Ottawa, K1N 8V1. Consignment information regarding the March T.I.C.F. auction is also available.

EDITOR'S  
 NOTES:

The reason that there are three Numismatist in this mailing is that was in the hospital for a while this summer having test taking and receiving some treatments.

Bruce R. Watt  
 Editor

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#### OTTAWA FIRM STARTS "IMPROVE YOUR LIBRARY" PROGRAMME

Bargain book offers have finally come to numismatics! Nadin-Davis Numismatics of P.O. Box 95, Station A, Ottawa, K1N 8V1 have announced a major programme aimed at assisting numismatists to increase their library holdings and thus, provided the books are used, their knowledge.

Nadin-Davis have been offering numismatic books, vintage and new, for some time as an adjunct to their major interest, rare world coins. Now they plan to offer an introductory package to numismatists interested in building a working library on Canadian and world numismatics.

For an initial payment of \$75, collectors will receive from the firm a package of 10 numismatic books, consisting of the following: Breton's Canadian Coins & Tokens, reprints of the 1894 and 1912 editions, LeRoux's Canadian Coin Cabinet, a recent reprint of the medal sections, an early Charlton catalog containing price-listings for the Breton tokens not found in later editions, a reprint of Golding's Coinage of Suffolk, an original copy of Numismatic Ottawa, Beierlein's Bavarian Coinage, and three other original texts relating to general world numismatics. In addition, collectors who purchase this initial package will receive monthly catalogs containing further offerings of numismatic books throughout 1984, and will have the opportunity to consult Nadin-Davis personally on ways to improve their library holdings. There will, however, be no further obligation to purchase anything.

While the "package deal" is basically slanted to cater to Canadian numismatists wishing to expand their knowledge about both Canadian and world numismatics, there is plenty of scope in the programme for the collector to determine the way in which he/she will proceed to build a library. Indeed, some collectors may wish simply to take advantage of the first offering, and wait awhile before deciding where their further interests lie.

For immediate release  
Further information:  
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"Dekadrachms" Catalog Now Available

"Dekadrachms", the new Canadian firm specializing in extremely high quality ancient coinage, has made available its first fully illustrated catalog. The eight-page listing contains a wealth of classical coinage, including an unsigned Dekadrachm of Syracuse, the work of Euainetos, a fine selection of Roman Imperial denarii in high grade, a selection of Very Fine and Extremely Fine greek silver and bronze, and even some less expensive but still high grade late Roman bronzes.

Also featured in the new listing is a small selection of related literature. A book written entirely in Latin around 1700, describing the collection of Roman bronzes of the Marquis of Magdeburg, is offered; there is also a first edition of Humphreys' classic work on English coinage, with embossed plates of gold, silver and bronze coins.

Dekadrachms' listings are published quarterly, and this first issue contains extensive information about the company and its services in the ancients and antiquities field. The firm offers lay-away and investment plans, want-list servicing, commission purchase and sale, and, planned for 1984, the first of a series of auction sales in conjunction with a major Canadian convention. Their price list is available by subscription only (\$10) from P.O. Box 508, Station A, Ottawa Canada K1N 9H1. A sample list can be obtained by sending \$3 to the same address.

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## MITTERRAND GETS BILL

# Napoleon's debt now \$75 million



**NAPOLION BONAPARTE**  
Poor credit risk

BOURG-ST. PIERRE, Switzerland (UPI) — A tiny alpine village wants French President Francois Mitterrand to honor a debt incurred by Napoleon when his army passed by 183 years ago, on the way to Italy.

Mayor Fernand Dorsaz of Bourg-St. Pierre said yesterday a bill for \$75 million will be presented to Mitterrand during his visit to Switzerland beginning April 14.

"This represents the original 40,000 francs (\$20,000) which Napoleon Bonaparte promised to pay, plus all the interest since" May 1800, Dorsaz said.

Bonaparte signed a letter, carefully preserved by Bourg-St. Pierre's 300 inhabitants, promising to pay for all damage and for use of local services.

"Make an estimation of the damage caused by the passage of my army and I will pay full compensation," he wrote. "This is only justice"

A bill was duly sent to Paris for 2,037 destroyed trees, the use of 188 cooking pots of which 80 were never returned, 3,150 logs used to roll cannons over the mountain pass, local labor at three francs daily per man and the rental of mules at six francs each per day.

Nothing was heard from Bonaparte, however, and the village ever since has regularly updated the bill to include interest.

## DO YOU KNOW:

by Terry Roit. Asst. Editor, Stratford Coin Club

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Let's look at a few more Numismatic "Bird Watchers".

STENTORIAN MAGPIE: A gregarious bird with a peculiar penetrating cry. It usually comes into full voice after a meeting is called to order. In the company of others of the same species, the noise emitted is incredible. Distinctive Cry; A loud unquenchable chatter.

RED-NECKED WOODTAPPER: A ruffled looking bird with a harassed expression, usually found perched on a president's chair. At the sound of a Stentorian Magpie, it displays great agitation while making sharp rapping sounds of warning, Distinctive cry; "Order, Order."

BRASS-THROATED BABBLER: Closely related to the Stentorian Magpie, it is popularly known as the Raucous Auctioneer. A predatory bird, it entices its victims by holding up shiny coins in its talons. It has sharp, piercing eyes that can detect the slightest movement, and has been known to pounce on another bird that merely hiccupped.

PETRIFIED SPEAKER: A member of the parrot family, its main habitat is at coin club head tables. It feeds on applause, but its shyness often keeps it away from its feeding grounds unless dragged there by the scruff of its neck. A very flighty bird, for if forced to stand on its feet its throat constricts and its legs tremble violently, causing both it and its audience great distress. It is distinguished by unusually active sweat glands.

RED-EYED DOTSPOTTER: A voracious forager of coin bugs. Characterized by hunched over shoulders and watering eyes from peering through a magnifier. Many dotspotters believe that their feeding grounds are sparse in spite of all evidence to the contrary.

ST. VITUS DANCER: A nervous type of bird often found hopping about feverishly at coin shows. Its primary occupation is buying cheaply and selling dearly among the various bourse dealers. At larger conventions this bird occasionally collapses from nervous exhaustion.

YELLOW-THATCHED LOVEBIRD: A young female with extremely decorative plumage. Often it is not a member of the club, but merely accompanies one of the younger unmated males. In this particular environment it serves no discernable function, but it is so decorative that no one else notices or cares, Its distinctive cry is a gentle coo.

HINDSIGHTED BACKGLANCER: A very common species extant everywhere. It both buys and sells coins at the most inopportune times. Has a twisted neck, which probably accounts for its chronic inability to look ahead. Its distinctive cry is a pitious moaning sound.

Numismatic "Bird Watchers." con't.

SHEEPISH BAG-GATHERER: A voracious gatherer and storer of coins.

It requires an enormous nest to hold all that it gathers, It often flaps about unable to decide for itself what its diet should be, so it constantly consults investors' reports before deciding which is the more tasty. As a result, its diet often disagrees with it.

SLY BARGAINHUNTER: Frequents auction rooms where it quietly forages for anything that goes below 40 per cent of catalog. Captures coins so furtively that few people can observe its feeding. A useful scavenger of pieces that would otherwise remain untouched.

WILD-EYED BIDDER: Another frequenter of auction rooms. Has a voracious appetite for coins which it captures by simple expedient of raising one wing. Its gluttonous appetite forces it to capture anything in sight, even if seemingly far beyond its reach. In the presence of another Wild-Eyed Bidder it will fly into a frenzy. A great enemy of the Sly Bargainhunter.

RED-NECKED TANTRUM: A cousin of the Wild-eyed Bidder, it habitually gathers high-priced coins only to find them later at greatly reduced prices. Its distinctive cry resembles an anguished scream.

BLUE-FUNKED EDITOR: Characterized by an intensely worried look alternating with expressions of sheer horror. It has an insatiable appetite for numismatic manuscripts, but its feeding grounds are extremely sparse with little hope of improvement. As a rule, it discovers a bit of food just when it is on the verge of starving to death. A rather strange species, as, although it has every appearance of being male, it frequently lays an egg.

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THE LITTLE WORDS:

You'd be surprised, I'm sure, to know  
 How far a little word can go.  
 How many miles it runs away  
 Up hill and down, a single day;  
 How many angry hearts it wakes,  
 How many pleasant friends it makes;  
 What very wise things it can tell,  
 What very simple ones, as well;  
 How very busy, brave and true,  
 How very false and lazy, too.  
 So, take good care before that word  
 By anybody else is heard,  
 That it shall truly worthy be  
 To join a happy company  
 Of helpful words, that march with grace;  
 And bear sweet sunshine in the face.

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TICF EXHIBIT WINNERS ANNOUNCED

One of the highlights of the recent TORONTO INTERNATIONAL COIN FAIR was the competitive exhibits. This was the first time that a major area had been reserved for collectors to put their knowledge of numismatics to the test and share their treasures with others.

Best of Show and a cash award of \$150 was won by Norman Howcroft of Barrie for his display of locomotives on coins and medals.

Second Place award consisting of \$75 went to Terry O'Brien of Bolton for her exhibit of coins and medals of the XXI Olympiad, Montreal 1976.

An extensive display of wooden nickels by Norman Wells received the Third Place prize of \$25.

Winners also received an appropriate plaque, and a succulent dinner, while all exhibitors were given a Certificate of Appreciation.

The judges felt that there were two additional exhibits that merited Honourable Mention because of their unique presentations. W.G. Wade of London and R. Zabizewski of Kitchener were awarded \$25 each.

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LELIE'S COINS WINS TICF MODEL DEALER AWARD

Leslie's Coins of Aurora, Ontario was awarded the MODEL DEALER AWARD at the recent TORONTO INTERNATIONAL COIN FAIR.

The judging was done by Donald D. Paterson, President of Studio Graphics, a commercial graphic company responsible for packaging design and other visual effects designed to appeal to the public. Paterson's claim to fame within the hobby is that he is the designer of Canada's 1976 (Calgary) Dollar, the 1980 (Polar Bear) Dollar, as well as T.I.C.F.'s letterhead, logo and business cards.

"The Leslie Coins table is neat, well-displayed and well-lit", commented Paterson in announcing the win.

TORONTO INTERNATIONAL COIN FAIR organizers plan to greatly enhance the prestige of the award by publishing criteria for the dealers and offering sizeable prizes to the winner. Details will be announced shortly.

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# SHOW AND BOURSE

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SEPTEMBER 10th, 1983

BARRIE, ONTARIO..... HURONIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL MALL SHOW  
Bayfield Mall, Bayfield St., N.,  
Barrie, Ontario.

SEPTEMBER 24th, 1983

ST. CATHARINES, ONT... ST. CATHARINES COIN CLUB  
25th Anniversary Coin Show & Banquet  
U.A.W. Centre, 124 Bunting Rd,  
St. Catharines.  
Show opens 10:00 A.M.  
Banquet 6:00 P.M. Guest Speaker  
J.C. Corkery  
President and Mint Master  
Royal Canadian Mint.

NOVEMBER 18-20, 1983

TORONTO, ONTARIO..... Toronto Internatioal Coin Fair  
Lakeshore Inn, 2000 Lakeshore Blvd, W.,  
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## THE LEGEND OF ST. GEORGE:

Benedetto Pistrucci's famous design of St. George and the Dragon has been featured on the reverse of several British coins, including the five-pound, two-pound, sovereign and half-sovereign, since the latter part of the nineteenth century.

Little is known of this celebrated saint and, as a result, many legends have emerged about his life as a valiant defender of Christendom.

There is reason to believe that St. George was a martyr who suffered at Diopolis in Palestine, probably before the time of Constantine. Beyond this there seems to be nothing that can be substantiated with confidence.

He was declared to be the Protector of the Kingdom of England by Pope Benedict XIV. He is also the patron saint of Aragon, Portugal and the Slovenes.

According to one source, George's mother taught him the Christian religion, and he became what we might call a zealot. He would go into pagan temples, destroy the idols and, on occasion, kill pagan priests.

George joined the army, advanced rapidly and became a Tribune of the Imperial Army, and, it seems, went for a sojourn to England. When the Emperor Diocletian began persecuting Christians, George personally appealed to him, but to no avail, and he was soon arrested

for tramping on an anti-Christian edict issued by Diocletian.

According to traditional accounts, George supposedly survived a series of tortures, any one of which would have killed a lesser mortal. This remarkable feat puts his story in doubt in the minds of many.

Historical details have proven elusive; many myths were created and George quickly became a folk hero of immense influence and gathered to himself all kinds of stories, including one which gave him English parentage (others say he was born a Christian subject of Imperial Rome).

The most famous legend of all, that of the fight with the dragon so magnificently portrayed on the Royal Mint's coinage, is a relatively late one. According to James, 17th century Archbishop of Genoa and a principal source of this legend, St. George of Cappadocia came to the city of Sisena in the country of Libya, where a lake as big as any sea stood nearby. A deadly dragon with poisonous breath lived in the lake, and forced the townspeople to feed him two sheep every day so that he would not kill them. The townspeople were very afraid of the dragon, so they gave him the entire flock of sheep to keep him quiet. When all the sheep were gone, the dragon demanded people in place of the sheep.

Eventually it became the King's daughter's turn to be sent and eaten, and the princess was drawn forth into the field and stripped of all her beautiful clothing and bound to a stake ready for the fiend that was to eat her.

At this stage it is interesting to note that the rest of the tale is exactly that of Perseus and Andromeda as told by Ovid in his "Metamorphoses," and indeed, many people insist that the entire story may have come from that source.

Whatever its origins, the story goes on to say that George, passing by, saw the King's daughter weeping and bound and inquired what was the trouble. St. George told him and warned him to run for his life, since there was no point in both of them being eaten.

George, however, stood his ground, and, from horseback, pinned the advancing dragon to the earth with his lance. In most versions, the dragon was the bound with the princess's girdle and led back to the city where it was killed in view of the people. Because George insisted that his strength came from Christ, first the princess and then the entire population were baptized Christians. In this case, the dragon may well have symbolized pagan belief, from which the mortal soul of the princess and all her people were at last delivered by a man of God.

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NEWS ITEMS AND COMMENTS

from the City of Ottawa Coin Club News Letter.

Beware of cast counterfeits of the Sydney/Emden medals reported last month. They are distinguishable by the "bubbly" surface of the Mexican coins.

The release of Britain's new £1 coin was arranged to coincide with its National Coin Week. Perhaps a similar arrangement could be made with the Royal Canadian Mint and their annual silver dollar. What say, CNA?

The N-D's are back in the news again. This time, Su has an article "The English Penny - a shining example from the Dark Ages" in the March 1983 Issue of Australian Coin Review. Footnotes indicate that her history of the penny is featured in "The Australian Connoisseur and Collector", Edition 2, available for \$6.50 from A.C.C. 168 Castlereagh St., Sydney, Australia.

Our honorary president, Major Sheldon Carroll, will be the speaker at the July 23rd closing banquet of the 1983 C.N.A. Convention in Moncton.

The first World Coin Week was observed from 17-24 April 1983. John Regitko, C.N.A. president, had appointed Mayor L.H. Scoop Lewry of Moose Jaw as Chairman of the event. Scoop's stimulus produced positive response from many countries, including the U.S.A., Mexico, Cyprus, India, South Africa, Ireland, Great Britain and Germany. The COCC manned a two-case display in the Bayshore shopping plaza concourse and several of its members participated in the Pembroke show. In future, could the Bank of Canada be persuaded to have an appropriate display in their Currency Museum's temporary gallery, to recognize this occasion?

When Britain changed to decimal coinage in 1971 (100 pence = 1 pound), it introduced the word "new" on its pence, to distinguish them from the traditional pence (12 pence = 1 shilling; 20 shillings = 1 pound). In 1982, Britain finally removed the word "new" from its coinage after eleven years. The vernacular, "P" has replaced "d" in the interval. India took seven years to remove "naye" (new) from its paise (1957-64). 7 come 11.

Bankers will probably be watching with interest the British experiment of having two types of pound currency circulating simultaneously - one metal, the other paper. The popularity and usefulness of the new pound coin will no doubt determine the life of the paper pound. In Canada, to date, the metal dollar has not been attractive in trade, but as bus fares, etc. continue to rise this situation could change. While the dollar was silver, it made an attractive gift or means of saving, but when it was reduced in size and made of nickel, it faded away from notice. (A recent letter to the editor of the Citizen, Ottawa, even proposed that a one dollar coin be issued to ease the clogging by banknotes, of OC Transpo bus coin boxes.) If it is economically desirable to use coin dollars, then more publicity and immediate availability from bank branches would help.

If the last thirty years seems to have passed very quickly for you, then you are in effect admitting that you are slowing down - for time is constant and only you are changing in relation to it. So, away back in 1953, a special gift effort was being made for the coronation of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, by Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay - the first ascent of the world's highest peak - Mount Everest. Their success is being commemorated after 30 long years, by the issue of a set of 1000, - 100 - and 10 Rupee coins, in gold, silver and cupro-nickel, at prices of \$250, \$45 and \$5 respectively, by the Himalayan Kingdom of Nepal. These are available from the Nepal Numismatic Bureau, GPO 954, Adelaide, South Australia 5001. Postage and registration charges are additional.

Paul N-D is to be complimented on his Canadian Coin News article (May 17) on the 1641 Augsburg Thaler. It stands as an example of what "a little time, a modicum of curiosity, and a thirst for knowledge" can produce as a "window on history and geography". It also is a refreshing deviation from normal marketing practices. P.S.: It sold the coin.

While recognizing merit, compliments are also in order for Canadian Coin News "Questions and Answers" Editor, Stanley Clute. He consistently and <sup>4r</sup>co~~ns~~istently replies to enquiries on a wide range of numismatic topics. The readers benefit from his answers, but more important, no doubt, is the satisfaction that Stanley himself derives from his work. Ultimately, he should become one of Canada's most knowledgeable numismatists. Keep up the good work.

The British Royal Mint has developed an educational package entitled "Money Matters" which is being distributed to each of the UK's 24,000 junior schools. It comprises three wall charts and a teacher's guide. The wall charts, in colour, are entitled "Coins of the World", "The History of the Mint" and "How coins are made". There are plans to expand the teacher's guide to a magazine entitled "How to be a Coin Buff", aimed at juniors. Although the educational value of coins has long been recognized this is a major modern effort to promote an interest in the science of numismatics. What say, Royal Canadian Mint or Bank of Canada?

Britain's new metallic pound is launched. Description:

Obv: Diademed bust of Queen Elizabeth II to right, by Arnold Machin  
 Rev: Royal Arms, crowned and with in garter, lion and unicorn supporters  
 by Eric Sewell  
 Edge: DECUS ET TUTAMEN (An ornament and a safeguard)  
 Size: 22.5 mm. Weight 9.5 grams Edge Thickness 3.1 mm.  
 Metal: Gold-coloured nickel - brass; 70% Cu 5.5% Ni 24.5% Zn.

For the St. George and the Dragon buffs, there is an elusive medal showing St. G in a halo, on a powerfully built rearing, reined and bitted horse, impaling a winged dragon on his lance. This is the George Medal, one of Britains highest honours, awarded for civilian gallantry under (enemy) fire.



## NEWS AND COMMENTS

The U.S. Mint began to change their 1-cent coin from 95% copper/5% zinc alloy, to 97.6% zinc/2.4% copper plated coins in December 1981. 27% of the 1982 production were these plated coins, which are identical in appearance with those made of copper alloy. The plated cents are planned for all of 1983 and future production. With rising copper prices, and zinc at less than half that of copper, significant savings are estimated. Will Canada be far behind?

The new 5¢, 25¢ and \$1.00 coupon notes given as a 5% rebate by Steinberg's food stores are similar in appearance to those of the 50th anniversary of the Canadian Tire stores. They are becoming quasi banknotes because of their acceptance by several other chain stores - Discus, A & P, Kane's. Bank of Canada please note! Shinplaster revival?!

Scoop Lewry, Coin Week, Coordinator, P.O. Box 1982 Moose Jaw, Sask. S6H 7N7 has arranged for a series of triangular perforated Coin Week stamps to be available in sets of three sheets (120 stamps) for \$5 postpaid. They are printed in three colours and show Canadian, U.S.A. & Mexican coins.

Recently overheard: "Everyone who collects modern Canadian coins does so far profit - or expected profit". Is this true - or is it only 98% correct?!..What has happened to the value and satisfaction of numismatic knowledge earned and shared, regarding sculpted artistry, metallurgy, manufacturing processes problems & solutions, symbolism, statistical relationships, history, etc. Must we only deal in numerics in this computer age, or can alphabets survive?

Three atolls - ATAFU, NUKUNONU, and FAKAOFO - comprise TOKELAU, a non-self-governing territory under New Zealand's administration. It is 480 km. north of Western Samoa, has an area of 12 square km. and a population of about 1600 people. It is issuing a sterling silver (0.925 fine) proof and a copper-nickel uncirculated "tala" dated 1982. These may be ordered at U.S. \$44 and \$5 postpaid respectively from: - Tokelau Numismatic Agency, GPO 954, Adelaide, South Australia 5001.

British	}	<u>Yr/%</u>	<u>Ag</u>	<u>Cu</u>	<u>Ni</u>	<u>Mn</u>	<u>Zn</u>
0.500		1920	50	40	10	-	-
fine		1921	50	45	-	5	-
silver		1922	50	50	-	-	-
coins		1926	50	40	5	-	5

Dr. Arnold Saslow warns of a rash of Beirut forgeries of late Roman and Byzantine gold coins appearing in Europe. Some of these, which he has illustrated in the March 22 issue of World Coin News are:

Constantine II	Solidus of Antioch
Valens	Solidus of Antioch
Valentinian I	Solidus of Antioch
Theodosius I	Solidus of Constantinople
Theodosius II	Solidus of Antioch (3 types)

The latest drachma joke doing the rounds in Athens: Papandreaou consults foreign financial experts on how to restore value to the currency.

"Drill a small hole in the one-drachma coin and fill it with gold", says the Swiss. No good; not enough gold in Greece. "Drill two holes and fill them with silver", says the German. No, not enough silver. "Drill three holes and fill with copper" says the French. Impossible - not enough copper. "Drill four holes", says the American financier in New York, and sell them for buttons at two drachmas each !" (The Times, 24 Jan. 1983)

Incidentally, the Cook Islands Totem on their \$1 coin is the Polynesian god, Tangaroa - (Trivium)

A 1911 article by George H. Blake provokes thoughts about money: "Money is a standard by which wealth is measured, and is the means by which one kind of wealth can be exchanged for another. It is older than history, and the kind of money employed by a people is not a bad measure of their civilization.

Money differs from currency; while currency is anything with which commodities can be bought and debts cancelled, it does not always have an intrinsic value, but may be, as in the case of bank-bills and government notes, merely a voucher or representative of value, in which case it is not money in the strictest acceptance of the word.

Money is that kind of currency which has an intrinsic value, and even if not used as currency, would still be wealth. Money is anything that by agreement serves as a common medium of exchange and measure of value in trade, as legal tender, coin, notes or cash."

(Ed: Money is about as difficult to define or understand, as it is to make. No wonder numismatics and notaphily are such challenging hobbies!)

## NEWS ITEMS

A monthly newsletter, "The Canadian Numisletter" has been introduced (started Sep. 1982) by an American dealer in Canadian coins. It provides the dealer's analysis of the Canadian coin market, a grading service, and investment recommendations. A free sample copy may be obtained from Bob Rogers, P.O. Box 92, Holliston, Maine 01746 U.S.A.

The Isle of Man is continuing its extraordinary proliferation of coins by adding a series of pounds which are consistent with the UK's new specifications. The obverses bear the conventional profile of H.M. the Queen, by Arnold Machin, R.A. The reverse for 1983 has the armorial device of Peel, for 1984 will have the armorial bearing of Castletown, for 1985 will have the arms of Ramsey, and for 1986 will have the Common Seal of Douglas Corporation. Enquiries may be directed to the Pobjoy Mint.

Mr. Chris Bates is a British researcher of military medals for multiple gallantry - both as "other ranks" and as officers. His search of records revealed two officers of Quebec regiments in World War I, who both had been awarded the Military Medal while in the ranks, and who both had been awarded, not only the Military Cross, but also the highest award - the Victoria Cross! They were:

Captain McKEAN, G.R., 14 Quebec Regt.

M.M. (1917 04 26) M.C. (1919 02 01) V.C. (1919 03 31)

Lieutenant RUTHERFORD, G.S., 5 Quebec Regt.

M.M. (1918 02 23) M.C. (1919 01 11) V.C. (1919 03 31)

This unparalleled feat was only surpassed by one other, also a Canadian, who not only earned the Military Medal, but also earned two Military Crosses (i.e. MC & bar) in addition to the Victoria Cross!! He was:

Captain KERR, G.P. 3/1 Central Ontario Regt.

M.M. (1916 08 23) M.C. (1918 12 02) M.C. bar (1919 12 01)

V.C. (1919 01 06).

Note: The dates shown are the approval, or award dates, not the event dates.

These three heroic soldiers, surely must warrant further research on this side of the Atlantic. Are any readers looking for a worthwhile project?

The Hawaiian Mint, P.O. Box 1946, Kamuela, Hawaii, 96743 has issued a 1-oz silver "dallas" and a 1-oz gold "crown" to celebrate the Centennial of the only authentic Hawaiian coinage ever minted.

Krause Publications, 700E State St, Iola, Wisconsin, 54945, has released the 4th Edition, Volume 2 of Albert Pick's "Standard Catalog of World Paper Money". The 960-page volume retails for \$35 U.S. This Vol. 2 contains general issues; Volume 1, to be released later, will contain specialized issues.

## NEWS ITEMS (continued)

Coin World's International section of March 16, 1983, has a Saint Patrick's Day theme, with articles on Irish banknotes and coins, as well as a list of current trend prices of all coins since 1928. The 1943 Florin is still the key coin.

Warning: Be careful when buying Austrian 1980 500 schilling coins marking the 1000th anniversary of the founding of Steyr. Counterfeits from spark erosian dies have been reported.

Bruce W. Smith, of P.O. Box 11205, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46856 has produced his third issue of an excellent quarterly publication entitled "East Asia Journal". This knowledgeable orientalist deserves encouragement in this venture which presents much original, or at least relatively unknown material about Far East coins, banknotes, etc. Annual subscription rates are \$15 U.S.

1982 British gold sovereigns are reported to be "sold out", although some gold sets of 1/2 & 1 sovereign, 2 & 5 pounds are still available at \$1975 U.S. from the British Royal Mint, c/o Barclay's Bank of New York, P.O. Box 2570 New York, N.Y. 10163.

The states of Russia, Ukraine, White Russia and Transcaucasia were joined on Dec. 30, 1922, forming the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (U.S.S.R.). The 60th anniversary of this event is commemorated by a copper-nickel ruble coin, 1982, featuring Lenin against a rising sun background.

Canada was not the only user of playing cards for money. The inflationary effects of World War I upon German currency caused emergency use of playing card by Stralsund in Pommeran and by Lobischewa near Ritschenwalde. Piatnik, Stregregg, Reichental and Vienna, in Austria also resorted to the use of playing cards. Mr. Yasha Beresiner, of InterCol Gallery, 1A Camden Walk, Islington Green, London N1 8DY England is a recognized specialist in documents, paper money and playing cards.

Mr. William T. Gibbs reports in an article entitled "Cents in History" that almost 1.345 million cent planchets were obtained by the US Mint from Mathew Boulton in Soho, England to produce the America cents of 1797 and 1798.



## THIS IS SCRATCH

WHAT do you do when you're down to your last 5c and dinner costs a buck? Take a page from the history of hobos and turn your nickel into art. The U.S. buffalo nickel, which hasn't been minted for 45 years, was a favorite 'canvas' for rail-riding sculptors to decorate, according to *American Heritage* magazine. Some hobo artists were quite adept at converting small change into pricier food and clothing. They'd simply scratch over the Indian's head, below, changing (no pun) his generous features to suit the subject.



## CLASSIC 1868 SUFFOLK TOKEN BOOK SOON TO BE AVAILABLE

"The Coinage of Suffolk", a classic 19th<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> century work by Charles Golding, will soon be available in reprint form thanks to Paul Nadin-Davis of Box 95, Station A, Ottawa Canada K4N 8V1. Nadin-Davis will release a new reprint of the work in late July, and orders are now being taken at a special pre-publication price of just \$10.

The classic work has been unavailable except in occasional auctions for decades. It was one of the pioneering works in several fields including especially that of tokens of early Britain.

In the work, Golding commences with an outline of the relationship of the regal coinage from the earliest days, as it relates to Suffolk. Bury St. Edmunds, for example, was the site of a thriving mint throughout the middle ages.

In subsequent chapters the many centuries of token issues special to Suffolk are dealt with in great detail. Separate chapters deal with the early leaden issues, followed by sections on the seventeenth century, the eighteenth century and the nineteenth century. A most useful feature of the work is an index of place names, moneymen, mints, issuers and so on, which make this an invaluable research reference.

Of particular note in this work is the vast amount of detail provided by Golding on the issuers and histories of many tokens, most of which is not to be found elsewhere. Much information can be gleaned from the listings on early British families, tavern life, the famous racecourses of Suffolk and much, much more. There are also some seventy illustrative features spread over a number of plates.

The book is softbound and will be printed in a limited edition. Orders may be placed by writing Nadin-Davis at the address given above. An S.A.S.E. will bring a list of other numismatic books available.

SECOND BRETON TOKEN AND MEDAL BOOK TO BE REPRINTED

Collectors of early Canadian tokens and medals will be delighted to learn of the imminent availability of a new reprint of Breton's classic work, "Popular Illustrated Guide to Canadian Coins, Medals, &&." A limited printing of the book, expected to sell out quickly, is being made available by Nadin-Davis Publications of Box 95, Station A, Ottawa K1N 8V1.

Earlier this year Nadin-Davis released a new printing of the earlier Breton work, which however does not contain listings for early Canadian medals. It was the success of this venture, and several requests from leading numismatists, which encouraged the firm to release the 1912 edition. It is a handy guide to tokens as well, having illustrations of all the "Breton" tokens but less text than the 1894 edition.

Nadin-Davis expect to begin mailing the new reprints in late July or early August. Until that time a special pre-publication price of just \$11 is available to those ordering in advance. Nadin-Davis also has available several original hard-bound copies of the original Breton catalog (1894) and a reprint of Jos. LeRoux's classic work on Canadian medals. The firm would be pleased to hear from collectors looking for any of these works, and is planning a further publishing venture for later in the year. Their continuing program of re-publication of works of immense historical interest in Canada should certainly provide a spur to collecting activity in these fields. The Breton and LeRoux books will certainly be popular throughout Canada as all are completely bilingual.

## **NEWS FROM AROUND THE CLUBS**

### CITY of OTTAWA COIN CLUB C19

The 182nd meeting of the City of Ottawa Coin Club was held June 27th, 1983 at the National Archives Building, with 29 members and 2 guests in attendance.

The 50-50 draw was won by Peter Willis and the door prize was won by Bill Cuff.

Following the business portion of the meeting several members gave short talk on Exhibiting and Judging, followed with the regular coin auction.

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### ST. THOMAS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION C78

The April 11, 1983 meeting was held at the Central United Church, Wellington Street, St. Thomas, at 8:00 P.M.

Veda Berryhill volunteered to act as recording secretary at the meetings

A coin auction was held after the business meeting was adjourned. The auction was conducted by George Connoy.

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### WATERLOO COIN SOCIETY C1

The May 17th, meeting was held at the Waterloo Public Library on the lower floor, at 8:00 P.M. There were 28 members and guest present.

Wilf Kneisel was the winner of the 8:00 draw.

The Feature Draw turned out as follows:

1st prize Mark Stagg 1970 P.L Set.

2nd prize Jean McGregor 1980 P.L. Set.

There was a discussing on paper money by Tom Gitschner Bert Dortmans and Roy Hollingshead.

A coin auction conducted by Wm. English at the conclusion of the meeting.

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## news

### MEMBERS THWART ATTEMPT TO DISBAND MARKHAM VILLAGE COIN CLUB!

At the April, 1983 meeting of the Markham Village Coin Club, Dr. Marvin Kay dropped a bombshell into the group. To the surprise of those few members present, Marvin proposed a formal motion to disband the MVCC! This was quickly seconded by John Regitko so that a discussion could legally take place. Marvin said that he was upset by the declining attendance at our meetings and by the apparent lack of interest in the future of the Club. Marvin was moved to propose this drastic motion so that those members who were interested in keeping the MVCC alive would be stimulated into action. He said that he was prepared to vote against his own motion if the membership, and its elected executive, would do its best to try to re-juvenate the Club.

John, the seconder, also said that he would vote against the motion providing the Club took immediate measures to recruit members and increase attendance at meetings. A lively discussion followed. All those who were present came forth with suggestions to help our Club. When it became apparent that the MVCC was not going to be allowed to wither, Marvin and John withdrew the motion.

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#### CHAMPLAIN COIN CLUB C21

There was a very good turn out for the April meeting which was held at 8:00 P.M. at St. David's Church Hall, James St., Orillia.

The 50-50 Draw was won by Mrs Helen Elliot but as she was not present the \$7.00 was carried over to the next meeting.

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Reporter photo by Rainer Leipscher

### Coin club display

The Cambridge Coin Club put the final touches to Coin Week Canada, April 17 to 23, with a two-day display at the Main Street Mall Friday and Saturday. Club member John Guin, left, shows Ed Beckett his collection of pre-Confederation coins.

Over 500 Cambridge and area residents were treated to an interesting and informative display when the Cambridge Coin Club observed Coin Week 83 at The Main Street Mall April 22nd and 23rd, 1983.

The Displays consists of pre-confederation money to date, Canadian Tokens and Foreign Coinage. The literature was coin reference books, coin papers on numismatics around the world.

The following members who manned the tables:

Rick Major, Jr Member, Kim Denief, Jr. Member,  
John Quin, Roy Hollingshead, Vince Nevidon,

Peter Kanis, Wolf Derle, Josef Zvac, and Bill Wellsman

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#### ST. CATHARINES COIN CLUB

The St. Catharines Coin Club has had 2500 Wooden nickels printed to commemorate their 25th Anniversary Banquet & Show.

Anyone who is interested may send 50¢ for each nickel plus stamped self address envelope to:

St. Catharines Coin Club  
Box 1492,

St. Catharines, Ontario  
L2R 7J9.

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#### INGERSOLL COIN CLUB C59

The April 18th meeting was called to order at 8:15 P.M. with a warm welcome to all present. Visitors were introduced and Don Hillis Chairman for the Ingersoll Kiwanis Club, Easter Seal Campaign introduced members of his club. He thanked the Ingersoll Coin Club for their continued support and explained the need for the \$10,000 that was their goal for 1983.

Frances Hollinghead and Bonnie Dolson were winners of the 50-50 Draw.

The feature for the evening was slides from passed years of the walks, bicycle rides etc. in participation to raise money for the Easter Seal Campaign and a 16mm sound movie titled "Disabled Children Have A Lot Going For Them."

Bill Hawkins assisted by Tom Masters conducted a lively White Elephant Auction, all proceeds were donated to the Easter Seal Campaign.

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GRAINS	X	0.0020833	=	OUNCES {TROY}
GRAINS	X	0.0001736	=	POUNDS {TROY}
GRAMS	X	15.4323563	=	GRAINS
GRAMS	X	0.6430148	=	PENNYWEIGHTS
GRAMS	X	0.0321507	=	OUNCES {TROY}
GRAMS	X	0.0026792	=	POUNDS {TROY}
PENNYWEIGHTS	X	24.00	=	GRAINS
PENNYWEIGHTS	X	1.5551740	=	GRAMS
PENNYWEIGHTS	X	0.050	=	OUNCES {TROY}
PENNYWEIGHTS	X	0.0041667	=	POUNDS {TROY}
OUNCES {TROY}	X	480.00	=	GRAINS
OUNCES {TROY}	X	31.103481	=	GRAMS
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POUNDS {TROY}	X	5760.00	=	GRAINS
POUNDS {TROY}	X	373.24177	=	GRAMS
POUNDS {TROY}	X	240.00	=	PENNYWEIGHTS
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# The 1984 Los Angeles Olympic\* Coin Programme

A historic issue—and how you can own it



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## ***Canada to cash in with Olympic coins***



American sales of 1976 Olympic coins from the Montreal Games generated \$1.1 million for the U.S. Olympic program. Now, Canada hopes to reap similar benefits from the 84 Games in Los Angeles.

The first official coin from the 1984 Los Angeles Games went on Sale in Canada at the end of September at 1,500 Royal Bank branches.

It's a silver dollar retailing for \$40 (Canadian), the first of three commemorative gold and silver coins to be made available.

Four per cent of the coins surcharge goes back to the Canadian Olympic Association. That's 50 cents on the two silver and \$2.50 on the \$10 gold issue, those last two coins to be released early next year.

"The COA should get roughly \$250,000 from this," J. Donald Gartland 111, Canadian managing director for the L.A. coin program said at a Royal York Hotel press conference in September.

Potential medallists Dave Steen, Jill Ross-Giffen and Dan Thompson were on hand at the press conference and each received the gift of a coin from Gartland.

It was Canada which initiated the world-wide distribution of coins as a way of deferring cost in Montreal. For the record, Canada received close to \$200,000 from the Soviet Union for coins sales here in 1980, despite the boycott of the Moscow Olympics.

The silver coin available this month was designed by Eliz-

The silver coin available this month was designed by Elisabeth Jones, Chief Engraver at the US Mint, the first woman to hold the post. The coin depicts an ancient Greek sculpture of a discus thrower. There's an American eagle on the reverse. It's the first Olympic coin ever issued by the U.S.

Olympic coins date back to the Games 2,500-year-old roots as a means of helping finance the celebrations. Though the Games were revived in Athens in 1896, Olympic coins weren't struck again until 1952 in Helsinki.

The Los Angeles coins have been on sale in America for almost a year. By law, the U.S Mint can strike a limit of 52 million gold and silver Olympic coins.

### **The 1983 U.S. Olympic Silver Dollar Specifications**

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Content: .900 fine silver Quality: Proof  
 Weight: 26.73 g. total, 24.06 g. silver, 2.67 g. copper  
 (traditional U.S. coinage silver)  
 Diameter: 38.10mm. Face Value: One Dollar  
 Legal tender in the United States

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## ***NEWS FROM AROUND THE CLUBS***

### **WATERLOO COIN SOCIETY C1**

The Waterloo Coin Society's meeting was held in the Waterloo Public Library, September 20th, 8:00 P.M. There were 30 Members and Guests welcomed by President John McIntyre.

The Draw winners were: 1st, John McIntyre and 2nd, Agnes Whetham. A very health discussions on a variety of topics was held. Roger Zabizewski had a 3 case display with him and he explained briefly about his displays. Bill English had one display case and he reviewed some ideas he uses when exhibiting. He also recommended the book "Exhibits and Judging," and "The Coins and Medals of Newfoundland."

A very exciting coin auction was held at the conclusion of business meeting.

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## HURONIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION C17

The August 18th meeting was held at the Adult Rehabilitation Centre, 175 Bayfield Street, Barrie, at 8:00 P.M. There was a very good turn-out of members and guests. There was a very interesting auction held after the business meeting. George Burnside won the attendance draw and donated back to the club and Conway Bishop won the member in attendance draw. The old coin box was won by Ed. Monkman. The program for the evening was a C.N.A. Slide Presentation on Canadian Large Cents.

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## CITY of OTTAWA COIN CLUB C19

The September 26th meeting of the City of Ottawa Coin Club was held at the National Archives Building, with 28 members 2 guest in attendance.

The President spoke briefly about the exhibits which were shown by Club Members at The Ottawa Valley Coin & Stamp Fair on September 24 and 25 at the Chateau Laurier. He thanked all exhibitors, judges and workers for their efforts in making this endeavour a success and said that he hoped more exhibitors would participate next time. On being asked for their comments most of the members who had visited the show said they were highly impressed with the exhibits; one member said that better lighting was needed.

The guest speaker for the evening was Mr. David Wilson who spoke regarding the role that coins which had been found in the ground, far from the country in which they had been struck, can play in helping verify dates of certain events in history. At the conclusion of his talk he was presented with a copy of the Clubs book "Numis matic Ottawa". After a short break a coin auction was held.

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**Keep that CLUB NEWS coming in, folks!!!**

## CHAMPLAIN COIN CLUB C21

The October meeting of the Champlain Coin Club was held on October 6th, at St David's Anglican Church Hall at 8:00 P.M.

There were various discussions on coin collecting. A discus

A discussion was held on the April 1984 coin show at the Orillia Square Mall some time in April of 1984. More details will be available when the Mall is booked.

The November meeting will b the annual babquet supper. Tickets are: Adults \$6.00, Children \$3.00. This will be an interesting evening with the usual draws, auction and a film.

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## NORTH YORK COIN CLUB C74

The August 23rd meeting was held at the North York Memorial Community Hall 5090 Yonge street, Willowdale, Ontario at 8:15PM.

The main speaker for the evening was George Dunn and his topic was "Russian Coins of the 1700's". He gave detailed histories of Peter11, Empress Anra, and the baby Czar Ivan. At the conclusion of his talk George answered some questions from the audience. Marvin Kay gave a report on his trip to the A.N.A. in San Diego, California. The highlight of his trip was when he received a Heath Literary Award for his magnificent article in the September, 1982 issue of The Numismatist, entitled "Medicine In Numismatics." Marvin is the only Canadian in the past six years, possibly longer to have received a Heath Literary Award.

It was announced that the December 15th Meeting will be the Annual Christmas Party, with the chicken dinner and also members display night.

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The 5th edition of "Standard Catalogue of Malaysia - Singapore - Brunei Coins & Paper Money 1983" was released early in March. It is available at \$9.30 US postpaid sea mail from the publisher: Steven Tan, G.P.O. Box 2016, Kuala Lumpur 01-02, Malaysia. It has 148 glossy 6 3/4" X 10" pages and is now the standard reference for the valuation of the Malaysian area. The author has been dealing in stamps, coins and banknotes of this area for 23 years.

German emergency paper money (Notgeld) collectors might be interested in a newsletter published by Dwight L. Musser, Box 305, Ridge Manor, Florida 33525. He charges 25¢ per mimeographed page for his informative publications. No 14 (8 pages) has just been issued. Mr. Musser also stocks the complete line of the Battenberg notgeld catalogues published in Germany.

The December 13 issue of the "Enderlin Independent" newspaper reported that the ten men and one woman recently arrested for counterfeiting put up a good defense by stating they were just getting ready for inflation.

The U.S. has its political problems too. An editorial in the June 8 Issue of Coin World states: "Coin collectors who expect official 1983 Uncirculated (Mint) sets - and every year after - may be out because the senators are playing games. Climax of the numismatic silly season on Capital Hill, the Senate Banking committee in late May threw out Rep. Frank Annunzio's amendment to the Mint funding authorizing bill REQUIRING Uncirculated and Proof coin sets every year". Apparently the Committee prefers the word SUPPORT rather than REQUIRE.

Ontario has removed the 7% retail sales tax on Canadian Maple Leaf gold coins (with a stated currency value of \$50!), not because it is ridiculous to charge a tax for exchanging one form of currency for another, but to stimulate the mining industry in Ontario, according to the budget papers. The soap salesmen are at it again!

Actual data on the remaining quantities of silver coins, after "The Big Silver Melt", can never be known with certainty, any more than it could previously after normal attrition. However, there is no doubt that future collectors will be seriously restricted. It could mean that they must abandon ideas of "date series" collecting of silver coins, in favour of more sensible "coin type" collecting. One author in the U.S. (Henry A. Merton) estimates a 75% diminution in the quantity of Roosevelt dimes, for example. Could Canadian results be similar?

Another rarity has emerged to sate the gluttony of the variety buffs - a 1982 U.S. dime with no mintmark. It is conjectured to have been an oversight by a die puncher, which eluded all inspections. Estimates of the number of pieces struck range from a low of 4,000 to a high of 750,000.

Yes sir! You can't keep a good soap salesman down! The U.S. press has announced a new product, guaranteed to wash away Canadian collectors - a silver proof medal commemorating the visit to Canada of the Prince and Princess of Wales. It is struck by the R.C.M. on silver dollar planchets at a cost of \$24.50 (plus provincial tax), which proves that metal medals are more meaningful than mere money (a proof dollar costs \$16.15).

Geoffrey Bell of Moncton has been acclaimed president of the C.N.A. He also is chairman of the upcoming convention in Keddy's Brunswick Hotel of Moncton, July 20-23, with its shocking priced auction. Lots of luck in both ventures.

The prolific pen of Paul N.-D. has appeared in yet another periodical, the June 83 issue of "The Party Line" of The Canadian Cents Club (1161-3rd Ave., NW. Moose Jaw, Sask. S6H 3V1). The article is entitled "Of Leaves and Boughs and Trees - Some Reflections on the Curious Parallelism of our Large Cent and the Classical Coinage of Greece and Rome."

"While I personally abhor the buying of any collectable purely for financial gain (i.e. without appreciating it for its historical and/or artistic merits), it is indeed a fact of life that no one wants to unnecessarily lose money when buying coins, stamps, paper money or medals" (Ed: D'Accord!). This is quoted from an article by Ottawa's noted medallist, Graham Neale, in the June 28th issue of Canadian Coin News. His enthusiastic article was concerned with the beautiful Military General Service Medal awarded for the three actions of the War of 1812 - the capture of Fort Detroit, the battle of Chateaugay and the battle of Chrysler's Farm.

Our 1st VP, Su Nadin-Davis, also has an article in the same issue. This time she tells of another interesting society - ATCO (Active Token Collectors' Organization). It has over 400 members, has annual membership dues of \$15 U.S. and can be reached at P.O. Box 1573, Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57101.

Also newsworthy are hubby Paul's plans to reprint (in late July) "The Coinage of Suffolk", a classic 19th century work by Charles Golding. A special pre-publication price of \$10 is set. Paul's address is Box 95, Station A, Ottawa, Ont. K1N 8V1 in case you miss him at the COCC meeting.

An outstanding collection of books about Chinese history and coins - almost 120 feet of shelf space-assembled by the late Reverend Arthur Braddan Coole, has been acquired by the ANA Library, and will be housed in its Colorado headquarters. Now it will be possible for another dedicated oriental numismatist to pick up where Coole left off, and complete the Encyclopedia of Chinese Coins.

Did anyone get the Pile of Coins Puzzle? The following solution required 31 moves. Let the coins from top to bottom be numbered 1 to 5 and the positions A to C; starting with the coins on position A and ending with them on position B, make the following moves:

1	1B	7	1B	13	1B	19	1B	25	1B
2	2C	8	4C	14	2C	20	3A	26	2C
3	1C	9	1C	15	1C	21	1C	27	1C
4	3B	10	2A	16	5B	22	2A	28	3B
5	1A	11	1A	17	1A	23	1A	29	1A
6	2B	12	3C	18	2B	24	4B	30	2B
								31	1B

Another Puzzle: Lay six coins in a row; the left three showing their obverses, the right three showing their reverses. How can these be rearranged with alternate obverses and reverses, in three moves? Each move must consist of turning over a pair of adjacent coins.

1. Yet another inverted coin illustration... the obverse (Chinese script side) of the YÜN NAN ("South of the clouds") 7 CH'IEN 2 FEN (Dollar) coin in "The Coin Shop" advertisement of Canadian Coin News. Some people have difficulty knowing which way is up.
2. The following is quoted from a letter to the editor of Coin World in its Aug. 3, 1983 edition, from an attorney, and numismatist for 19 years - Lawrence N. Rogak of Brooklyn, N.Y. Does it sound familiar?

"...what about those of us who collect for the love of coins themselves? We have seen the prices of coins rise far beyond the means of the average collector, and the principal cause of those astronomical increases has been the flood of non-collector investors to the market. These investors, to whom a coin is no more interesting than a stock certificate or an oil well, and encouraged by the intense hype of the new breed of high-hat-and-tails dealers, have sunk so many millions of dollars into the hobby in pursuit of profit that the average collector is left picking through pocket change.

The aforementioned dealers have also turned the Mint State grading system into a monster. They deceive the public into believing that some scientific standard delineates the nuances between 60, 63, 65 and 67. I would like a nickel for every person who has discovered the hard way that MS-65 means the condition of a coin when a dealer sells it, and MS-60 (or even About Uncirculated) is the condition of a coin when you attempt to sell it to a dealer".

3. Differences in designs, shapes, sizes, alloys and edges are used to differentiate among the seven new 1983 coins of the Bailiwick of Jersey, e.g.

<u>Denom.</u>	<u>Design</u>	<u>Shape</u>		<u>Dia(mm)</u>	<u>Alloy</u>			<u>Edge</u>	
		<u>Round</u>	<u>Hepta</u>		<u>Bronze</u>	<u>Cu-Ni</u>	<u>Ni-Br</u>	<u>Security</u>	<u>Nullled</u>
£	St. Helier parish Emblem	X		22.5			X		
50 p	Grosnez Castle gatehouse		X	20.0		X			X
20 p	La Barbière lighthouse		X	21.4		X			X
10 p	Faldouet domen	X		28.5		X		X	
5 p	Seymour Tower	X		23.6		X		X	
2 p	St. Helier hermitage	X		25.9	X				X
1 p	Le Hocq Watchtower	X		20.3	X				X

This keeps coins within a narrower range of sizes and continues the trend of a variety of coins to stimulate and capture the potential collector market (the soap salesmen are at it again!). There are also plans to change the designs of the 1-pound coin annually, eg: coats of arms of St. Saviour, St. Brelade, St. Clement, St. Lawrence, St. Peter, Grouville, St. Marin, St. Ouen, Trinity, St. John and St. Mary, in succeeding years. Ordering information is available from Monins at Homeland, St. John, Jersey, Channel Islands, United Kingdom.

4. One club has dropped the "L" out of its former activity. The Canadian Cents Club now has become the Canadian Cents Club, which has stimulated its membership enrolment. Its newsletter, "Party Line", recently had a letter to the editor about grading, from an American collector who states:

"To date I would have to give Canadian Dealers (on the average) pretty high marks for their grading. Collectors can still expect to receive, generally, that which has been advertised. This is because Canada has not yet subscribed to the terribly confused system adopted by the U.S."  
(Ed: Or have they?!)

Compliments do appear occasionally. Incidentally, the C.C.C. can be contacted at 1161 3rd Ave NW Moose Jaw, Sask. S6H 3V1 where "Scoop" Lewry is the editor and secretary - treasurer.

5. Dr. Michael Metcalf has been appointed Keeper of the Heberden Coin Room of the Ashmolean Museum at Oxford in England succeeding Colin Kraay, recently deceased. Dr. Metcalf has a Ph.D in mediaeval numismatics from Cambridge where he studied under Professor Philip Grierson. During an interview by COIN WORLD, reported in the Aug. 3, 1983 issue, Dr. Metcalf was asked about proposed changes. He stated that no major ones were contemplated since a balance had been achieved by trial and error over a span of 20 years. However, when pressed, he was of the opinion that closer integration of numismatics with history and archeology was desirable. (Ed: d'accord!)
6. Puzzle: Can you arrange 9 coins in 10 rows of 3?
7. If the last number of a Wintario lottery ticket differs from the drawn number, the ticket-holder is still a winner. So it was with the key item of the COCC August auction, where Lot 72 was a nice VG 1802 U.S. Silver dollar which sold for \$375. This was part of a collection donated to the missionary fund of a local church.

Now, had it been 1804 instead, it would probably have made numismatic headlines, for there are only 15 of these known to exist. An entire book has been written about this coin by Kenneth E. Bressett and Eric P. Newman, entitled "The Fantastic 1804 Dollar". Yet, other than for the last digit difference, the two are basically the same. The 1802 joins a club member's U.S. type-set in process of assembly. The purchaser appreciates the addition, the church welcomes the vital funds, and the donor probably benefits most of all!  
Winners three!!

It is rather curious to note that the Smithsonian Institute currently has three of the 1804 dollars on display (1 on loan, 2 owned) in the U.S. National Museum of American History.

8. Mr. Ni Mo, an ardent and renowned 19th century Chinese numismatist, once humourously remarked that unless a person became so steeped in the hobby that others thought he was crazy, he could not consider himself a numismatist. (Ed: So what's new?!) This was gleaned from Volume 5 of the Encyclopedia of Chinese Coins (p.27) by the late Arthur Braddan Coole.

# Why the proper Bank of England took the head of a royal English fool and stamped it on the regal neck of a man they called the 'Spanish ass'

"... a mark, a yen, a buck, a pound  
Money makes the world go 'round."

—from Cabaret

OTTAWA — The formula is simple enough. Take the world's second most popular topic — money. Throw in plenty of rare and beautiful specimens. Gather lots of fascinating facts and amusing anecdotes about the stuff. Then engage a couple of talented designers to put it all together in a graphically strong exhibition telling the history of this universally appealing subject.

If you do it right, you'll come up with something like the Bank of Canada's Currency Museum at 245 Sparks St. here in the Canadian capital.

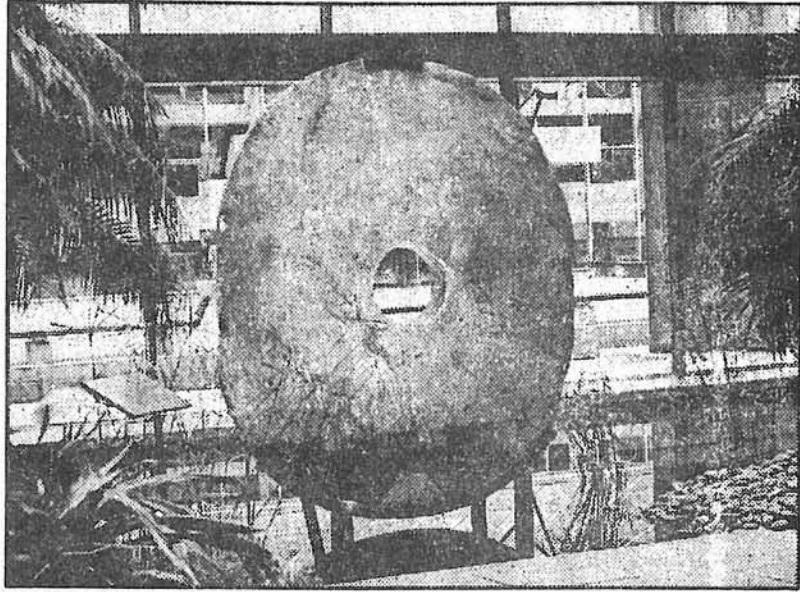
Some heavy money went into this museum, which opened in December of 1980. If you don't believe me, consider the six-foot, three-ton "Yap stone" in the lobby. Probably the strangest and certainly the most unwieldy currency, these doughnut-shaped monoliths, used by natives of the Pacific island of Yap, sometimes reached 12 feet in diameter.

## Unusual forms

Rare and valuable because they came from the distant islands of Pelew and Guam, Yap stones were carried on poles through the hole in their centre. They remained in use as currency right up until the outbreak of World War II. Thieves on Yap were apparently very strong.

Other unusual forms of money, according to displays inside, included bricks of tea, pig's teeth, elephant hair, even wives. At one time the Romans paid workers and soldiers in salt — giving us the word salary. Mayans and Aztecs used cacao beans, tempting counterfeiters to scrape the chocolate from inside and refill the beans with clay.

The first coins, however, came from "money trees" in China. They were cast, several at a time and the channels in the mold between coins created "branches" from which the coins were picked. Called cash by the Chinese, these



This six-foot tall coin on display at Ottawa's Currency Museum weighs three tons and is from the Pacific island of Yap, where such stone currency remained in use up to World War II.

early coins were low in value and had holes in them so large quantities could be strung together.

Throughout the museum, exhibits are enhanced with maps, models, drawings and artifacts that make history come alive. An Oriental section, for example, is marked by a Chinese sculpture of a horse. Greek coins are displayed beneath a miniature Parthenon. There is an early coin-stamping machine, a press for paper money, and a dramatically lit model of a sunken French payship, filled with some of the gold coins recovered from the original vessel. It sank off Cape Breton in 1725.

Many coins and banknotes have esthetic appeal as well as intrinsic value and historical interest. There are thick, irregular shaped Greek coins stamped with wide-eyed Athenian owls, wafer-thin coins from ancient Rome, even a coin designed by Leonardo da Vinci.

The Romans were the first to glorify living people on their coinage, beginning with a portrait of Julius Caesar in 44 BC. Since then,

coins have given us a picture gallery of history's leading characters. (Judging by a 1687 five-guinea piece here, England's James II was particularly ugly.) They also give us a glimpse of famous sculptures and buildings that have long since vanished — monuments such as the Pillars of Hercules, which incidentally may be the origin of the two vertical lines in our dollar sign.

The ancient Greeks were among the first to use precious metal in coins. They took globular pieces of electrum (an alloy of gold and silver) and simply struck them with a die. But since they were irregularly shaped, it was easy for the unscrupulous to steal a little from each coin by clipping the edge, then filing it smooth again. This problem wasn't solved until the end of the 17th century when a machine was invented to mill the edges.

The period of colonization was fraught with currency problems, and consequently produced a wealth — if you'll pardon the pun — of money stories. Because of the

scarcity of other coins, abundant Spanish eight reals pieces (pieces-of-eight) became almost universally accepted. Often, because of their high value, they were cut in half, or further, into pie-shaped pieces. On Prince Edward Island, eight reals had their centres punched out. The punch-outs assumed the value of one shilling, while the outer rims were valued at five shillings.

Late in the 18th century, the Bank of England recycled captured pieces-of-eight by stamping a portrait of George III over that of the Spanish king, prompting one wag to quip that "the head of a fool (had been) stamped on the neck of an ass."



George III

By Gordon E. Rowley  
Special to The Star



Ferdinand VII

## This and other oddities come to light with a visit to Ottawa's money museum

### Card money

But the most unusual currency to be used in Colonial North America was the "playing card money" of New France. In 1685, the French governor was faced with the problem of paying merchants for supplies before funds had arrived from Europe. A resourceful man, he simply cut playing cards into quarters, affixed the treasurer's seal, and signed each card. Although intended only as a stop-gap measure, card money became an important part of the currency of New France and remained in use until the fall of Quebec in 1759.

Most of the eight galleries of the museum deal, understandably, with the history of Canadian currency. There are Hudson's Bay Company tokens; issues of "wildcat" and "phantom" banks; script from the Dirty '30s good for a bed, a meal, or buckets of water; \$3, \$8 and \$25 bills, the Canadian dollar showing Queen Elizabeth with what looks like the devil lurking in her hair, and much more.

One of the most memorable displays tells of a Toronto family of the 1880s who made a million dollars, literally. The father made the plates, his son engraved them, a daughter forged the signatures, and the mother passed the bogus bills — until they were all caught.

The Currency Museum is open Tuesday to Saturday 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. (open Mondays — May to Labor Day), Sunday 1 to 5 p.m. Admission: Free.

ANTONIO PISANO : ITALIAN MEDALLIST

The Renaissance, a very special period in history, began in Italy during the 1400's. It was the rebirth of man and his society when the classics were once again discovered. Painting and sculpturing took on a new look and exerted a profound influence on the Renaissance.

The real founder of modern medallic art was that of Antonio di Puccio Pisano, otherwise known as Pisanello. He was a brilliant portrait painter before he turned his attention to creating medals of outstanding beauty. His creativity and individuality in medallic experimentation had a great influence on coin and medal design during the following two centuries. Pisano was born in 1395 at Pisa, Italy and worked primarily in Verona.

The art of medal engraving had suffered a letdown in the middle ages after the Roman artists had achieved such perfection centuries before. Roman medallion relief was used no more and medals prior to the Pisano era showed little creative ability. His prime objective was to re-create the ancient tradition of realistic three dimensional design in the small area of a coin. This was something that he could not attain with a painting. Secondly, the sculptor wanted an artistically complete theme within the circle of a coin.

Pisano was responsible for an important improvement on casting from moulds, much the same as the Romans. He moulded his designs in wax and from these wax models, created a mould in which the metal was poured. This method allowed for experimentation with bolder relief and larger designs. The surface texture of the medal allowed for a fine satin finish which eliminated the snare of hammered medals. Pisano's techniques of medal relief could only be achieved on a broad thick flan. This three dimensional style gave a realistic look to the featured portrait. High relief was practical for medals, unlike coinage which soon wore down the raised design with constant use. Medals were larger than coins and designs which looked well balanced in a large space became cramped and uneven on the smaller surface of a coin.

During the years 1438 - 1450, Pisano created about thirty medals, all with lifelike portraiture of the highest kind. The designer chose original themes and were distinguished for strength combined with grace. Pisano's first medal of 1438 was inspired by the visit to Italy of John VIII, Palaeologus, the emperor of Constantinople, who

came to participate in the Council of Ferrara. This Council had the intention of effecting a union between the Greek and Latin Churches. The presence of John VIII impressed Pisano to the point that he captured the event on a lead medallion which measured 103 mm. in diameter. It is described as follows:

Obverse: Bust at right, wearing hat with tall crown and upturned brim. Around, "John, King and Emperor of the Romans, Palaeologus". The concave space assists in framing the portrait.

Reverse: The Emperor riding towards Ferrara, raising his hands and folded as he passes a wayside cross; behind him, a mounted page seen from behind with a rocky landscape in the background.

Pisano took a special delight in portraying animals on some of his later medals. As a rule, he does not attempt elaborate subjects, but his reverses often show a relatively simple design. Pisano became so well known with his work that lords and princes were vying with one another to be immortalized in metal.

The idea behind Pisano's medals were likely when he viewed the Burgundian medals of the Emperors Heraclius I and Constantine IV executed toward the end of the fourteenth century and found in them the stimulus to portray some of the more prominent figures of his time.

From his first medal to his last, one can trace the gradual process of refinement. The careful execution and creative harmony of the design were to become the outstanding features of later medals. Pisano made such an impact with his sculpturing that Italian medallists of the following century carried on his unique style. The Samuel H. Kress collection, given to the National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C., has a fine selection of his medals cast both in bronze and lead for interested collectors to view.

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## Association News:

### MEMBERSHIP

The Applications for Membership published in the April 1983 issue of the Ontario Numismatist were accepted in May 1983, but never was published.

The following Applications have been received in April & May 1983 but never published.

1230 Robb Land, R.R. #6, Guelph, Ontario, M1H 6J3

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The following Application has been received in September 1983. If no written objections are received, acceptance of Memberships 1230 - 1232 incl will appear in November issue of the Ontario Numismatist.

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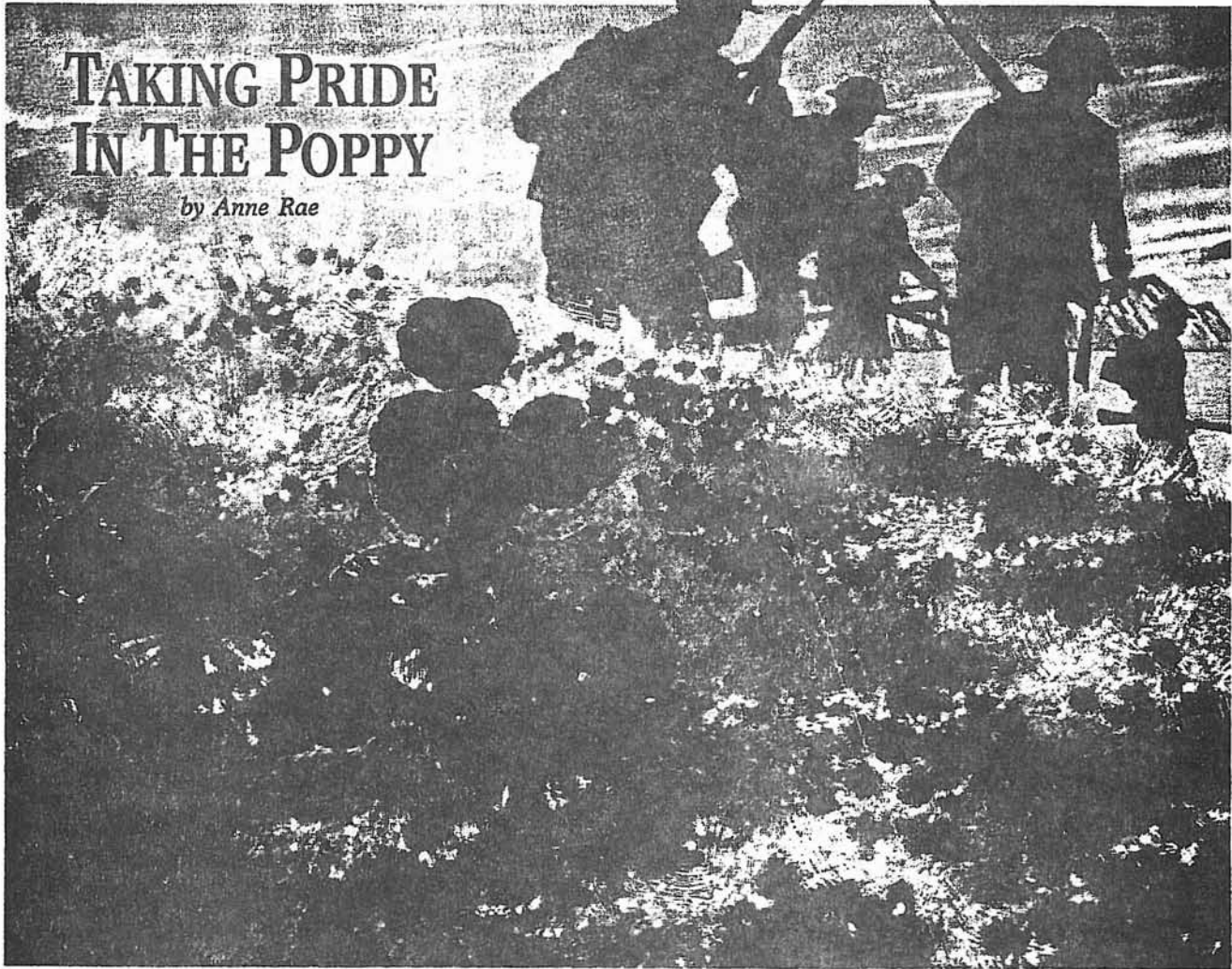
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# TAKING PRIDE IN THE POPPY

by Anne Rae



**E**very November I wear a poppy, not because someone tells me to, nor because it's a custom, but because I know about the brave men and women who fought for Canada's freedom.

I was young when WW II was fought, but I remember that many young men from our community went to war. Can anyone forget how dashing a well-pressed uniform and polished boots made every lad? The uniforms helped conceal fear and uncertainty, I'm sure, just as a loved one's pride helped conceal those feelings.

Some veterans of WW I, too, returned to barracks and uniforms. Like the young, they didn't wait to be called when their country required their services. Many left behind wives and children. Duty's call was strong.

Each leave home was an important event for the whole community. Everyone spoke to the serviceman and of him. He was a man willing to give his life for us all. He was entertained and praised. Farewells, though tearful, were usually "Till we meet again."

Some of these men never returned. Some came back crippled in mind or body. Time passed. Some resumed civilian activities, others found their jangled nerves couldn't cope with everyday life. War continued to demand its price.

For as far back as my memory goes, students from schools surrounding Kyle, Alta., where I grew up, gathered in the town hall for the Remembrance Day service. Was it compulsory? I don't know. We went. We participated. We remembered.

Mine wasn't a family of veterans, but relatives, class-mates and friends married them, and some of their children became my class-mates.

I became aware that war was a "locked away" period of many men's lives. They never mentioned it. Others relived the terror nightly or while under the influence of alcohol. Occasionally some publicly recalled this part of their past. But veterans had one thing in common. Each Nov. 11 they wore a poppy and gathered to remember the dead and the living.

I don't feel that Remembrance Day is a glorification of war. Men who silently lock away a portion of their lives are not glorifying battle. Perhaps their silence is a prayer that war will be no more.

The red, handmade, felt poppies of my youth have been replaced by machine-made, plastic-backed blooms, but their message is the same: Remember.

Books, movies and television shows about war abound but cannot convey to many of us the brutality, pain, anguish, fear and shame suffered by men in combat, or the anxiety and terror felt by their families. Many of us can never fully appreciate their desire that war shall be no more.

Veterans and their families can instill in young Canadians the importance of Remembrance Day. Those of us who are part of a younger generation perhaps need to be reminded of the significance of the blood-red poppy we wear Nov. 11. We need to remember with gratitude not only those who gave their lives, but also those who returned. □

# The Brasher Doubloons

THEY ARE THE MOST VALUABLE AMERICAN COINS,  
BUT THEY'RE NOT REALLY COINS

by CLEM BAILEY



*The magic initials of Ephraim Brasher appear on six known specimens, one on the eagle's breast and five on the eagle's wing. A seventh specimen has been suspected, but it never has been confirmed.*

Would you pay several thousand dollars to be the keeper of a round metallic object shaped like a coin? Several have done just that in the past few years, for pieces called "Brasher Doubloons."

It is often called a "coin;" but really it isn't. It has the name of "doubloon," but really isn't. Why they were made is not clearly known. Some say they are souvenirs, others state they are gold patterns, and others clearly point to the fact that the Brasher Doubloons were made for circulation.

With all the questions, the Brasher Doubloon is the most famous gold piece ever made in the land of the United States. The 1787 issue was made by Ephraim Brasher, a New York goldsmith, and jeweler. He also became involved with other occupations in his lifetime, such as coroner in New York, assistant justice, an election inspector, and commissioner of excise.

George Washington was a neighbor of Brasher, and purchased silver pieces with the famous "EB" monogram punched into the items. This famed hallmark also appeared on the Brasher Doubloon, either on the wing or on the breast of the eagle. The known pieces of this "doubloon" total to six; five of them are hallmarked on the eagle's

wing, while only one genuine issue has ever been found with the hallmark on the breast of the eagle.

Ephraim Brasher was born in 1744 of Dutch stock, and his name has been spelled over the years as Brasier, Brazier, Breser, as well as Brasher. All family members promote the pronunciation of "Bray-sher."

Brasher was first married in 1766 to Anne Gilbert, whose brother was also a silversmith. According to historical references, a Brasher silver coffee pot was also first made in that year, which is now in the collection at the New York Historical Society.

After service in the Revolutionary War, we find that Brasher became active in civil affairs. One of the more notable efforts came when Brasher was called upon to test, assay, and evaluate foreign gold coins. It is probably needless to say that counterfeit coins were in wide circulation at that time.

It is from this assay work that his famous EB monogram came into being as permanent identification for coins that were tested and approved. The EB soon came to be known as a mark for guarantee of metallic purity, so it has been said. Others reflect on this idea of a jeweler passing on gold coins and cast off the assumption, because other jewelers at that time did not function in that manner.

In 1787, the same year found on the gold pieces, Brasher and a John Baily asked the New York State Assembly for permission to produce copper coins. This petition was never approved.

The original petitions cannot be found, and so no one really knows if Brasher and Baily worked together, or if each did their own thing at that time. The only fact that is positive is that the two lived close together on Queen Street in New York.

Early in 1787 in the New York assembly, a number of ideas were presented to the lawmakers for new coinage, as well as regulation of the existing coinage. It is in this period of time that many believe that Brasher made his famous gold pieces, the first gold pieces made in the United States.

It is believed by some that the pieces were actually cent pre-

sentation pieces to the lawmakers, but made in gold and not copper, as would a regular cent. Others still insist that the Brasher pieces were made to be used in circulation as gold pieces.

The only provable fact is the size of the Brasher Doubloon; it is the size of the copper coins that were in circulation at the time. Other historians on the subject rule that the pieces were made just as souvenirs and for no other reason.

Regardless of why they were made, the fact remains that the items have caused considerable attention over the years, and have always sold for high prices whenever they surface as auction pieces.

In 1838 the Brasher gold piece made news when it came to the attention of the Chief Coiner of the Philadelphia Mint, who was Adam Eckfeldt. He discovered a single piece among gold coins being sent to the mint for assay and melting. He took it out of the pile and gave it to the Mint Cabinet, which was just being formed. Since that time the Mint Cabinet has been transferred to the Smithsonian Institution collection, where it is today.

In 1846 William E. DuBois, a former United States Assayer and then curator of the Mint Cabinet, put the tag on the Brasher gold piece. He wrote about the pieces in the Mint Cabinet and, in his early work *Pledges Of History*, made the reference to the Brasher piece, "a very remarkable gold coin, equal in value to a doubloon, coined at New York in 1787."

Thus the tag "doubloon" was attached to the Brasher work, and now it is part of the nomenclature of the gold piece. A "doubloon" was originally a large Spanish gold coin, or a double Escudos. The actual value at the time the Brasher piece was made was \$16, the same value as the eight Escudo gold coins of Spanish America. Brasher also made eight-dollar pieces, or halfdoubloons, according to sources close to his times.

In 1873 the first Brasher Doubloon came up for auction. The auction was never held, as one collector purchased the whole works, so the Brasher never made market news.

Finally, in 1882, a specimen appeared at auction and was pur-

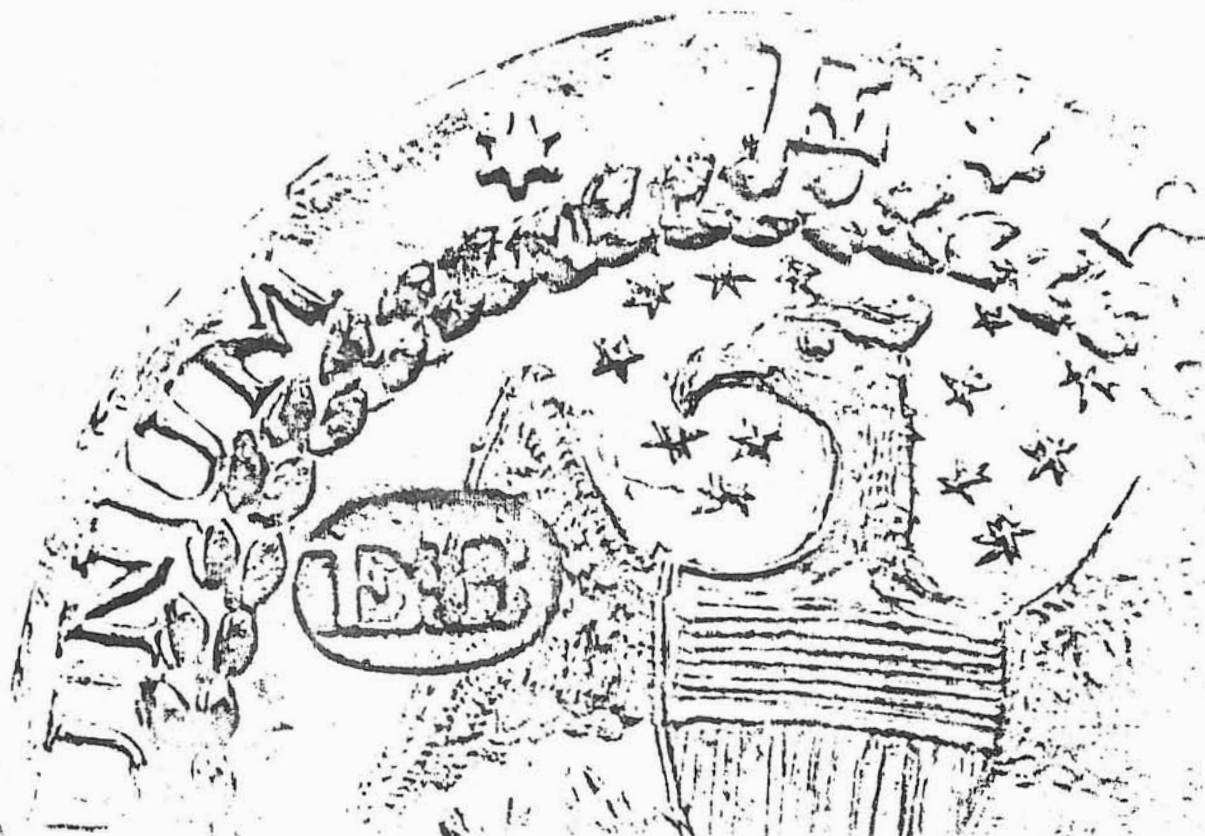
chased by T. Harrison Garret for \$505, and this came to be the only specimen with the punch mark of EB on the breast of the eagle. That same specimen was auctioned off by Bowers & Ruddy Galleris when the whole Garrett collection was sold, and it fetched \$625,000 in March of 1981.

That same specimen was sold in February of 1982 at the Mid-year Convention of the American Numismatic Association in Colorado Springs for an undisclosed sum but listed in six figures.

The specimens with the EB punch mark in the wing of the eagle exist in five copies..The highest auction price ever paid for any coin was the one from the Garrett collection sold in 1979 for \$725,000. An unknown collector purchased the piece through an agent.

Prior to that sale the first specimen to come up for auction in more than 50 years was sold for \$430,000 in July of 1979. Walter Perschke purchased the piece, a specimen whose pedigree has chased through five different collections.

The specimen in the Smithsonian is also one of the ones with the punch mark of EB on the wing of the eagle.



Another of the specimen is in the collection of the American Numismatic Society in New York. This specimen had resided in eight different collections before being donated to the ANS by Mrs Henry Norweb.

The fifth specimen with the punch mark in the wing was owned by Yale University, but they were caught in the flush of high prices for such artifacts, and sold out for \$650,000 in a private transaction by Stack's of New York. This took place in 1980.

The picture shows the unique (only one of its kind) Brasher Doubloon. The description of this piece, as supplied by Bowers & Ruddy Galleries of Los Angeles, is listed as:

"The design on the obverse is of a mountain range with a high peak at the center, above is a rising sun with resplendent rays. Below, the signature of the engraver appears in full: BRASHER. A circle of finely spaced beads surrounds. On the border is the legend NOVA EBORACA COLUMBIA EXCELSIOR.

"At the center of the reverse is a heraldic eagle. In the left talon (viewer's right) in a bundle of arrows; in the right talon is a branch. Surrounding the eagle's head is a galaxy of stars. Boldly countermarked on the eagle's breast is the punchmark EB. Surrounding the central area is a wreath composed of a double row of overlapping leaves. The border displays the legend 'E Pluribus Unum' written as ' UNUM E PLURIBUS, with the date '1787' below."

Official weight of the unique piece has been given as  $411\frac{1}{2}$  grains, and size 19. The size being expressed in sixteenths of an inch means it is 1.19 inches in diameter, or about the diameter of a large copper cent, 28-30 millimeters. The description further states that the specimen was very fine, and excessively rare. This information came from the auction listing made in 1882 by the Chapman Brothers auctioneers.

The specimens with the punch mark in the wing are reported to weigh only 408 grains, or less than the unique piece. This has not been clearly stated for all of those wing-punched specimens.

Brasher in his lifetime certainly contributed a very large mystery to the collecting hobby, as well as making a very expensive collectible. When he died in 1797 he left his second wife, "all my estate both real and personal." She then became listed in the 1811 New York Directory as "Brasher, widow of Ephraim."

Now would you pay several thousand dollars to be the keeper of a round metallic object shaped liked a coin?

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## Greenbacks in technicolor?

Special for USA TODAY

The USA may be headed for technicolor money — the government's thinking of using various hues to distinguish currency of different amounts, as an anti-counterfeiting move.

A Treasury official confirmed Monday that the department is studying a change from the familiar "greenbacks" to money printed in blue, pink and other colors — though the size will stay the same.

The official said many options are being considered and that it will be

"quite a few months before anything is decided."

But Rep. Ron Paul, R-Texas, says the change already has been approved.

Paul even displayed models: a pink \$1 bill and a blue \$10 bill, though he wasn't certain those are the colors for the new currency.

The congressman said the new bills also would have a thin metallic strip running vertically on the face of the bill.

The metal strip could be detected by electronic devices, making it harder to smuggle large amounts of bills out of the country.

## Ancient copper coins valuable, Chinese told

PEKING (AP) — China should use money to make money — it should sell old coins, rather than melting them down as scrap metal, coin experts have urged.

Wong Huicheng told the China Daily newspaper two copper smelting companies in Jiangsu and Jilin provinces alone melted a total of 15 tonnes of old coins last year.

# Collectors taking stock in old issues

By William Giese  
USA TODAY

NEW YORK- Sometime after 5 p.m. Friday, November 4th, in the Wall Street area, in a set of rooms painted mainly blue (the former private dining rooms for members of the New York Produce Exchange), 60 to 65 people will gather at a public auction to bid on ... well, on paper that's worthless in the conventional sense.

The papers record our odd, grand and/or rascally financial history. They're being sold to practitioners of scripophily, - the relatively new hobby which, since R.M. Smythe & Co. of New York began regular USA auctions three years ago, has turned up at least 5,000 USA collectors and twice that many worldwide.

Dealers say collectors most often are drawn to scripophily because of the historical significance and design of the certificates.

But many also think the old stocks and bonds will be the hot collectibles of the 1980s. Stamp collectors have switched to scripophily, dealers say, because certificate prices - ranging from a few dollars to several thousand dollars - are relatively low compared with the prices of stamps.

"Stocks and bonds are symbols of power and money," said George H. Garrison Jr., a Williamsburg, Va., dealer-collector who will be bidding at the auction. "They feel like money. There's almost a sensuous quality to them.

"Take a Standard Oil Co. stock certificate signed by John D. Rockefeller. People see it and they just want to touch it. I tell people, "The great John D. held this in his hand for a few moments. You touched something that John D. did.' "

Friday's November 4th items to be auctioned include:

\* An unissued stock certificate in Kirk's Mississippi Snag Fender Co. The stock is circa 1840s, aged with dark spots, bordered with small scenes and portraits of William Penn, Benjamin Franklin, a steamship and suchlike.

\* Hornespeed Propeller Co.'s 1918 red, green and black stock certificate, which shows helmeted Mercury riding an agitated eagle above a contraption that looks to be made of equal parts biplane, threshing machine and oil derrick.

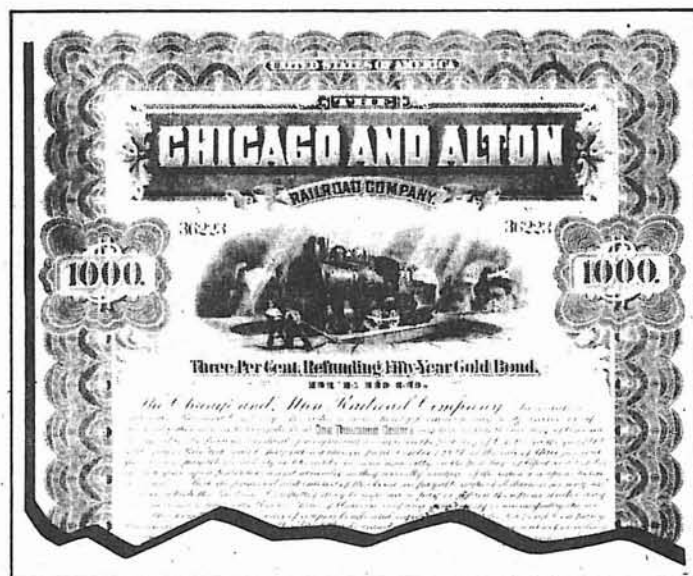
\* A green, five-share 1904 Edison Storage Battery certificate complete with goddess harnessing electrical power over an outline of North America, and signed by Thomas A. Edison.

Smythw, which also runs a stock and bond research service and is affiliated with a Wall Street brokerage, expects the Snag Fender certificate- worn and creased but clear- to sell for about \$60. Hornespeed should go for about \$100 and the Edison for \$625.

In all, the 220 items up for auction should bring between \$35,000 and \$40,000.

Another sale Saturday November 5th, hosted by the American branch of the Bond and Share Society in New York's Seamen's Institute, will bring together offerings from 12 to 15 dealers.

Document age, an interesting signature or company, or a fine engraving all make for a desirable piece.



"Put together a combination of these factors and you've really got something," Smythe vice president Diana Herzog said.

Hot Friday auction items should include:

\*A 1792, 3 percent government loan paper issued to Patrick Henry and signed by him.

\*A \$1,000 railroad bond signed in 1886 by J.P. Morgan.

\*Several certificates signed by Vanderbilt family members.

The financial rascals and oddities also are sought after.

An 1899 \$1,000 Chicago and Alton Railroad Co. gold bond holds added interest because it was the last railroad Jesse James held up.

Then there are Keely Motor Co. stock certificates from the late 19th century. John Keely got rich with his "hydro-pneumatic-pulsating vacue" machine which could sufficiently "energize" a pint of water to propel a 30-car train from Philadelphia to New York.

Keely would no doubt be delighted that one of his shares certificates retails today for a highly energized \$250.

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## Silver buck ads gilding the lily?

OTTAWA (UPC) — Consumer and Corporate Affairs Minister Judy Erola said yesterday she would look into allegations that the Royal Canadian Mint was misrepresenting the silver content of coins in its advertising.

MP Ray Hnatyshyn said the mint was advertising the sale of special silver dollars which in fact contained only 50%, the rest alloy.

Hnatyshyn also asked Erola to consider an independent tribunal to examine claims made in government advertising.

The Saskatoon Tory MP said the government could not be held accountable for misleading advertising in the same way as private firms.

Erola said the government followed the same standards as private advertisers.

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Ottawa firm releases new catalog

The October-November catalog of Nadin-Davis Numismatics, P.O. Box 95, Station A, Ottawa CANADA is available for mailing effective November 1, the firm announced recently.

The firm's diverse interests and clientele are certainly reflected in the variety of material offered. The listings include a small selection of medium-price range ancient coins, a page of miscellaneous exnumia (world tokens and medals), including counterstamped coins, trade dollars and a few British tokens, a large, nearly complete Canadian and U.S. trade dollar collection (offered for bids with a suggested value of \$5,000), a pine coin cabinet, a selection of new and used numismatic literature, and, of course, a varied assortment of world coins. As one would expect there is also an excellent offering of Canadian and Newfoundland coins, mainly in medium and high grade. Several key pieces are available including a New Brunswick half cent, one of the most sought-after Canadian maritime types, a Nova Scotia cent of 1862, a Newfoundland 5c of 1876 struck at the Heaton Mint in Birmingham, and a full range of cased and uncased proof silver dollars of Canada.

Paul Nadin-Davis, founder of the firm, notes in the introductory message that effective January 1 he will be devoting his full time to his coin dealership, which has until now been second string to a flourishing legal career. Nadin-Davis will continue as editor of the Canadian Sentencing Digest, a widely known and much used legal service which he founded in 1979, but will discontinue giving classes at the University of Ottawa, where he has taught Criminal Law since 1978, among other subjects. The move highlights his considerable confidence in the future of the coin market, and he expects to be able to provide excellent service to his many clients in those fields earmarked for expansion - the firm's Toronto International Coin Fair Auction, in particular.

The Nadin-Davis monthly catalog is available by subscription (\$10 annually), single copy price \$3, from the address given above. The December catalog, to be released shortly, will feature a number of fine Canadian "Breton" tokens, probably a wide selection of German Crowns, and several "freebies" designed to reward existing customers for their patronage throughout 1983.

**Association News:****MEMBERSHIP**

The Applications for Membership ( 1230, 1231 and 1232 ) to the Ontario Numismatic Association, printed in the October issue of the Ontario Numismatist has been accepted.

Bruce H. Raszmann  
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***NEWS FROM AROUND THE CLUBS***

The January, 84 issue of the Ontario Numismatist will feature CLUB NEWS for the past three months.

Bruce R. Watt  
Editor.

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# World value of the U.S. dollar

Bank of America NT and SA, Economic Department, London

This table gives the rates of exchange for the U.S. dollar against various currencies as of Nov. 9, 1983. The exchange rates listed are middle rates between buying and selling rates as quoted between banks, unless otherwise indicated. All cur-

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Albania.....	Lek	6.8105	Guadeloupe.....	Franc	8.1345	Philippines.....	Peso (4)	14.008
Algeria.....	Dinar	4.901	Hong Kong.....	Dollar	1.00	Pitcairn Is.....	N.Z. Dollar	1.5175
Andorra.....	Fr. Franc	8.1345	Guatemala.....	Quetzal	1.00	Poland.....	Zloty (O)	95.49
Angola.....	Sp. Poseta	154.56	Guinea Bissau.....	Peso	41.8109	Portugal.....	Escudo	127.60
Antigua.....	E. Caribbean \$	30.214	Guinea Rep.....	Syll	23.4572	Port Timor.....	Escudo	n.a.
Argentina.....	New Peso (f)	2.70	Guyana.....	Dollar	3.003	Puerto Rico.....	U.S. \$	1.00
Australia.....	Dollar	16.537	Haiti.....	Gourde	5.00	Qatar.....	Riyal	3.6397
Austria.....	Schilling	19.815	Honduras Rep.....	Lempira	2.00	Reunion, Ile de la.....	Fr. Franc	8.1345
Azores.....	Port. Escudo	127.60	Hungary.....	Forint	7.8075	Romania.....	Lei (O)	4.47
Bahamas.....	Dollar	1.00	Iceland.....	Krona	28.0614	Rwanda.....	Franc (8)	97.60
Bahrain.....	Dinar	0.377	India.....	Rupee	10.2167	St. Christopher.....	E. Caribbean \$	2.70
Baleaic Is.....	Sp. Poseta	154.56	Indonesia.....	Rupiah	985.50	St. Helena.....	Pound*	1.483
Bangladesh.....	Taka	21.85	Iran.....	Rial (O)	87.7079	St. Lucia.....	E. Caribbean \$	2.70
Barbados.....	Dollar	2.0113	Iraq.....	Dinar	0.3095	St. Pierre.....	Fr Franc	8.1345
Belgium.....	Franc (C)	54.345	Irish Rep.....	Punt*	1.1645	St. Vincent.....	E. Caribbean \$	2.70
Belgium.....	Franc (F)	64.88	Israel.....	Shekel (1)	82.80	Samoa (Western).....	Tala	1.6327
Belize.....	Dollar	2.00	Italy.....	Lira	1621.00	Samoa (Am.).....	U.S. \$	1.00
Benin.....	C.F.A. Franc	406.725	Ivory Coast.....	C.F.A. Franc	406.725	San Marino.....	It. Lira	1621.00
Bermuda.....	Dollar	1.00	Jamaica.....	Dollar (O)	1.7825	Sao Tome & Principe DR.....	Dobra	39.3545
Bhutan.....	Ind. Rupee	10.2167	Japan.....	Yen	835.95	Saudi Arabia.....	Riyal	3.48
Bolivia.....	Peso	198.00	Jordan.....	Dinar	0.3677	Senegal.....	C.F.A. Franc	406.725
Botswana.....	Pula	1.1362	Kampuchea.....	Riel	n.a.	Seychelles.....	Rupee	6.8746
Brazil.....	Cruzeiro	840.00	Kenya.....	Shilling	13.3593	Sierra Leone.....	Leone	2.51
Brunei.....	Dollar	2.135	Kiribati.....	Aust. Dollar	1.0975	Singapore.....	Dollar	2.135
Bulgaria.....	Lev	0.985	Korea (Nth).....	Won	0.94	Solomon Is.....	Dollar	1.2012
Burma.....	Kyat	8.0852	Korea (Sth).....	Won	789.70	Somali Rep.....	Shilling	15.6751
Burundi.....	Franc	90.00	Kuwait.....	Dinar	0.292	South Africa.....	Rand	1.1751
Cameroun Rp.....	C.F.A. Franc	406.725	Lao P'pils D. Rep.....	Kip	13.00	Spain.....	Peseta	154.56
Canada.....	Dollar	1.2326	Lebanon.....	Pound	13.00	Span. Ports in N. Africa.....	Sp. Peseta	154.56
Canary Is.....	Sp. Peseta	154.56	Lesotho.....	Dinar	5.285	Sri Lanka.....	Rupee	24.52
Cape Verde Is.....	Escudo	72.6744	Liberia.....	Dollar	1.1751	Sudan Rep.....	Pound*	0.7692
Cayman Is.....	Dollar	0.835	Libya.....	Dinar	0.2961	Surinam.....	Guilder	1.785
Cent. Af. Rep.....	C.F.A. Franc	406.725	Liechtenst'n.....	Sw. Franc	2.1725	Swaziland.....	Lilangeni	1.1751
Chad.....	C.F.A. Franc	406.725	Luxembourg.....	Lux Franc	54.345	Sweden.....	Krone	7.8915
Chile.....	Peso (O)	84.64	Macao.....	Pataca	8.1150	Switzerland.....	Franc	3.1725
China.....	Renminbi Yuan	1.989	Madagascar D. R.....	Franc	459.70	Syria.....	Pound	3.925
Colombia.....	Peso (O)	85.15	Malawi.....	Port. Escudo	127.60	Taiwan.....	Dollar (O)	40.15
Comoros.....	C.F.A. Franc	406.725	Malaysia.....	Kwacha	1.2901	Tanzania.....	Shilling	12.20
Congo P'ple. Rep. of.....	C.F.A. Franc	406.725	Maldives Is.....	Ringgit	2.347	Thailand.....	Baht	22.99
Costa Rica.....	Colon Free Float	41.50	Mali Rp.....	Rufiyaa (O)	8.93	Togo Rep.....	C.F.A. Franc	406.725
Cuba.....	Peso	0.8704	Malta.....	Rufiyaa (M)	7.05	Tonga Is.....	Pa'anga	1.0975
Cyprus.....	Pound*	1.8248	Martinique.....	Franc	813.45	Trinidad & Tobago.....	Dollar	2.409
Czechoslovakia.....	Koruna (O)	6.45	Mauritania.....	Franc	2.2711	Tunisia.....	Dinar	0.7139
Denmark.....	Krone	9.638	Mauritius.....	Franc	8.1345	Turkey.....	Lira	254.95
Djibouti Rp. of.....	Franc	177.72	Mexico.....	Ouguiya	55.95	Turks & Caicos.....	U.S. \$	1.00
Dominica.....	E. Caribbean \$	2.70	Mexico.....	Rupee	11.403	Tuvalu.....	Aust. Dollar	1.0975
Domin. Rep.....	Peso	1.00	Mexico.....	Peso (Free)	154.46	Uganda.....	Shilling (1st)	184.33
Ecuador.....	Sucre (O)	51.52	Mexico.....	Peso (cont'd)	137.04	Uganda.....	Shilling (2nd)	317.44
Ecuador.....	Sucre (F)	83.25	Miquelon.....	Fr. Franc	8.1846	Utd. A'b. Emir.....	Dirham	3.673
Egypt.....	Pound* (O)	1.4286	Monaco.....	Fr. Franc	8.1345	Utd. Kingdom.....	Pound Sterling*	1.483
Egypt.....	Pound*	1.2166	Mongolia.....	Tugrik (O)	3.355	Upper Volta.....	C.F.A. Franc	406.725
El Salvador.....	Colon	2.50	Montserrat.....	E. Caribbean \$	2.70	Uruguay.....	Peso	37.57
Eq'li Guinea.....	Ekuele	309.12	Morocco.....	Dirham	7.9545	U.S.S.R.....	Rouble	0.765
Ethiopia.....	Birr (O)	2.0566	Mozambique.....	Metic	41.012	Vanuatu.....	Vatu	100.916
Faeroe Is.....	Dan. Krone	9.638	Namibia.....	S.A. Rand	1.1751	Vatican.....	Aust. Dollar	1.0975
Falkland Is.....	Pound*	1.483	Nauru Is.....	Aust. Dollar	1.0975	Venezuela.....	Lira	1621.00
Fiji.....	Dollar	1.0373	Nepal.....	Rupee	14.30	Venezuela.....	Bolivar (5)	5.15
Finland.....	Markka	5.345	Netherlands.....	Guilder	2.983	Venezuela.....	Bolivar (6)	9.93
France.....	Franc	8.1345	Neth Ant'les.....	Guilder	1.80	Venezuela.....	Bolivar (7)	12.46
Fr. Cty in Af.....	C.F.A. Franc	406.725	New Zealand.....	Dollar	1.5175	Vietnam.....	Dong (O)	2.18
Fr. Guyana.....	Franc	8.1345	Nicaragua.....	Cordoba	10.00	Virgin Is. Br.....	U.S. \$	1.00
Fr. Pac. Is.....	C.F.P. Franc	147.90	Niger Rp.....	C.F.A. Franc	406.725	Virgin Is. U.S.....	U.S. \$	1.00
Gabon.....	C.F.A. Franc	406.725	Nigeria.....	Naira (O)	0.7407	Yemen.....	Rial	4.605
Gambia.....	Dalasi	2.6972	Norway.....	Krone	7.443	Yemen PDR.....	Dinar	0.3453
Germany (E).....	Ostmark (O)	2.6745	Oman, Sultanate of.....	Rial	0.3456	Yugoslavia.....	Dinar	118.569
Germany (W).....	Mark	2.6745	Pakistan.....	Rupee	15.2378	Zaire Rp.....	Zaire	26.828
Ghana.....	Cedi (3)	30.00	Panama.....	Balboa	1.00	Zambia.....	Kwacha	1.2153
Gibraltar.....	Pound*	1.483	Papua N.G.....	Kina	0.8553	Zimbabwe.....	Dollar	1.0892
Greece.....	Drachma	95.75	Paraguay.....	Guarani (o) (2)	126.00			
Greenland.....	Dan. Krone	9.638	Paraguay.....	Guarani (m) (2)	160.00			

Legend — n.a.: not available; (m): market rate; \*U.S. dollars per national currency unit; (o): official rate; (c): commercial rate; (f) financial rate; (1): Israel devalued about 23 per cent on Oct. 11; (2): Paraguay operates a two-tier system, o =

imports, exports and government transactions, m = all other transactions; (3): Ghana, central bank announced devaluation of about 90 per cent effective Oct. 11; (4): Philippines, peso floating since Oct. 5; (5): Venezuela, three-tier system has devel-

oped. This rate is for all essential imports; (6): Venezuela, non-essential import rate; (7): Venezuela, floating rate for tourists; (8): Rwanda, franc now linked to the SDR at rate 102.71.

## Exchange cross rates

Nov. 16	Pound Sterling	U.S. Dollar	Deutsche Mark	Japanese Yen	French Franc	Swiss Franc	Dutch Guilder	Italian Lira	Canada Dollar	Belgian Franc
Pound Sterling	1.	1.484	3.973	349.0	12.078	3.210	4.448	2402	1.855	80.60
U.S. Dollar	0.674	1.	2.677	235.2	8.138	2.163	2.997	1618.	1.236	54.31
Deutsche Mark	0.252	0.374	1.	87.85	3.040	0.808	1.120	604.5	0.462	80.29
Japanese Yen 1,000	2.865	4.252	11.38	1000.	34.61	9.198	12.74	6881.	5.256	230.9
French Franc 10	0.828	1.229	3.289	289.0	10.	2.658	3.682	1988	1.519	63.74
Swiss Franc	0.312	0.462	1.238	108.7	6.762	1.	1.386	748.1	0.571	25.11
Dutch Guilder	0.225	0.334	0.893	78.47	2.716	0.722	1.	640.0	0.412	18.12
Italian Lira 1,000	0.416	0.618	1.654	145.3	5.029	1.337	1.852	1000.	0.764	38.56
Canadian Dollar	0.545	0.809	2.165	190.2	6.584	1.750	2.424	1309.	1.	43.94
Belgian Franc 100	1.241	1.841	4.929	433.0	14.98	3.983	5.518	2980.	2.276	100.



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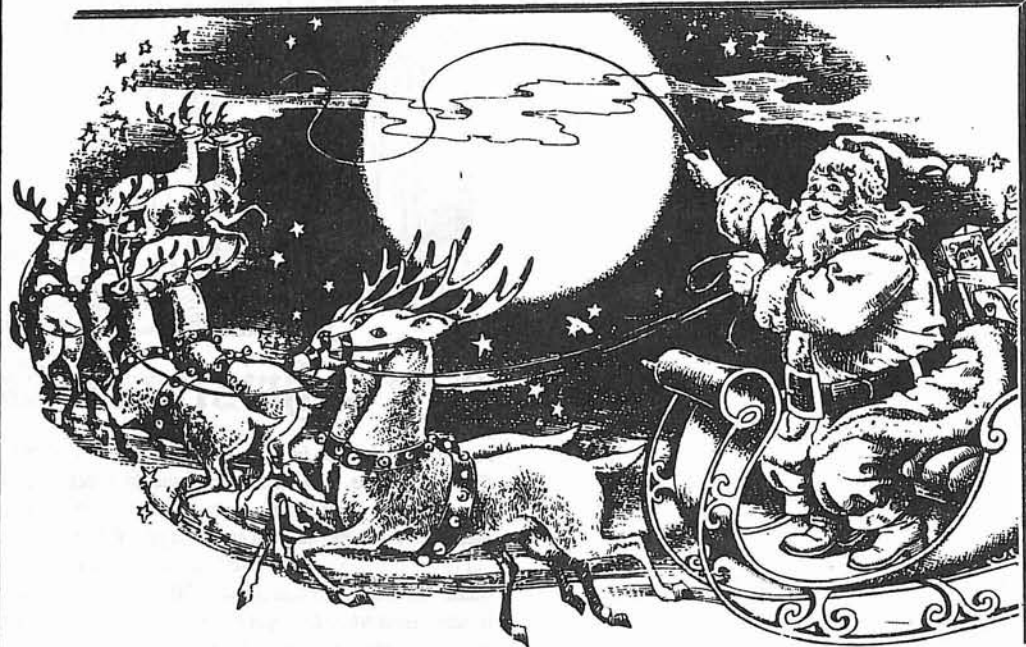
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## HAPPY HOLIDAYS

*We're ringing out how glad we are to have you as our friends and we extend our sincere good wishes for a very merry Christmas to you and your family. It's been a pleasure serving you.*

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To All O.N.A. Members and Friends



## The Christmas Story

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another. Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

Luke 2:1-20

Best Wishes from the O.N.A. Executives

TOPICAL COLLECTING THAT'S GOING SOMEWHERE

Topical collecting has been very popular and the selection of subjects is endless and fascinating. Junior collectors usually choose animals on coins; however, a long list of topics can be made up to add spice to the collecting. How about trees, plants, flowers or fruit? Stars, birds, eagles, fish, flags, mountains, bridges, weapons, headdresses, architecture? Monograms, maps, famous men and women, conjoined portraits, books?

Travellers can visit many countries by boat, train, plane and even horseback, via coinage. Numismatists can "arm chair" travel all over the world and on almost any mode of transportation through coins -- if they take time to study.

If you are planning a trip to Mexico you can catch a train on the five peso coin of 1950. The coin was issued to commemorate the opening of the Southern Railroad and features a locomotive, rising sun and palm trees. Or you can go by horseback on the one peso "Liberty on Horse" (nicknamed "cabalito" - little horse) issued from 1910 to 1914.

Austria issued a two vereinsthaler in 1857 showing a train and a ship, so you can have your choice of travel. This coin commemorated the opening of the Vienna-Triests railway. If you wish to travel by air, Germany marked the flight of the Graf Zeppelin in 1930 with a silver coin and Israel celebrated the 24th anniversary of aviation in 1972 with a super streamlined airplane. It is one of a series of commemorative 10 pound coins.

Ships, boats and canoes proved to be a most popular way of transportation on coins. In 1932, China pictured a "junk" in sails, birds and sun. The junk is a wooden vessel used by the Chinese for river and ocean navigation since the 11th century. In 1933 and 1934, the birds and sun were removed as the Chinese people claimed that the birds reminded them of air bombers and the rising sun was more Japanese than Chinese.

A large sailing ship graced the 10 dollar silver piece of the Bahamas issued in 1973. A small ship but large map is depicted on the 10 dollar silver piece of Trinidad and Tobago issued in 1972; and a ship is shown on all the coins of Kuwait, an independent state on the Arabian Peninsula. The 300th anniversary of the founding of Capetown, South Africa prompted the 1952 issue of a five shilling coin with a ship; and Cook Island in the Pacific Ocean minted a dollar in copper nickel during 1970 with a sailing ship.

The 15th anniversary of seafaring was commemorated by Israel with a five pound silver coin featuring a sharp design of a ship. From 1957 to 1971, the 500 lire of Italy carried a sailing ship. This coin is unusual as the date is inscribed on the edge instead of the face. An ornate ship is shown on the one tala of Western Samoa, 1972, noting the Jacob Roggeveen Pacific voyage.

Canada made much of ships and canoes on its coinage. The canoe design was used on most of our dollars and in 1949 we issued a commemorative in honor of Newfoundland's entry into Confederation. This coin depicts Matthew, the sailing ship of John Cabot. The Canadian dime features the fishing schooner Bluenose.

A collector can travel all around the United States on the fifty cent commemoratives. Ships are found on the Columbian Exposition, California-Pacific Exposition, Delaware Tercentenary, Hudson, NY Sesquicentennial; Hugue not-Walloon Tercentenary, Long Island Tercentenary; Norfolk, VA Bicentennial, Pilgrim Tercentenary, Roanoke Island, NC, and across the San-Francisco-Oakland Bay bridge. One can visit the Stone Mountain Memorial in Georgia on horseback or travel over the Oregon Trail in a covered wagon.

One can extend their trip by wagon to South Africa which is featured on the one cent of 1961-64 and the five shilling of 1892. There are two varieties of this coin - a single and a double shaft wagon tongue. Collectors have been warned to watch the "second tongue" as it could be counterfeit.

Travelling on horseback, visits could be made to Canada with the Royal Mounted Police on the 1973 25¢ piece; to Mongolia on the Tukhrik of 1971; and to Luxembourg on the 50 and 100 francs of 1946.

Elephants are used as transportation in many countries. They were placed on the two francs (1943), five francs (1947-48), and 50 francs (1944) coins of the Belgian Congo. These three pieces are scarce items now. The elephant is also shown on many of the Thailand coins and it sure beats the gas shortage - but in round figures, gas might be cheaper than providing food for an elephant.

If you are trekking across hot deserts, it would be a good idea to use one of the camels portrayed on the coinage of Sudan and French Afars & Issas, a French territory. The 50 and 100 francs of Sudan coins carry this animal.

The Province of Kweichow in China produced the only coin in the world with an automobile pictured. The one dollar of 1928 with an unknown make of automobile on the obverse, is an elusive coin and very expensive. Going back into the years for a way to travel, visit Barbados and Italy for a ride in a chariot. The Barbados half penny and penny of 1792 show a chariot along with the 1936 20 lire of Italy.

Now don't stop here, there are many more transportation pieces to choose from - we just skimmed the top. Use your numismatic reference books to the fullest and learn. Then consider an exhibit, you'll enjoy it and there won't be many like it.

By Thomas Masters.

# Error coin museum demands only the worst

By RICHARD SIMON  
Los Angeles Times

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NEWBURY PARK, Calif. To err is human; to collect is Devine. John Devine, that is.

He runs the Error Coin Museum. Actually, the museum has no building, although one is planned. The collection is a traveling show that Devine runs out of his coin shop in Newbury Park, about 45 miles northwest of Los Angeles.

He claims that his is the nation's only museum devoted to coin errors- or error coins, as collectors say. Other museums exhibit error coins, but only as a small part of their collections, allowing them to become "lost in the ivy," Devine said.

Devine founded the museum in July 1981, after he saw a number of error coin collections broken up, mostly by collectors who were giving up the hobby.

He said he obtained nonprofit status for the museum to encourage tax-deductible donations of collections.

The collection consist of errors made by the U.S. Bureau of the Mint, and Devine hopes to include mistakes by foreign mints and counterfeiters.

Among the Error Coin Museum's exhibits are "clips," coins that are missing a section because of errors in the blanking portion of the minting process. During blanking, planchets - the metal discs that are made into coins . are punched out of strips. Sometimes, the punches overlap or miss, creating coins with crescents taken out of them.

Other exhibits feature "blanks," which have no image stamped on them; "off centers," which have a misstamped image, and "double strikes," which have the image struck twice.

The museum hope to acquire exhibits of "wronge planchets," which bears the wrong image, such as a penny with the face of Thomas Jefferson which normally appears on a nickel. Also sought are "bonded pairs," coins truck together.

The value of an error coin depends on the type of error and the

coin's condition and date, Devine said. The most common error, an undated penny with an off-center image, is worth \$1.50, he said.

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WEST COAST FLORIDA AREA COIN CLUB MEETINGS INFORMATION :

**Clearwater Coin Club**, second and fourth Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. Women's Garden Club, N Fort Harrison Avenue and Seminole Street, Clearwater.

**Gulfport Coin Club of St. Petersburg Inc.**, fourth Friday, 7:30 p.m., American Legion Hall, 1520 Fourth St. N.

**Largo Coin Club**, third Wednesday, 7:45 p.m., Freedom Savings and Loan Bldg., East Bay Drive at Keene Plaza, Largo.

**St. Petersburg Coin Club**, second Friday, 6 p.m. American Legion Hall, 1520 Fourth St. N.

**Sarasota Coin Club**, third Monday, 7 p.m., United Federal Savings and Loan Bldg., 3550 South Trail, Sarasota.

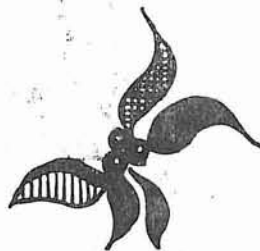
**Tampa Bay AINA Coin Club**, third Monday, 7 p.m., Jewish Community Center, 2808 Horatio St., Tampa.

**Tampa Coin Club**, second Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Community Room of Tampa Bay Center, W Buffalo Ave., Tampa.

**West Pasco Coin Club**, fourth Thursday, 7:15 p.m. Florida Power Bldg., 701 Sunset Road, New Port Richey.

This information is for members and friends who will visit the West Coast of Florida this winter.

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News & Comments

## From The City of Ottawa Coin Club Bulletin

1. A "Queen" among coins, known for its serene portrait beauty, its intricate artistry of reverse heraldic design, and its attractive Old English style legends, is the British "Gothic Crown" dated 1847 and 1853. On this side of the Atlantic where it appears that lesser fads attract collectors, this coin is seldom seen. Spink & Son of 5,6,7 King Street, St. James's, London SW1Y6QS are offering a total of seven (7) of these crowns, and further - an 1846 Pattern! - in their Auction No. 31 on 12 October! Their auction catalogue itself would delight a collector of British Coins.
2. In Australia, the expression "without a brass razoo" means being "flat broke". To remedy this situation the "soap salesmen" have come up with a "Brass Razoo" token, which incidentally they show as not worth a brass razoo! Southern hemisphere humor!
3. It appears that the canoe dollar might be on its way out, because it is too large and unacceptable in trade, in spite of the need of a \$1 coin. Alternatives are being examined, according to Canadian Coin News' Robert Aaron's report of the Mint's Dennis Cudahy's statement (How's that for a double-double possessive?!) Sherritt-Gordon's bronze-coated nickel-bonded steel, and the International Nickel Company's gold-plated nickel are being examined in three shapes - round, 9- & 11-sided. What will this do to cash register drawers? And further, what about \$2 and \$5 coins?
4. Orders for the 1983 \$100 gold coin (with "Canada" on the edge) may be addressed to the Royal Canadian Mint, P.O. Box 445, Station "A", Ottawa, Ontario, K1N 9H2; for \$310 plus provincial sales tax.
5. The 75th anniversary of the organization and the 125th anniversary of founder of the Scout Movement will result in a spate of commemorative coins. Orders and enquiries about British Royal Mint issues may be addressed c/o Barclay's Bank of New York, NY 10163. (I recall the rejection of my application to join this movement because I was too young - 13! I joined the reserve army instead as a Boy Signaller in the Artillery, and so started my first career).
6. A new bilingual coin book can be purchased for \$4(U.S.) from Dale Seppa 103 Sixth Ave. N, Virginia, Minnesota 55792. It is a 36-page softcover book by Antonio Deana Salmeron, entitled: "Catalogue of the Republican 8-real Coins Minted in the Different Mints which existed in Mexico". It is in English and Mexican; of course.
7. A mystifying museum donation was recently reported in Coin World (Aug. 31 Issue). A former Chicago numismatic, Philip J. More, presented the 74 tsubas (Japanese sword hilt guards) of his collection to Chatanooga's Hunter Museum with the understanding that his gift would NOT be exhibited, but either sold or bartered for an American artwork. An so it was, alas!



- 15. The ANA Sep. 83 Numismatist reports Benjamin Franklin as having written to his daughter on January 26, 1784, the following opinion of the eagle as the US symbol:

"Others object to the bald eagle as looking too much like a dindon, or turkey. For my own part, I wish the bald eagle had not been chosen as the representation of our country: he is a bird of bad moral character; he does not get his living honestly; you may have seen him perched on some dead tree, where, too lazy to fish for himself, he watches the labor of the fishing hawk; and, when that diligent bird has at length taken a fish, and is bearing it to his nest for the support of his mate and young ones, the bald eagle pursues him and takes it from him. With all this injustice he is never in good case; but, like those among men who live by sharpening and robbing, he is generally poor, and often very lousy".

Franklin goes on to state that a more fit emblem as a distinctively national bird would have been the turkey, "though a little vain and silly, it is true". How would IT have affected the U.S. image today?!

- 16. A new museum exhibit displaying Oriental Coins and artifacts, was officially opened at the ANA Headquarters in Colorado as a numismatic tribute to the late Arthur Braddan Coole. Also, a function was held to dedicate the Arthur Braddan Coole Oriental Library, with Rose Chan Houston, associate curator of Far Eastern coins at the ANS, as guest speaker. Coole's library of over 1500 books was recently acquired by the American Numismatic Society.
- 17. Steinberg's is offering high quality British gold coins for sale. Surprising!?! Not for the "Numismatic Gold Specialists since 1950" at PO Box 1565 Dept. CW in Boca Raton, Florida 33429.
- 18. The "Coal Mining Memorabilia" slide showing at the Tennessee State Numismatic Society's fourth annual fall convention and show in Chattanooga, reminds me of the coal scuttle full of foreign coins that I used to dig through in Abe Rogo's Montreal store. Memorabilia and broken fingernails - but fun!
- 19. Inverted photograph: Thailand 1983 600-Baht page 50 Coin World Sep 28, 1983 issue.
- 20. A Dollar is a Dollar - or is it?! The following was extracted and rounded from the currency table of the Montreal Gazette, effective Thursday October 6, 1983, and is stated in Canadian funds:

Australia	\$1.12	Guyana	\$0.41
Bahamas	1.24	Hong Kong	0.15
Barbados	0.62	Jamaica	0.51
Bermuda	1.24	New Zealand	0.82
Canada	1.00	Singapore	0.58
E. Caribbean	0.46	Trinidad & Tobago	0.52
Fiji	1.20	U.S.A.	1.23

21. The U.S. are experiencing the same Olympic coin woes that we did in 1973-76; lawsuits, bypassing of distribution systems, complaints about designs, misleading advertising, etc. Soap salesmen can certainly stir up trouble! What historic numismatic records are being established by this well-meaning but unsavoury economic support activity?
22. 282 Gold arabic dinars were found under a stone of a house in Capernaum, during a recent archaeological exploration of the ruins of this town near the Sea of Galilee. Although they dated from 695-743 AD, and has been buried loose in the soil since then, "they looked as if they had come out of the Damascus Mint the day before". Harold Weiss, a Uruguayan born professor of religious studies at Saint Marys College in Notre-Dame, reported on his find in the Sep 14, 1983 issue of Coin World.
23. I may point out upside down photographs, but Howard A. Dyer of Moncton N.B. tells of upside down Constitution Dollars in a letter to the editor of Canadian Coin News Vol. 21/1983. Most recent Canadian coinage is of "medal" style, i.e. the top of the obverse and reverse faces coincide. Thus this report must allude to a "coin" design (the opposite). This is a similar situation to the 1863 20 centimes coin of Haiti. It may be that others exist as well. Perhaps Krause & Mishler could squeeze yet another column of information into their "Telephone Book" i.e. M (medal), C (coin) R (random) difference between the vertical axes of the obverse and reverse faces. These D.A.D. is (Die axes differences) would be  $0^{\circ}$  for M,  $180^{\circ}$  for C and any other for R.
24. Suggestion: Could Stanley Clute be persuaded to make his research information of more value to his readers other than his questioners, by the inclusion of a photograph or rubbing of the coins he so efficiently researches. Perhaps foil impressions could be requested from the questioners to assist.
25. The September 1983 issue of the British magazine, "Coin & Medal News" features the presentation of the George Medal to Chiu Yiu Nam, a Hong Kong Chinese sailor who sailed with the Royal Fleet Auxiliary on the Sir Galahad during the Falkland campaign. The ship was hit and set on fire by bombs from Argentinian aircraft. Although the order to abandon ship was given, Chiu Yiu Nam first extricated several Welsh Guardsmen from the flames, with great humanitarian spirit and disregard of the risk to himself, in a heroic effort above and beyond the call of duty. He and his proud mother were flown from Hong Kong to attend the investiture in London.

I never cease to be amazed at the motivation and accomplishment of some people in times of grave emergency. They seem to soar above the mundane squabbles of daily work and become almost legendary giants - as if directed by the supreme force within. Mere inconveniences cause complaints, hardships cause silent determined action, but dire circumstances release the true spirit and nobility in Man. The secret must lie in the recognition of the need, and the spontaneous, instinctive and whole-hearted response to it. There are probably many untested heroes who could provide such deeds of self-sacrifice. We could certainly use them in this problem-ridden world today, to overcome the traditional deadly sins that are plaguing us - pride, covetousness, lust, anger, gluttony, envy and sloth - or variations of them. To risk one's life to save another's is valour. Mais pour nourir l'esprit d'un autre c'est quoi? - vraiment l'amour! Personal reflections on two wars sometimes can stir up strange thoughts and emotions.

The George medal depicts St. George with halo on a rearing steed, with his lance thrust through a winged dragon - an appropriate triumph of good over evil. What tends to cloud this picture in real life, is the fact that both combatants see themselves as good.

If the Argentinians who were attempting to smuggle themselves into Gibraltar so as to blow up the arsenal there, had been successful during the Falklands war, would they be the saints or the dragons? What relationship is there between the cause and the effect, the stimulus and the reaction? Must Hume's theory always apply? Unanswered questions, unsolved problems, unending difficulty! And in Hong Kong there is a proud little mother of a strapping hero <sup>who</sup> did what he felt he must when things were rough. Thank God for men like him, and the consolation that there are still others as yet untested and unrecognized. May they live at peace with their souls.

26. New puzzle: Given a 5 X 5 grid and five each of 1¢, 5¢, 10¢, 25¢ and 50¢ coins. Required to place one coin on each square of the grid so that each row, column and main diagonal will total 91 cents.
27. The Top 10 on the US Barber Dollar hit list are: 1893S, 1895, 18950, 1892S, 1889CC, 1901, 18930, 1884S, 18960, 18940.

The Top 10 on the Canadian Dollar hit list are: 1911, 1948, 1947 P7, 1947 ML, 1945, 1955 ARN, 1947 B7, 1951ARN, 1946, 1938.

The Top 11 on the Newfoundland hit list are: 1873H 5¢, 1880 \$2, 1870 10¢, 1876 50¢, 1880 50¢, 1885 10¢, 1888 50¢, 1881 50¢, 1885 5¢, 1873 10¢, 1876H 10¢.

28. Some time ago the CANADIAN NUMISLETTER issued by Bob Rodgers was mentioned in these news items. The first appraisal of this effort that I have come across since then is from the October 1983 newsletter of the Toronto Coin Club. It appears that Bob is a member of the T.C.C. and the Club editor speaks highly of Bob's effort, e.g.:

"Bob Rodgers is truly doing something for the collector of Canadian coins. He deserves praise for his efforts to give the collector an even break. He has gotten a lot of flak for some of what he has said. Interestingly, the "heat" has come from dealers, not collectors. He has published a lot of valuable information on what to look out for in Canadian coins and has helped to educate the collector so that he is INFORMED. An INFORMED buyer is a buyer who is not easily manipulated and exploited. If you are collecting Canadian decimal, you will be wise to subscribe to this publication. In fact, it is your Editor's opinion that you probably should not be buying Canadian decimal if you don't subscribe!"

That last sentence is pretty powerful. I presume that it applies to those who collect for investment purposes. Here is Bob's address again: PO Box 31 Thompson Ridge, New York 10985 U.S.A.

29. The same issue of the T.C.C. newsletter contains a selection of limericks, extracted from the Journal of the Russian Numismatic Society. (Box F334 Akron, Ohio, 44308). The one that I like, because of its oriental theme is:

"An old emigré based in Harbin  
 Found it less than a cardinal sin  
 (Though perhaps a mite dicey)  
 To swap bogus sycee  
 For coin of the realm of Pekin".

(The stress must be placed on the second syllable of Harbin to get the right meter).

30. In the April 1983 bimonthly issue no. 134 of the Coin - and Medal-collectors Report, Count L. Calderari published a well documented and illustrated article on the theme "Spectacles on Coins and Medals". He traced the development of glasses to improve vision, from the 14th century, and from their 16th century appearance on coins of Braunschweig - Wolfenbüttel up to modern coins of Thailand. He also presented a variety of jetons and medals also depicting glasses!...an unusual topic!

This Report, entirely in German, may be ordered under the name "Berichte - Der Münzen - und Medaillensammler" from Kricheldorf - Verlag, 78 Freiburg in Breisgau, Günterstalstrasse 16, Germany, at a cost of DM36.- for the 6 issues per year or for this particular issue of DM10.- These publishers also produce a variety of numismatic books on ancient and modern European coins as well as separate printings of various earlier "Berichte" articles, e.g. "Goethe and his Medals and Coins" by W. Roggenkamp from Report No. 38 (1967) for DM5.- The Report is 16.5 x 23.5 cm, glossy paper, 16 pp.

31. Proof sets dated 1983 are offered for \$29.75US by the British Royal Mint, c/o Barclay's Bank, P.O. Box 2570, New York, N.Y. 10163. These comprise 1/2p, 1p, 2p, 5p, 10p, 20p, 50p and £1. and will be the last with the obsolescent 1/2p.

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## Groceries 'Killing You?'

### Be Glad You're Not Japanese

"For a shopping cart containing 12 eggs, two litres of milk and one pound (454 grams) of each of the following products: sirloin, ribs, flour, bread, sugar, butter, margarine, apples and potatoes, the American works 63 minutes, the Canadian 81, the West German 94, the Italian 110, the Frenchman 114, the British 121, the Mexican 182 and the Japanese 403 minutes."

La Presse, July 26, 1983

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Viceroy acting on behalf of their monarchs are perhaps most remembered for their actions in India. However there was a report in the Bulletin of the Mexican Numismatic Society (March 83 issue) of the decree of a Spanish Viceroy in Mexico. Here is a translated version:

"Royal Decree. In the manner that is customary, you will have published in the Jurisdiction under your charge, the Edict that I have promulgated and of which I am sending you two copies, so that after having been understood by all concerned the error suffered in the Royal Mint of this Court, of a coinage on which was engraved instead of the year 1782, the year 1872, all coins existing with this defect be picked up and delivered in the promissory notes and form stipulated in the aforementioned edict, receipt of which and compliance therewith you will confirm by sending me the corresponding notice. May God save you for many years.

Mexico, January 1782  
Martin de Mayorga"

Is there a veiled threat in the closing wish: "Dios guardé à V. muchos anos"? i.e....unless you comply! Presumably the officials were able to, because there is no mention of these misdated coins in standard reference books.

Another famous Viceroy comes to mind - Li Hung Chang of China - who coordinated the efforts of the Chinese with those of Britain's "Chinese" Gordon, to defeat the T'ai P'ing rebels. He was violently opposed to opium, as is reflected in his Memoirs, e.g:

"To General Ching I gave orders that all persons found with the drug in their possession, all persons under its baneful influence, and all persons, of whatever force they had been or were allied to, who sought the drug either for their own use or to engage in the profitable business of trafficking in it, should be decapitated".

Although he worked with Gordon (Who was later killed by the Mahdi's forces at Khartoum) he had earlier (1881) expressed his disgust with England in a poem entitled, "The Shame of Great England". The last verse reads:

"Shame! Shame! upon Great England of the West,  
Upon her bristling guns and all the rest,  
For know we not that in this grand array  
Is sceptre grim to lure our souls away?  
Not as a friend comes England to our shore,  
But with a cry for blood and gold, and more:  
The lives of countless thousands, steeped deep  
In her vile drug, in shameful homage creep".

The days of intrepid leaders may not be past, but the courage of the convictions, the forcefulness of the decisions and the vigor of the actions of former Viceroys place them in a special class. Unfortunately, they are seldom commemorated on the coins of the countries they represent.

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# SHOW AND BOURSE

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FEBRUARY 11th, 1984

BARRIE, ONTARIO.....HURONIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

COIN, STAMP & ANTIQUE SHOW

Bayfield Mall, Bayfield St; N;

Barrie, Ontario.

Diaplays are welcome (cash prizes)

Info.. P.O. Box 243, Barrie, Ont.,

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MARCH 17th, 1984

WILLOWDALE, ONTARIO..... NORTH YORK COIN CLUB'S

ANNUAL COIN SHOW & EXHIBITION

North York Community Hall,

5090 Yonge St., Willowdale, Ont.

Info.. Harvey Farrow, President

P.O. Box 294, Station 'A',

Willowdale, Ontario, M2N 5S9

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APRIL 28 - 29th, 1984

SARNIA, ONTARIO..... ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION'S

TWENTIETH - SECOND ANNIVERSARY

CONVENTION

Guildwood Inn (Best Western)

Sarnia, Ontario.

Info.. T. Masters O.N.A. Convention

Chairman

823 Van St., London, Ontario,

N5Z 1M8.

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MAY 25 - 27th, 1984

TORONTO, ONTARIO..... SPRING TOREX 84

Harbourfront Centre, 222 Queens Quay, W.

Toronto, Ontario.

Info.. Al Bliman, P.O. Box 3145, Stn D  
Willoedale, Ont., M2R 3G5

## A UCTION ACTION

TORONTO INTERNATIONAL SALE SETS NEW LANDMARKS IN EARLY  
CANADIAN TOKEN MARKET

A full room of bidders at the Toronto International Coin Fair witnessed one of the most successful Canadian auctions for two or three years as Nadin-Davis Numismatics of Ottawa offered "The Virginia Collection" of early Canadian tokens and other numismatic properties November 19.

"The Virginia Collection" was billed by the company as "the finest offering of Canadian tokens since the McKay Clements sale". The opinion of informed bidders seemed to be in line, as many items were contested way above estimate and undeterred collectors took fleeting opportunities to add rare tokens to their collections.

The token section of the auction was preceded by over 100 lots of Canadian decimal coinage, where prices were generally strong and above wholesale levels on almost all items. A Gem BU 1907 5c silver sold for \$325, while a very choice 1964 extra water line 5c, rarely seen this nice, sold for \$64. A 1914 \$5 gold, the key date, in Choice BU, sold for \$1150.

The Virginia collection contained a good number of scarce Breton tokens. A Br-520 Magdalen Islands penny, almost extremely fine, sold for \$300 in hotly contested bidding, and a Side View penny, Br-523, in VF condition, brought \$1,000. Top price in the sale was the \$2,100 paid for a Br-525 penny 1859, Side View, Banque du Peuple. This piece is among the rarest of "Breton" tokens. A Br-526A penny, error "City Bank on Ribbon", uncirculated with 50% lustre, made \$330, and an excellent VF-EF example of the Montreal and Lachine Railroad token, Br-530, made \$230. Another transportation piece, the De Repentigny On Lachesnaye bridge, Caleche, in EF, made \$440 on an estimate of \$400, and a well pedigreed Vexator Canadensis, Br-558, made \$170 on an estimate of \$150. Keenly sought also was Br-566, the famous Maysenholder and Bohle token, which made \$160, a strong price for this item. The less expensive merchant tokens all sold well, with single pieces in the \$20-50 range and group lots up to the \$500 level all selling for strong prices. A group of 35 bouquet sous from VG to VF made \$180, and a superb group of Ontario Dairy token, 15 pieces in all, made \$275 on estimate \$250. Maritime pieces were especially

strong, due in part to the presence of a large contingent of collectors from Atlantic Canada who flew in for the sale and other functions. A Br-916 "sheaf of wheat" token made \$575, and a corroded VG NorthWest Company token, Br-925, made \$570. Hudson's Bay Company and other Territorial tokens all sold for extremely strong prices and were seriously fought for among floor and mail bidders. A lovely Br-954 ship token from Newfoundland, about Ef with chocolate toning made \$475. A selection of Canadian medals, mainly in the \$20-100 range, followed with most making prices to about 75% of estimate.

The afternoon session was dominated by a large collection of world Crowns and minors, and a long run of English hammered coinage. Several bargains were to be had here as the floor bidding contingent thinned out. In particular German and early European Crowns went for depressed prices and the bidding on English hammered was patchy, as some pieces skyrocketed in intense competition and others were hammered down at 50% of estimate to the book. Among particular strengths were several lots of "odd and curious" money, which made strong prices ah compared to estimate.

Nadin-Davis Numismatics are the official T.I.C.F. Auctioneers, and are presently seeking consignments for the upcoming March sale. They may be contacted at PO Box 95, Station A, Ottawa, Canada K1N 8V1.



## Association News:

### SPECIAL NOTICE ... Re. O.N.A.'S 1984 22nd Anniversary Convention

Due to a conflict dates with the Spring Torex Show the Ontario Numismatic Association has changed their Convention dates to April 28 and 29th, 1984.

This Convention will be hosted by the Sarnia Numismatic Association and will be held at the Guildwood Inn (Best Western) Sarnia, Ontario.

For information, contact:

Mr. Thomas Masters  
O.N.A. Convention Chairman  
823 Van Street,  
London, Ontario, N5Z 1M8

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### For Sale

COINS of GREAT BRITAIN... Hammered Coins from 1066-1662. Milled Coins from 1662-1982. Also Scottish Coins from 1124-1707 and seventeenth, eighteenth, and nineteenth century English Merchant Tokens. I have a wide variety of types with prices ranging from \$1 - \$1000. Want lists are gladly serviced. I am also interested in purchasing nice British Coins, preferably pre-1911 in VF or better. For free price lists, Please write:

ROSS D. KING  
Box 571, Chesley  
Ontario, NOG 1L0.

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### For Sale

O.N.A. MEDALS....

Bronze 1963 through 1976 (15pcs.)  
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Both sets include 2 varieties of 1968

Will accept best reasonable offer.

Contact:

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P.O. Box 724,  
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