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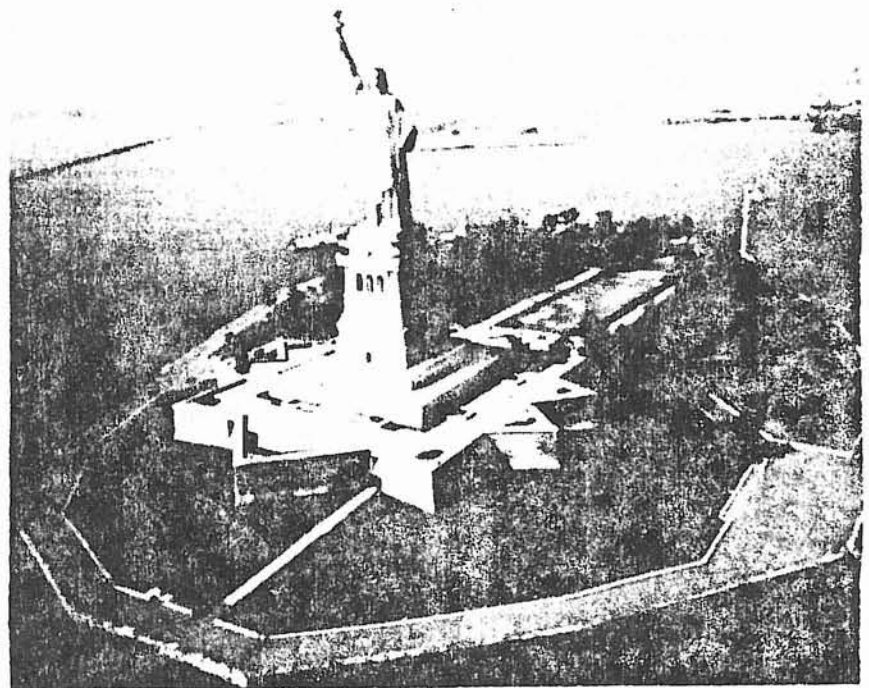
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## SUBJECT OF THE NEXT U.S. COMMEMORATIVE COIN



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STATUE OF LIBERTY COMMEMORATIVE COIN

Legislation authorizing the minting and sale of coins in commemoration of the centennial of the Statue of Liberty was introduced by Chairman Frank Annunzio (D-IL.), of the House Consumer Affairs and Coinage Subcommittee.

The sale of gold, silver and copper-nickel coins will raise up to \$137.5 million to help pay for the restoration of the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island.

"The Statue of Liberty symbolizes the promise of America," said Annunzio. "It holds the promise of a new life: to the oppressed, freedom; to the tired, comfort; to the homeless, shelter. America's wealth is its rich ethnic diversity. America is composed of many small communities, each distinguished from the other by language, religion and nationality. Despite the great diversity, there are common values: a love for freedom, a sense of justice, and a passionate regard for liberty. The Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island symbolize these virtues."

Both the Statue of Liberty and the immigration facilities on Ellis Island are in dire need of repair. The Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation has planned to spend \$230 million for the restoration of these two symbols of America.

Sale of the coins could raise up to \$137.5 million. Three different coins are authorized by the bill. Up to one half million gold coins containing a quarter ounce of gold; ten million traditional silver dollars containing over three-quarter ounces of silver; and up to 25 million copper-nickel half dollars can be minted.

The gold coins would commemorate the centennial of the Statue of Liberty in 1986. The silver dollars would be emblematic of the use of Ellis Island as a gateway for immigrants to America. The half dollar would honor the contributions of immigrants to America.

At current market prices, the gold should cost purchasers under \$150; the silver coins about \$20; and the half dollars about \$6. These prices include a surcharge of \$35 on each gold coin; \$7 on each silver coin; and \$2 on each half dollar; with the funds going to restoration and renovation of the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, and to establish an endowment to assure the continued upkeep and maintenance of these historic monuments.

The coins would be sold directly to the public by the United States Mint and would also be available through Federally-insured banks, savings and loans and credit unions that wished to carry them for sale.

"The Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island will stand for generations as testament to the American immigration story. Children and grandchildren will be able to go and literally walk in the footsteps of their ancestors. When President Grover Cleveland accepted the Statue of Liberty, he made the following promise: 'we will not forget that liberty has here made her home; nor shall her chosen altar be neglected.' With this legislation we will keep that promise," concluded Annunzio.



A college professor appeared before his class one day with his face badly cut and patched here and there with adhesive tape.

"What on earth happened to you?" inquired a student.

"I was shaved today," explained the professor, "by a man who was graduated summa cum laude from Harvard, speaks several languages and is an outstanding authority on French history."

"Good grief!" the student exclaimed. "If he's so highly educated, how come he's a barber?"

"He isn't," sighed the professor. "I shaved myself."

G. MAASS, J.P.

HISTORY OF CANADIAN BANKS AND BANK NOTES:

During January 1950 the 10 Canadian chartered banks paid over to the Bank of Canada the balances outstanding in their note circulation accounts as at December 31st, 1949 and from then on the Bank of Canada became liable for all notes of the chartered banks still in the hands of the public, amounting to \$ 13,302,046.60.

That brought to a close the chapter of private bank notes in Canada. It had started with the first notes of the Canada Bank on August 10th, 1792 and the last issue by the Royal Bank of Canada on January 2nd, 1943, which was quickly withdrawn from circulation, as all private bank notes were supposed to have been stopped by December 31st, 1942. The January 2nd, 1943 was just a printing error as all previous issues, with exception of the 1933 issue, were always issued on January 2nd.

By January 1960 36% of the outstanding notes were redeemed leaving a total of \$ 8,518,722.-- and in the next seven years only a further 2½% were redeemed and only very few notes since then. So appr. \$ 8,100,000.-- nominal value of private chartered bank notes are officially in collections like the Bank of Canada Numismatic Collection, other collections or with coin dealers, or in some forgotten safety deposit boxes, which is very unlikely.

Let us figure this out. The Charlton Standard Catalogue of Canadian Paper Money lists altogether 1.533 different chartered bank notes, which have a nom. value of \$ 30,696.--. That means the average nom Value per note is appr. \$20.--. Now a stack of 100 new \$ 20.-- at a Value of \$ 2.000.-- is appr. 1" thick. Used bills would take more space. \$ 8,100,000.-- in \$ 20.-- new bills would have a height of appr. 337 feet or appr. 1/2 the height of the Place Ville Marie. The Bank of Canada made a good deal. It is generally agreed upon that less than 10% of the \$ 8,100,000.-- nom. Value chartered bank bills are still in existence. The greatest part were destroyed in fires; demolitions of buildings, where cash had been hidden and don't let us forget the involvement in two world wars and other catastrophies.

Considering all these facts and especially the realization that i.e. a \$ 20.-- bill around 1900, or still more before that date, had a tremendous purchasing power at that time and is also reflected in the high numismatic value being paid for these bills by collectors to-day.

The history of Canadian Banks is extremely interesting and let us forget to-day all the spurious and fraudulent undertakings, merchant issues etc and just stick to officially chartered banks and their officially issued notes, which are for most of them the only reminder, that they have ever existed.

The history of banking has been divided generally into 8 categories according to the economic conditions in Canada:

- 1) Prior to 1800 - Arrival of the United Empire Loyalists.
- 2) 1800 to 1825 - Beginning of English & Scottish immigration, particularly after the Napoleonic wars because of the industrial depression in England.  
Commencement of Canal building and heavy settlement in Upper Canada.  
Beginning of the timber export trade.
- 3) 1826 to 1850 - Immigration of the Irish to North America.  
The Union of Upper & Lower Canada 1841.
- 4) 1851 to 1867 - The first important railway building.  
General prosperity through trade with Britain in timber stimulated by needs of the Crimean War.  
Reciprocity with the U.S.A. carried on into the civil war.  
A golden age of Canada's prosperity. Confederation.
- 5) 1868 to 1900 - Post Confederation period. Building of the C.P.R. and settlement of the west.
- 6) 1901 to 1914 - Building of the Grand Trunk Pacific and Canadian Northern railways. European immigration; opening of western provinces. Outbreak of WW 1.
- 7) 1914 to 1942 - Canada's growth stimulated by two world wars.  
Different banking policy.
- 8) Since 1943 - All notes only issued by Bank of Canada.

In the first group only "The Canada Banking Company" made its appearance, only proof is a 5/- note in the Bank of Commerce collection, now I believe in the Bank of Canada collection. This Bank did not exist for any length of time and there are notes from 1792 under the name of "CANADA BANK" by it, however, no records about this bank beyond 1792.

In Group 2, the Montreal Bank established in 1817 issued notes and then on July 22, 1822 changed into the Bank of Montreal.  
The Quebec Bank, Quebec. 1818  
The Bank of Canada, Montreal - 1818  
The "Pretended" Bank of Upper Canada, KINGSTON -1819 folded 1822.  
The Bank of New Brunswick, St. John.-1820  
The Bank of Upper Canada, York - 1821  
The Halifax Banking Company, HALIFAX - 1825  
The Charlotte County Bank, St. Andrews N.B. - 1825

These nine Banks were the so called pioneers in Banking in Canada.

Let us understand what had happened in Canada from 1790 to 1825. As example we take Upper Canada where the population was 10.000 in 1790 and 150.000 by 1825 and 450.000 by 1840.

Consequently in Group 3 for the period 1826 to 1850 a great boom in banking developed.

19 new banks were created, and 750,000 immigrants arrived half of them Irish.

The competition in banking became earnest. In 1831 "The Bank of Canada" (no connection with the present Bank of Canada) closed, and its business was taken over by its rival the Bank of Montreal. However, The Bank of Montreal did not accept the obligations of the former Bank of Canada and the notes are therefore non-redeemable to-day.

A similar situation had existed with the "Pretended" Bank of Upper Canada in Kingston, which could not compete with its rival "The Bank of Upper Canada" in York and had folded in 1822. However, banking was urgently needed in Kingston, and a new bank "The Commercial Bank of the Midland District" was opened in 1832. Allow me to forget the time periods for a few moments and see what happened to this bank. It changed its name to "The Commercial Bank of Canada" in 1856, amalgamated with "The Merchant Bank of Canada" in 1868 and was bought by "The Bank of Montreal" in 1922. All the bank notes, starting with "The Commercial Bank of the Midland District" to "The Bank of Montreal" are redeemable to-day by the Bank of Canada, they all issued notes, and the total of all the outstanding notes were declared by "The Bank of Montreal" with the payment in Jan. 1950.

Similar situations followed with all the major chartered banks, as we know them to-day. Time does not allow me to list them all.

It should be mentioned here for the bank note collectors that in the period 1826 to 1850 i.e. mainly between 1837 and 1839 the so called spurious banks domiciled in Lower and Upper Canada appeared and vanished. They were mainly operated from the U.S. and issued worthless Canadian notes, similar in appearance to the chartered bank notes, and left considerable quantities of worthless paper in the hands of the final holders - funny, as it appears - chiefly by American citizens.

In the 4th period 1851 - 1867, 33 new banks were created. A time of prosperity, but just before Confederation the failure of "The Bank of Upper Canada" in 1866 was a real disaster. The bank notes were worthless and are non-redeemable to-day. That failure brought new banking laws, fully enforced since 1881 and no note-holder has suffered one dollar's loss by failure of a Canadian chartered bank since.

In the 5th period 1868 - 1900, 25 new banks were created and in the 6th period 1901 - 1914, 11, all issued notes above the nom. value of \$ 4.--, as required by law, with guaranteed secured deposits.

In the 7th period 1914 - 1942 only 1 new chartered bank was created.

Compared with other countries in the world Canada has been blessed with a very secure bank note system. Until 1881 the Canadian Bankers Association estimates the total loss to the public at \$ 300,000.-- prior to 1867 and \$ 300,000.-- from 1867 to 1881, and if any of these notes should suddenly still reappear they will have a tremendous numismatic value, and all government issued bills are still valid. Very few countries in the world can boast about such a record.

Come on and let us find part of the missing 300 feet high stack of bills still unaccounted for.

CHARTERED BANKS IN OPERATION AT THE EVE OF CONFEDERATION: 1867PROVINCE OF CANADA:

Bank of Montreal	Montreal
Quebec Bank	Quebec
The Commercial Bank of Canada	Kingston
The City Bank	Montreal
The Gore Bank	Hamilton
Bank of British North America	Montreal
La Banque du Peuple	Montreal
The Niagara District Bank	St. Catherines
The Molsons Bank	Montreal
The Bank of Toronto	Toronto
The Ontario Bank	Boumanville
The Eastern Township Bank	Sherbrooke
La Banque Nationale	Montreal
La Banque Jacques Cartier	Montreal
The Merchants Bank	Montreal
The Royal Canadian Bank	Toronto
Union Bank of Lower Canada	Quebec
The Mechanics Bank	Montreal
The Canadian Bank of Commerce	Toronto

NEW BRUNSWICK:

Bank of New Brunswick	Saint John
Commercial Bank of New Brunswick	Saint John
The St. Stephen's Bank	St. Stephen
People's Bank of New Brunswick	Fredericton

NOVA SCOTIA:

The Bank of Yarmouth	Yarmouth
The People's Bank of Halifax	Halifax
Union Bank of Halifax	Halifax
The Bank of Nova Scotia	Halifax

In Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island and British Columbia, territories which did not enter Confederation along with the Provinces mentioned above, chartered banking was also being carried on at that time: in Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island by a few banks operating under local charters, and in British Columbia by the Bank of British North America and the Bank of British Columbia, both operating under charters by the United Kingdom.

<u>CANADIAN CHARTERED BANK NOTES OUTSTANDING:</u>		<u>MAY, 1974</u>
THE BANK OF MONTREAL	\$ 1,560,702.--	
The Bank of British North America	215,212.--	
The Commercial Bank of Canada	9,133.--	
The Exchange Bank of Yarmouth	1,099.--	
The Merchants Bank of Canada	328,502.--	
The Molsons Bank	129,103.--	
The Peoples Bank of Halifax	1,123.--	
The Peoples Bank of New Brunswick	10,509.--	\$ 2,255,383
CANADIAN IMPERIAL BANK OF COMMERCE		
The Canadian Bank of Commerce	1,425,323.50	
The Imperial Bank of Canada	450,615.--	
The Bank of British Columbia	48,797.--	
The Bank of Hamilton	125,737.--	
Barclays Bank (Canada)	18,605.--	
The Eastern Townships Bank	38,660.--	
The Halifax Banking Company	4,597.18	
The Merchants Bank of P.E.I.	8,764.--	
The St. Lawrence Bank	945.--	
The Standard Bank of Canada	121,065.--	
The Sterling Bank of Canada	18,825.--	
The Western Bank of Canada	7,505.--	
The Weyburn Security Bank	15,435.--	\$ 2,284,873
THE ROYAL BANK OF CANADA	1,314,028.--	
The Commercial Bank of Windsor	3,324.07	
The Crown Bank of Canada	3,325.--	
The Merchants Bank of Halifax	10,596.65	
The Northern Bank	3,755.--	
The Northern Crown Bank	37,307.25	
The Quebec Bank	57,394.--	
The Traders Bank of Canada	39,219.25	
The Union Bank of Canada	261,520.50	
The Union Bank of Halifax	17,421.52	
United Empire Bank of Canada	1,170.--	\$ 1,749,061
THE PROVINCIAL BANK OF CANADA	130,087.50	
La Banque Jacques Cartier	4,108.--	\$ 134,195
THE TORONTO DOMINION BANK		
The Bank of Toronto	376,841.--	
The Dominion Bank	253,691.50	\$ 630,532
BANQUE CANADIENNE NATIONALE	195,970.--	
Banque d'Hochelaga	99,062.50	\$ ( 295,032
La Banque Nationale	73,064.50	\$ ( 73,064
THE BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA	569,097.42	
The Bank of New Brunswick	32,180.--	
The Bank of Ottawa	94,645.50	
The Metropolitan Bank	10,535.--	
The Summerside Bank	43.--	
The Union Bank of P.E.I.	8,969.76	\$ 715,470
Redeemable by the Bank of Canada:		\$ 8,137,613
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CANADIAN CHARTERED BANK NOTES OUTSTANDING: MAY. 1974

DEFUNCT BANKS:

La Banque du Peuple	\$	7,944.--	
La Banque St. Jean		1,847.23	
La Banque de St. Hyacinthe		4,401.--	
The Bank of Vancouver		3,376.54	
La Banque Ville Marie		5,808.82	
The Bank of Yarmouth		787.82	
The Commercial Bank of Manitoba		5,897.20	
The Farmers Bank of Canada		1,883.54	
The Home Bank of Canada		35,027.46	
Banque Internationale du Canada		1,449.35	
The St. Stephen's Bank		11,066.67	
The Sovereign Bank of Canada		8,664.44	
		<u>8,664.44</u>	\$ 88,154.07

Also redeemable by the Bank of Canada: \$ 88,154.07  
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The Ontario Bank (as of Dec.31st,1959) \$ 62,545.--  
Redeemable by the Royal Trust Company: \$ 62,545.--  
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## Canada plans 11 coins for '88 Olympics

The first Canadian coin to commemorate the 1988 Winter Olympic Games in Calgary is scheduled for September, although the Canadian Senate has not yet approved the bill authorizing 10 issues of different \$20 silver coins.

In addition the annual issue of the \$100 22-karat gold coin will feature an Olympic theme in 1987.

Olympic Winter Games coin program will be very successful and will generate substantial revenues to support athletes worldwide.

Designs for Canadian coins are selected by a committee of persons familiar with coin designs who select choices from designs solicited from all over Canada.

RCM officials said plans for the 1988 Olympic coin program have been based on the results of extensive research conducted in Canada, the United States, Europe, and the Far East. They noted that more than 15,000 people were surveyed, including coin collectors and non-collectors alike. Participants were asked numerous questions to determine their interest in the 1988 Winter Olympics, their views on the appropriateness of supporting the Games through coin revenues, and their buying interests based on a full description of the proposed issues.

SOMETHING FOR OUR STAMP COLLECTORS

GARFIELD



## DID YOU KNOW:

by Terry Roit, Assistant Editor, Stratford Coin Club

This month let us compare the two-dollar bank notes of Canada and the United States.

CANADA:

Issued by the Bank of Canada, the two-dollar banknote bears a likeness of Queen Elizabeth II on the right and the national coat of arms of the Dominion of Canada on the left. This shield signifies its citizens' loyalty to the countries of their ancestors, while also including Canada's national symbol, the red maple leaf, in a cluster in the lowest portion. The gold lion, Union Flag and the silver unicorn holding the flag of Old France acknowledge Canada's dual political and linguistic heritage. The arms also include the inscription A Mari Usque Ad Mare (From Sea to Sea).

The note's reverse depicts Eskimos fishing. Canada is a leading source of fish and fish-related products. The banknote is without watermarks and is inscribed in both English and French.

The world's second largest country, Canada is so extensive that there are seven time zones within its borders. Most Canadians live in the south, leaving about 39 percent of the country unsettled. Canada leads the world in the value of her mineral exports and is the fourth largest exporter of agricultural products. Forests cover much of the country, making Canada a leading exporter of wood products and the world's largest exporter of newsprint.

UNITED STATES:

The two-dollar banknote was issued by the United States in commemoration of the 200th anniversary of American independence. The portrait of Thomas Jefferson which appears on the obverse is thought to have been inspired by a work painted in the early 19th century by the great American artist Gilbert Stuart. Jefferson, the third President of the United States, was the author of the Declaration of Independence.

The reverse design bears John Trumbull's famous painting "The Declaration of Independence, 4 July 1776 at Philadelphia." The painting depicts the signing of the document which gave birth to a new nation.

The two-dollar denomination, originally created by the Second Continental Congress, was revived as part of the United States Bicentennial celebration. The large number "2," displayed in each corner of the banknote, served as an appropriate and constant reminder of two centuries of American independence.

On June 11, 1776 the Second Continental Congress appointed Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, Roger Sherman and Robert Livingston to prepare a document proclaiming American Independence. Jefferson wrote the document which was adopted by Congress on July 4. The original copy of the Declaration is on display at the National Archives Building in Washington, D.C.

# NEWS FROM AROUND THE CLUBS

## POLISH AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

### MINUTES OF THE P.A.N.A. MEETING OF Dec.13,1984.

The meeting was called to order by President Arthur Marquart at 7:50 PM. with 19 members in attendance. Minutes of the November 8, 1984 meeting were read by Secretary Chester Schafer. Motioned by Ted Sokolowski, seconded by Albert Szabat that they be accepted as read.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** President Marquart stated that we received many letters with Christmas greetings. He singled out Dr. Andrzej Szlachcic of Buffalo University. A reply was received from numismatist R. Blochowicz of Lowicz, Poland, regarding what parts he needs for his wheelchair. As these parts are quite costly and PANA is not in a position to purchase them, the matter will be turned over to the Polish American Congress or other agencies that provide this sort of help. Napoleon Zbyszewski will take care of this matter and he will give us a report in the near future.

**ENGINEERS' BANQUET:** PANA participated in the Polish American Engineers 50-th Anniversary Banquet on December 2, 1984, honoring our member Lou Koncza and Francis Wolosewick. Many PANA members attended the banquet and our best wishes were extended in their souvenir program book.

**P.A.N.A. BULLETIN:** Vice President Bob Grant recently purchased a computer and he offered to make up our labels to use in the future bulletin mailings.

Treasurer Jack Gumowski reported that the Christmas Cards printed by PANA were completely sold out (it was 20 sets for \$4.00 each). This way we cover the price of printing of 500 Christmas Cards and some mailing cost.

**The Chopin medal,** designed by Leon Kawecki, will be minted by Medallistic Arts, Danbury, Conn. They will start production in February or March of 85. The silver .999, dia:2 and 3/4 of an inch, in the presentation case will cost about \$185.00, and bronze \$35.00. Pre-Sale to members at reduced prices might be available.

President Marquart requested that at our January meeting members attending should bring material for sale or exchange. He then introduced the speaker of the evening, Tadeusz Melobradek, member of the Polish Parachute Brigade Association in Chicago, who spoke on the Polish Parashutist Brigade's remarkable participation in World War II. In a very interesting discussion, which followed, other guests added their comments.

Our member Stanley Naj spoke then on numismatic information he obtained from old programs of Chicago's Polonia.

As there was no other business brought forth, motioned by Danuta Szymulanski and seconded by Edward Blicharski that we adjourn.

### MINUTES OF THE P.A.N.A. MEETING OF Jan,10,1985.

The meeting was called to order by President Arthur Marquart at 7:50 PM. The President dispensed with the reading of the minutes from the December 13, 1984 meeting as they were published in the January PANA Bulletin.

The Secretary read applications for membership from Dr. L.V. KOSINSKI of Aiken, SC.; Paul POLANSKI of Chula Vista, CA.; and Stanislaw KUPOLSKI of London, Ontario, Canada. Motioned by Rudolf Dettlaff and seconded by Leon Wlodarski that they be accepted as members.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** A letter was read from Mr. Don Pearlman, Coordinator and the Chairman of the Chicago International Coin Fair, March 15, 16, 17, 1985 (Friday, Saturday and Sunday), at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Chicago. He extended an invitation to us to have our meeting on Saturday, March 16th at 2:00 P.M. in a large meeting room as last year.

The president stated that we could use greater publicity for this event. Bob Grant suggested we have more numismatic display and a flea market.

A letter was read from Rev. H. Marcinkiewicz, Curator of the Jasna Gora Archives in Czestochowa, Poland regarding the receipt of 40 color slides taken at a treasurer exhibition of the Pope John Paul II in Art Institute in Chicago last year.

Another letter from Mr. Anaszewicz of the American Numismatic Junior Club requesting for the exchange of speakers at the future meetings. The president will reply regarding some future arrangements.

**POPPEX 85:** Chester Schafer informed the members that the Polpex Annual Stamp & Coin Exhibition will be held Saturday and Sunday, March 23-24 at the Polish Highlanders Hall, 4808 S. Archer Ave. in Chicago.

P.A.N.A. is invited to provide the numismatic display. The stage area in the hall will be devoted to this display. As P.A.N.A. does not have an annual exhibition, Mr. Schafer urged that more members participate by preparing showcases of their own. The theme of the Polpex is the 75-th Anniversary of Polish Scouting. Scouts will help in setting up the frames and easels, and by exhibiting in a special Scout section.

The Beeba Banquet will be held Saturday, March 23rd at 7 P.M. A three-course family style dinner with champagne is to be served. After dinner, an award presentation program will be held with entertainment provided by the Scout folk dancers, "Lechici", and by Scout folk singers "Zuchy".

Tickets, at \$10.00 per person, are available from Polonus Philatelic Society, Box 56148, Chicago, IL. 60656.

Since we had a program schedule for that evening the President asked for adjournment. It was motioned by Stanley Naj, seconded by Charles Gibbs that we adjourn.

Stanley Naj brought some old Polish Scout Manuals printed by the Polish National Alliance, P.R.C.U., and other groups and spoke on this subject.

Bob Grant then took over and with the help of Mr. Marquart put on a slide presentation of early American half pennies, two-cents pieces, three-cent pieces, nickels, dimes, and quarters.

Submitted by Chester Schafer, Sec'y.



## ST. CATHARINES COIN CLUB C13

The St. Catharines Coin Club had 38 members and guests in attendance at their 253rd meeting, which took the form of a Christmas party.

President Nielsen asked members if they ever came across any Paper money pertaining to St. Catharines, it would be appreciated if they would donate it to the archives.

Nominating Chairman Glen Waite presented his slate of Officers for 1985. President - Jan Nielsen; Vice President - Connie Radick; Secretary - R.N. Voaden; Treasurer - W. Steinhoff. President Nielsen then called on Past President Vic Snell to install the 1985 Executive. Vic said that Fred Barley was stepping down as Treasurer but will stay on the Directorate. The President will announce the other committee appointments and directors for 1985 at the January meeting.

A few members brought some numismatic items to the meeting they talked a few minutes about. Willie Nielsen spoke on 4 coins on a ribbon which were from Denmark. These were dated April 4, 1940, the Danish people wore these coins around their neck on a ribbon in a silent protest while the country was being occupied during the Second World War. Bill Panko spoke about a portugese coin in the shape of a horseshoecalled miniialla. Gary Oblinsky gave a short talk on the Zimmerman Bank Note, Suspension Bridge bank note, Banks of St. Lawrence bank note. Howard Hill spoke on the Corporation of Merritton 1874 gold medallion, these were presented to servicemen from Merritton returning after the first world war. Howard also mentioned the Thorold merchants tokens issued by Lampmans. Howard also mentioned the A. Bain token as well as the Lakeside Park Bathing Beach token, numbered from 1 to 700, all numbered tokens have disappeared. President Nielsen said that we would do this at every meeting, three of four people telling of a particular interest.

Gary Oblinsky thanked Karl Kamlar for the donation of a book to the library.

Draw winners were Smoky Milojevic the chicken; duck, W. Nielsen; turkey, Joe Hubner; consolation prize, Frank Szic.

President Nielsen thanked Karl Kamlar and Joe Hubner for their contributions over the last year.

The auction was conducted by L. Dorsey assisted by H. Siemens and L. Shepard.

R.N. Voaden  
Secretary

## CITY of OTTAWA COIN CLUB C19

Minutes of the December 18th meeting

The 199th meeting of the C.O.C.C. took place at the National Archives Building, Wellington St. on Tuesday December 18th, 1984. The minutes of the November meeting were adopted on motion by G. Schneider/Al Davies. Twenty-six members and three guests, including Canadian decimal dealer Bob Armstrong, were in attendance. The door prize was won by C. MacEvoy and the 50/50 draw went to Franco Antelmi.

The results of the competitive displays at the Nepean Coin and Stamp show (December 9th) were announced. Winners were as follows:

Ancient & Medieval	F. Fesco	Paper Money	W. King
Canadian decimal	A. Joly	Single Coin	L. Fletcher
General	R. Cheek	Topical	J. Belzile
Gold	T. McFerran	World Coins	G. Schneider
Medals	G. Schneider		

The "Best of Show" award went to Frank Fesco.

The President thanked the three judges Graham Esler, Hillel Kaslove and Bob Graham for their time and the exhibitors for their displays. Graham Esler commented on the displays and gave competitors a few suggestions to improve future displays.

The president informed members of the closing of the Ottawa branch of Silver Dollars Reg'd, which has been operated by Peter van Wissen, a club member who has been voted local dealer of the year by the club in the past. It was decided that the club should send Peter a card wishing him all the best for his move to Toronto as well as thanking him for his gift of several CN journals which were donated to the club for auction.

The club's trophies are to be moved from Silver Dollars to Capital City Coin, on the understanding that a picture be taken of each trophy for club records; Capital City Coin will take all reasonable measures to protect the trophies but it will not accept liability in the event of their loss.

Norman Brownlee volunteered to arrange an exhibit on coin collecting at Carleton University for Coin Week Canada 1985; anyone interested in helping out should contact Norman soon.

Paul Nadin-Davis announced that in addition to his monthly COINS shows held at the Hotel Roxborough, a coin auction will be held on Saturday February 16th at the Roxborough. Viewing of lots will be from 10.00am and the auction will commence at 3.00pm.

The nominating committee ( Ed Burt and Ron Cheek) proposed the following slate of officers for 1985:

President	Stanley Shiff
1st Vice-president	Terry Frost
2nd Vice-president	Al Davies
Secretary	Jacques Belzile
Treasurer	Bob Prevost

Further nominations were invited from the floor; since none was forthcoming a motion to close the nominations was carried ( Paul Nadin-Davis/ C. MacEvoy).

A motion to adjourn the business section of the meeting was carried (T. Frost/N. Brownlee).

Following the business meeting, Paul Nadin-Davis conducted an impromptu donation auction. The CN journals provided by Peter van Wissen raised \$66 and a donation by Graham Neale raised \$2. Thanks to both of you. The rest of the evening was spent in trading, buying and selling numismatic items and consuming beverages and Christmas cake.

### Minutes of the January 28th Meeting

The 200th meeting of our C.O.C.C. took place at the National Archives Building on Monday January 18th, 1984. What a success it was! The crowd of members, older members, friends and relatives really filled the room. Two long-standing members were in attendance, MM. Beatty and Muir. In excess of forty members and about ten guests were present. The minutes were adopted on motion (G. Schneider/J. Johnston). The door prize was won by Bill Cuff and three other prizes were won by J. Johnston, Chris McEvoy and Bob Smith.

A good wishes card to Peter van Wissen was circulated for everybody to sign. A discussion of the Club's subscriptions to various numismatic associations (CNA, ONA, etc.) took place and a motion was adopted to maintain the same memberships (A. Davies/P. Nadin-Davis).

The finding of the missing trophy was reported and the replacement which had been scheduled will be used to institute a new award for Numismatic Literature Achievement. It is further proposed to name it for Peter van Wissen and to award it to Frank Fesco for 1984. (P. Nadin-Davis/S. Shiff). A card was received from member Al Cockrem; it is suggested by P. Nadin-Davis to make him an Honorary Life Member. It is reminded that such a move should be considered at an executive meeting and proposed to the membership, in accordance to our Club's By-Laws.

Presentations were made by outgoing executive members and responsibilities were transferred:

- Presidency: from Sue Nadin-Davis to Stanley Shiff
- Auction List: from A. Davies to Graham Neale
- Education: from S. Shiff to Terry Frost
- Treasurer: from R. Cheek to Bob Prevost
- Secretary: retained by Jacques Belzile

The outgoing president praised the contribution of Frank Fesco to our Bulletin, thanks to his monthly column, News and Comments.

The new president, Stanley Shiff commented on how well things went in 1984 and formulated his hopes for 1985.

On motion, it is adopted that cheque signing authority be transferred (R. Cheek/L. Fletcher).

Norman Brownlee will be in charge of Coin Week Canada next April for the Club and will set a presentation at Carleton University.

Meeting is adjourned (C. McEvoy/R. Cheek).

A number of presentations followed as the special education program of this 200th meeting of the COCC.

- ° Ray Desjardins draws the evolution of the Capital Dollar since 1981. He reports that 82,000 pieces were minted by the Royal Canadian Mint and the redemption rate was only 14%.
- ° Ed Burt tells of the problems encountered in the elaboration of a "wood" celebrating an older member of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce constituents.
- ° Jacques Belzile retraced the history of the first modern decimal coinage, in Russia in 1700.
- ° Graham Esler made a very lively presentation on the matrimonial tribulations of Henry VIII with respect to numismatics.
- ° Graham Neale: on military buttons both as collectibles and tools of history.
- ° Frank Fesco: a talk on fortune-telling or "future" coins, on how decisions are made by the toss of a coin, with finally turning to chinese Fan-Tang and Cash coins. Predictions used to be made with trigrams, hexagrams and cash coins and interpretations with the I Ching Book of Predictions.

This very well attended meeting was followed by our regular auction and the assembly left late in the evening.

#### BRANFORD NUMISMATIC SOCIETY C15

The January meeting had only 16 members attending, because of the bad weather the members stayed home or could'nt get out on the roads.

Walter Griggs was the speaker, He presented a well document program on Brantford Medals. Exhibits highlighted the evening talk with displays of various Joseph Brant's 1886 medals and trail pieces, photos, etc.

A. Conrod was appointed as a Acting Director and Coin Show Assistant Chairman. The 25th Anniversary dies are in the trail testing process.

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#### ST. THOMAS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION C78

The January Meeting was held in the Central United Church, Wellington Street, St. Thomas at 8:00 P.M. on the 14th.

There was a talk presented on precious stones of Australia also a display of few opals in the rough.

There was a 23 Coin Auction held at the conclusion of the meeting.

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## NORTH YORK COIN CLUB C74

The January Meeting was held on January 22nd, at 8:00 P.M. in the Memorial Community Hall, 5090 Yonge street, Willowdale.

The "On Time Attendance Draw" the name of Frank Gallant was pulled and not been at the meeting the prize for February Meeting will be \$4.00.

The speaker for for the evening was Len Buth who gave a talk on the various Canadian error and die variety coins that escape the eyes of the inspectors at the Royal Canadian Mint. He displayed several cases of the different errors to illustrate his talk.

5 original 1960 members of the club were granted Honorary Life Memberships into the club namely: John Curtis, Ken & May Bunnett, Harvey Farrow and Jean Orr. They will receive a certificate of this honour at the 25th Banquet on March 9th., 1985.

The Door Prize winners were the followings: Costas Adamopoulos, John Curtis, Jack Murton, Ted Boxall, Stan Salter, Paul Johnson, Terry O'Brien, Marvin Kay, Len Buth, Cedric Cyr, Gertrud Weise, Basil Latham and Daniel Saraga.

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## INGERSOLL COIN CLUB C59

The January Meeting was canceled by President Tom Masters due to the weather conditions.

The January program and Auction will be the features for the February Meeting.

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## CHAMPLAIN COIN CLUB C 21

The December meeting was the Christmas Meeting. Everyone that attended the meeting stated it was one of the best meeting the club has had in a long time. Santa Claus came and distributed gifts. The food for the party was superb. There were over seventy pieces on the Auction Table.

Following a short business meeting a film was shown.

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## HAMILTON COIN CLUB C62.

The Hamilton Coin Club meets the second Sunday of each month at the Hamilton Public Library, 55 York Street, Hamilton, 1P.M. - \$:30.

The April 13th Coin Show will have 15 Bourse Tables. The show will be held at the Firestone War Vet's Association Hall, 67 Kennilworth Ave, N., 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Display prizes will be ... 1st.. \$15.00  
 2nd.. \$10.00  
 3rd.. \$ 5.00

BEST of SHOW.... EUGENE CLUP TROPHY

For information contact Terry MacHugh  
 P.O. Box 9271,  
 Stoney Creek, Ontario,  
 L8G 3X9

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## HURIONIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION C17

The January meeting was well attended. A slide series on Torex Tokens and the history of the organization was given by Al Bliman. A Torex Token Display was from the collection of Albert Kasman.

The Old Coin Box was won by Mac Porter, who in turn, donated the coins to the club's donation auction. Bill Gage won the Attendance Draw, the first time in 29 years.

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## LAKESHORE COIN CLUB C81

The January meeting was held at the Stewart Hall, 176 Lakeshore Road, Pte Claire, Quebec, 8:00 P.M. on 15th.

The program featured two members. Mick Carter spoke on Tokens of England and Bob Pallen spoke on some Royal Proclamations appointing Masters of the King's Mint and other documents relating to currency changes and a proposal by Sir Christopher Wren

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD JANUARY 15th, 1985

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 8:13 p.m.
- 2) Next meeting's topic will be paper money, this dissertation will be given by Richard Gross.
- 3) Jim Hay announced the upcoming display for coin week at Pointe Claire's Central Library. All members are urged to participate. The display will take place on April 20th, 1985.
- 4) The membership congratulated Barry Uman on his recent marriage.
- 5) Bob Pallen discussed Royal Proclamations concerning the minting and usage of coins. These ranged from Edward I, Charles II, Elizabeth II and a proposal that included a change to decimal coinage.
- 6) Mick Carter gave the first in a series of talks on British lead tokens, this was a general introduction of the subject. The tokens ranged from c.a. 1200 to recent times and were displayed for the members.
- 7) The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

J. TREPANIER  
SECRETARY

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**St. Thomas token: Jumbo, the circus elephant, meets his match.**

Canada's most famous elephant is the subject of a trade dollar just issued by the city of St. Thomas, Ont. The legendary Jumbo, which travelled with the Barnum & Bailey circus throughout North America from 1882 to 1885, died in St. Thomas after being struck by a freight train. This year is the centennial of the accident.

The obverse of the trade dollar shows Jumbo on the railway track facing the Grand Trunk freight locomotive that struck him. Above in circus-type letters is the word Jumbo, and below is the legend 1885/100 Years/1985. The trade dollar is valid at participating merchants in St. Thomas until Sept. 30, 1985.

The reverse side carries the crest of the City of St. Thomas.

The Sherritt Mint struck an initial order of 25,000 nickel-bonded-steel specimens, along with small quantities of gold-plated, bronze-plated, rhodium-plated and sterling silver specimens.

Copies are available from the City of St. Thomas, Box 520, St. Thomas, Ont. N5P 3V7. Post-paid prices are \$2 for nickel-bonded-steel, \$10 for gold plate or rhodium plate, \$8.50 for bronze plate, \$30 for pure silver and \$600 for pure gold.

Mayor Douglas J. Tarry of St. Thomas reports that 24,000 of the trade dollar tokens were sold within one week, and he has ordered a further 10,000 from Sherritt. This appears to be the fastest sell-out of any issue of trade dollars, particularly significant since St. Thomas has a population of only 28,000.

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# Ontario Numismatic Association



## 23rd Annual Convention & Coin Show

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CHAS. B. LAISTER TROPHY

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

This trophy will be up for competition at the 23rd; Annual O.N.A. Convention, hosted by the Stratford Coin Club, April 19, 20 & 21, 1985, at the Victorian Inn, Romec Street, Stratford, Ontario.

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. This display can be put in as a club project, or by a member of an Ontario Club, but only in the name of the Club he or she are a member of.

Only one display will be allowed from each member club. The space or area allowed will be that of one, two or three display cases. The category will be of any category that the club wish to enter.

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. Display 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 Committee for the competition for that upcoming Convention.



A WINNER

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New Issue of Stratford Wooden Money


The Stratford Coin Club are issuing a three piece set of Wooden Flats in denominations of 25¢, 50¢ and \$1.00.

The issue will be limited to 500 sets of serial numbered pieces which are unusual in several ways. They have been declared legal tender in Stratford by City Council and will be honoured by the Canada Trust Company and selected businesses in Stratford. Being serial numbered and recognized with legal status this limited issue will be highly sought by Wooden Money Collectors and the Numismatic fraternity. The issue will form companion pieces with the set issued by the Stratford Lions Club for the Coronation Pageant, May 12-13, 1937. Very few of these sets exist and one in mint state would realize over \$100.00 today.

The Wooden Money issue is unique as it commemorates the 25th Anniversary of the Stratford Coin Club, the 100th Anniversary of the Incorporation of the City of Stratford and is issued in conjunction with the Ontario Numismatic Association's 23rd annual Convention. Sets of the "Flats" will be included with the Convention Preregistration Package or can be ordered through the Stratford Coin Club, Box 262, Stratford, Ontario. N5A 6T1. Cost for each set will be \$2.00 plus 50¢ for postage and handling.

It is expected that the issue will be fully subscribed and persons wishing a set are advised to place their order early. The approved design is shown below and it is hoped to have the sets available at the T.I.C.F. show in Toronto on March 22nd, 23rd and 24th.

<b>Ontario Numismatic Association</b> <b>23rd Annual Convention</b>		
<b>1 DOLLAR</b>  Host: Stratford Coin Club		<b>1 DOLLAR</b>
<b>April 19-21, 1985</b>		

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The minister asked a group of children in a Sunday School class, "Why do you love God?"  
He got a variety of answers, but the one he liked best was from a boy who said, "I don't know, sir. I guess it just runs in our family."

## **Association News:**

### MEMBERSHIP

The following applications have been received. If no objections are received, acceptance will appear in the APRIL 1985 issue of the Ontario Numismatist.

1247 Thomas W. Platt, Box 41, Grand Valley, Ont., LON 1G0

1248 Jhon Whittle, Box 46, Cameron, Ont., KOM 1G0

1249 Walter A. Loudon, 11150 Parc George, Montreal, North, PQ.,

H1H 4Z1

The following Members have recently transferred from Regular Membership to Life Membership.

LM79 Don Killen, Bracebridge, Ontario.

LM80 Douglas Fairbairn, Winona, Ontario.

LM81 Daniel T. Bowyer, Toronto, Ontario,

LM82 Paul R. Johnson, Scarborough, Ontario.

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LAITERIE W. NOEL & FILS DAIRYby Robert Benoit

The dairy made its debut around 1883 on the farm of Mr. Célile Noel, situated on Cote de Liesse in St. Laurent, Que. which was a main supplier of milk and feed in the area. Prior to 1920 only bulk deliveries were done, but in 1920, Wilfrid, Célile's son, started bottling for home delivery. In 1926, pasteurization was enforced by law and the necessary equipment was purchased. At the dairy, milk was kept cool by means of running water provided from a nearby well. Wilfrid had five sons and three daughters. One of his sons, Gerard, started his first delivery route in 1924 at the age of 17. In 1929, the grocery store nearby had a special on Fridays and Saturdays, one quart of milk and one loaf of bread for 11 cents. During the week one quart of milk was 7 cents. In 1940, the dairy was destroyed by a fire. It took two years to rebuild on the same site. During that time the bottling of milk was done at the A. St. Aubin Dairy in St. Laurent. In 1950, the conversion to square bottles from rounded ones was completed. The year 1959 was the last for the dairy on Cote de Liesse. The building was later demolished to construct the railway yards for CN & CP Rail. That same year, milk was bottled under the name of W. Noel & Fils at Borden's plant on Blvd. Lebeau. Lucien, the youngest of Wilfrid's sons, operated the dairy from his home and car until an office was provided at Borden's. Lucien was supplying four milkmen, which increased to 15 by the 1980's. In 1976, glass containers were still in use.

The dairies, W. Noël & Fils & Borden's, were the last to convert to plastic containers. The dairy was sold to Quebon on May 2, 1984.

Lucien mentioned that tokens were not used by the dairy, but tickets were sold. The earlier bottles were embossed in block letters and later in script.

Special thanks is given to Lucien Noël for his information on the historical background of this Company.

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# SHOW AND BOURSE

APRIL 13th, 1985

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APRIL 19-21, 1985  
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JUNE 16th 1985  
BRANTFORD, ONTARIO

BRANTFORD NUMISMATIC SOCIETY'S  
25th Anniversary Coin Show  
Woodman Community Centre

MAY 5, 1985  
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THISTLETOWN COIN & STAMP CLUB'S  
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 Albion Public Library  
 1515 Albion Road.  
 INFO... Bob Porter  
 P.O. Box 1143, Sta "B",  
 Weston, Ontario, M9L 2R8.

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FROM USA TODAY'S NATIONAL NEWS NETWORK

## Miss Liberty coin to raise millions

The U.S. Mint will start taking orders in mid-April for Statue of Liberty commemorative coins expected to raise \$137 million for statue restoration costs and \$113 million for the government. "I foresee a complete sellout," said Curt Prins, aide to Rep. Frank Annunzio, D-Ill., who introduced legislation authorizing the coin sale. The bill was unanimously approved Wednesday by the House and Senate banking committees and full congressional approval is expected in early March. Last year's Olympic coin raised about \$100 million.

A man rang a couple's doorbell and said he was collecting money for a poor lady on the block. He said she was to be evicted because she owed three months' rent.

"How nice of you to be interested in this poor woman," they said. "Are you her pastor?"

"No," he replied. "I'm her landlord."

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Sunday School teacher: What must we do to gain forgiveness?

Little Girl: Sin.

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NEWS & COMMENTS

\* The climax to the C.O.C.C. 1984 season was the array of numismatic displays at the Coin Show in the Nepean Sportsplex on Sunday, December 9th. It was naturally gratifying for me to win the Best of Show award, but it was even a greater pleasure to view the variety and excellence of the displays, and to see so many newer members entering this area of numismatic effort. No doubt, winners of trophies will be given official recognition in the Club's minutes. For those who missed the show a brief description of the displays themselves, in random order of layout, is provided.

- Twenty medals commemorating the astronomical Apollo flights.
- A complete set of 1921 German notgeld 50-pfennig notes from Berlin which depicted the 20 wards of the city.
- Sixteen coins and medals from nine countries which supported the topic of maps and cartographers.
- Twenty-two coins and medals from sixteen countries which showed equestrian figures.
- A nine-coin set (1¢ to \$5) of coins of the Bahamas.
- More than twenty representative banknotes, from \$1 to \$100, of the Montreal Bank and the Bank of Montreal (19th & 20th centuries).
- A historic representation of the Kruger coinage of South Africa, and its British counterparts in the Boer conflict.
- Small Change - over 100 world coins smaller than the Canadian 5-cent piece. (N/C)\*
- The only Canadian coin which uses a Roman numeral - the W.W.II V-style 5-cent coin.
- Twenty-seven Arabic dirhams showing the caliphs, mints and legends involved on these 8th century Umayyad silver coins.
- Fourteen beautiful top-grade gold coins from ten foreign countries.
- A representative type set of Canadian coins of the last five monarchs.
- More than forty representative coins of the United States of Mexico.
- Distinctive former banknotes, tokens and coins of Greenland (18 items) (N/C)\*

These words do not describe the amount of information provided in the displays, the amount of effort involved in developing them, nor the personal satisfaction that competitors must have derived in the process - a reward unrelated to trophies. May your New Year's resolve be to continue the good work, and to produce at least one such project a year.

\* The caption of a Coin World cartoon that shows a coin store dealer saying to a naïve customer - "That's not rust, young man, that's toning!".

\* In an article in the Coin World International of Nov 28/84 entitled: "Trains have few Tracks on World Coins", author Zolonek Versely included the following coins related to railways:

Austria	Y3	Double Thaler	1857
Belgium	Y48	50 Francs	1935
Brazil	Y46	200 Reis	1936
Canada	Y112	Silver Dollar	1981
Czechoslovakia	Y53/54	10/25 Korun	1954
Bavaria	C184	1 Thaler	1835
Mexico	KM466	5 Pesos	1950
Isle of Man	Xmas	50 Pence	1984
Czechoslovakia	Y122	100 Korun	1982

Mr Versely wisely omitted the monstrous representation of the Gotthard Railway on Swiss 5-Franc coin of 1982 (Y66).

There are probably many more railway tokens and medals than coins. An example of an EE 1895, AD 1903, bronze medal from Ethiopia is shown by the rubbing at right. It bears the bust of Menelik II and an old locomotive. It probably commemorates the establishment of the 486 mile line between Jibuti and Addis Ababa.



NEWS & COMMENTS

- \* The Amherst Trade Dollar Committee of P.O. Box 686, Amherst, Nova Scotia, B4H 4R5, has issued a 1985 token showing two locomotives side-by-side on parallel tracks, pulling a ship across the Chigneto Isthmus - thereby reducing the voyage from Montreal to St. John by 500 miles. Prices range from \$1.75 upward, depending upon the metal desired. Profits are intended to support the Cumberland County Museum. The Scots' natural talents in mathematics and engineering served them well.

I heard of a similar situation from a cousin of mine who was Chief Engineer on a Lake Boat which was cut up and shipped overland from Lake Michigan to the upper Mississippi River to avoid the much longer round trip. Unfortunately there is no medal that I know of, to commemorate this unusual event.

- \* Some more books to reward the curious:

"Coins of Canada" 6th Edition, 1985 (\$3.95) is advertised as being completely reset.

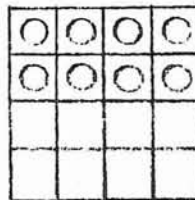
"Striking Impressions", the Royal Canadian Mint publication by Dr. James A. Haxby, which was given advanced publicity some time ago, is now stated to be available from the R.C. Mint, P.O. Box 459, Station A, Ottawa, Ontario, K1N 8V5, for \$19.95 + \$3.50 handling and postage.

"The Greeks in Bactria and India" 3rd Edition by W.W. Tarn; 561 pp, soft cover, 1 plate, \$20 U.S., from: Aris Publishers Inc., of Chicago, 7020 North Western Ave., Chicago, Illinois 60645.

"Coin World Almanac" 4th Edition, 734 pp, \$14.95 U.S., softcover, \$25 U.S. hardcover, from: 911 Vandemark Road, Box 150, Sidney, Ohio, 45365.

- \* The Nov 28/84 Coin World column of Colonel Bill Murray was entitled "How much is it worth?" - a question comparable to "How much do you want to bet?" by one breed of chess challengers. Murray's military rank reminded me of a demonstration of the operation and effectiveness of the U.S. infantry heavy recoilless weapons, shortly after arrival in Pusan, Korea in 1951. Each weapon, each projectile, each related tool was introduced by name, function, characteristics and cost, before its use and impact was demonstrated. What were they worth? The answer to this type of question appears to be - to whom, where and when?!
- \* The University of Toronto has received a numismatic donation from Bob Aaron - the library of coin books of the late Frank Rose - which Bob went out of his way to obtain. ... a fine and useful deed!

- \* Puzzle: 8 coins are placed on a 4 x 4 board as shown at right. Can you move 4 coins so that there will be either 2 or 0 on each row, column or diagonal? There can be only one coin per square, and no coins can be removed from the grid.



Question:

What are your preferences in puzzles, or should I omit them entirely?

- \* Still another one for the railway buffs: British Rail will be striking a commemorative medal on the 150th anniversary of the Great Western Railway in 1985; to be produced by the Royal Mint. It will be struck in three metals: 63 mm bronze, 0.500 silver and 9-carat gold. Prices will no doubt be adjusted to the changing value of the pound on the international market. The medal features the famous Firefly locomotive, the world's first production line engine. Queen Victoria made her first journey behind one in 1842. Enquiries can be made to British Rail, (G.W. Medal) 125 House, Swindon, Wiltshire.
- \* The basic design of mediaeval English coins is the cross. There was an old saying that if you were hard up, you didn't have a cross in your pocket to keep the devil from dancing therein.

NEWS & COMMENTS

\* Before the spirit of the Christmas season fades into the past, I must say how pleased I was to see the book revue by Al Cockrem in our last bulletin. His indomitable spirit and love of numismatics, combined with the convenience of a home computer has kept him actively engrossed, in spite of his handicaps. I'm sure taped records of our club activities would be of great interest to him. Keep up the good work Al, we're all pulling for you!

Another appreciated Christmas gift that I received was a telephone call from one of our senior club members congratulating me upon my efforts to keep the spirit of numismatics alive by these News & Comments. It gave me the impetus that I needed to try to keep them up for another year. Please accept my sincere thanks!

Still another, and I must admit, unexpected gift was an AFF (A Frank Fesco) \$1 banknote that had been autographed by the Governor and former Deputy Governor of the Bank of Canada,-- that is, in addition to their regular printed signatures. This is, without doubt, my most outstanding and treasured paper money item. Again, my heartfelt thanks!

Finally, I must mention a young lad whom I introduced to the fun of collecting a birthyear series (in duplicate so that he could someday display his collection completely), and who now adds to my collection with auric gifts! - my son! I have indeed been blessed, and am most honored by friends such as these!

\* The TAMS (Token and Medal Society) Journal of October 1984 features an article by Frederick J. Schumacher entitled "Luther's Greatness Reflected in Numismatic Art". In it, 18 different pieces are illustrated - coins from a 1617 Eisleben thaler to a 1983 German Democratic Republican silver 20 Mark coin, and medals from 1521 to 1983 (1983 was the 400th anniversary of the birth of Martin Luther).

In this article, the 1796 writings of a Jesuit priest, Gretser, were quoted, viz: "There are many ways to bring things to the people and they have done this by medals and coins, so welcomed by everyone. In this manner these heretics of our times have used not only books, paintings, and statues to make fun of our Bishops, Cardinals, priests, monks and nuns, but our spiritual life as well, through the miserable use of coins."

Gretser, in another place, illustrates this by describing a 1543 medal he holds in his hand which shows the Pope, but that when rotated 180 degrees, the Pope becomes a devil. The reverse shows a Cardinal, who, when rotated, becomes a court jester. A rubbing of this medal is shown at right, and one translation of the latin legends is as follows:



Obverse



Reverse

ECCLESIA PERVERSA TENET FACIEM DIABOLI - A wicked church takes the form of the devil. (O)  
STULTI ALIQUANDO SAPIENTES - Fools are wise, at times. (R)

Schumacher quotes a German book by Hugo Schnell entitled "Martin L  ther und die Reformation auf M  nzen und Medaillen" (Klinkhardt und Biermann 1983)

\* It is with regret that Ottawa has lost one of its outstanding dealers, Peter Van Wissen, with the closing of his Silver Dollar coin store on Dalhousie Street. Peter had been voted Ottawa's Dealer of the Year by the C.O.C.C. for the past few years, and well deserved the honour for his friendly, fair and understanding service to the collector fraternity. He has moved to his affiliated Silver Dollar store in Toronto. Our good wishes go with you, Peter.

- \* Just as one store closes, another opens. The founder of Capital City Coins, who sold out to our 1st V.P., Terry Frost, has returned from haunts in centretown to open another jewellery (& coins) store in the Rideau/Chapel Street building. Welcome back, Garry Cerna.
- \* Question: Why are 1982 5-cent coins worth almost a hundred dollars? ...
- \* The Currency Museum of the Bank of Canada was closed for two weeks near the end of 1984, so that minor adjustments could be made. It is open again, and now displays an excellent cast bronze replica of an ancient Mycenaean talent, one of the largest types of currency. In Gallery 8 (The Collectors' Corner) the latest Canadian coins have been added, as well as many new pieces to the representative 20th century foreign coin trays.

This is one of the most popular, convenient, well served and attended museums in the Capital. In addition to its regular historical presentation of currency, it has a periodically changing set of special displays and activities during the year, designed for all age groups from schoolchildren to senior citizens. A New Year's resolve to pay a visit is guaranteed to be both informative and enjoyable.

- \* The Citizen newspaper of Ottawa does not have a regular coin column. This does not mean that it does not publish news related to currency; quite the contrary. Alexandre Joly and I kept clippings from the last couple of months, and here is a summary of what we found:

7 Nov - The new government is seriously considering minting a new \$1 coin for mass circulation, according to a spokesman for Supply and Services Minister, Harvie André. O.C. Transpo is a strong advocate. (Will the media fan the flames of controversy on this issue also?)

8 Nov - Japan is changing to a new series of smaller banknotes. Among the reasons stated are: to save printing costs, to assist the blind, to facilitate handling, and to foil counterfeiters. (They have created their own monster by the development of color photocopying machines)

13 Nov - The British "quid" (£1 note) is being retired after 70 years service; as is the 704-year old ha'penny. (A Nostalgic farewell)

13 Nov - Israeli authorities have given warning that they will be cracking down on illicit trading in foreign currencies upon the Black Market. (I have yet to see any authority capable of overriding the trading laws of supply and demand)

15 Nov - One million marks (approx. \$338,000) worth of gold, silver and bronze coins were discovered by an electrician during renovation of the basement of a 16th century in West Germany. (No doubt this hoard will be duly recorded)

22 Nov - Veteran deep sea diver, Harvey Harrington, has successfully located the wreck of the British Man-of-war, De Braak, sunk in the Atlantic ocean on 10 June 1798. He has salvaged many escudos, doblas and Pieces-of-Eight.

22 Nov - Fifty-five Regular and Reserve Force members were honoured by Gov. Gen. Jeanne Sauvé with insignia of membership into the Order of Military Merit. (The print size used this time was much more legible, and respectful)

28 Nov - The Bank of Nova Scotia, trader in gold coins, will no longer purchase Krugerrand gold coins from South Africa. (Are anti-apartheid embargos effective?)

28 Nov - Dissolved copper in effluent from gold refining operations of the R.C. Mint are diluted below pollution toleration limits, according to an independent consultant's report. (The fertilizer industry would welcome this waste. They lost out in their bid for retired Australian 1/2d & 1d coins to a Canadian dealer)

NEWS & COMMENTS

\* Continued from N & C 85-4

2 Dec - A union election handbill by Leo Belair of a bottling plant in London, Ontario was found to be able to operate dollar bill changing machines. The handbills were destroyed, and bill changer mechanism tolerances tightened, rather than create a buy-a-vote situation. (Leo deserved to win)

4 Dec - Another seizure of bogus \$20 bills was carried out, this time in Etobicoke; \$2.4 million of them. Distinguishing features: serial numbers may not be in line, and the printing appears to be flat. (More specimens for the Treasury collection)

5 Dec - The oldest underwater wreck ever excavated has been located off Cape Ulu Burun, near the town of Kas. It is estimated to have been sunk around 1400 B.C. An invaluable cache of Bronze Age artifacts have been salvaged, among which is a two-handled Mycenaen Greek pottery cup. There is no word of any "talents" yet. (Has anyone a good enough atlas to locate this find?)

12 Dec - From Dear Abby; France is a country where the money falls apart but you can't tear the toilet paper. (Shades of W.W. II "C" ration issues)

20 Dec - Marie Heffernan, an Australian woman from Sydney, is reported to have recovered her voice after 12 years of being mute. A thrupenny bit from a Xmas pudding which had lodged in her larynx was finally coughed up. (We used Ag 5¢)

20 Dec - Five gold coins were dropped into a Salvation Army kettle for the third year in a row, in Crystal Lake, Illinois. (A generous gesture to a fine group)

This is just a sample of what crops up in the non-numismatic press. Space will not always permit such a summary. Besides, you probably all read the newspapers. By the way, did you notice a recent Wizard of Id cartoon strip which had the following conversation between two peasants?:

1st Peasant: You know the worst thing about retirement?

2nd Peasant: What's that?

1st Peasant: You never get a day off! (How true!)

\* The Coin World issue of September 26/84 contained an article on the "Short Snorter". Perhaps you have seen these strips of foreign banknotes stuck together end-to-end with the former messy Scotch Tape which eventually stained, shrank, and lost adhesion. This, in addition to scrawled autographs and much handling usually lower their value to most collectors of paper money, who often take them apart to salvage the better items.

It was reported in C.W. that they were started by Jack Ashcroft, of the Gates Flying Circus, in Syracuse N.Y., in August 1925, and the original one still exists. He started the custom among flyers to enrol new members by having them provide two bills, one for the new member and the other for the enroller, each autographed. If caught without his Short Snorter, the culprit had to buy a round of drinks.

With the expansion and distribution of the various Air Forces in the Second World War, many of these Short Snorters were created, which now are coming to light as the veterans are fading away. The one which once draped the walls of Peter Van Wissen's shop, comprised 34 bills from many European and African countries, as well as the U.S.A. and Canada. It represents the many battle sites in which the airmen receive no medals, but perhaps of which they have their happiest memories. To capture stories of these battles before they are lost would be the ultimate in Short Snorter reporting, in my view.

\* Did you hear what the student said when the teacher gave him an "F" on his vocabulary test? ..... "Words fail me!"

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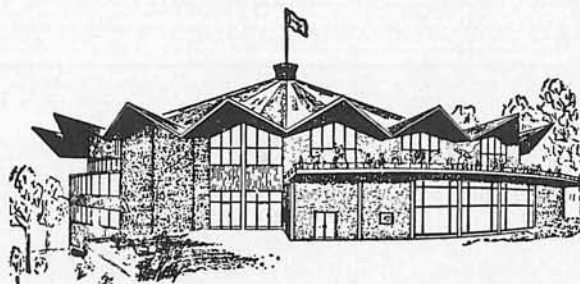
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