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A simulation of "playing card money" which circulated in French Canada from 1685 to 1759.

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EDITORIAL

I am sorry to report that Editor Bruce Watt has been hospitalized for several weeks and unable to perform his duties as the Editor of the O.N.A. Numismatist. I for one hope that Bruce soon regains his health and strength and is able to continue to promote the hobby of Numismatics.

In light of the above circumstances the Executive of the O.N.A. has appointed me as their editor and have instructed me to produce an "Emergency Issue". This to be followed quickly with another issue in the hopes that we can once again resume our publication on schedule.

In looking back over past issues I see the tremendous work that Bruce has devoted to the publication, and in July the C.N.A. presented him for his efforts an award for the Association Publication. It's my hope that my efforts can come close to those of my predecessor.

I would invite all clubs to mail to my address a copy of your news letter and from this I can extract bits of information about your club and interesting happenings about your meetings. Also your upcoming shows should be forwarded to me so it can appear in our Show Date column. Members are also asked to contribute articles and any news clippings that I might miss. This job is a large undertaking and I'm appealing to everyone for their help. With a bit of help from all, we can continue to produce a publication worthy of its name.

Tom Masters
Editor

"ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION 24th CONVENTION"

BRANTFORD, APRIL 19-20, 1986

1986 EXHIBIT WINNERS

CANADIAN DECIMAL	1st	RON ZELK	TORONTO
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	2nd	BRANTFORD NUMISMATIC SOCIETY	
	3rd	TILLSONBURG COIN CLUB	

REPORT BY THE HOST CLUB THE BRANTFORD NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

THERE WERE OVER 42 DISPLAY CASES, and WERE 18 ENTRIES

EXHIBIT CHAIRMAN BILL SUTOR AND DR. GADE OF BRANTFORD

HEAD JUDGE ELMER WORKMAN OF CANNINGTON

Association News:

MEMBERSHIP

The application which appeared in the May-June issue of the Ontario Numismatist has been accepted. The following applications have been received. If no written objections are received, acceptance will appear in the next issue of the Ontario Numismatist.

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CALL FOR AUCTION TENDER APRIL 25, 1987

The Executive of the O.N.A. are inviting tenders to their 25th Anniversary Convention Coin Auction. This Auction to take place on Saturday, April 25, 1987, at 1:30 p.m., at the Westbury Hotel, Yonge Street, Toronto.

Tenders will be accepted up to 12 o'clock noon on December 20, 1986.

Auction will be awarded on the best information submitted to the O.N.A. Executive, and not necessarily to the highest bidder.

Tenders should be addressed as follows:

1987 Auction Tender
 c/o The Ontario Numismatic Association
 P.O. Box #33
 Waterloo, Ontario N2J 3Z6

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Do you have a beef or a club announcement you would like known? Why not do it through this column. Remember, it only takes a few moments to sit down and write a few lines to the Editor. To avoid delays send to the Editor's home address.

This column can only succeed with your support and letters. Those oral complaints I've heard could be put in writing and help to improve the hobby. Writer's names will remain anonymous if it's the desire of the writer.

EMMANUEL HAHN 16mm FILM

John Regitko reports that technical difficulties in re-producing this film have caused delays in it being available through the lending libraries. Regitko reports that this film should be available early in 1987, and two of the major lending libraries will be the Canadian Numismatic Association and the Ontario Numismatic Association. When planning your program for 1987 don't forget to include this film for one of your meetings.

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1987-1989

In accordance with our By-Laws and Amendments passed at the Annual General Meeting, April 1985, Article 7, Section 5, we quote: "All nominations shall be made in writing, signed by a member in good standing or by an officer of a member club that is in good standing, and sent to the Chairman of the Election Committee. All nominations must be accompanied by a written acceptance from the nominee or a declaration signed by the nominators stating that the nominee shall stand for office if elected. Failure to do this, nomination shall be invalid and the nominee shall be so advised."

Nomination shall close December 31, 1986.

The Chairman's mailing address is - Henry Burke, P.O. Box 33, Waterloo, Ontario, N2J 3Z6 (NOMINATIONS O.N.A.)

Use the following form to send in your nominations.

- PRESIDENT.....
- FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT.....
- SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT.....
- SECRETARY.....
- TREASURER.....
- DIRECTOR, AREA # 1a.....
- DIRECTOR, AREA # 1b.....
- DIRECTOR, AREA # 2.....
- DIRECTOR, AREA # 3.....
- DIRECTOR, AREA # 4.....
- DIRECTOR, AREA # 5.....
- DIRECTOR, AREA # 6.....
- DIRECTOR, AREA # 7.....
- ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, AREA # 7.....
- DIRECTOR, AREA # 8.....
- DIRECTOR, AREA # 9.....
- DIRECTOR, AREA # 10.....

Canada's Totem Dollar

BY LARRY GINGRAS



On February 21, 1957, Canada's Governor-in-Council issued a proclamation prescribing the design of a new silver dollar coin to be struck the following year in commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the gold rush and the creation of British Columbia as a crown colony in 1858.

The proclamation stipulated that; "The design of the reverse impression shall be a representation of a totem pole, with the word "CANADA" at the upper left, the figures "1858-1958" at the left, the words "British Columbia" on the right, mountains in the background, and at the bottom the word "DOLLAR". The coin shall have a graining on the edge."

The obverse design was to remain the same as that which had been in use since 1953, that is to say,.....the uncrowned effigy of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second with the inscription "Elizabeth II Dei Gratia Regina". The reverse was designed by Stephen Trenka whose initials appear at the bottom of the totem pole immediately above the letter "A" in the word "Dollar". Mr. Trenka was born in Hungary in 1909 and came to Canada about twenty years later where he studied at the Ontario College of Art. He also designed the reverse for the 1951 commemorative five cent piece.

It was appropriate that a totem pole be chosen as the main feature of the design because these poles used to be a very common sight in the Indian villages dotting the coast of British Columbia. They are well known throughout the world and are considered by many authorities to be unsurpassed by any other form of aboriginal art.

Many of the figures on the poles represent fish, birds, or animals and so on, and there were various reasons why the Indians carved and erected them. Some were erected as a monument to a chief after his death; others commemorate historical events; others are comparable to what we know as a coat-of-arms. Often they depict myths or tribal traditions and were looked upon with reverence but not worshipped.

The custom of erecting the poles only lasted about 100 years. Historians who have researched the records kept by early explorers along the

CANADA'S TOTEM DOLLAR (Cont'd)

coast have found that although many went into detail to describe various forms of Indian art, there is no mention of the totem poles until shortly after the beginning of the nineteenth century. On the other hand it is known that the custom began to peter out shortly after 1900.

Very few poles remain standing in their natural habitat today and nature is very likely the greatest culprit. These cedar poles were subjected to the ravages of the damp coastal climate and within fifty or sixty years after being erected they often succumbed to the elements, rotting away and falling to the ground to be buried among the forest. Many others have been salvaged and preserved by museums and parks throughout the world.

Shortly after the new dollars were released for circulation there was talk that the totem pole designed by Mr. Trenka was offensive to the Indians but, nothing ever came of this. We are assured there was no intention to convey any particular message in the design, nevertheless it was said that the raven, the dominant figure on the pole, was symbolic of death and that the Indians would have nothing to do with the coin. In studying Indian legends I fail to see where the raven is singled out as being such a horrifying or abnoxious creature, and I am inclined to think some people may have been carried away by the writings of Edgar Allan Poe.

The new dollars sold like wildfire when first released in 1958. I know of one collector in Vancouver who managed to talk a bank manager into selling him a bag of 100 pieces for \$125.00 and he was very pleased with himself when he turned them over to another collector within the hour for double the price. This bag traded hands several times during that day and by early evening it was picked up for \$700.00.

The hey day for speculators was short lived, however, because it soon became apparent that this was to be a very large striking. When the mint report for 1958 was published it showed that 3,039,564 pieces of the .800 fine silver coin were struck, almost three times as large as the previous record dollar striking of 1953. Prices dropped considerably and the dollars soon became a drug on the market. A dealer of my acquaintance was offered 5,000 pieces in uncirculated condition for \$1.25 each and he replied saying he would accept delivery at face value provided the shipper paid all transportation costs.

It seemed as though the market would never absorb this large striking but, eventually it did. The coin will never attain a high market value but, it will always be one of the favorites in the Canadian dollar series.

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DID YOU KNOW?

.....that the province of Canada issued a 20 cent piece, but when it became a Dominion it was replaced with the 25 cent coin.

.....that the United States often strikes coinage for foreign governments. I'm sure you did, but did you realize that the New Orleans mint was the first. 1861-0 half dollars were struck for the Confederacy.

.....that the first gold medal authorized by the Continental Congress was in March, 1776. It was to honor General George Washington after his army had forced the British to evacuate Boston.

.....that nobody will ever be able to produce a complete check list for foreign coins. However, if you aren't an ancient or medieval collector you can use your Craig and Yeoman catalogs to check off those in your collection. Many do.

EX LIBRIS by T. Masters

5 new books have been added to the Library these past few weeks, and I would like to draw your attention to them.

- 1- In 1951 the London Numismatic Society was founded and to commemorate their 35th Anniversary a soft covered, 126 page 8½ x 11 booklet was produced by their members. 13 articles in all were written, subjects as varied as - The Western Fair Medals, Henry III's Gold Penny, The Bank of South Western Ontario, Japanese Occupational Currency of World War II, are just 4 of the articles in this booklet.
- 2- Ingersoll Coin Club was formed in 1961 and like the London Club, produced a 25th Anniversary, 51 numbered and signed copies of articles that have appeared in their club publication - articles such as Coins are Beautiful and History, Christmas on Coins, Who Posed for the U.S. Morgan Dollar, Enduring Voyageur Dollar of Canada, Quizes, Numismatic Slang Terms, Coin Humor. These make up but just a few of this 8½ x 11 soft covered booklet.
- 3- R. S. Yeoman's Red Book - A Guide to United States Coins. In this hard covered 1987 issue you will find a brief history on each series of coins issued plus an up-to-date price guide, also a brief story of the Spanish Milled Dollar, an introduction to U.S. Coins, a grading guide and much more.
- 4 & 5- Volume 1 & 2 of "Shortt's" Canadian Currency, Exchange and Finance During the French Period. These hard covered books are printed in both French and English and in some cases illustrated. It covers a period from 1654 to 1766 and includes a detailed account of the Emergency Card Money, featured on the cover of this issue of the Numismatist. First introduced in 1685 and lasting for a period of 75 years because of a shortage of currency from France. These books are a must for the student of Canadian Numismatic History during the French period.

Thanks to the donors who made it possible that these books become available to our members, - Ingersoll Coin Club, Thomas Masters, Charles Springborn, and Bill Payne.

25th O.N.A. CONVENTION

Take note that the dates for this convention have been changed to April 24-25 & 26, 1987. This gala event will take place at the Westbury Loews Hotel on Yonge Street, Toronto, and will be hosted by the North York Coin Club. Reserve these dates now so you won't be left out.

Dollar coinswill replace

Canadians will have an 11-sided, gold-colored dollar coin slightly larger than the 25-cent coin beginning in January 1987. It is planned to replace the \$1 bill which will be phased out beginning in 1989.

Production of the new coin will begin in January 1987. It will be 26.5 millimeters in diameter and will feature Emmanuel Hahn's traditional voyageur reverse, which has appeared on Canadian dollar coins since 1935.

A process developed by Sherritt Gordon Mines will be used to produce the coins. It plates a heavy coating of bronze on pure nickel. The product is called an Aureate coin.


A competing process called Nigold, submitted by INCO Ltd., was rejected because the gold-colored layer wore off after four or five months. INCO will, however, supply the nickel for the first 3 million pieces struck at the Winnipeg mint.

Canadian notes

A "DOLLAR SCRIP" to assist a senior citizens home raise money for a new facility has been issued by Mayor L. H. Scoop Lewry of Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan.

St. Anthony's home in Moose Jaw, a senior citizens care institution is planning a multi-million dollar expansion for 1987. The trade dollar is for "TENDER, LOVING, CARE".

A donation of \$1.00 or more plus self-addressed stamped envelope will send one of the trade dollars to donors. For another \$1.00 Scoop will add a wooden nickel for the donor.

<i>Moose Jaw Trade Dollar for Tender Loving Care</i>	
Moose Jaw Trade Dollar	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>St. Anthony's Home Building Campaign</p> <p>Built in 1912 for the Moose Jaw Presbyterian College for Boys (1912-1932) it has operated as a senior citizen's home since 1939 under the Sisters of Providence of St. Vincent de Paul.</p> </div> <div style="width: 10%; text-align: center;">  </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>St. Anthony's Home Building Campaign</p> <p>Sisters of Providence of St. Vincent de Paul. Founded in 1861 at Kingston, Ontario, now celebrating 125 years of care to the elderly - truly tender, loving care.</p> </div> </div>
<i>Moose Jaw Trade Dollar for Tender Loving Care</i>	

Ron Green, a Victoria, B.C. businessman, and past president of the Canadian Paper Money Society, visited Moose Jaw's Mayor, L.H. Scoop Lewry in May to present a 12-lady volleyball team to the City head. The team was playing in a western tournament in Moose Jaw.

Green took the opportunity also to present Lewry with a 24 inch wooden nickel, advertising his business in Victoria.

In making the presentation, Ron said he was sorry it wouldn't fit into "ordinary" 2x2's of wooden nickels but he said it was only one of eight that were produced as an advertising gimmick. Lewry is now trying to figure out how to best place the two-foot wood in his residential den.



C.N.A. CLUB ORGANIZATIONAL HANDBOOK

The Canadian Numismatic Association is pleased to announce the completion of a publication titled "The Club Organizational Handbook".

This 48 page booklet provides a comprehensive review of the coin club operation. The written material will be a valuable guide for existing clubs as well as new coin clubs of the future. Special chapters include a discussion on the Club Constitution, Leadership, Attendance, Member Participation, Educational Programs, Young Numismatists, Club Auctions, Club Libraries, Newsletters, Executive Meetings, Finances, Special Events and C.N.A. Assistance to Local Clubs.

For example, the chapter on Newsletters focus on a number of issues: Feasibility of a publication; The Editor - Qualifications and Responsibilities; Newsletter contents; Production techniques; the Raising of funds, proper control and accountability of funds and budgeting for the disbursement of funds. Other chapters detail problems and suggested recommendations.

Throughout the years, coin clubs have changing needs and it is important to serve the membership with continued benefits. All clubs should have the desire to improve their weak areas and make education and enjoyment of the hobby a primary goal.

Paul Johnson, C.N.A. Toronto area Director and member of the Education Committee, was the Co-ordinator of the Handbook. The written material was edited by Richard Becker, C.N.A. Eastern U.S.A. Director and Education Committee Chairman, Dr. Marvin Kay, prominent Toronto numismatist and Paul Johnson.

The contributing writers include the following individuals: Geoff Bell, Moncton, N.B.; Bruce Brace, Ancaster, Ont.; Garry Braunwarth, Calgary, Alta.; Stanley Clute, High River, Alta.; Les Copan, Vancouver, B.C.; Dr. Chris Gilboy, Regina, Sask.; Ray Gregory, Cookstown, Ont.; Tim Henderson, Florenceville, N.B.; Paul Johnson, Toronto, Ont.; Yvon Marquis, Pointe-au-Pere, Quebec; Tom Masters, London, Ont.; Grant Monck, London, Ont.; Don Robb, Waterloo, Ont.; and Norman Williams, Vancouver, B.C.

At the present time, this is the only available source which summarizes and presents recommendations on all phases of the coin club in Canada. This Handbook will be useful to current coin club executive member, incoming board members and those numismatists wanting more information on coin club operation in general. Most fundamental questions will be answered.

Copies of "The Club Organizational Handbook" may be purchased for \$3.00 postpaid from the Canadian Numismatic Association, P.O. Box 226, Barrie, Ontario, L4M 4T2.

SHOW AND BOURSE - Toronto International Coin Fair

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

Admission: \$1.00 per day. Hours: Friday & Saturday - 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.. Exhibits, draws, two session auction Friday at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday at 2 p.m. by Nadin-Davis Numismatics, banquet, meetings, Contact TICF, P.O. Box 973, Station B, Willowdale, Ont., M2K 2T6, (416) 229-COIN (2646).
