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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members:

Last issue in my inaugural message I mentioned that one of the problems facing the Ontario Numismatic Association was a lack of communication. This column is going to be my small way of trying to correct that. Don't expect any great words of wisdom to be contained here but an honest attempt to communicate. Are you listening?

Initially, a small but very significant event took place at our first Executive meeting. The position of Vice President shown as vacant in the last edition has now been filled. Henry Burke has agreed to act in this position, and I for one can vouch for his knowledge and dedication with which he accepts the challenge. Henry is a welcome addition to the Executive Team.

The following questions are some which were submitted by Delegates at this year's Delegates Meeting. All questions will be dealt with, but they will appear in future bulletins. Some have been dealt with, and explanation follows:

- (1) Why can't a person get a straight answer from the O.N.A.?
 - (A) During my term of office I expect that this problem will not occur. One measure that will be initiated is a written response to all written enquiries. Due to the fact that our facilities are somewhat limited this response may be in long-hand, but we trust this will not offend anyone.
- (2) Why can't a person receive the Publication immediately after joining O.N.A.?
 - (A) I was not aware of the problem but a measure taken at the last Executive meeting was to authorize the sending out of bulletins to prospective new members prior to the waiting period being fulfilled. This does not negate the possibility of a membership objection, but does provide the new members with their bulletins much sooner.
- (3) Can we get information from the O.N.A. for the New Club Executive at the beginning of a new year?
 - (A) This will be attempted but one of the problems facing the O.N.A. is to know who to send material to. I know of some Clubs that have very limited Executive meetings and materials that have been sent out do not get acted upon.
- (4) Can the O.N.A. send out separate mailing to the Clubs for slides, speakers, Delegates, etc. and not just put the info in the Numismatist?
 - (A) An excellent point and one which will be acted upon this year.
- (5) Can the O.N.A. ask each Club for their Club Rep at each new year and all mailing regarding each Club should be sent to Rep?
 - (A) This may be possible but hopefully we will not get into this situation. Most Clubs have a mailing address and the onus to change the mailing should rest with the Club. I do not feel the O.N.A. should have to request the designation. If we have negative comments regarding this situation we will entertain changes.
- (6) Can the O.N.A. reintroduce the speakers circuit?
 - (A) Yes! We hope to have in place a list of speakers available to Clubs prior to the next Convention at the T.I.C.F. March 25-27.

We trust the questions which have been answered are of interest to some and additional queries will appear in future issues until all have been cleared.

If you wish to correspond with me, my address is Box 76, Sebringville
NOK 1X0

Ker Wilmet

EDITORIAL

One of the prime concerns of any editor is having material submitted for their Publications. Coin Editors will tell that there are very few who will write material on any numismatic subject.

Recently I was the speaker at the Stratford Coin Club and a number of Juniors were in attendance. During my talk an idea struck me, and searching through my briefcase I found several 1967 Canadian Commemorative 25 cents. I gave each Junior in attendance one of these quarters and asked them to write a short article on that coin, and turn it in at the Stratford Coin Club June meeting. This could be a promotion that other Coin Clubs could follow which could produce some positive results and find if we have some budding writers in our membership. This project I started in Stratford didn't bring 100% results, but I did get two essays, both of which will appear elsewhere in this issue. These two Juniors were both under the age of 12 and were brother and sister. It appears that both used the same source for their information and while I interviewed these young people they told me that neither of their parents were interested in numismatics and wasn't with them at the Stratford June meeting. These quarters that I presented to the Juniors just didn't become giveaways, it could be the beginning of a numismatic writing career for someone.

Directors reports are given at some O.N.A. Executive meetings and that's usually as far as those reports go. These reports of special meetings, upcoming shows, banquet speakers could be of considerable value to other Clubs, and if the Director doesn't relay this information to the Clubs in their area, those Directors reports become non-essential. I would like to begin a Directors Report Column and am happy to announce that our new Director Barry Uman, of the Ottawa District, has submitted a report of the Lakeshore Coin Club's 25th Anniversary. Also Niagara Director Bob Voaden has submitted a report on the St. Catharines Coin Club's Show and Banquet. I now invite other Directors to submit to me information pertaining to Clubs in their area.

President Wilmot mentioned the Speakers Circuit. This program is well under way and in the capable hands of Chairman Tom Kennedy. Tom would like to invite all who would like to participate in this program to contact him at 54 Trinity St., Stratford, N5A 4P4, Tel. 519-271-8825. with a list of topics you would be willing to share with other Clubs. This program can only become a viable service if enough speakers are willing to act, and the Clubs willing to use the service, so this program will not fail because of its Chairman but only if there are not enough speakers available or those who will avail of that service offered.

I would also like to appeal to all readers to submit newsworthy items, feature articles, news releases, and any items relating to the numismatic family. All items should be sent to my address which appears on the cover page.

If all work together toward programs offered, the success of numismatics can be felt by everyone and the hobby can be put back on a solid foundation. How many have ever taken a prospective member to their Club meeting or signed up a new member for the O.N.A.? My experience tells me that when you show some interest in those prospective members, they usually give us some respect too. Maybe if we all used this formula many Clubs would not be showing a decline in their membership.

T. Masters

JUNIOR KORNER1967 25 CENT PIECE

by Chris MacKenzie

The 1967 25 cent piece was minted to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Canada's Confederation. The design on the reverse, by Alex Colville, shows a bobcat in replace of the regular caribou. The design on the obverse, by Arnold Machin, shows Queen Elizabeth II.

During 1967 the alloy was changed to .500 silver, .500 copper instead of .800 silver .200 copper, still both alloys were used. Each coin weighed 5.810 grams or 5.832 grams.

There were 48,855,500 centennial quarters minted in 1967.

1967 25 CENT PIECE

by Melanie MacKenzie

The 1967 25¢ piece represents Canada. The design by Alex Colville, shows a bobcat as its reverse device. During 1967 the alloy was changed to .500 silver, .500 copper. The 1967 coin was minted at the Royal Canadian Mint in Ottawa. There are 48,855,500 made in 1967.

My opinion of it is, I think it is one of the best quarters in Canada and that they should make more.

And that's my essay on the 1967 25¢ piece.



Both essays were accompanied by pencil shadings of obverse and reverse of the coin.

COVER: U.S. LAFAYETTE DOLLAR 1900

This commemorative coin is one of many firsts - It was the first coin to bear the likeness of a President, George Washington superimposed over Marquis de Lafayette. It is the first and only commemorative silver dollar issued by the United States and is often described as being the first coin to show a former President. It is also the first coin to picture an American citizen.

At the right is the reverse of the dollar.



ASSOCIATION NEWS

MEMBERSHIP

The applications which appeared in the May-June issue of the Ontario Numismatist have been accepted.

The following applications have been received. If no written objections to these applications are received, acceptance will appear in the next issue of the Ontario Numismatist.

1287	Ross Reid	Oshawa, Ontario, L1J 6L5
1288	Heidi Nota Reid	Oshawa, Ontario, L1J 6L5
1289	Terry A. Campbell	Little Britain, Ontario, KoM 2C0
1290	John Van Norman	Guelph, Ontario, N1E 1Y9
1291	Howard Richardson	Scarborough, Ontario, M1H 1Z4

AUDIO VISUAL

Chairman Charles Laister wishes you to add to your audio visual list the following slide presentation:

"The Architectural Medals of Jacques Wiener"
- Donated by Paul Johnson

O.N.A. ARCHIVE MATERIAL WANTED

Manager Walter Ciona wishes anyone who would like to donate O.N.A. Archive Material 1962-1987 to contact him at 342 Markham St., Toronto, M6G 2K9, or call 416-922-1524. This material will be on display at the 1988 O.N.A. Convention at the Lakeshore Inn, Toronto, on March 25-27.

APPOINTMENT:

Henry Burke of Oshawa, was unanimously approved by the Executive of the Ontario Numismatic Association in Toronto, on July 5th, 1987, as their 1st Vice President for the years 1987-1989.

FOR SALE:

O.N.A. Silver 25th Anniversary Wood Flats. \$2.00 each by mail or 3 for \$5.00 plus postage and handling.
1986 Personal Bronze Convention Medal - \$3.00.
Old Booklets - 1965, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1973, 1975, 1977, 1980.

WANTED:

Old O.N.A. Souvenir Programme Convention Booklets - Founding Convention 1962 - Waterloo, 1963 St. Catharines and 1964 Ottawa Conventions.

Tom Kostaluk, 52 Frobisher Cr. London,
Ontario, N5V 1G9

ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 1986 TO DECEMBER 31, 1986

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Petty Cash @ Jan. 1, 1986	\$ 26.17	
Bank Balance @ Jan. 1, 1986 (General Fund)	1770.60	
Bank Balance @ Jan. 1, 1986 (Library)	-24.78	
Bank Balance @ Jan. 1, 1986 (Virgil Hancock Award)	98.62	
Bank Balance @ Jan. 1, 1986 (Audio Visual)	<u>21.55</u>	\$1892.16

RECEIPTS

Memberships (Regular, Junior & Club)	\$2549.00	
O.N.A. Convention (Brantford)	1485.18	
O.N.A. Convention Draw & Bal. of (1985)	1715.11	
Club Ticket Rebate (28.00), Donation (5.00)	33.00	
Bank Interest	100.96	
Bulletin Advertising (2.00), Lapel Pins (33.00)	35.00	
Premium U.S.A. Money	8.66	
Repayment Of 1986 Convention Advance	200.00	
Hardship Insce. Case	100.00	
Virgil Hancock Award	<u>8.00</u>	\$6234.91

EXPENSES

O.N.A. Publication "Ontario Numismatist"	\$2208.48	
Postage	239.32	
Printing	187.40	
Safety Deposit & P.O. Box Rental	90.44	
Club Delegates Breakfast	252.06	
C.N.A. & A.N.A. Dues	74.55	
Office Supplies	24.38	
Travelling	10.00	
Telephone	63.51	
Engraving	16.05	
Honorariums	700.00	
Insurance	400.00	
Club Rebates (866.00 - 866.35)	.35	
Lapel Pins	268.75	
O.N.A. 1987 Draw Advance	200.00	
Transfer To Life Membership Account	500.00	
Transfer To Contingency Account	<u>1200.00</u>	6435.29

Excess Expenses Over Receipts		\$ 200.38
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Petty Cash @ December 31, 1986	\$ 53.77	
Bank Balance @ December 31, 1986 (General Fund)	1534.62	
Bank Balance @ December 31, 1986 (Library)	-24.78	
Bank Balance @ December 31, 1986 (Virgil Hancock Award)	106.62	
Bank Balance @ December 31, 1986 (Audio Visual)	<u>21.55</u>	1691.78

BANK RECONCILIATION

Bank Pass Book Balance @ December 31, 1986	\$1640.01
(1) Outstanding Cheque	2.00
Statement Bank Balance @ December 31, 1986	1638.01

ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 1986 TO DECEMBER 31, 1986

CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT

Bank Balance @ January 1, 1986 \$7075.96

RECEIPTS

Interest Guaranteed Investment Certificates	\$ 396.00	
Bank Interest	431.90	
Transfer From General Account	<u>1200.00</u>	\$2027.90

EXPENSES

NIL

Excess Receipts over Expenses 2027.90Bank Balance @ December 31, 1986 \$9103.86LIFE MEMBERSHIP ACCOUNT

Bank Balance @ January 1, 1986 \$ 987.20

RECEIPTS

Life Memberships	\$ 150.00	
Transfer From General Account	500.00	
Interest Guaranteed Investment Certificates	490.56	
Bank Interest	<u>89.34</u>	1229.90

EXPENSESMembership Dues (1986) \$ 750.00 750.00Excess Receipts over Expenses \$ 479.90Bank Balance @ December 31, 1986 \$1467.10CASH ASSET SUMMARY @ DECEMBER 31, 1986

Cash & Bank Balance - General Account	\$1691.78	
Bank Balance - Contingency Account	9103.86	
Guaranteed Investment Certificates - Contingency Account	4000.00	
Bank Balance - Life Membership Account	1467.10	
Guaranteed Investment Certificates - Life Membership Account	<u>4275.00</u>	\$20537.74

Total Cash Assets 1985 18230.32Increase in Cash Assets \$ 2307.42

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

Treasurer Bruce H. Raymond

This report was approved at the General Membership meeting at
Toronto on April 25, 1987.

Convention Calendar

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- August 23 &
September 27 - Metro Toronto Coin Exhibition - Bond Place Hotel, 65 Dundas St., E., Toronto, Ont. Info: Ingrid K. Smith, (416)920-6461. Daily admission \$2.00.
- September 12 - Huronia Numismatic Assoc. Coin Stamp & Antique Show - Bayfield Mall, Bayfield St. N., Barrie, Ont. Info: P.O. Box 243, Barrie, Ontario, L4M 4T2.
- September 19 - Ingersoll Coin Club - Coin, Stamp, & Craft Show, & Yard Sale. Senior Citizens Room, Lions Hall, Thames St.S, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Free admission. Contact T. Masters, 823 Van St., London, N5Z 1M8 (519)438-2402
- October 3 - Hamilton Coin Club Show - Notre Dame School, 400 Cumberland Ave., Hamilton, Ont., 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
- October 4 - Sarnia Coin Club Show - Guildwood Best Western Hotel, foot of Bluewater Bridge. Info: Carl Williamson, 931 Greendale St., Sarnia, N7V 3P4, (519)337-9191.
- October 17 - St. Catharines Coin Club Annual Show & Banquet - 16 bourse dealers, Fairview Mall, St. Catharines.
- October 18 - Tillsonburg Coin Club - 25th Anniversary Show & Banquet, Info: Joe McArthur, 15 Concession St., W., Tillsonburg, Ontario, (519)842-9395.
- October 24-25 - Torex with Auction - Info: see above June 20-21
- October 25 - Stratford Coin Club 25th Annual Show - Kiwanis Community Centre, Lakeside Drive, Stratford, Ontario. Info: P.O. Box 262, Stratford, Ont., N5A 6T1
- November 20-22- T.I.C.F. - Lakeshore Inn, 2000 Lakeshore Blvd. W. Toronto, Info: P.O. Box 973, Stn.B, Willowdale, Ont. M2K 2T6
- March 25-27,
1988 - O.N.A. 26th Annual Convention. Hosted by the Toronto International Coin Fair, Lakeshore Inn, Toronto.

NEWS RELEASE

LOVE TOKEN SOCIETY APPOINTS CANADIAN REGIONAL DIRECTOR

The President of the Love Token Society announces the appointment of Nancy E. Hall as the Regional Director for all of Canada, Region #7. Now in its fifteenth year, the Society has members in nearly every state in the United States and four provinces in Canada.

Under a new management structure, the Love Token Society has divided its membership into six regions in the U.S. and one in Canada, each region headed by a director, with an assistant for each state or province. The purpose of this reorganization is to bring the members in closer contact with the Society through the regional directors.

Love Tokens are coins of a bygone age, the product of a fad that began in Europe during the sixteenth century. The idea was to take a coin from circulation, have the reverse side smoothed down, then to engrave on that surface a name or initials, date or slogan. The coin was then given to a sweetheart or relative, the engraved words conveying a personal meaning to both giver and recipient. The custom came to the New World in the mid-1800's and flourished until the time of the First World War. Today, these pieces are collector's items. As there are no two alike, collecting Love Tokens can be a fascinating and inexhaustive hobby.

Anyone seeking more information about this hobby or the Love Token Society is encouraged to contact Nancy Hall, 77 Maitland Place, Apt. 524, Toronto, Ontario, M4Y 2V6, or phone (416) 968-6299.

DIRECTORS REPORT:-

LAKESHORE COIN CLUB
by
BARRY UMAN

THE LAKESHORE COIN CLUB CELEBRATED ITS 25th ANNIVERSARY BY SPONSORING A COMMEMORATIVE BANQUET ON SATURDAY, MAY 23, 1987. AN INVITATION WAS EXTENDED TO ALL MEMBERS TO JOIN THIS CELEBRATION. 38 MEMBERS ATTENDED THIS BANQUET, WHICH INCLUDED A LECTURE ABOUT THE MANUFACTURE OF PAPER MONEY BY HUGH BANFILL, A CONSULTANT TO THE PAPER INDUSTRY AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE QUEBEC FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY.

THE LAKESHORE COIN CLUB WAS FOUNDED IN 1962 BY FRED BOWMAN, BUNNY AND FAT TURNER, GORD SIMONS AND OTHERS. TO COMMEMORATE THIS ANNIVERSARY 6 MEMBERS PRODUCED A WOODEN SOUVENIR, HAVING THE CLUB LOGO ON THE OBVERSE AND THE MEMBERS NAME ON THE REVERSE. ADDITIONALLY, FOR ALL THOSE WHO ATTENDED THE BANQUET, THEY RECEIVED A SIMILIAR SOUVENIR WOOD WITH THE CLUBS LOGO ON THE OBVERSE AND THE ANNIVERSARY DATE WITH A SERIAL NUMBER ON THE REVERSE. ONLY 100 SOUVENIR BANQUET WOODS WERE MADE, OF WHICH 3 WILL REMAIN IN THE CLUBS ARCHIVES. THE REVERSE DIE WAS DEFACED IN FULL PUBLIC VIEW AT THE BANQUET.

A SPECIAL AWARD WAS ESTABLISHED AT THIS ANNIVERSARY. A PLAQUE WILL BE AWARDED TO THE CLUBS MOST OUTSTANDING MEMBER, WHO HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THE HOBBY OF NUMISMATICS. THE SUPRISE FIRST RECIPIENT WAS RODGER BOULAIS OF ST. JEAN, QUEBEC. AFTER RECEIVING THIS AWARD, MR. BOULAIS REMARKED, THAT HE THOUGHT THAT THE L.C.C. WAS THE MOST PROGRESSIVE CLUB THAT HE HAS EVER ATTENDED.

2 OTHER SOUVENIRS OF THE CLUBS 25th ANNIVERSARY WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON. A SOUVENIR BOOKLET WILL BE PRINTED WITH THE CLUBS HISTORY AND OTHER RELATED NUMISMATIC ACTIVITY. THERE WILL ALSO BE AN OFFICIAL TRADE DOLLAR FOR POINTE CLAIRE, PICTURING THE LAKESHORE GENERAL HOSPITAL ON ONE SIDE WITH THE LOGO OF THE LAKESHORE COIN CLUB ON THE OTHER SIDE.

THIS TRADE DOLLAR WILL BE STRUCK BY THE SHERRIT MINT. IT WILL BE AVAILABLE IN JUNE AND WILL BE VALID IN THE CITY OF POINTE CLAIRE UNTIL OCTOBER 15, 1987. CLUB MAIL ORDERS WILL BE HANDLED EXCLUSIVELY BY FRANK QUINN, JOSE REIS AND JOCELYN ROY, UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 1987.



ST. CATHARINES COIN CLUB

P.O. BOX 1492

ST. CATHARINES

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The St. Catharines Coin Club are holding their Annual Coin Show and Banquet on Saturday October 17, 1987, at Fairview Mall.

There will be bourse dealers where you may purchase that coin that you need for your collection. You may want to up grade your collection with the purchase of a few coins. Also there will be competitive displays. So now is the time to start working on your display for the show.

There will be draws and lots of good fellowship at the show.

At the conclusion of the show there will be a sit down dinner followed by an auction.

SFE YOU ON OCTOBER 17, IN ST.CATHARINES.

R.N. Voaden
Publicity
Chairman

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Bob hasn't included the show time or the cost of the tickets for the banquet. Those interested should direct your inquiries to the St. Catharines Coin Club at the above address.

ONA Merit Award

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The Lakeshore Coin Club "Wooden Nickel."

SUBMITTED by
BARRY UMAN



Gary Oblinsky (left), 2nd vice-president of the ONA, presents Fred Barley of St. Catharines with the 1987 ONA Award of Merit.

Fred Barley of St. Catharines has been presented with the 1987 Ontario Numismatic Association Award of Merit for his outstanding contributions to the hobby of numismatics for over 25 years.

A founding member of the St. Catharines Coin Club, Fred is a 25 year member of the club and an Honorary Life Member. Currently he is involved with the club's coin collection.

He has assisted at all ONA conventions hosted not only by his home club, but all those held in the Niagara Region. He is an avid exhibitor and has been the recipient of many show awards over his 30-year numismatic career.

For the St. Catharines Coin Club he is known as a tireless worker: Treasurer for over 25 years, artwork designer for all annual banquet flyers, displays and other promotional activities.

He was presented with the prestigious award at the recent 1987 ONA Convention held at the Westbury Hotel in Toronto.

At the annual dinner in May, 1969, those present received a "wooden nickel" which had been created by the Lindsey family. Mrs. Lindsey has described how this came about.

"The wooden 'nickels' or 'mementos' were made using the design from the crest on the letterhead of the stationery of the Lakeshore Coin Club. The design was transferred in reverse to the polished surface of a piece of cast iron, which was actually a pipe plug. The excess metal was then cut away leaving the design raised.

"The discs of hardwood were cut from rejected wheelbarrow handles, sent to me by a friend in Woodstock, Ontario, then shaped and sanded.

"The heated cast iron tool was used to burn the design into one side of the disc. The other side was stamped with the date and the disc sprayed with a clear finish.

"My husband, Percy, made the tool and our son Keith, who was a junior member at the time, helped in making the mementos.

"I was in charge of the annual dinner that year and, since wood represents the fifth anniversary, suggested that we obtain 'wooden nickels' as souvenirs for those attending the dinner. After making enquiries about purchasing some, it was found that the minimum order was too large and the price too high for the club at that time. So my husband and I decided that we should try to make some 'wooden nickels' as mementos for those attending the dinner.

"We made one for each person attending the dinner plus two extra which were requested by a member of the executive, one to be given to someone in Ottawa. I think that the other was for someone in Montreal but I am not sure of this."

From records of the dinner it appears that 55 of these pieces must have been manufactured.



THE LUNDY PUFFINS

by William E. Mullan,



"Who is the sovereign of Lundy?" asked the justice of the high court. "I am," replied Mr. Martin Coles Harman.

The domain once claimed by Harman consists of 1,100 acres of rock and pasture land located in the mouth of Bristol Channel. It's position in the shipping lanes has made it famous for lighthouses and shipwrecks; absentee ownership has made it famous for pirates and smugglers. But in numismatic circles it is best known for Harman's exercising a sovereign's prerogative to issue coins.

Four years after purchasing the island from A. L. Christie, Harman ordered 50,000 each of two coins struck in bronze by the Mint, Birmingham, LTD. The denomination of the larger coin was one puffin. The island derived its name from that native sea bird, called "lunde" in Icelandic. The bird is depicted on the coin along with the legend LUNDY ONE PUFFIN. Appropriately, only the upper half of a puffin is shown on the half puffin coin, along with a similar legend. On the obverse of each the lord sovereign of Lundy placed not George V, then King of England, but his own portrait, surrounded by the self-effacing legend - MARTIN COLES HARMAN and the date, 1929.

In issuing coins Harman had equated his island to Jersey, Guernsey and the Isle of Man that had issued coins for years. Or maybe he was emulating Sir James Brooke, the White Rajah of Sarawak, and J. S. Clunies-Ross, the King of the Cocos. These Englishmen had also issued coins for their foreign realms.

In any event, the coins were released to circulation in November, 1929, and shortly thereafter Harman was hauled into court, where he was found guilty of unlawfully coining money. He appealed the verdict on the basis that Lundy was an independent dominion located outside the territorial waters of Great Britain, and therefore the British courts had no jurisdiction. His claim had some validity, as evidenced by the following:

The natives did not pay taxes or custom duties and English laws did not apply (at least their only tavern remained open after the legal closing hour for the taverns in England).

Harman himself had dismissed the British General Post Office from the island and had issued his own stamps, which he required on all mail originating there.

1595 Queen Elizabeth I did not act on her own authority to clear the island of pirates; she called on the owner, Sir Barnard Grenville,

to put them down.

This tradition of independence can be traced back to one of the earliest owners of record, one William de Marisco, who in 1160 A.D. denied that King Henry II had the right to give his island to the Knights Templar. He won the argument, but had to pay a fine for disobeying the king.

In spite of these excellent precedents, Harman lost the appeal. He might have won, but for the fact that the islanders voted in the elections held in England (referred to by Lundians as "the adjacent island").

After his death, title passed to Harman's heirs, who sold it in 1969 to the National Trust to be held for the use and enjoyment of the people of England.

The dies for the 1929 coinage were purchased by Modern World Coins, a firm that struck a double proof set from them in 1965. The restrikes can be distinguished by their lack of the inscription, LUNDY LIGHTS AND LEADS, found on the edge of the originals.

ALUMINUM COINS and A CASHLESS SOCIETY - T. Masters

There's a lot of talk these days about the cashless society which may someday come about. It is certain that the more valuable of the base metals will disappear from coins, just as gold and silver have pretty much made their exit. Copper may go next. The last to go will almost certainly be the cheaper metals, of which one will be aluminum.

Aluminum composes approximately one-thirteenth of the earth's crust and yet, oddly, it was not discovered until 1827 by chemist Friedrich Wohler. For the next several decades, aluminum was so expensive to recover that in the 1850's it was valued at \$40. a pound --twice as much as silver.

After that, methods of aluminum isolation became more efficient and the bullion value fell to \$12. per pound in the early 1860's, to 50¢ per pound in the 1890s; to 15¢ per pound in the 1940s. The major breakthrough in aluminum isolation came in the 1880s when Charles Hall in America and Paul Heroult in France independently invented the aluminum production method which, with modifications, remains in use today.

This involved high charges of electricity being passed through a soup of aluminum oxide and molten cryolite.

An aluminum pattern cent of the U.S. dated 1851 seems to represent the first attempt at coining aluminum. However, the first regular coinage of this metal was introduced in 1/10 penny piece issued by Nigeria-British West Africa in 1907, a further issue of which was released in 1908.

The year 1907 also witnessed the issue of aluminum 1/2 and 1 cent pieces for Britain's East Africa & Uganda Protectorate, again with an issue dated 1908 following. Aluminum coins did not stand up under the humid climate and perspiration salt of the colonies, however, and they were supplanted by heavier copper-nickel coins thereafter.

In later years aluminum has been successfully instituted in for the coins of many countries of Europe, the Far East and French colonies around the globe. Other countries use aluminum as a partial alloy with other metals, especially in an aluminum-bronze form.

It would seem that aluminum as a coinage metal is destined to remain with us-- at least until supplanted by plastic or the credit card.

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