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P R E S I D E N T ' S M E S S A G E

It seems just like yesterday when I became President of the Ontario Numismatic Association but here it is two years later and time for another election.

I believe the past two years can be viewed with a great deal of satisfaction. Several major accomplishments have been made such as our reintroduction of a Speakers' Circuit, a new guideline for Convention Exhibition, a revised and updated Constitution and what has been the most significant accomplishment, the continuing Club and Member Insurance Policy.

While costs have been escalating in all areas, the Association has maintained the Regular Membership at \$10.00 and although we have been forced to increase Club Dues by \$5.00 per year, we still feel that it represents the best value to be found anywhere. One of the ways in which we have been able to accomplish so much in the past number of years has been through the success of our annual lottery. The lottery provides funds for development of youth programmes, purchases for the library, and other educational programmes.

With this bulletin most of you will find a book of 6 Mexican Fiesta Draw Tickets. We hope you will SELL or BUY this book of tickets to help support the Ontario Numismatic Association and also local Coin Clubs. We will be rebating to local Coin Clubs \$2.00 for each book of tickets sold, and last year this amounted to over \$800.00 which helped to promote the hobby of Numismatics considerably. If you can use additional books, drop me a line and I will get them out to you by return mail. My address is on the cover of the Draw Tickets. If for any reason you are unable to SELL or BUY the tickets, it would be appreciated if you would return them to me, as a record of all tickets is required for the Government's report.

Before closing, I would like to suggest that you mark April 22 and April 23, 1989 on your calendar as the dates for the next O.N.A. Convention being held at the Quality Inn, Woodstock. This Convention will be hosted by the three Coin Clubs in Oxford County: Ingersoll, Tillsonburg and Woodstock. This should be a REALLY BIG SHOW. I hope to see you there.

Your President,



Kenneth Wilmot.

EDITORIAL

Just finished reading a very true saying - "There are many willing people in the world today - those willing to do the work, and those willing to let those people do it. How true! Just looked over those nominated for office for the next two years and failed to find one new name on that list. I would have thought out of all our membership, we would have gotten at least two people who would be willing to share some of their time, energy, and ideas, to help promote and expand our hobby. When things go wrong we hear many people who will criticize the elected officials, but when push comes down to shove, those people have faded into the woodwork. Some may think that these remarks are uncalled for, but I believe we must awaken some new people, so our hobby will continue to grow.

This apathy I have just related to you is not just with our organization. From many reports, the local coin clubs are finding it difficult to fill various positions on their executive. Speaking for myself, I have been 15 years on the O.N.A. Executive and 15 years as President of the Ingersoll Coin Club. These positions have been labors of love, but there comes a time when someone new should be stepping forward for those offices. I would be delighted to have one of several executive positions removed from my shoulders. There used to be a saying- "Too many chiefs, not enough indians". Today we don't have those indians to take over the chiefs position. I ask every reader to give this matter your utmost consideration, and when asked to stand for an office in your club, come forward and say YES. I'm sure you will be glad you did!

Another problem that faces many clubs today is a decline in membership and attendance. I have spoken and written on this subject before, so will only touch briefly on the matter. Recently I read where a service club from Guelph, who have been in business for years, have folded and another club feel they may be forced to close by the end of this year. Several of our coin clubs fell victim to this over the past few years. The Simcoe Club, for instance, in an area not too distant from where I reside. What is the answer? Was there any effort put forward to try and continue operations? - or was it the easy way out?

I don't have all the answers and I may not have any, but the first thing I would do would be to review the membership list for the past 5 or 10 years, compile a list of names of those who were no longer members, write them a letter and invite them back to attend a "Special Member Reunion Night". This could be held on your regular meeting night or on a week-end. Plan something extra special, rehash some of those good times enjoyed when our meeting rooms were fuller than they are today. Each club has special events and happenings they can relate to, and don't make the meeting a dull affair (maybe that's one of our faults), get people to talk and mingle. If you can accomplish that, the reminiscing will follow on its own. Invite all back to attend your regular meetings and don't forget to offer them a membership. Who knows, this might be a solution to the recovery of our club woes and our numismatic future.

I. Masters

CONVENTION CALENDAR - Not included on listing on Page 7

March 4 - Peterborough Coin Club Annual Coin Show - Peterborough Square,
Hours 9:30 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. Free admission.
Info: L. Mosher, 1269 Royal Drive, Peterborough, Ont.,
K9H 6R6

COVER STORY

1911 DOLLAR IN LEAD

Canada's first pattern silver dollar of 1911 holds a very interesting and mysterious history. On May 10, 1910, authorization was given to coin a silver dollar weighing 360 grains and of .925 silver. These 1911 pattern dollars were struck in London, England, and many reports have indicated that as many as four coins were struck, but the actual number of coins struck is unknown. Once the master dies arrived in Canada, they were not used according to the official report of 1911. Just how many pieces were struck remains a mystery today but 2 pieces can be positively traced. To add further to this mystery, in November of 1977 Major Sheldon Carrell, the Curator of the National Currency Collection at that time reported that a third 1911 dollar had been discovered. While moving part of the Department of Supply and Services out of the East Block of the Parliament, a brown paper parcel was discovered containing a 1911 dollar struck in lead. This lead pattern piece has been added to the other Canadian patterns in the National Collection. No further 1911 patterns have been discovered but it took 65 years for the discovery of the lead piece. Could there be another 1911 pattern out there somewhere? Only time can ever answer that question.

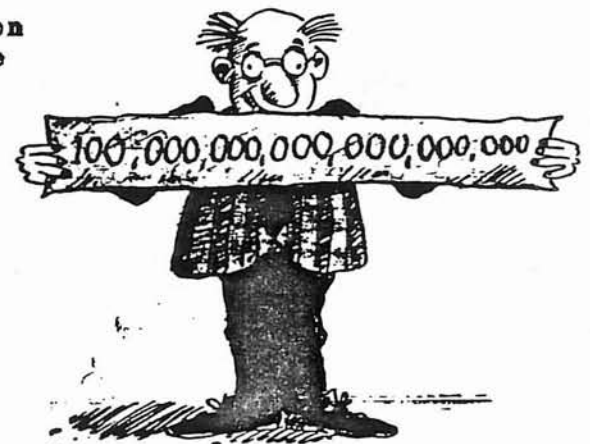
FUNNY MONEY

The story of money is sometimes weird and wonderful. Getting it and spending it, finding it and losing it, making it and giving it away sometimes create bizarre situations.

The German one-billion mark and one-trillion mark notes printed in the 1920s are not the highest denomination ever created. The government of Hungary, in 1946, issued a bank note worth 100 quintillion pengoes. A hundred quintillion looks like this....

During the American Revolution, General George Washington's soldiers took the paper money they were paid and stuffed it down their pants and into their socks for extra warmth. They called their leg warming money "shimplasters". The word was used in Canada in the 1870s for 25-cent bills, so today "shimplaster" means a bill that isn't worth very much.

Even though they had coins, the early Romans counted their wealth by how many cows they owned. Each head of cattle was called a caput, the Latin word for head. So if you had many cattle, you had lots of "capital", a word we use today to describe a large amount of money.



ASSOCIATION NEWS

The following are those who have agreed to stand for the various elected offices of the Ontario Numismatic Association for the years 1989-1991.

- President - Kenneth Wilmot
- 1st Vice President -
- 2nd Vice President - Ronald Zelk
- Secretary -
- Treasurer - Bruce Raszmann

Area Directors:

- 1A - Thomas Kostaluk
- 1B - Stella Hodge
- 2 - Charles Laister
- 3 - Robert Voaden
- 4 - Robert Fletcher
- 5 -
- 6 - Elmer Workman
- 7 -
- 8 - Bruce Watt
- 9 - Barry Uman
- 10 - Roland Albert

At the time of this writing several members of the last executive have as yet not indicated if they would be willing to stand for re-election.

It is the O.N.A. hope that all positions will be filled by the General meeting on April 22, 1989. If these offices are not filled by that time, nominations will be accepted from the floor.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 1989

Membership Chairman Bruce Raszmann has advised the editor that there are still some who have not renewed their membership for 1989. We trust that this is an oversight and that you will forward that renewal at the earliest possible date.

FROM THE PRESS:

Bank of Canada is offering uncut sheets of 40, \$1.00 bank notes for \$50.00 plus sales tax where applicable. These sheets will be sold over the counter at any of the Bank of Canada's nine agencies. These \$1.00 notes will not be issued after June 30, 1989.

Bank of Canada Agencies are located at the following:

250 University Ave., Toronto, Ont.; 1583 Hollis St., Halifax, Nova Scotia; 75 Prince William St., Saint John, New Brunswick; 901 Victoria Square, Montreal, Quebec; 234 Wellington St., Ottawa, Ont.; 161 Portage Ave., Winnipeg, Manitoba; 2220 12 St. S. Regina, Saskatchewan; 404 Sixth Ave., S.W. Calgary, Alberta; and 900 West Hastings St., Vancouver, British Columbia.

The response to this offer has been overwhelming, and after receiving numerous complaints from those not living in the immediate area of one of the Bank of Canada agencies, this offer is now being made available by mail. There was no report if there was a shipping charge. For those wishing to order by mail, check the agency in your area.

O.N.A. 27th ANNUAL CONVENTION - APRIL 22-23, 1989

It is my hope that by this time all have reserved those dates to attend this 27th Annual Convention. The Quality Inn, situated at the junction of highways 59 & 401, is a first class hotel, and has all the modern conveniences. By the time Convention time rolls around, a new sauna and whirlpool tub will be installed for registered guests, so don't forget to bring your bathing suit. Also many rooms have jet bath tubs so you can relax after enjoying some or all of the programs planned.

Most of the details of our program has been finalized, and others will be by the time our Convention Issue is mailed to you. Let me outline briefly some of those programs:

Guest bourse dealers and executive and committee people can enjoy a social get together on Friday evening, April 21st, at 8:30 p.m. Each Pre Registration Pack will contain a complementary ticket for a glass of refreshments and cheese, crackers, and cake. Also the hotel will supply a cash bar. Saturday, April 22nd, at 8:30 a.m., The Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors will be holding their breakfast and auction, and those interested should contact Norm Belsten (address found elsewhere in this issue).

Our official opening will be at 10:00 a.m., and Woodstock Mayor Joe Pember has agreed to have someone from City Hall do the honours. O.N.A. General meeting is at 10:30. Tours of the downtown area - City Hall, Market Place, Museum, etc., are still in the planning stage. At 2:00 p.m., Jim Hall from Sarnia will conduct the auction and a list of his material for auction should be available soon. Auction material will be on display for viewing on the bourse floor.

6:00 to 7:00 p.m. will be a social hour, and the banquet will follow shortly after. Our Guest Speaker will be Bruce Brace from Ancaster. I'm sure that all or most of us know Bruce, and his message to us will be an inspiration to all. The Award of Merit and Grand Prizes for displays will also be announced and presented at the banquet. Following all this, the hospitality room will be open so all can mingle and become better acquainted.

Sunday is another busy day with the O.N.A. Club Delegate Breakfast at 8:30 a.m. Letters will be sent to each club requesting their reservation and naming their delegate(s) - cost to be \$7.50 per delegate.

Bourse floor opens at 10:00 a.m. and an educational forum at 2:00 p.m. in the afternoon. A surprise is being planned for the ladies on Sunday afternoon, and more information will be available in our Convention Issue.

The draw for our Mexican Fiesta trip, the \$100.00 Canadian Gold Coin, and the Consolation Prizes will take place at 4:00 p.m., and the Convention closes officially at 5:00 p.m. Security will be arranged from 6:00 p.m. Friday night until 5:00 p.m. Sunday night.

This year the O.N.A. will produce a Convention Medal showing the Woodstock Court House on the reverse. Only 27 sterling silver will be produced. At this writing we have not as yet received a price from Pressed Metals of Vancouver, who are striking the medals. I would urge those who wish a silver medal to submit your order to me - T. Masters, 823 Van Street, London, Ontario, N5Z 1M8. I request a \$20.00 deposit on the silver medal to accompany your order.

Hourly draws will take place each day, and a number of good prizes have already been donated.

What we need now is a firm commitment from the many bourse dealers who have indicated interest in attending this Convention. Your continued support is needed,.....and to those who wish to put in a competitive, or non competitive display, all are invited and welcome.

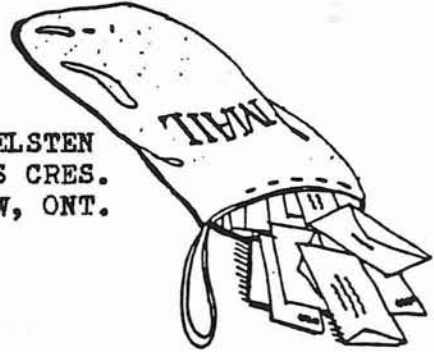
T. Masters
Convention Chairman

CONVENTION CALENDAR

- Every Second Sunday (The Ottawa Coin and Stamp Dealers Association presents a show on the second Sunday of each month at the Nepean Sportsplex, on Woodsroefe Ave., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Admission free. For info: write Allan Davis, Box 307, Carp, Ontario, KOA 1L0.
- February 11 Huremia Numismatic Association Coin Stamp & Antique Show. Bayfield Mall, Bayfield St. N., Barrie. Displays invited. Info: P.O. Box 243, Barrie, L4M 4T2.
- March 17-19 (Toronto International Coin Fair T.I.C.F., Lakeshore Inn, Toronto. Info: T.I.C.F., P.O. Box 973, Stn B, Willowdale, & November 17-19 (M2K 2T6, Phone - 1 (416) 229 COIN.
- April 9 Kent County Coin Show, 10:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m., Best Western Wheels Inn, 615 Richmond St., Chatham. Info: Lou Wagenaar, 109 King St. W., Chatham, N7M 1E2.
- April 15 (Hamilton Coin Club Coin Show, Royal Canadian Legion, & (Branch 58, 1180 Barton St. E., 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. Free October 14 (admission. Info: Hamilton Coin Club, P.O. Box 9271, Stoney Creek, L8G 3X9.
- April 22-23 O.N.A. 27th Annual Convention & Show - Quality Inn, Woodstock, Junction of Hwys 59 & 401. Host Clubs - Ingersoll, Tillsonburg, and Woodstock. Limited number of Bourse Tables still available. Bruce Brace of Ancaster the Banquet Speaker on Saturday evening, April 22. Tours- Educational Forum - Wooden Money Breakfast, and Auction Saturday, April 22, 8:30 a.m. Admission \$1.00. Info: Chairman T. Masters, 823 Van St., London, Ont., N5Z 1M8, (519)438 2402.
- April 30 (Metre Toronto Coin Exhibition (M.T.C.E.), Bond Place Hotel, & (65 Dundas St. E., Toronto. Hours 10:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. December 3 (Admission \$2.00. 30 Bourse Dealers. Free Grading and (Numismatic advice. Info - Ingrid K. Smith, (416) 920 6461 (or 1 (416) 586 0098.
- May 5-7 Expo Niagara - Skyline Tower, Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada's largest Coin, Stamp, and Card Show - 150 Dealers expected. Info: Expo Niagara, 165 King St., Welland, Ontario, L2B 3J4. More details later.
- May 13 Victoria Simcoe Coin Club, 9:30 a.m.- 5:30 p.m., Rebecca Hall, Cannington. Banquet 6:30 p.m. Info: Elmer Workman, R.R. #2, Cannington, LOE 1E0.
- June 11 Brantford 29th Anniversary Coin Show at the Woodman Community Centre, 491 Grey St., Brantford. Hours 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. Free Admission. Info: Brantford Numismatic Society, P.O. Box 351, Brantford, Ont., W3T 5N3.
- July 27-30 C.N.A. Annual Convention & Coin Show - Convention Center, Quebec City. Bourse hours: Thursday 2 p.m.-9 p.m.; Friday & Saturday 10:30 a.m.- 5 p.m.; and Sunday 9:30 a.m.- 4 p.m. Preliminary program - all day and half day tours of Quebec City and surrounding countryside on July 25th & 26th. More info: Destination Quebec '89, Box 177, Stn Saint Sauveur, Quebec, G1K 6V7.
- October 15 Tillsonburg Annual Coin & Hobby Show, Tillsonburg Community (Fair Grounds). Info: W. Baxter, 46 Queens Street, Tillsonburg, Ont., N4G 3G9.

from the Mailbag

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Well here we go again, another limited issue of 50 words, over-priced at five dollars each, and stating that they hate wooden nickles. I am glad that most of the dedicated numismatic collectors do not feel this way. Most of the C.N.A, O.N.A., as well as many local coin club executive and members, all collect wooden tokens and enjoy this fun hobby. I have conducted several wood auctions where the prices realized are better than some coin auctions, and not half as serious. Having been a collector of woods for over fifteen years, I have met many collectors of all types of numismatic material and find we have a lot in common. I hope that this issue was done as a joke, and not to harm our hobby as it would be a blight on all collectors if any area of numismatics started to discriminate against another. Over the years several issues have been released at exorbitant prices, with the proceeds going to an individual. I object to that. However I have no quarrel when a wood is issued as a fund raising enterprise, as long as the profits go to a worthy cause, not into somebody's pocket. In the past I have issued many personal woods, as have many other collectors, and we have yet to charge for them, most issues are handed out freely to other collectors or traded for an issue of their's. Woods are used more often than any other numismatic item as a fund raising vehicle by clubs, churches, etc. because of the high cost of producing medals and tokens compared to printing woods. I support these organizations. As a collector I have enjoyed meeting, and corresponding with many other numismatists, and will continue to do so as a WOODEN MONEY COLLECTOR AND PROUD OF IT.

Yours Truly

Norman Belsten
President of Canadian Association
Wooden Money Collectors

HOW TO SELL YOUR COINS



seller placing an opening bid; at least this will be enough to allow for the seller's cost being taken care of.

Most local coin clubs will have an auction sale. The members may submit a number of lots, which of course will depend upon the time involved for the entire sale. The average is five lots. To sell more than this, many people belong to a number of coin clubs.

In some small towns with no clubs and no dealers, the seller it. He must look elsewhere to dispose of his coins. A possibility of course is an advertisement in the local paper, but a less expensive and often sure method is the time-tested word-of-mouth contact with other collectors.

So you have some "extras" in your coin collection. Duplicates. You've either bought them or found them or traded for them. It doesn't matter. Obtaining coins in the first place is a reasonably simple matter. You must know the proper grading, know your dealer (if that's where you're getting the coins), and simply check that the prices you pay are more or less in agreement with the lists that are published in many of the current books and periodicals dealing with coin affairs.

Selling, as anyone knows in any field, is a rather different matter. First of all, you must be realistic about the value, or grade of your coins. There are some good books on how to tell a coin's condition, so that you can grade it, if you don't already know how. It has been said by authorities that "a coin takes its grading by the condition of the worst side".

One of the first problems the seller will run into is the fact that in trying to sell coins of common date there might very likely be no local market at all. Maybe the dealer in your locale will have the same coins as you have, and therefore he will not be able to offer a useful price to you. Of course, ask around. You might make a fast sale, at a little less than you would if you held onto the coin longer. But the waiting might not be worth a slight increase in price. It depends.

A number of local dealers have what are called "bid boards". These are a means of dispensing coins by way of auction bids. As a rule the coins are taken on consignment and a slight fee is accepted for use of the board. This fee might vary from 5 to 20 percent of the sale price. The coin can be protected from going for too low a price by the

local coin
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Or you can write to a dealer in another town. Coin dealers who belong to national organizations and who advertise regularly in coin publications are usually wholly reliable and they do offer reasonable prices. Bear in mind that the dealer must resell your coin or coins; and he may be holding onto it in his inventory for quite some time.

The Mail Bid ad in a coin publication is another good way of selling coins. Briefly, the seller lists the coins available and does not put precise prices in the ad. The buyer then places his offer and waits for the result of the mail auction. The highest bidder naturally gets the coin or coins.

But one overlooked point in selling coins is the time factor. It is apparent that coin market prices move in cycles. Sometimes holding onto a coin for just a few days beyond a certain, indefinable period will result in a loss or a gain. Who can really foresee? Usually the quickest method of getting a correct market offer is to sell to dealers. Some dealers own teletypes and they have access to all the coin areas in the country. Thus, they can sell much more swiftly. The best prices can be obtained by having them do the selling for you.

Finally, a healthy tip is to read and study coin publications, talk to dealers, discuss with other collectors. Yes--be a member of at least one coin club. You can never learn too much about the fascinating hobby of coin collecting!



DID YOU KNOW?

---- that the word "dollar" is known from Australia to Zimbabwe, and every English-speaking person wants to have "cash" on hand. But strangely enough these common words "dollar" and "cash" have snuck into our language

The word "dollar", comes from the German word thaler, a shortened form of Joachimsthaler, the name of a coin from a silver mine in the German town of Joachimsthal.

We got the word "cash" from the ancient Chinese, who carried little bundles of coins with holes in the middle that they tied up with string. A bundle of a hundred coins was called one cash. The Chinese got this word from the Portuguese, with whom they traded, and who called their coins caixa (pronounced cash-a).

-----that in the Bible lands and in Africa, wealth was measured according to how many cattle, sheep or goats a person had. In the country now known as Sri Lanka, big money was really big: it was elephants!

C.N.A. CONVENTION 1989
QUEBEC CITY PRE-CONVENTION BUS TOURS

by Jerry Remick



Several Quebec City based tour companies offer a number of half day and full day bus tours of Quebec City and the picturesque countryside to the east along the north shore of the St. Lawrence River. A one hour boat trip along the St. Lawrence River is also available. A full day of rafting through the rough rapids of the Jacques Cartier River is an unforgettable adventure. All of the bus trips show picturesque countryside and are well worth taking. Bus pickups can be arranged at the major hotels. Plan to

come to Quebec City either before the C.N.A. Convention July 26-30 or stay after to take several of these trips.

I highly recommend the 9 1/2 hour bus trip along the north shore of the St. Lawrence River through the picturesque Charlesvoix region. The scenic countryside is often compared to the Riviera in the South of France. The trip takes you through the gentle rolling hills of Charlesvoix county (east of Quebec City), century old villages and will allow breathtaking, panoramic views of the St. Lawrence River and its countryside. The lunch stop (lunch is included in the fee you pay for the trip) is at the castle-like Manoir Richelieu perched on a cliff overlooking the majestic St. Lawrence River. After lunch there is time to relax in the luxury of the Manoir's magnificent grounds, shop in local boutiques or take a mini tour of the area's points of interest. The 1988 price was \$55.00.

Equally interesting is the 8 hour trip which includes Quebec City, the Beauport Coast and the Island of Orleans. Lunch is generally taken at the Baker Restaurant housed in an old Quebec home in the town of Chateau Richer. A visit to Ste. Anne Falls and their canyon and a view of Montmercy Falls is also included as well as a visit to view a life size reproduction of Jacques Cartier's ship the Grande Hermine. The 1988 price was \$49.00.

There are other shorter bus trips which visit the lovely Ste. Anne de Beauport Church, Montmercy Falls, the Island of Orleans and Quebec City. A one hour boat cruise by day or by night on the M/V Louis Jolliet along the St. Lawrence River in the greater Quebec City area gives a terrific view of the cliffs below Quebec City.

A visit to the Island of Orleans is a must. The Island has retained the flavor of village and rural life in the 18th century with its winding roads, five churches built in the 18th and 19th centuries, quiet villages and quaint farms. Many of the homes are centuries old. Fresh raspberries and strawberries are sold at small stands along the road.

A brochure on these bus trips is available from Maple Leaf Tours, 757 rue Arago Ouest, Quebec, Quebec, G1N 2M4 (418)687-9226.

Some of the above-mentioned bus trips are also offered by Grey Line de Quebec, 720 des Rocailles, Quebec, Quebec, G2J 1A5, (418)622-7420. Write for their free descriptive brochure.

By car, one can take a three day trip from Quebec City around the Gaspe Peninsula with many lovely views of the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

A visit to the Ile Aux Coudres by car and ferry boat allows one to

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visit a large rugged island in the St. Lawrence River which in centuries past made their own boats for fishing in the St. Lawrence. An old flour mill, several old homes and a lovely church are open to the public.

A full day of rafting on the Jacques Cartier River (west of Quebec City) is available daily. The outing includes transportation from your hotel in Quebec City to the Jacques Cartier River, lunch, an outdoor steak dinner, video program on your trip down the river and two three-hour trips down the river in rubber boats for 4 to 10 people. People of all ages can take the trip. The intensity of the rapids where your boat passes is suited to the desires of those in the boat. So the trip can be rough or smooth. A large swimming pool (outdoors), bar, and camping grounds are available free of charge at the site where you start your tour. A helmet and life jacket are provided each person. A wet suit is available on request. The 1988 price was \$49.00.

An illustrated brochure on this rafting trip is available from New World River Expeditions, 2360 Chemin Ste. Foy, Ste. Foy, Quebec, G1V 4H2, (418) 658-3862. Reservations a week in advance are advisable.

My next article will cover the main sights that can be seen on a walking tour of old Quebec City.

If you have any questions, write me enclosing a SSAE, Jerry Remick, Box 9183, Ste Foy, Quebec, G1V 4B1.

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COIN WEEK ACTIVITIES SHOW OUR HOBBY TO OTHERS

by Jerry Remick

There are a number of different ways collectors of all ages, coin clubs and coin dealers can inform the public of the many interesting phases of our numismatic hobby during Coin Week Canada and National Coin Week in the United States, both of which take place April 16-22, 1989. Emphasis should not only be on the different types of material to collect, but also on the educational, historical, recreational, and fraternal aspects of the hobby.

Good advance planning is the key to a successful activity or program of activities during Coin Week. A coin club should appoint a person to be in charge of Coin Week activities and to recruit club members to aid in their realization. Some of the ways an individual or a coin club can publicize Coin Week are mentioned below. The article ends with special projects a coin club can undertake.

Why not ask the mayor of your municipality to issue an official proclamation stating that April 16-22, 1989, will be known as Coin Week, Canada, in your municipality (National Coin Week if you live in the United States). See that this proclamation is published in your local newspaper.

Place a small display of any type or preferably several types of collectable and inexpensive numismatic material in a shopping center, store window, bank, library, school, community center, public building, etc. A display in a school, especially a grade school, is an excellent

Jerry Remick

COIN WEEK ACTIVITIES SHOW OUR HOBBY TO OTHERS (Cont'd)

opportunity to introduce the hobby to youngsters.

There is a wide variety of Canadian, U.S., and foreign coins, banknotes, tokens, medals, trade dollars, military decorations, insignia, woods, and scrip, that can be displayed. Stock certificates, cheques, and even credit cards now seem to be part of the numismatic hobby. A display should consist of inexpensive numismatic material which the average non-collector could easily acquire without too much cost or background knowledge. One or two items from several of the different collectable materials mentioned above would probably make the most interesting display. Current issues of Canadian municipal trade dollars, especially those issued in your own province, should interest the non-collector. A catalogue on coins and possibly a coin album might be included in the display.

An interview on TV or radio is an excellent way of reaching a large number of people in all walks of life.

A talk given to fraternal groups (Lions, Rotary, Kinsmen, etc.), civic groups, church groups, student bodies, etc., is a good personal way to reach people, as questions can be answered. Actually many groups are continually looking for speakers with new, interesting, and informative topics. Some mention can be made of bullion coins in gold, silver and platinum.

Your coin club could sponsor an issue of Coin Week woods or elongated cents and give them to students after a talk by a member of your club on the hobby. A two inch badge is another possibility.

An article in your local newspaper or in a national magazine on any phase of numismatics would reach many people. An article in your own local coin club bulletin on how each club member can participate in Coin Week is a must. Young numismatists can write for their school newspaper. Be sure to include a photograph or two, the addresses of the Canadian Numismatic Association and Canadian Coin News and the address of your local coin club.

Your own personal issue of woods, elongated cents, scrip, medals, tokens, etc., for Coin Week is an effective way to remind people of Coin Week and also of the hobby, and makes a lasting souvenir for your friends, neighbors and others.

Your coin club might make a rubber stamper or stickers with "COIN WEEK CANADA" and "APRIL 16-22, 1989". Members can then stamp their envelopes and stationary in advance. Stationary can be made with this data and the 1989 Coin Week Canada logo.

Why not invite a few of your friends to your home during Coin Week and explain your hobby to them and the benefits you derive from it. Show them some collectable materials and any books or coin periodicals you have. At work or at school, inform others of your hobby and bring a few specimens from your collection. This is a perfect opportunity to give out your own Coin Week wood or any other souvenir of Coin Week. An issue of 50 round woods would run about \$22. from wood manufacturer James Delaney, 109 Sydenham, Angus, Ontario, LOM 1B0.

In addition to the above-mentioned projects, coin clubs can promote Coin Week by sponsoring any of the activities mentioned below.

Put up an official Coin Week poster in various public places or on notice boards. These are available on request from Coin Week Canada Chairman Stan Clute, Box 2082, High River, Alberta, T0L 1B0.

A coin show or coin convention held during Coin Week brings the public in contact with coin exhibits, coin collectors and coin dealers.

A coin clinic consisting of a booth or a table manned by members

COIN WEEK ACTIVITIES SHOW OUR HOBBY TO OTHERS (CONT'D)

of your coin club during Coin Week in a shopping center, library, bank or public building provides the public with an opportunity to have their numismatic pieces identified and evaluated. At the same time club members can tell them about the hobby. This will usually recruit a new member or two. An article in your local newspaper and posters can announce this project.

Your club can sponsor a contest to guess the number of one cent coins in a jar displayed in a store window, bank, shopping center, school, etc.

A special meeting of your coin club can be planned for April to allow club members to invite their friends, family and others in the community to a program which would explain the material, fraternal and recreational aspects of the hobby. Slide programs are available from the C.N.A. This is a good way to pick up new club members. This is a good opportunity to show the hobby to one's spouse.

Your coin club can issue its own Coin Week badge, wood, medal, token, elongated cent, scrip, etc., with the club's logo on one side and the 1989 Coin Week logo or data on Coin Week on the other side.

A municipal trade dollar can be issued to mark Coin Week. Beginning in 1982, the Wildwood Elks Lodge No. 411, Box 22, Wildwood, Alberta, T0E 2M0, have sponsored a yearly \$2.00 municipal trade token for Wildwood to mark Coin Week. Specimens of their tokens for 1982-1989 are available at \$2.50 each postpaid.

Coin dealers with a store window can have a special display with a Coin Week poster.

There are still two months left until Coin Week starts, so there is time for both individuals and coin clubs to plan a project for the week of April 16-22. Do something, even a simple project. The success of Coin Week and the consequent growth of our hobby of numismatics is dependent on what each individual and each coin club does during Coin Week. Inform your local newspaper of your Coin Week project so it receives publicity.

Canadian residents may obtain data on Coin Week Canada 1989, and materials for this event including posters, woods, ribbons, badges, and medals, from Stan Clute, Box 2082, High River, Alberta, T0L 1B0.

United States residents may obtain a promotional packet on National Coin Week 1989, including buttons, posters, and adhesive stickers, from National Coin Week 1989, American Numismatic Association, 818 North Cascade Avenue, Colorado Springs, Colorado, 80901-3279, USA.



"Say, by any chance do you happen to be a coin collector?"

Do you have any humorous Numismatic jokes or cartoons that can be used in our publications when space will permit? Your editor has a collection of these jokes and always welcomes any new ones that become available. Just mail to the editor - address found on the cover page.



"This must be the room where the coin club is meeting!"

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27th Annual

**Convention &
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APRIL 22, 23, 1989

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P R E S I D E N T ' S M E S S A G E

This being the Convention Issue I will speak of things of the heart. As Convention time comes closer, I always feel the threshold of excitement build. As President, I take part in the planning of the event by attending Convention Committee meetings and from what I have seen, this should once again be a true Collectors' Dream.

With this "Special Edition" our Members will be receiving their order forms for the Convention Medallions and Pre-registration. These are two areas in which I suggest you do not wait until the last minute as early indications, and the interest shown, lead one to believe both maybe sold out by Convention time. "How can this be you ask?" well to answer you, Pre-registration is limited to the number of Gold Plated Medallions that are struck. This then limits the Pre-registration Packets to 75 and we have received several inquiries regarding availability as of now.

At our last Committee meeting, we had a good chance to have a close look at the layout and we think that all should be extremely pleased with accessibility, lighting and space. The Management at the Quality Inn was most obliging and all aspects of our needs seemed to be well filled.

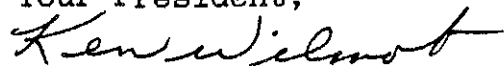
Tom. Masters and his Committee have been working hard and, at the time of writing, approximately 65% of the Bourse Tables have been spoken for. The Convention Booklet will be going to press shortly. Also, outside activities are being planned for the non-numismatist which should contribute to a well filled week-end. Convention activities will feature exceptional speakers at our Banquet, Delegates' Breakfast and Educational Forum.

We would like to have a good representation at the Delegates' Breakfast and I would encourage each Club to send at least one Delegate, as this is where the needs of the Clubs can be assessed and addressed.

This being an Election year for our Association, we will be looking for nominations for Directors in some of the areas and also for a First Vice-President. The Annual General Meeting is your forum and we want to hear your views and suggestions for the improvement of the Association.

IN CLOSING I WISH TO EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE IN YOUR ATTENDANCE AT THIS CONVENTION. WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT THE ASSOCIATION LOSES ITS MANDATE TO EXIST AND WILL WITHER WITH INCONSEQUENTIAL INDIFFERENCE!!

Your President,



Ken. Wilmot

What does it take to have a successful Convention?

There are many major factors to this question, and I will attempt to answer most of them in this brief message.

First, the selection of a site and the Quality Inn in Woodstock offers all the necessary accommodations - lodging, meeting, and bourse rooms, dining facilities, and is easy to find at the junction of highways 59 & 401.

Next, a committee that is dedicated to their various positions, be it one of the minor or major committees. Without 100% dedication some facet of the Convention will not be complete.

Another important part of a successful Convention is a complete understanding and co-operation between the host Club(s) and parent organization. Feuding and continual disagreement between these parties can only undermine the Convention.

A good relation is also needed (in our case) between the bourse dealer and the organizers. It's not an easy task to keep everyone happy, but every attempt should be made, so that a good feeling prevails.

Promotion between other Clubs is essential, because these Conventions reflect directly upon the future of our hobby and Clubs.

Finally, you the member and collector. Without the numismatic family's support and attendance there would be no need to have a Convention.

These Conventions are held with you, the collector, in mind. Bourse dealers have coins for you to select to enhance and complete your collection. Programs are arranged to better educate you in numismatics.- Educational forums, speakers, delegate breakfasts, where we can get new ideas on how to better our hobby. Then there is the thrill of winning one of the prizes offered. There are so many ways that these Conventions can benefit us all.

It gives me great pleasure to invite you to the O.N.A. 27th Annual Convention. Take in all, or most, of the activities - join with the crowd on the bourse floor. Attend the auctions and learn how the professionals conduct their auction. Attend the O.N.A. General Meeting and learn the inner workings of the organization.- The Wooden Money Breakfast, the Club Delegate Breakfast, and enhance your knowledge of how each organization operates.

Our Banquet features a noted speaker and collector in Bruce Brace. His message alone is worth the cost of the Banquet.

These are just a few points I think should help to make a successful Convention.

Won't you consider becoming a part of that Convention?

See you all on April 22nd or 23rd.

Tom Masters

Tom Masters
Show Chairman
Editor O.N.A. Numismatist

DATES TO REMEMBER:

April 28 & 29, 1990 -- O.N.A. 28th Annual Convention
Holiday Inn, Kitchener, Ontario
Host Club - Waterloo Coin Society
P.O. Box 41, Waterloo, Ontario
N2J 3Z6

COVER

THE COURTHOUSE

by Mr Len Coles

In 1888, Oxford County Council, under pressure from the legal authorities, decided by a vote of 17 to 16 to build a new Court House to be as fire proof as possible, and not to exceed a total cost of \$75,000.00.

Sixteen plans were submitted and Mr R.T. Brooks of Detroit, Michigan was appointed Architect. The lowest tender for construction was awarded to W.C. Smith & Co., Detroit, at a bid of \$68,350.00.

Work commenced early in 1890, and that same year both the Architect and Contractor were dismissed from their duties, due to faulty supervision and construction.

Cuthbertson (Woodstock) and Fowler (Toronto) were then hired as Architects. Tender for completion of the building was awarded to A.J. Brown of Toronto for \$59,350.00. The furniture tender was accepted from Canadian Office and School Furniture Co. of Preston for \$8,188.00. to be in natural cherry.

Final figures, covering all expenses including grading of grounds, bank interest, etc. amounted to \$125,086.00. A 20 year debenture, at 4% interest was issued to cover the cost. Today the building is insured for over one million dollars.

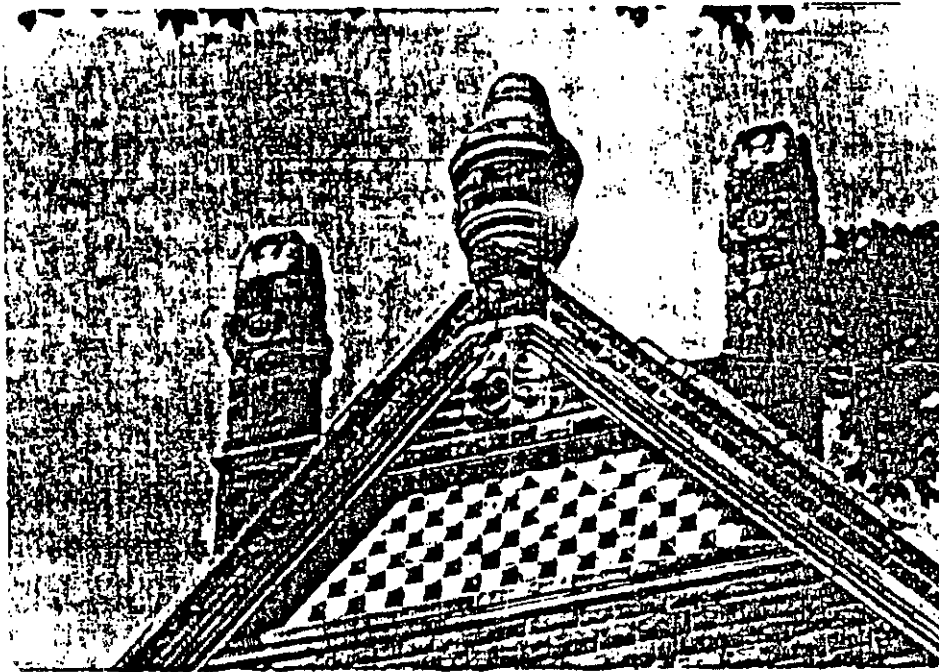
The first meeting of Oxford County Council in the new Court House was held on December 6, 1892. The legal officials such as Judge, Sheriff and Crown Attorney established their offices in January 1893.

THE COURTHOUSE.

The reddish coloured bracon sandstone used in the wall construction came from a quarry in Dufferin County. The white sandstone used for the steps and other areas was purchased from Credit Valley Quarries Ltd. of Beachville.

The reddish stone of the Parliament Buildings, Toronto, came from the same Dufferin County Quarry and the first meeting of the Legislature in their new building was in 1893.

We are indeed indebted to Mr Len Coles for this splendid article on the Court House.



A MONKEY ON THE COURTHOUSE!

In the peak at the front of the Courthouse is a monkey. It is a conversational topic among residents and visitors in Woodstock. Why a monkey? One theory is that it was in the original design and is a symbol of justice.

Another story is that owing to all the difficulties and disagreements experienced by the builder in the construction of the Courthouse he carved a monkey on the face of the front wall to spite County Council.

One more story is that this is a builders tradition which can be traced back to late medieval times, several European buildings including Churches have been adorned this way.

The medal shown on the cover is the artists design, and the medal produced by Pressed Metal Products of Vancouver will be slightly different.

C.N.A. 1989 CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

by Jerry Remick



The daily bourse hours have been shortened to allow dealers to participate in the program planned for each evening of the 1989 C.N.A. Convention to be held in Quebec City July 26-30, and to dine each evening in one of Quebec's many fine restaurants. For the first time, there will be no bourse in the evening. However, it is a four-day bourse, so there is plenty of time for everyone.

Bourse hours are scheduled as follows:

Thursday, July 27th	- 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Friday, July 28th	10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, July 29th	10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, July 30th	10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Convention Committee, made up of members of La Societe Numismatique de Quebec, is going all out to make sure dealers will have a comfortable and enjoyable time on the bourse floor, and a good vacation in Quebec City. Quebec numismatists are bilingual so there should be no language problem.

Highlights of the C.N.A. Convention are listed below. For further details write for a preliminary program.

- Wednesday, July 26th: A bus tour of Quebec City in the morning
- Thursday, July 27th: A guided tour on foot of a few of Quebec City's sights in the morning. In the afternoon, a one hour seminar on "Diversity of Quebec City Tokens". From 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. the Royal Canadian Mint Reception.
- Friday, July 28th: An organized sight seeing tour on foot of a few of Quebec City's sights. Early in the afternoon there will be a guided tour of the museum in the Seminaire de Quebec and viewing part of their numismatic collection. A boat cruise on the Saint Lawrence River with dinner and two orchestras for dancing will be held from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
- Saturday, July 29th: The C.N.A. Club Delegates breakfast is from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. A guided tour of Quebec on foot is scheduled for the afternoon, followed by an educational seminar entitled "150 Years of Banking in Quebec City". Both the educational seminars of Friday and Saturday will be held in separate rooms for English and for French speaking numismatists. A reception and banquet for all is scheduled for Saturday evening.
- Sunday, July 30th: A guided bus tour of Ste. Anne de Beaupre, Montmorency Falls, and the Island of Orleans is scheduled for the morning. This is a spectacular trip and should not be missed. It can, however, be taken any day on your own through several bus tour companies.

Those who wish to take one or two of the different all-day bus tours into the country outside of Quebec City, or a full day of rafting, are advised to come a day or two in advance or stay after the Convention. Pick-ups are at local hotels.

A list of accommodations, a copy of the preliminary program, or Convention information is available from Destination Quebec, Box 177, Stn. Saint Saveur, Quebec, P.Q., G1K 6V7.

DRAW CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

As the Convention is fast approaching, it is a pleasure to report the Mexican Fiesta Draw Tickets, which have been sold, are coming back in goodly numbers. This year's response has been even better than in previous years, but there are still numerous books outstanding -- could yours be one of them? If so, would you please do your best to sell the tickets, or buy them yourself, and get the stubs back to me A.S.A.P. - stubs and a cheque can be mailed for 38 cents to:

K. W. Wilmot, Draw Chairman,
Box 76, Sebringville, Ontario, NOK 1X0

1989 CONVENTION MEDAL

Twenty-seven Sterling Silver Medals (.999 fine) is the limited edition struck for 1989, and are available on a first come basis at \$32.00 each. No further striking will be made once the twenty-seven are sold.

Also 150 Bronze Souvenir Medals at \$7.00 each are available for sale, through your registration form or from the registration desk at the Convention. These Medals are also available on a first come basis, and no further striking will be made.

75 Gold Plated Souvenir Medals have been struck to be included in your Pre-Registration Kit ONLY. Pre-Registration has been limited to 75, and no further Gold Plated Medals will be made available for sale.

These Medals feature the O.N.A. Logo, as in the past years on one side, and the Convention side features the Oxford County Court House. This magnificent structure is by far the most outstanding building in Oxford County. A story of this building can be found elsewhere in this Special Edition.

ALTADORE QUALITY INN, WOODSTOCK

This 3-floor structure is situated at the junction of highways 401 and 59, exit 232, and is a modern Inn with over 75 rooms. Many rooms are reserved for non-smokers, others have waterbeds and a bath tub equipped with whirlpool jets. Rooms come with Queen or King-sized beds. Also for registered guests, a newly opened sauna and whirlpool tub has been installed. By the time of our Convention, construction may have begun to add another 60 rooms, indoor swimming pool, and several new meeting rooms.

A fine restaurant is another feature of the Inn, and a fine hot or cold buffet lunch is available each day at a very reasonable cost. For those who wish to visit the downtown area, it's a one-mile drive by automobile, or for registered guests a bus tour of 1½ hours is planned for Saturday.

The Quality Inn is designed for your comfort. Elevators can get you to all locations that we have reserved with a very minimum of effort by those who have a disability. I'm sure you will find the Quality Inn a home away from home during your stay at the O.N.A. Convention.

A block of 50 rooms have been reserved for this Convention. Call direct 1-519-537-5586, or Toll-free Reservations 1-800-228-5151. Don't forget to mention O.N.A. CONVENTION '89



27th ANNUAL CONVENTION PROGRAMFRIDAY, April 21, 1989

- 6:00 p.m. Security begins
 8:30 p.m. Wine & Cheese Party. Free to all pre Registered Guests, Dealers, and Committee. Nominal charge \$2.50 for un-registered guests. Cash Bar.

SATURDAY, April 22, 1989

- 8:30 a.m. Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors
 Breakfast & Auction
 9:00 a.m. Bourse room open to Dealers
 10:00 a.m. Official opening
 Bourse Room opens to public
 10:30 a.m. O.N.A. General Membership Meeting
 11:00 a.m. City Bus Tour
 12:00 Noon Hourly Draws begin
 2:00 p.m. Auction - Jim Hall, Sarnia
 6:00 p.m. Bourse closes
 6:30 p.m. Cocktail Hour
 7:30 p.m. Banquet - Speaker Bruce Brace, Ancaster

SUNDAY, April 23, 1989

- 8:30 a.m. O.N.A. Club Delegates Breakfast
 Speaker - Don Atanasoff, Managing Editor Canadian Coin News
 10:00 a.m. Bourse Room opens to public
 12:00 Noon Hourly Draws begin
 1:30 p.m. Fashion Show - June Laxon - Main Lobby
 2:30 p.m. Educational Forum
 4:30 p.m. O.N.A. Draw
 5:00 p.m. Bourse Room closes
 Convention Over

1989 O.N.A. CONVENTION COMMITTEE

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HEAD JUDGE	- ELMER WORKMAN
O.N.A. REPRESENTATIVES	- KEN WILMOT, TOM KENNEDY, MIKE HOLLINGSHEAD

DISPLAYS:

It is our hope that everyone will register space for their display, but we will accept displays on Saturday until 12:30 p.m., as long as space and cases are available. If you have cases for your display, we hope you will use your own display cases.

Thank you.

SEE YOU AT THE O.N.A. BANQUET

SATURDAY - APRIL 22nd

7:00 p.m. Social - Cash Bar

7:30 p.m. Dinner & Program

- * Full-course Boneless Chicken Dinner
- * Door Draw - Luggage
- * Banquet Speaker - Bruce Brace, Ancaster, Ontario
- * Master of Ceremonies - Mike Hollingshead, Guelph, Ontario
- * Announcement of Competitive Display Winners & Best of Show
- * Announcement & Presentation of the O.N.A. 1989 "Award of Merit"

Price - \$20.00 per person

Tickets reserved through the Registration Form

WOODEN MONEY BREAKFAST AND AUCTION

8:30 a.m. SATURDAY - APRIL 22nd

Hosted by the Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors
(C.A.W.M.C.)

- * Door Prizes
- * Auction of Wooden Money

Price - \$7.50 per person - Includes Full Course Breakfast

Tickets reserved through the Registration Form

O.N.A. CLUB DELEGATE BREAKFAST

8:30 a.m. SUNDAY - April 23rd

Master of Ceremonies - Ken Wilmot

Speaker - Don Atanasoff

Managing Editor Canadian Coin News

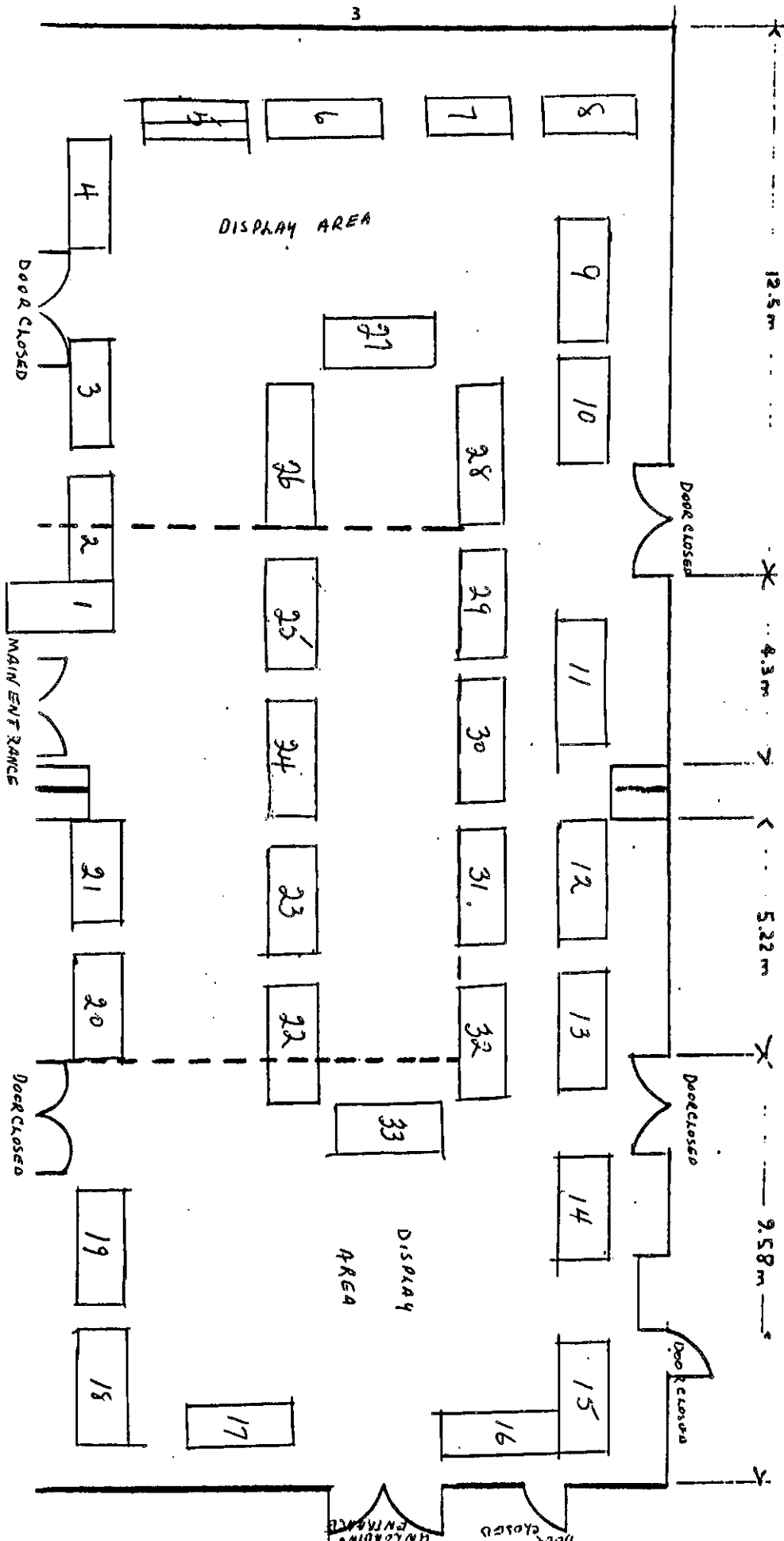
All O.N.A. Member Clubs encouraged to send one official Delegate,
and as many others as they wish.

A letter and Registration Form has been sent to each Club, but
for others who wish to attend, the price is \$7.50 for a full-
course breakfast. Additional tickets can be ordered through
the Registration Form.

DON'T YOU BE LEFT OUT

ORDER YOUR TICKETS TO THE THREE ABOVE ACTIVITIES

NOW!



BANQUET SERVING HALL

ONA EXHIBIT RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Competition for exhibitors is open to anyone registered at the Convention.
2. Although security will be provided, including the use of locks on cases, the Convention organizers, the ONA, Hotel staff nor any of its members assume any liability. Although every effort is made to assure the visible presence of security staff and Convention committee members, all exhibitors must assure that locks are secure and locked and otherwise assume responsibility for their exhibit, including any material placed outside display cases.
3. The display material must be the property, or under the control, of the person displaying same.
4. The exhibitors are asked not to attend their exhibits while displays are being judged.
5. All matters relating to the displays shall be determined by the Display Chairman as per guidelines determined by the ONA.
6. The exhibitor is responsible for setting up and removing his/her displays in the time-frame advertised before-hand.
7. The Exhibit Chairman, with the knowledge of the exhibitor, may transfer an exhibit from one category to another before the judging if it appears the exhibitor has entered his exhibit in the improper classification.
8. The judges will submit final points scored for all competitive exhibits to the Exhibit Chairman at the close of the judging.
9. The judges' decision is final as to the results.
10. Material is allowed outside the case, providing the exhibitor assumes full responsibility and the material does not exceed the length of the display and is not higher than 24" above the exhibits table. If an exhibitor advises the Exhibit Chairman, via the Exhibit Application form, prior to the Convention, that wall space is required since the background would require more than 24" of free-standing space, the Exhibit Chairman will advise the applicant whether such wall space is available.
11. Exhibit applications must be received no later than one week before the Convention in order to be guaranteed exhibit space. Latecomers will also be accommodated, but subject to space and display case availability.
12. Display case sizes could change from Convention to Convention. Therefore, all exhibitors who do not provide their own cases are asked to note the exact clear inside measurements of display cases available for their use as detailed on the Exhibit Application form provided by the Convention Committee each year.
13. Whenever judges would like to comment on any exhibit, they will place a Judges Comment sheet under the first case of that exhibit, as a guide to the exhibitor in making up future exhibits. In addition, further verbal comments may be asked for from the judges following the announcement of the exhibit award winners. Judges' names are published in the numismatic press prior to the Convention, or can be obtained from any member of the Convention Committee or the ONA Executive at the Convention. Judges will be available for these discussions following the announcements of the awards.
14. In order to be judged, entries must be in place a) by 11:00 a.m. on first day if 2-day exhibit, or b) by 11:00 a.m. of second day if 3-day exhibit.
15. Exhibits must be left in position until the closing time announced by the Convention Committee. Any deviation from this would present problems re security. However, it is recognized that circumstances could arise that make it imperative for an exhibit to be removed a little before the official closing time, in which case, such early tear-down and removal must be discussed with the Exhibit Chairman prior to the removal of the lock and the opening of the cases. This is only fair and reasonable both from a security point-of-view as well as to the public.

ONA CONVENTION EXHIBIT POINT SYSTEM

DESCRIPTION	DETAIL	BREAKDOWN	POINTS
INFORMATION:	Description should be clear and concise. Details supplied should be adequate for the viewer to gain full understanding and appreciation of the individual specimens as collectors objects. Degree of satisfaction to a numismatist. Title should be prominent and concise. Introductory information should make clear the scope and objective of the exhibit.	Research	10
		Imparting information correctly	10
		Clear and concise to encourage reading	10
PRESENTATION	Colour, harmony, arrangement of parts should create a generally pleasing display. Relation of specimens, information, decoration, non-numismatic objects, gimmicks to each other, to achieve a pleasing total effect. Does it make you stop and examine it? Is it "different"?	Eye appeal	10
		Neatness	10
		Originality	10
NUMISMATIC MATERIAL	The judges are guided by the exhibitor's chosen title and introduction. Points awarded according to availability of specimens, market availability of condition and rarity of material.	Condition	10
		Rarity	10
		Completeness	10
SPECIAL	Awarded purely at the Judge's discretion, for example for something of noteworthiness not covered above, or for special achievement by a junior exhibitor.	Judge's discretion	10

All displays will be judged according to the above point breakdown. Average point totals of all judges will determine winners in each category. The judges' decisions are final.

All exhibitors will receive a special Exhibitor Ribbon. Other awards are as follows:

AWARDS	REWARD
Best of Show	Silver Medal
1st in each category	Gold-plate Medal
2nd in each category	Silver-plate Medal
3rd in each category	Bronze Medal

ONA EXHIBIT APPLICATION FORM

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO THE ONA CONVENTION COMMITTEE WHOSE ADDRESS IS PUBLISHED ELSEWHERE. FAILURE TO SEND A COMPLETED FORM MAY RESULT IN REFUSAL TO ACCEPT EXHIBITS DUE TO LACK OF SPACE AT THE SHOW.

NAME OF EXHIBITOR _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

POSTAL CODE: _____

I wish to enter competitive exhibits in the following categories:

NUMBER OF CASES	CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION
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P R E S I D E N T ' S M E S S A G E

"LEST WE FORGET"

A strange way to start my message but most appropriate at this time. No I am not writing this for the November 11th issue but for the publication that I hope will be in your hands before our Convention at Woodstock.

"LEST WE FORGET"

The 1989 Mexican Fiesta Draw will be taking place shortly and there are some books of tickets that have not been turned in as yet. Will you get these tickets, stubs, and money back to me as soon as possible. The O.N.A., your Club and yourself can all benefit through the sale or purchase of these tickets.

"LEST WE FORGET"

This years Convention, being held at the Quality Inn at the intersection of Hwy 401 and Hwy 59, Woodstock will provide you an opportunity of attending a first class event away from the hustle and bustle of the big city. Try to attend and enjoy a day full of good coining.

"LEST WE FORGET"

Do not be disappointed by not ordering your O.N.A. Medallions now. If last year can be used as an example, several people were unable to obtain the Medallions they wanted and had to go to secondary market. (P.S. Does anyone have a 1988 O.N.A. Gold Plated Medallion for sale? Contact the President.)

"LEST WE FORGET"

To all Clubs this Message will reach. We hope you have appointed your Club Delegates for this year's Convention. The Club Delegate's Breakfast is where the most important part of the operation of the O.N.A. is discussed and a forum is provided for input by the Delegates. A Registration Package was sent to all Clubs and again we urge you to attend to this matter immediately if you have not already done so.

"LEST WE FORGET"

Now what was it that I forgot? Oh yes, I hope that we will meet at Convention and have a good chat. Don't you forget the dates!!

SATURDAY APRIL 22, AND SUNDAY APRIL 23
QUALITY INN, WOODSTOCK.

Your President

Kew Wilmet



To begin with, I would like to bring you an update on some of the programs that are being offered at this year's Convention in Woodstock on April 22-23.

Through the efforts of Ken Peers, our bus tour on Saturday morning will now stop at the historical Oxford County Court House and Jail, and a guided tour will be conducted. Tours are only allowed on week-days, but Ken has pulled a few strings for us. I'm hoping for a full bus load for this tour, so sign up as soon as you arrive either on Friday night or early Saturday morning.

Brian Cornwell, who is President of the International Coin Certification Service (I.C.C.S.), and well known writer for Canadian Coin News, will be conducting an Educational Forum at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday afternoon. I'm sure his topic will be of interest to us all, so plan to attend this event.

June Laxon of London will conduct a Ladies Fashion Show in the main lobby of the Quality Inn on Sunday at 1:30 p.m. This show could be a pleasant break for the ladies, and possibly the men too! Ladies - here's a chance to see what is being offered in fashion wear for 1989.

I hope you are planning to attend one or all of the above-mentioned events. There is no charge for any event. They are being planned for your enjoyment.

Have you PreRegistered for the Convention as yet?

Has your Club sent in their form for the Delegates Breakfast or the Wooden Money Breakfast?

What about the Banquet? I'm sure we will all want to hear what Guest Speaker Bruce Brace is telling us. Also, Mike Hollingshead is the Master of Ceremonies, and that could be worth half the price of your Banquet ticket. Have you ordered your Convention medals? Only 27 silver are being struck, and orders are on a first come basis. Leave your ordering until tomorrow and it could be too late.

All of these points I have discussed with you are very important issues that could affect future Conventions. I'm hoping you will consider all of them very carefully, and above all, plan to attend the Convention. These Conventions cost a considerable amount of money to hold, and all ways are explored on how to cut cost without sacrificing the success of the show. Convention locations want money up front when booking is being done. Medals have to be paid for before they are delivered, and many other costs have to be paid before our Convention date. Security is the biggest cost factor, and without it we could be a target for undesirables.

Many of our members and bourse dealers are reluctant to part with money for service and material offered in advance, and this puts a strain on the treasurer to pay the accounts when they come due. We explored the possibility of securing a sponsor but to no avail for 1989. Future Conventions could continue this exploration and get a head start now. Also, those who want a medal, delegates breakfast, preregistration, banquet, could help our cash flow by ordering and paying for those services now.

These Conventions are planned with you in mind, help us to continue to plan for Conventions in the Future.

T. Masters

COVER

Collecting Canadian Commemorative dollars is on the increase among today's hobbyists.

1935 saw the first Canadian Commemorative dollar, and six were issued up to 1967.

The 1935 issue was to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the reign of King George V.

In 1939 Their Majesties King George VI and Queen Elizabeth visited Canada and Canada's second Commemorative was issued.

In 1949 Newfoundland entered into Confederation of Canada, and to mark the occasion a third Commemorative was issued.

In 1858 British Columbia became a British Crown Colony, and to commemorate this Anniversary, in 1958 a fourth Commemorative dollar was minted.

Six years later, to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Quebec-Charlottetown conferences of the Fathers of Confederation, a fifth dollar was issued.

From those conferences in 1864, Upper and Lower Canada and two of the Maritime Provinces joined into Confederation and became the Dominion of Canada, and to commemorate this event, a sixth Commemorative dollar was issued in 1967.

In 1968, the silver was removed from our coinage and the popularity of the dollar suffered. Commemorative collecting was becoming popular, and the Canadian Mint realized that to keep the hobby alive, and to help balance their books, they should continue to issue Special Commemorative Silver Dollars. These dollars were not available through the banks, but only by ordering from the Mint. They commanded far more than their face value, and they became a boon to the hobby.

For those who cannot afford to own a complete collection of Canadian Silver dollars, the Commemorative series became affordable. These dollars today cover a wide spectrum of events that make up our history, and most dollars are easily obtainable from coin shops and dealers.

Let's just briefly review the 1958 Commemorative dollar. I said earlier that was the 100th Anniversary of British Columbia becoming a British Crown Colony, but it also was the 100th Anniversary of the gold rush. So this dollar serves two



COVER (CONT'd)

purposes. Stephen Trenka was the designer of the coin, but how many know where to find his initials? If you look closely at the base of the Totem Pole you will find the initials S.T. Now, how many know of the meaning of the Totem Pole? There have been many legends and myths told about these Poles, some truth, others never proven.

It is appropriate that the Totem Pole was chosen as the main feature of the dollar. These Poles used to be a very common sight in the Indian villages, dotting the coast of British Columbia. They are known throughout the world, and are considered by many to be unsurpassed by any other form of aboriginal art.

Many of the figures on the Poles represent fish, birds, or animals, and there were numerous reasons why the Indians carved and erected them. Some were erected as a monument to a chief after his death, and others to commemorate Indian historical events. Often they depicted myths or tribal traditions, and were looked upon with reverence.

It was not until the beginning of the 19th Century that the early explorers described in detail the various forms of Indian Art and the Totem Poles. After the beginning of the 20th Century, the custom of carving and etching Totem Poles began to peter out.

When these dollars were released it was rumored that they would become very unpopular with the Indian population because the main feature on the Pole was the Raven. It has been said that the Raven was a symbol of death and for this reason the Indians would have nothing to do with the coin.

Those who have studied Indian legends have said that the Raven has never been singled out as being a horrifying and obnoxious creature. Did people get carried away with the writings of Edgar Allen Poe?

When the new dollar was released in 1958 they sold like wildfire. Banks couldn't keep up with demands, and prices soared. Seven dollars in 1958 was a lot of money for a new dollar, but when the Mint issued the mintage of over three million coins, prices dropped considerably. This three million was a record amount of dollars ever produced up to that time, the previous high being in 1953 when one million, seven hundred thousand were issued.



COVER (CONT'D)

Very few Totem Poles remain standing in their natural habitat today, but we have the 1958 Totem Pole dollar (as it is affectionately called), to remind us of some of our past history.

T. Masters

LOTS TO SEE AND DO ON FOOT IN QUEBEC CITY

by Jerry Remick



Quebec City offers the visitor a vast array of museums, old churches, a fort, historical sights, statues, old houses and buildings, picturesque streets lined with boutiques, restaurants and outdoor cafes, and a lovely historic city to explore. All of these sights are within walking distance of the 1989 C.N.A. Convention site at the Convention Center in the Quebec Hilton Hotel.

Some of the more outstanding attractions will be briefly described below so that those planning to attend the Convention (July 26-30, 1989) can allow adequate time to see what interests them without missing out on Convention events. At least two full days can be spent exploring Quebec City on foot and seeing the sights. I would advise allowing time for a mid-morning break and also a mid- or late-afternoon break for refreshments at an outdoor cafe to catch the flavor of the city and its inhabitants.

All the sights mentioned below are described in the 144 page booklet entitled "TOURIST GUIDE --QUEBEC CITY REGION" and are located on the "TOURIST MAP --QUEBEC CITY REGION", both of which will be sent at your request. free of charge, by writing Office du Tourisme, 60 rue D'Auteuil, Quebec, Quebec, G1R 4C4. Data on hotels and motels are given in the booklet. Versions in French of the booklet and map are available. A 66 page booklet ("LES RESTAURANTS") listing and describing the many fine restaurants in the Quebec City area is available on request. A new 40 page bilingual entitled "LIVING STONES OF OLD QUEBEC" describes religious sites and monuments with an index map showing the location of each.

Several books and booklets, in both French and in English on the historical sights of Quebec City are available at Librairie Garneau on rue Buade Street (near City Hall).

Visit the Tourist Bureau, at 60 rue D'Auteuil, as they have a big selection of free brochures on sights to see, restaurants and tours. They can also get you a room at the price you wish to pay. There is another Tourist Bureau in the Place D'Armes, just below the Chateau Frontenac Hotel.

LOTS TO SEE IN QUEBEC CITY (CONT'D)

It is best to start off with a three hour bus tour of Quebec City as it will orient you and give you the general locations of most of the sights discussed below. A city bus tour is on the C.N.A. program for Wednesday morning, July 26th. Guided walking tours of parts of Quebec City are scheduled for Thursday morning, July 27th, and Saturday afternoon, July 29th. Not all places mentioned below will be covered in these two walking tours.

A 45 minute tour of part of Quebec City and the Plains of Abraham in a horse drawn carriage large enough for 4 people starts next to the Tourist Bureau on D'Auteuil Street, just two blocks from the Convention Center. French and English speaking drivers are available. It costs \$45, so it is best to share the costs with another person.

Quebec City is best seen on foot at a leisurely pace. It is very compact as most of the walking is in the old walled city. The favorite evening or Sunday afternoon stroll for Quebecers is along Rue St. Jean, starting at D'Youville Square and then turning to your right along Cote de la Fabrique past City Hall, onto Rue Buade and then via Rue du Tresor with its many paintings hanging on the walls of the buildings, up to the 433 meter long boardwalk (Dufferin Terrace) next to the Chateau Frontenac. A magnificent view of the St Lawrence River and its south shore awaits you here.

One can continue along the boardwalk and climb the stairs to the Plains of Abraham. However, a more interesting choice is to take the Funicular (a small outdoor elevator) down the cliffs to see Place Royale, the Old Port Area and the large variety of gift shops along Rue Petit Champlain.

In 1608, Samuel de Champlain erected the first buildings in Place Royale. Today, a number of reconstructed 17th and 18th century homes can be visited, some of them with historical displays. There are also free guided tours in English and in French of this area.

From Place Royale it is only a two block walk to the ferry boat for Levis. This short ride across the St. Lawrence River affords an excellent view of Quebec City and the cliffs below. Stay on the ferry for the return to Quebec City.

Its only a two block walk to the Plains of Abraham from the Convention Center. Stroll through the colorful Jean d'Ark flower garden and in the same area visit the two Martello Towers built to defend Quebec City in 1808-1811, and see the pictorial exhibits inside. Return via Rue Grande Allee and view the one block of some of Quebec's top restaurants, outdoor cafes, bars and discos. This one block long strip is jammed with "the beautiful people" each evening.

An excellent view of Quebec City is available from the 31st floor of the Government Building G, just two blocks from the Convention Center. For lunch, try the Astral, a revolving restaurant on the top of the Loews Concorde Hotel, for a superb view of the area.

The changing of the guard at the Citadel, daily at 10:00 a.m. followed by a tour of the Citadel grounds and the war museum is colorful and a must.

The small historical display on the limestone walls of the old Esplanade Powder Magazine, just downhill from the Citadel is worth a few minutes visit. From there, climb up the stairs onto the top of the City's walls and go downhill two blocks to Artillery Park

LOTS TO SEE IN QUEBEC CITY (CONT'D)

with its three museums, including a British Army Officer's quarters. The Park once housed French and then British soldiers, and during World War II munitions were manufactured there.

Stroll through the lovely old lobby of The Chateau Frontenac, a hotel dating back nearly a century.

Take a free guided tour of Quebec's Parliament Buildings, given in both English and in French.

Visit the J. A. Moisan grocery store on Rue St. Jean for some late 19th and early 20th century atmosphere.

The following old churches, all within a short walking distance of each other, are open to the public during the day: Notre Dame des Victoires in Place Royale, The Anglican Cathedral of the Holy Trinity built in 1804, Notre Dame Basilica, St. Andrews Presbyterian Church and the chapel of the Ursuline Sisters, a real gem.

There are a number of museums, some of them free, and most with displays of historical interest. The Musee de la Civilisation opened in 1988.

A giant map of Quebec City with small wooden models for each home and building can be viewed in City Hall.

The Musee du Vieux Port, a federal government museum, displays materials shipped out of Quebec Ports during the past few centuries.

The Musee de Quebec on the Plains of Abraham has a varied selection of paintings and religious objects.

The four floors of the Musee du Seminaire de Quebec has displays of European and Quebec paintings and engravings, religious objects, oriental art, and a numismatic collection. A guided tour is scheduled for C.N.A. visitors on Friday afternoon, July 28th. This museum is not to be missed.

The Battle of the Plains of Abraham at which the French lost Quebec City to the British in 1759, is reenacted in miniature in the sound and light show in the Musee du Vieux Fort. There are alternating half hour performances in English and in French.

The Musee des Augustines has a small display of old medical instruments used in the Hospital de Dieu during the past few centuries, antique furniture used in the 350 year old Augustine Convent and religious artworks including hand embroidered priests vestments.

Hand embroidered priests vestments and other works of art by the Ursuline Nuns, paintings and prints, and also furniture from the 350 year old Ursuline Convent are on display on the two floors of the Musee des Ursulines. Not to be missed and be sure to see their chapel after.

The Musee du Royal 22 Regiment at the Citadel features a large display of military items used during various recent wars, medals and photographs.

The Voutes du Palais (The Palaca Vaults), with foundations dating back to 1716, has an interesting display of Quebec City's history on its limestone walls.

The exhibits in the Fornel House in Place Royale date back to the time of Champlain.

120 life size wax figures of important figures in Quebec's history are on display at the Historical Wax Museum.

There is also a zoo and an aquarium to visit.

A number of streets, all close by, are good for souvenir shopping. Small wooden statues, paintings and etchings of Quebec City and other scenes, as well as ceramics, jewelery, pottery, leather goods, and clothing all made by Quebec artisans offer a

LOTS TO SEE IN QUEBEC CITY (CONT'D)

wide selection of souvenirs. They are best displayed in the many small stores on Rue Petit Champlain. A number of artisans have small outdoor stalls next to the Anglican Cathedral.

Paintings and etchings of Quebec City are displayed on the walls of the buildings lining Rue du Tresors.

Rue Baude and Cote de la Fabrique are good places to shop for imported china, glassware and expensive clothing.

The Maison des Vins (The Wine House) in Place Royale has fancy bottles not available at other government liquor outlets in Quebec City.

Have your portrait done, either a serious one or a comic one, by one of a number of artists outdoors on Rue St. Anne, just below the Chateau Frontenac.

All of Quebec City's restaurants have inexpensive complete meals at noontime. For a treat, have lunch at one of Quebec's gourmet restaurants. A priced menu is posted in the window of each restaurant.

The following illustrated soft covered books on Quebec City are available at Librairie Garneau on Rue Buade: "AN HISTORICAL GUIDE TO QUEBEC" by Yves Tessier, "LET'S TAKE A HISTORICAL WALK IN OLD QUEBEC" by Gilles Lorrain; and "LIEUX ET MONUMENTS HISTORIQUES DE QUEBEC ET ENVIRONS" by Rodolphe Fournier. French versions of the first two books are available.

O.N.A. 27th ANNUAL BOOKLET

With this issue the O.N.A. has included a copy of the 27th Annual Convention Souvenir Booklet. Cost of producing this booklet is in excess of \$2.00. We hope that you will take note of all the articles included, and to note all those who took out an ad. Those who take out these ads are asking for your patronage, so if the need arises we hope you will consider those who helped to make our booklet something special.

My thanks to all those who took out an ad, to the printer who produced the booklet, and to Tom Kostaluk for all his work in selling advertisements, and colating and editing the publication. We hope Tom's efforts are enjoyable, educational, and profitable to all.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

April 28 & 29, 1990 - O.N.A. 28th Annual Convention
 Holiday Inn, Kitchener, Ontario
 Host Club - Waterloo Coin Society
 P.O. Box 41, Waterloo, Ontario
 N2J 3Z6

- Every Second Sunday (The Ottawa Coin and Stamp Dealers Association presents a show on the second Sunday of each month at the Nepean Sportsplex, on Woodsroffe Ave. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Admission free. For info: write Allan Davis. Box 307, Carp, Ontario, KOA 1L0
- April 9 Kent County Coin Show, 10:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. Best Western Wheels Inn, 615 Richmond St., Chatham. Info: Lou Wage naer. 109 King St. W., Chatham, N7M 1E2.
- April 15 & October 14 (Hamilton Coin Club Coin Show, Royal Canadian Legion, (Branch 58, 1180 Barton St. E., 9:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. Free (Admission. Info: Hamilton Coin Club, P.O. Box 9271, (Stoney Creek, L8G 3X9.
- April 22-23 O.N.A. 27th Annual Convention & Show - Quality Inn, Woodstock, Junction of Hwys 59 & 401. Host Clubs - Ingersoll. Tillsonburg, and Woodstock. Limited number of Bourse Tables still available. Bruce Brace pf Ancaster tje Banquet Speaker on Saturday evening, April 22. Tours-Educational Forum- Wooden Money Breakfast, and Auction Saturday, April 22, 8:30 a.m. Admission \$1.00. Info: Chairman T. Masters, 823 Van St., London. Ont. N5Z 1M8, (519) 438-2402.
- April 30 The Windsor Coin Club Spring Show, K of C Hall, 1140 Goyeau St., Windsor. Free Admission. Hours 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Info: Gary Stamcoff (519)253 5494.
- April 30 & December 3 (Metro Toronto Coin Exhibition (M.T.C.E.) Bond Place Hotel, 65 Dundas St. E., Toronto. Hours 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Admission \$2.00 30 Bourse Dealers. Free Grading and Numismatic advice. Info: Ingrid K. Smith, (416)920 6461 or 1 (416) 586 0098.
- May 5-7 Expo Niagara - Skylon Tower, Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada's largest Coin, Stamp, and Card Show - 150 Dealers expected. Info: Expo Niagara, 165 King St.. Welland, Ontario, L2B 3J4.
- May 13 Victoria Simcoe Coin Club - 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Rebecca Hall, Cannington. Banquet 6:30 p.m. Info: Elmer Workman, R.R. #2, Cannington, LOE 1E0.
- May 27 Oshawa & District Coin Club Coin-a-Rama. Oshawa Centre, King St., W., Oshawa. Ont. 9:00 a.m.- 5: 30 p.m.
- June 11 Brantford 29th Anniversary Coin Show at Woodman Community Centre, 491 Grey St., Brantford. Hours 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. Free Admission. Info: Brantford Numismatic Society, P.O. Box 351, Brantford, Ont. W3T 5N3.
- July 27-30 C.N.A. Annual Convention & Coin Show - Convention Center, Quebec City. Hours: Thursday 2 p.m.- 9 p.m.; Friday & Saturday 10:30 a.m.- 5 p.m.; and Sunday 9:30 a.m.- 4 p.m. Preliminary program - day and half day trips of Quebec City and surrounding countryside on July 25th & 26th. Info: Destination Quebec '89, Box 177, Stn

C.N.A. Annual Convention (Cont'd)
Saint Sauveur, Quebec, G1K 6V7.

November 17-19 T.I.C.F., Lakeshore Inn, Toronto. Info: T.I.C.F.,
P.O. Box 973, Stn B. Willowdale, M2K 2T6. 1-(416) 229 COIN

October 15 Tillsonburg Annual Coin & Hobby Show, Tillsonburg
Community (Fair Grounds). Info: W. Baxter, 46 Queens
Street, Tillsonburg, Ont., N4G 3G9/

MONEY MYTHS

Money is everywhere - in old sayings, songs, fables and folktales. It's part of certain customs, and it figures in superstitions. Here's a collection.

Midas, a king of ancient legend longed to be rich. He made a wish that everything he touched would turn to gold. The god, Silenus, granted his wish, and everything Midas touched - even food and drink - turned to solid gold. Midas prayed to the gods to take his wish away so that he could eat and drink. They ordered him to bathe in a certain river, and from that day on Midas was rid pf his wish, but the river was full of gold.

The legendary Greek hero Jason killed a dragon to steal the Golden Fleece, a sheepskin of pure gold. But is the Golden Fleece a myth? It may have been real. When the Greeks searched for gold in rivers, they dragged sheepskin through the water. Gold nuggets in the river would be caught in the long hair of the animal skin. It's possible a sheepskin covered in gold nuggets was the origin of the myth of the Golden Fleece.

This old English rhyme predicts how you will spend money if you look at how your shoes wear down:

Wear at the toe, spend a s you go.
Wear at the side, be a rich bride.
Wear at the heel, spend a gppd deal.
Wear on the ball, live to spend all.

MAKING MONEY

Have you heard the expression "Money doesn't grow on trees"? There aren't any shady trees whose leaves are made pf crisp \$1 bills. But money does grow on trees in a way. It grows on bushes too.

Trees give us wood pulp, which is used to make paper. And cotton and flax bushes produce flowers and seeds from which we make cotton and linen cloth. This cloth is also made into paper. Paper is what money is printed on.

The Bank of Canada issues about 800 million new notes ayear At the U.S. Bureau of Engraving and Printing, 12 million notes roll off the presses in one day. Half of these are \$1 bills.

Old money goes up in smoke. Anyone can take old, worn bills to a bank to exchange them for new ones. The bank ships the old bills

MAKING MONEY (CONT'D)

back to the printing plant. There they are inspected to make sure that they're not reusable and that they're not fakes that slipped past the bank. Then they're bundled up, shredded and thrown into the fire!

The highest bank note in circulation is the U.S. \$10,000 bill; the lowest, the Indonesian sen, is worth about 1,000th of a penny!

DID YOU KNOW?

.....That the biggest bank in the world is the World Bank. It is run by the United Nations and handles about \$85 trillion for various governments.

.....That older Britons still refer to a coin known as a "guinea" which was worth a bit more than a pound. It was made from gold that came from the African country of Guinea.

.....That when Alexander the Great put his own name and picture on a coin in 336 B.C. that he started a fad for rulers portraits on money that has lasted to this day.

.....That our \$1 bill passes about 500 times before it wears out. This usually takes about 18 months.

.....That the first "national" bank, a bank created and run by a government, was the Bank of Amsterdam that was founded in 1609.

.....That prior to 1908 all Canadian coins were struck in England, at the Royal Mint in London and Heaton's Mint in Birmingham. All coins struck at the Heaton's Mint bear a small mint mark H. There is one exception to the rule,- the 1871 Prince Edward Island cent struck at Heaton's Mint didn't have the H mint mark. The last Heaton issue for Canadian coins was in 1907 and was the large cent.

.....That a bank is a place to keep your money safely. You might save your pennies in a bank shaped like a pig, elephant, dog, bird, or many other variations of coin holders. No matter what it looks like, its ancestor was a pygg. About a thousand years ago, in old England, a pygg was a kind of clay pot people used to save their coins. Several hundred years later a clever potter decided to make the pot look how its name sounded. Thus was born the piggy bank we know today.

.....That the Chinese thought the after world was like this one, and the spirit would need money there. They printed bank notes to be burnt when the body was cremated.

.....That in 1520, when the Aztec Emperor Montezuma heard the Spanish were coming, he packed gold, silver, and jewels, in a caravan and shipped them north to be buried. Montezuma was killed by the conquerors and his treasure has never been found. Many believe its buried somewhere in New Mexico, Arizona, or Utah.

.....That there are over 50 billion bank notes printed around the world every year.

.....That plastic coins are used in the Keeling-Cocos Islands in the Pacific. The money there was once made of ivory, and plastic can easily be made to look like ivory.

.....That much early banking consisted of burying one's money or stuffing it into a mattress. Even today many French people hide their gold coins in their mattress. Play it safe readers - the safest place for your money is in the bank.

SOUTH AFRICA GOLD

The first permanent European settlement at the southern tip of Africa was made at the Cape of Good Hope in 1652. The purpose of the expedition, made up of 70 Dutch burghers led by Jan van Riebeeck, was to build a fort, chart the coastline and grow vegetables to supply provisions for ships of the Dutch East India Company on their way to and from the Orient.

South Africa's first gold coin, a rare pattern 1 pound of 1874 with the portrait of President Thomas Burgers of the South African Republic (founded 1852), was struck from the gold of locally mined nuggets. A regular coinage, struck at the Berlin mint and locally at Pretoria, followed under President Paul Kruger from 1892 until 1900. British victory in the South African or Boer War (1899-1902) resulted in annexation to Britain and the formation of the Union of South Africa in 1910.

The Pretoria Mint was re-opened as a branch of the Royal Mint and produced British sovereigns and half sovereign with an sa mint mark in the period 1923-32. Gold was not struck again until 1952, when $\frac{1}{2}$ and 1 pound pieces were included in the annual specimen sets. This practice continued until 1961 when the country became an independent republic. These specimen coins bear the head of George VI or Elizabeth II with a springbok, a small high-leaping gazelle on the reverse.

The new Republic of South Africa went on the decimal currency system and, beginning in 1961, the Pretoria Mint struck 1 and 2 rand gold pieces as the high denominations in the new series. The 1 and 2 rand values were produced in gold through 1964, but since 1965 the 1 rand has been issued in silver only. The name of the denomination comes from Witwatersrand (Afrikaans for "ridge of white waters"), or the "Rand," as it is called locally, the area in South Africa where the world's richest gold fields are located.

All nine coins in the 1961-64 decimal series carry the portrait of Jan van Riebeeck, the leader of the 1652 expedition. Van Riebeeck remained to serve for 10 years as governor of the Cape Colony. The reverse continues the springbok design. The inscriptions on both sides are given in English and Afrikaans, the nation's two official languages.

All the nations of the world together produce approximately 2,000,000 pounds of new gold annually (with a value of more than \$1.1 billion U.S.). South Africa alone is the source of an astonishing 50 per cent of that total. Gold mining in South Africa, which began on a comparatively small scale in the 1870's, is now a huge and highly mechanized industry employing nearly 500,000 people. The country's known reserves should continue to satisfy the world's appetite for gold for many years to come. Intensive, scientific prospecting has disclosed the existence of layers of gold-bearing ore running in a giant arc, 320 miles long, from the original Transvaal mines down to the newly opened and extremely promising mines in the Orange Free State.

South Africa's continuing issues of Gold coins underscores the fact that the Republic has, in the 20th century, become the greatest gold-producing nation in history.

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Denmark:

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P R E S I D E N T ' S M E S S A G E

Last issue of the Numismatist I implored you not to forget and from the results of the Convention you heeded! There will be comments contained elsewhere of the many activities but I will comment on the Mexican Fiesta Draw.

The Draw exceeded my earlier expectations with sales totaling 593 books of tickets!! This is the highest mark ever and the end result is that cheques amounting to over \$1,100.00 will be going out to Clubs and Associations for their support in this Draw. When you think of it, this is a truly significant money earner for Clubs, with no outlay of cash and no possibility of loss.

The reason for mentioning the Draw as a means of raising funds for a Club, was a Newsletter from the Champlain Coin Club which crossed my desk the other day. According to the most recent newsletter, the Club had not issued one the previous month, due to a lack of funds. While I am very concerned about the seriousness of the situation, it appears to me that there are ways to strengthen the financial base from which a Club operates. Champlain's reported sales were only two books of draw tickets and I know that these tickets were not difficult to sell. With a little effort, even a small Club can move ten to twenty books. This is only one small way to strengthen a financial base. I am sure that Champlain have tried donation or white elephant auctions, but if they have not, this method has been used by many clubs and the results have been anything from satisfactory to excellent. You can't lose and can gain from both the publicity and financially.

While I know all Clubs and fellow Numismatists in the O.N.A. do care about their fraternal friends, I am going to suggest that we all show our concern for a struggling Club by sending a small donation, cash or something that could be used in an auction to raise funds to help the Champlain Coin Club. I will try and keep you abreast of developments from time to time, and hopefully we can all say; " Our help made a difference."

If you are interested, take a few moments and drop a line with your donation to:

Champlain Coin Club, c/o Mrs. Gordon Thorne, R.R. #1,
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To the 53 Delegates who were at the Delegates Breakfast, information that was gathered at the meeting will be published starting with the next issue and any questions that you expressed will be answered.

To the Bourse Dealers at the show, we appreciate your support and the questionnaire that was circulated will be thoroughly reviewed and implemented where possible.

Ken Wilnot

My comments to you will not only be from the Editor but by the Show Chairman for our recent 27th Annual Convention.

When the Oxford County Clubs agreed to host this event, enthusiasm was at a high pitch. As time progressed that enthusiasm began to lag, and it became apparent that more work was going to be done by fewer people. Those early months when we were lining up bourse dealers was a great disappointment, but those who have supported our conventions for years did come through. Our medal produced another problem. Seems Pressed Metal Products in Vancouver were extremely busy and our medals didn't arrive until the day before the convention. This created another problem - to find someone to engrave the presentation medals on such short notice. After a round trip of 70 miles, I was able to get one engraver to do a part of those medals. No-one in London I contacted would even accept the order with less than 7 to 10 days notice. Increase in cost was found in every department, and for months we had to rely on the generosity of those willing to keep our bank account out of the red.

Despite efforts to have many of our own (O.N.A. & Oxford County) members display, only about 20 cases were on display for viewing. Tom Kostaluk and myself put together 4 cases of O.N.A. Convention Booklets and Ribbons. This display was non-competitive and drew many favorable comments. My thanks to all who did display - it's an important part of any show.

Friday night saw most of our 53 PreRegistered guests attend a wine and cheese party. Tom Kostaluk provided a decorated cake with congratulations to the convention. After that the Hospitality room was open and another pleasant time was held with people renewing friendships and making new ones. Saturday morning the Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors had their Breakfast meeting. Despite only 19 in attendance, it was an enthusiastic gathering and a very successful Wooden Money Auction was the highlight.

The official opening took place on Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m. with Pauline Brown, an elected official from the City of Woodstock, cutting the ribbon. O.N.A. General Meeting was held at 10:30 a.m. where a new slate of officers for 1989-1990 was elected. 11:00 a.m. was slated for a free bus tour of the City of Woodstock, and sights of interest in the area. The bus, I'm told, was 3 parts full and the highlight was a tour through the historic Oxford County Court House and Jail. (Court House featured on our medal). At 2:00 p.m. Jim Hall from Sarnia conducted a very successful auction.

Banquet drew 54 people, and Master of Ceremonies Mike Hollingshead was a master at his job. Bruce Brace was the banquet speaker, and he told us of many of his experiences during his years in the hobby. Many names - some gone, some almost forgotten, were remembered from his speech.

Presentations and draw prizes were awarded, and the Quality Inn served an excellent dinner.

Sunday breakfast drew another 55 delegates, who came to voice their concerns and to hear Don Atanasoff tell us how they produce the Canadian Coin News. We had hoped that all Clubs would submit written reports so they could be published, but your editor only received three.

At 1:30 p.m., June Laxon conducted a free Fashion Show for the

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ladies in the main lobby of the Hotel which was well attended, and at 2:30 p.m. Brian Cornwell conducted an educational forum on grading coins. He told of the pitfalls to watch for when buying coins. This educational forum, although not well attended, was very interesting and educational for those of us who did attend.

The Tillsonburg Club was in charge of our hourly draw and every prize (over 40) was awarded. Toasters, medals, tool boxes, irons, were just some of the excellent prizes that had been donated.

Then the moment all had been waiting for arrived - the O.N.A. Major Draw. Clubs and individuals across Ontario sold almost 600 books of tickets, and the prize winners can be found elsewhere in this issue.

SUMMARY - Although we would have liked to have seen more displays, more participation with Oxford County Club Members and O.N.A. Members, we did have over 600 paid admissions. Those who came after 2:30 p.m. on Sunday were let in free of charge. We would have liked to have seen more bourse dealers, but all those who I talked to reported excellent sales for the two-day event. More dealers would have meant those sales would have been spread thinner.

Because our members didn't respond to reserving their rooms early (only 14 rooms were reserved 10 days before the Convention), I was forced to release 36 rooms, and we lost our Convention rate. There were many like myself who found that rates could be reduced because of your age, where you worked, what union you belonged to, etc. Sometimes those rates in all hotels are better than Convention rates. It pays to check all the angles.

Several accounts receivable are still outstanding. All of our bills are paid with the exception of our engraver, who still has several medals yet to finish.

Our booklet paid for itself, and Tom Kostaluk deserves all the credit. He almost single handedly secured the ads, collected the money, mailed the receipts, and found a printer who would print the booklet at a price we could afford. If our organizations had more workers like him we would be in a far better position than at present time.

This Convention didn't meet all my expectations, but I have yet to attend one where they have. I believe the O.N.A. has to get more involved with their Conventions in order to give the necessary guidelines to a new organization who hosts these Conventions each year.

This Convention didn't loose any money, but for the hours of work that is involved it didn't make much either.

Running Conventions, getting involved in the hobby, is a labor of love. We need more dedicated people!!!

T. Masters

SPEAKERS CIRCUIT

The Speakers Circuit Program that was re introduced by the O.N.A. and Chairman Tom Kennedy, has proven very successful in its first year of operation. Five speakers qualified for an award since the Program was re introduced.-

BOB AARON DARRYL ATCHISON JIM CHARLTON TOM MASTERS JOHN REGITKO



GERMAN INFLATIONARY NOTES

1922 - 1924

by Dwight L Musser

On January 19, 1922, the German Reichsbank issued a note in the denomination of ten thousand (10,000) Mark. There had been considerable inflation before this date, but currency demands had been met by the issuance of large quantities of various other denominations including the one thousand Mark which was the highest value used in Germany up to this time.

Considering that the Mark had been equal to almost twenty-four cents in 1914, it would seem that one thousand Mark notes --equal to \$238.00--would be sufficient for normal currency demands and even for a certain amount of inflation. But by 1922 the value of the Mark had fallen to about five cents and higher denominations were deemed necessary.

Before 1922 was ended notes of fifty thousand (50,000) Mark values had been released. One hundred thousand (100,000) Mark notes appeared on February 1, 1923 and were followed on the twentieth of the same month by an issue of one million Mark Reichsbanknotes. Throughout the first half of 1923 the denominations seen on German paper money climbed to five, ten, twenty, and finally fifty millionen Mark.

With denominations in the millions (millionen as it appeared on the notes in German) becoming insufficient to keep up with the demand it was necessary to issue notes in billions (milliarden in German) of Mark beginning with the one milliarde on September 5, 1923. Values soon followed in five, ten, twenty, fifty, one hundred, two hundred, and five hundred milliarden (billions).

With the inflation becoming more acute, a denomination of one hundred millionen Mark was released with the date October 26, 1923.

GERMAN INFLATIONARY NOTES (Cont'd)

In the American system of numbers this would be one hundred trillion Mark! Early in the next month denominations of one, two, five and ten billionen were issued.

In February 1924 appeared a new series of high value banknotes although none higher than one hundred billionen (100,000,000,000,000) Mark were printed. Thus the one hundred billionen Mark notes dated February 15, 1924 can be called the high water mark of the inflationary Reichsbanknotes.

This note certainly can lay claim to the title of a paper money classic. It was the culmination of one of the most fantastic inflationary spirals that ever gripped a national economy. In addition to being a document of historical economic and social importance, it is a worthy technical specimen of superb graphic art. Although some of the inflationary notes

were obviously executed in haste with little consideration given to their appearance, this note has a certain air of elegance and dignity which makes it more than just a piece of engraved paper. The portrait incidently, is fo Willibald Perkheimer by Albrecht Durer.

The one hundred billionen Mark note of 1924 is not to be found in many collections for a very good reason. Unlike many previous issues which lost their value and met a variety of ignominious ends (as fuel, wallpaper, handbills, pulp) this note did not become worth less.

On November 20, 1923, the German government introduced a new monetary unit called the Rentenmark which was equal to one billion (our trillion) old Mark. Since the value of the Rentenmark was \$0.2381 the one hundred billionen Mark notes could have been exchanged for Rentenmark equal to 423.81. With this being the case, very few were retained by collectors or dealers for numismatic purposes.

This note was never available at less than an amount equal to \$23.81 and now it commands a premium above that figure as a collector's item. Dr. Arnold Keller of Berlin recalls

writing to the Reichsbank for a specimen of the note as late as



GERMAN INFLATIONARY NOTES (Cont'd)

World War II. He was informed that he could have the note only after paying one hundred Reichsmark! The Rentenmark had been largely replaced by the Reichsmark in the year following 1923 but the one hundred billionen Mark note of 1924 still retained its value.

It is a pretty safe bet that this is one inflationary bank-note that will never become worthless.

COVER COIN

This cover coin, the silver 2 Kroner piece commemorating Frederick VIII, is a reminder of Denmark's monarchical heritage. Issued to celebrate the death of Frederick VIII on May 14 and the crowning of King

Christian X, it is an unusual coin in that it marks two important events at the same time. The coin was struck in 1912 with an issue of 101,917 pieces, a small mintage figure even for a commemorative coin by today's standards.

Denmark, a thriving nation amid the turmoil of the 20th century, recalls the contributions of Hans Christian Andersen and William Shakespeare's Hamlet, whose Danish Kronberg castle is the setting for the play. Fine ceramic tableware and Danish Modern furniture are proof that Denmark's influence is world-wide. The country's commemorative coin series is one of the most sought after among the world's coinages. From the lusty trail of the Vikings to the Socialist-centered, bright-robed monarchy of today, Denmark's past has always been a springboard to the future.

Jutland - Valhalla - Norsemen - Skagen; the cultural history of Denmark rings with the deeds and exploits of a Viking tradition. Here, for two hundred fifty years, the wandering warriors poured out across the northlands and clubbed their way to victory in an era so filled with their lusty adventures it has claimed a permanent place in history.

The Age of the Vikings is dated at about 700 -- 1050 A.D. From these tightly-governed tribes evolved the Scandinavians; the Danes, Norwegians and Swedes. In the year 1397, the Danish Queen Margrethe brought the three nations under one head in the Kalmar Union which endured for 126 years and represented the peak of Danish power and influence. In a far-reaching Atlantic alliance that stretched from Finland to Greenland, the new Union strove to protect itself from the threat of the North Germans.

Denmark's best known landmark, perhaps, is the Tivoli. This outdoor Gardens built in 1843 is a unique mixture of dance hall and beer parlor. It is the very picture of Danish national identity where rich and poor, old and young meet amid the temper of the past and the excitement of the present.



CONVENTION CALENDAR

- June 11 Brantford 29th Anniversary Coin Show at Woodman Community Centre, 491 Grey St., Brantford. Hours 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Free admission. Info: Brantford Numismatic Society, P.O. Box 351, Brantford, Ont. W3T 5N3.
- June 23-25 (Torex Coin, Banknotes, Stamps, Jewellery, Watches,
October 27-29 (Military Badges, Books, etc. - at the Pearson Ballroom of the Ramada Hotel, 111 Carlton St., Toronto. (Auction June 23 - Admission \$2.00. Info: Ingrid (Smith (416) 920 6461 or 586 0098/
- July 27-30 C.N.A. Annual Convention & Coin Show - Convention Centre, Quebec City. Hours: Thurs. 2 p.m.-9 p.m.; Fri. & Sat. 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Sunday 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Preliminary program - day and half day trips of Quebec City and surrounding countryside on July 25th & 26th. Info: Destination Quebec '89, Box 177, Stn. Saint Sauveur, Quebec, G1K 6V7.
- October 14 Hamilton Coin Club Show - Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 58, 1180 Barton St.E. 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Free admission. Info: Hamilton Coin Club, P.O. Box 9271, Stoney Creek, Ont., L8G 3X9.
- October 15 Tillsonburg Annual Coin & Hobby Show, Tillsonburg Community (Fair Grounds). Info: W. Baxter, 46 Queens Street, Tillsonburg, Ont., N4G 3G9.
- October 29 Stratford Coin Club - Kiwanis Community Centre, Lakeside Drive, Stratford. Free admission. Info: Stratford Coin Club, P.O. Box 262, Stratford, Ont. N5A 6T1.
- November 17-19 T.I.C.F., Lakeshore Inn, Toronto. Info: .T.I.C.F. P.O. Box 973, Stn B, Willowdale, Ont., M2K 2T6, 1-(416) 229 COIN.
- December 3 (Metro Toronto Coin Exhibition (M.T.C.E.) Bond Place (Hotel, 65 Dundas Street, E., Toronto. Hours - (10:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. Admission \$2.00. 30 Bourse (Dealers. Free Grading and Numismatic advice. Info: (Ingrid K. Smith, (416)920 6461 or (416) 586 0098.
- April 28-29 O.N.A. 28th Annual Convention - Holiday Inn,
1990 30 Fairway Road, Kitchener. Info: Waterloo Coin Society, P.O. Box 41, Waterloo, Ont.; N2J 3Z6.

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FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 1988 TO DECEMBER 31, 1988

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Petty Cash @ Jan. 1, 1988	\$ 19.81	
Bank Balance @ Jan. 1, 1988 (General Fund)	1484.17	
Bank Balance @ Jan. 1, 1988 (Library)	-24.78	
Bank Balance @ Jan. 1, 1988 (Virgil Hancock Award)	108.62	
Bank Balance @ Jan. 1, 1988 (Audio Visual)	53.77	\$1641.59

RECEIPTS

Memberships (Regular, Junior & Club)	\$2164.00	
O.N.A. Convention Draw	1323.62	
Club Ticket Rebate	102.00	
Bank Interest	116.06	
Bulletin Advertising (2.00), Lapel Pin (5.00)	7.00	
Premium U.S.A. Money	7.05	
Donation Towards 1987 Convention Loss	74.85	
Wintario (10.00), T.I.C.F. Donation (12.56)	22.56	
Die Service Charge	10.00	
Transfer From Contingency Account	1800.00	\$5627.14

EXPENSES

O.N.A. Publication "Ontario Numismatist"	\$2267.93	
Postage	71.20	
Printing	194.04	
Safety Deposit & P.O. Box Rental	138.70	
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Telephone	63.85	
Engraving	5.90	
Honorariums	700.00	
1987 Club Rebates Reversed	-14.00	
C.N.A. Delegate	50.00	
Balance of Net Loss (North York Convention)	426.21	
Delegates Breakfast 1987	157.58	
J. Douglas Ferguson Historical Research Foundation	100.00	
Speaker's Circuit	329.41	
C.N.A. Donation	500.00	
Executive Meeting	100.00	
Memorial Donation	43.20	
Executive & Life Membership Badges	74.74	
O.N.A. Convention Advance (1989)	200.00	\$5464.45
Excess Receipts Over Expenses		\$ 162.69

Petty Cash @ December 31, 1988	\$ 12.00	
Bank Balance @ December 31, 1988 (General Fund)	1654.67	
Bank Balance @ December 31, 1988 (Library)	83.84	
Bank Balance @ December 31, 1988 (Audio Visual)	53.77	\$1804.28

BANK RECONCILIATION

Bank Pass Book Balance @ December 31, 1988	\$1814.28
(3) Outstanding Cheques	22.00
Statement Bank Balance @ December 31, 1988	\$1792.28

ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

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CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT

Bank Balance @ January 1, 1988 \$ 9013.24

RECEIPTS

Interest Guaranteed Investment Certificates	\$375.00	
Bank Interest	<u>422.26</u>	\$797.26

EXPENSES

Transfer To General Account	<u>\$1800.00</u>	<u>\$1800.00</u>
Excess Expenses Over Receipts		\$-1002.74
Bank Balance @ December 31, 1988		\$ 8010.50

INSURANCE ACCOUNT

Bank Balance @ January 1, 1988 \$ 598.98

RECEIPTS

24) Club Premiums (1988)	\$840.00	
2) Club Premiums (1989)	70.00	
Bank Interest	<u>57.82</u>	\$967.82

EXPENSES

Insurance Premium	\$350.00	
Bank Service Charge	<u>.40</u>	<u>\$350.40</u>
Excess Receipts Over Expenses		\$ 617.42
Bank Balance @ December 31, 1988		\$ 1216.40

CASH ASSET SUMMARY @ December 31, 1988

Cash & Bank Balance - General Account	\$1804.28	
Bank Balance - Contingency Account	8010.50	
Guaranteed Investment Certificates - Contingency	4000.00	
Bank Balance - Insurance Account	<u>1216.40</u>	\$15031.18
Cash Assets (1987)		\$15253.81
Decrease In Cash Assets		\$ 222.63

ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION-TREASURER'S REPORT

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LIFE MEMBERSHIP ACCOUNT

Bank Balance @ January 1, 1988 \$1263.03

RECEIPTS

4) Life Memberships	\$300.00	
Interest Guaranteed Investment Certificates	362.88	
Bank Interest	<u>73.99</u>	\$736.87

EXPENSES

Guaranteed Investment Certificate	\$225.00	
Membership Dues (1988)	<u>730.00</u>	<u>\$955.00</u>
Excess Expenses Over Receipts		\$-218.13
Bank Balance @ December 31, 1988		\$1044.90

LIFE MEMBERSHIP ASSETS

Guaranteed Investment Certificates \$4500.00

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 Woodstock on Saturday, April 22, 1989.

PRESS RELEASELOONIE.....POPULARITY OF \$1 COIN UNCHANGED!

Public acceptance of the \$1 coin was almost the same last December as a year earlier, a Gallup poll commissioned by the Royal Canadian Mint indicates.

One-third of respondents said they favored the coin, known as the Loonie. The same amount of respondents told Gallup they don't like the coin and another third was "neutral", the Mint said. It released results of the survey recently.

Other research on the Loonie, also done in December for the Mint, indicated Canadians would use the coin more often if it was widely available. The Loon is here to stay. Recent reports have stated that as of June 30, no more \$1.00 notes will be printed. Also reported that the dollar coin is being given in change more often.

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AWARD OF MERITROY HOLLINGSHEAD - POSTHUMOUSLY

The 1989 Award of Merit was accepted by Roy's widow, Frances Hollingshead, whose touching remarks were - "I wish Roy was here to accept the Award for himself".

Roy's contribution to the hobby was numerous. He was a member and attended most Clubs in Southern Ontario, and was always eager to impart his vast knowledge to anyone. He served on many Executive and Committee positions of several Clubs. He became the O.N.A.

President in 1985 and served until his health forced him to let the Vice President chair the meetings just prior to the end of his term in 1987.

The Award of Merit Committee couldn't have selected a more deserving recipient for 1989.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ON VACATION-----

GONE FISHING!!!!!!

Ken Wilmut

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

to Don Robb, who was recently appointed as Governor to the "J Douglas Ferguson Historical Research Foundation's Board of Directors".

Also named to the board were columnist Brian Cornwell and Christopher Gilroy.

Foundation President William McDonald states that those three appointments brings the board up to full strength. Board members range from Victoria, B.C. to St. Johns Nfld., and from Lake Placid, N.Y. to Florida. These board members cover a wide variety of numismatic subjects on a world-wide basis, and are from many walks of life, including collectors, dealers, museum curators, writers, and authors. Some of the background on the three new members are as follows:



DON ROBB

DON ROBB: Born in Smith Falls, Ont., and a graduate of Queens University. Employed by the Mutual Group Insurance Company, Waterloo. Has been a collector of Canadian and Newfoundland coins since 1962. More recently a collector of tokens, medals, and wooden money. Past President of the Waterloo Coin Society, the Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors, and served as Ontario Director for the C.N.A. from 1985-1987. He is a member of several coin organizations and is the General Show Chairman for the upcoming 1990 Ontario Numismatic Association 28th Annual Convention to be held in Kitchener.

BRIAN CORNWELL: Born in Vancouver, B.C. and a graduate of University of Toronto, he began to collect Canadian Coins seriously in 1976, and soon devoted much of his time to research, writing, and education. He is a member of "Fellow of the Canadian Research Society" and has written numerous articles for coin publications. He is publisher of the Canadian Rare Coin Report, and a founding partner in the International Coin Certification Service (I.C.C.S.). He conducts educational grading seminars and is in demand as guest speaker at many numismatic events.

CHRISTOPHER GILBOY: was born in Pakistan and received his B.A. from Bristol University, and his PHD. from Leeds University in England. Has been a coin collector for over 30 years, and at present is President/Editor of the Regina Coin Club. He edited the award-winning book "Aspects of the Numismatics of North America". The "Aspects on 19th Century Military Campaign Medals in Canada" is considered a milestone.

I'm sure that in the future we will be hearing a great deal more from these three new board members to the Ferguson Foundation.

EDITORIAL

Summer is a great time to relax, gather new strength and prepare ourselves for the coming fall season in the numismatic hobby. Many Clubs have discontinued their meetings for the summer, but the business of coin making and the changes in our coinage (which can affect our hobby) continue.

Recently it was announced that a major change would take place in the design of the Queen's profile on our 1990 Canadian coinage. Canadian artist Dora de Pedery-Hant was chosen to make these changes. De Pedery-Hunt calls the assignment a dream come true. Some of the changes you will find on coins will include an older looking Queen with a full crown rather than a tiara. She will be wearing a necklace, earrings, and a faint smile, and a slight change in her gown. I'm sure we will all be looking forward to the 1990 coinage.

How many have discovered that they are receiving more Loon Dollars in their change. It was recently reported that 233 million have been introduced into circulation, and with the last paper dollar rolling off the presses on June 30th, that number could increase greatly. It was also reported that as much as some people dislike the Loon Dollar, they are here to stay.

On June 27th Canada's new 10 Dollar Note was introduced, and almost immediately controversy occurred. It was believed that the flag above the Parliament Building was the American Stars and Stripes. Remember when the 5 Dollar was introduced in 1986, and a similar controversy occurred over the flag.

Mint officials state that if those concerned look at the flag through a magnifying glass they will see a graphic rendition of the Red Ensign. They stated that this was the flag that flew from the Parliament Building for most of Canada's history. Some of the other changes that have occurred are:- J.A.'s portrait is much larger, Parliament Building added, and 10 Dollars and Canada relocated. The reverse is a complete change. Gone is Sarnia's Chemical Valley scene, and is replaced by a water and island scene with the focal point on an Osprey carrying a fish in its talons. Canada appears across the bill in the background in the sky. These bills remain a purple color, but have a definite pink hue.

I suppose by the time you have read this article all will have received one of these new notes. I have tried several times to secure one from my bank with no results, but was able to pick one up in change at the local super market. Even at this early date it has been well circulated, with a centre crease and folded corners.

Those who plan to visit Ottawa this summer should take in the free tour of the Royal Canadian Mint. Word of caution--be sure to make reservations by writing to Royal Canadian Mint, 320 Sussex Drive, Ottawa, or call (613) 992 2348. Tours are conducted Monday to Friday, starting at 8:30 a.m.

Have a happy and safe summer, ready to commence activities in full in September.

T. Masters

DEADLINE.....

for submitting articles, show notices
etc., for the September-October issue is
September 15, 1989

MEDAL MARKS THE 150th ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST RECORDED
CANADIAN BASEBALL GAME IN 1838

by

JÉRÔME H. REMICK



In June 1988, an issue of 38 mm medals was released to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the first recorded baseball game in Canada. The game took place June 4, 1838, at the Village of Beachville, (Ontario) in the County of Oxford. The Beachville Club played against the Zorras, a Club from the townships of North Oxford and Zorra. The baseball game was reenacted on June 4, 1988, in Beachville. The medal was sponsored by the Woodstock Coin Club, Woodstock, Ontario. Ken Ovington and Jack Griffin, both members of the Woodstock Coin Club, were in charge of the project.



A baseball player of 1838 holding a flat type wooden bat used in those days in a position ready to swing at the ball, is featured on the obverse side. An outline of the square infield with four bases that was used in 1838, frames the player. "BEACHVILLE, ONTARIO, JUNE 4, 1838" is to the right side of the player. "WOODSTOCK COIN CLUB E&KO" is inscribed below the player's feet. "THE FIRST RECORDED BASEBALL GAME IN CANADA / 150th ANNIVERSARY 1988" is around the outer part of the medal.

The Canadian Numismatic Association's members' crest is featured on the reverse side.

Eleanor and Jack Ovington designed the medal.

Pressed Metal Products, 505 Alexander Street, Vancouver, B.C., V6A 1C8, struck the medals on 38 mm blanks.

Eight different types of the medal were struck at three different times. Uniface specimens showing the baseball side were struck for all metals for the first four types. The first and fifth types were sold to the public at the Beachville Ontario Museum. The other types were available only to members of the Woodstock Coin Club. The obverse and reverse sides of the first four issues are in the normal positions, but are rotated 180° for types five through eight.

The mintage figures given below in brackets are for uniface specimens. All pure silver specimens have plain edges.

The first type has a plain edge and the following mintages: 94 pure silver (4), 120 bright bronze (8), 145 nickel (8), and 45 antiqued bronze (10).

The second type has a reeded edge and the following mintages: 30 pure silver, 30 bright bronze (4), 30 nickel (4), and 30 antiqued bronze (4).

A small maple leaf was added to the baseball side of the third type, and it has a plain edge. Mintages are 9 pure silver (2), 19 bright bronze (4), 19 nickel (4), and 39 antiqued bronze (4).

150th ANNIVERSARY CANADIAN BASEBALL (Cont'd)

The fourth type with reeded edge and maple leaf has the following mintages:

9 pure silver (2), 19 bright bronze (4), 19 nickel (4), and 39 antiqued bronze (4).

The fifth type with plain edge, maple leaf, and upset reverse, has the following mintages:

37 pure silver, 20 bright bronze, 60 nickel, and 60 antiqued bronze.

The sixth type with reeded edge, maple leaf and upset reverse, has the following mintages:

7 pure silver, 10 bright bronze, 10 nickel, and 10 antiqued bronze.

A second maple leaf was added to the baseball side of the seventh type. The medals have a plain edge and upset reverse with the following mintages:

9 pure silver, 10 bright bronze, 20 oxidized nickel, and 10 antiqued bronze.

The eighth type with reeded edge, 2 maple leaves, and upset reverse, has the following mintages:

9 pure silver, 10 bright bronze, 20 oxidized nickel, and 11 antiqued bronze.

A few specimens of the fifth issue are available from Beachville Ontario Museum, % Ms. Shirly Riddick, Beachville, Ontario, NOJ 1A0, at the following prices:

nickel or oxidized bronze at \$5.00 each, plus \$2.00 for postage, and pure silver for \$30.00 plus \$2.00 for postage. A set of the three metals is available at \$43.00 postpaid.

The baseball game of 1838 was very different from that of today's game. The bat was a piece of rather rough hewn, flat wood, and lacked the round surface of today's bat.

The 1838 infield was square with four bases and home plate, and the distance between bases was only 61.5 feet.

To tag out a player running between bases, you threw the ball at him and had to hit him. However, the ball was much softer in 1838 than today, being made of twisted woolen yarn with a sewn calfskin case.

A fair ball was one thrown to the batter at any height between the bend of his knee and the top of his head; near enough to him to be fairly within reach. All others were unfair.

I would like to thank Jack Griffin for supplying me with the mintage figures. Ken Ovington and Thomas Masters furnished me with background data and a photo of the medal.

Further information on this medal is available from :

Jack Griffin,
RR #3, Burford, Ontario, NOE 1A0.

CORRECTION

In the May-June issue of the Numismatist, on Page 57, I reported that W. Ham was elected as Director for Area 6. This was in error. E. Workman was elected to represent the O.N.A. for Area 6.

I apologize for any inconvenience this has caused to W. Ham, E. Workman, or any Coin Clubs in Area 6.

EDITOR

Greenland Trade Dollar

by E. J. Vaskas

One man's history is another man's mystery.

Take the case of a coin now nearly 200 years old, a piastre minted in 1771.

When its background was being investigated it seemed like a good subject, with an interesting and complete story. But, as more and more information was found, less and less became known!

First, the coin was issued by Denmark but is continuously attributed to Greenland. No one gives more than personal opinions on why this is so.

Then, on the question of whether it should or should not be considered a trade dollar there is much controversy and the field is divided.

Although not often put up for sale, when a specimen does appear it almost always is listed as a trade coin.

Back in 1916 Nehemiah Vreeland wrote an article on the coinage of Iceland and Greenland. In it he mentioned this coin as the generally-known piastre or trade dollar issued by Denmark, when she was an important overseas power, and specially designed for her colonies of Greenland, Iceland, and Faroe Islands and the Danish West Indies.

One authority from Norway quite recently said these coins were never intended for the colonies and probably no piece ever even reached Greenland. In his opinion they were trade dollars intended for India and the Far East, a promotion he described as a complete flop.

Also from Norway and in answer to Vreeland's item, came a response by M. Borrelly saying this coin, issued by the Dansk-Asiatiske Kompagni, was definitely not struck for Greenland but for circulation in the East.

The old Scott Co. catalogue listed it under Greenland and it was also attributed to that country by the Bergsoe and Fonrobert catalogues, both by European dealers.

A Virginia coin dealer believes they were designated for "the rather extensive Danish West Indian, African and Asian trade of the period".

But if all this is so, why is the piece not included in the standard book on this series, "The United States Trade Dollar"?

The author of this outstanding work, John M. Willem Jr., recently explained that he "did not include it, or the 1822 Canadian, or English Colonial Coinage, because these pieces were solely for the colonies of the issuing country, and not for use in commerce with another country, i.e., in exchange for the goods of that other country."

John S. Davenport, a recognized expert on crown pieces, called these piastres "troublesome coins".

Answering our queries he said they weren't in his 1961 edition "European Crowns 1700-1800" because he "understood that they were not intended to circulate in Denmark and never did".

Although no illustration was used, the coin was described. After his book was released he reported receiving several letters from readers.

One complained that about 50 years ago a dealer miscatalogued and attributed them to Greenland, and subsequent cataloguers have just gone on repeating his error.

The coin is similar in design to the Spanish eight real piece,

GREENLAND TRADE DOLLAR (Cont'd)

commonly known as the pillar dollar. Besides being struck in 1771 it was reissued in 1777. As yet no mintage figures have been discovered for either issue.

Schou, the main authority on Danish coins, lists both dates as alike, calling them piastres and including no comment.

But Prof. Davenport reports that his own illustrations of the two dates show they were struck from entirely different dies, the 1777 release being on a considerably broader flan.

A bit of study also reveals that there are at least two varieties of the earlier date.

One has wider pillars and a larger center crown than the other. The crosses surmounting the pair of crowns atop the slender pillars point at approximately the center of the letters E and R in EX AMORE, whereas in the wider pillar variety they point to the tip of the left serif of these letters. The waves are also arranged differently.

The Norwegian authority previously mentioned maintains the first issue was made at the Norwegian mint in Kongsberg, their silver mining center, and states if these pieces are to be attributed to Europe at all they should be listed under Norway.

The reverse of this coin has a crown surmounting and shields of Denmark and Norway. At the sides are the Pillars of Hercules and on these pillars are the words PLUS ULTRA on a scroll, and in the sea are three islands marked, from left, ISLAND, FERRO and GRONLAND.

The obverse has the crowned armorial shield of Denmark, Norway, and Sweden with the inscription CHRISTIANVS, VII. D.G. DAN. NOR. VAN. GOT. REX.

What started out to be an informative article, turned into a series of questions. But numismatists thrive on such riddles and it shouldn't be too long before another mystery becomes part of the literature of the fast-growing hobby.

British Guiana Quality Country

by
Harold Don Allen

The student and collector of world paper money soon comes to recognize what might be termed "quality countries"--nations where the bulk of obsolete currency is negotiable and where paper money never has seen circulation in trivial denominations--where every note, one might say, is "a good bill". When such a country no longer issues distinctive bank notes, as might be the case for quite a number of colonial areas, then the entire nation becomes a prime challenge to the world collector.

Such a nation is British Guiana.

And while the bright red "Government of British Guiana dollar", fronted by its majestic vignette of Kaieteur Falls, has been gone from circulation for more than a decade, collectors still hunt the exchange centers and some of the few outstanding specimens reach a place of

BRITISH GUIANA (Cont'd)

honor in private collections rather than the fiery destruction which was to have been their fate.

And, paradoxically, internal strife may jeopardize the future of the old Colony, but the integrity of the British Guiana dollar remains intact. It is, if not "good as gold", good as Sterling, its value backed by the Currency Commission, British Caribbean Territories (Eastern Group), whose dollars have come to take its place.

Not only is British Guiana currency linked to Sterling (at the rate of two cents to the English penny), but certain notes for the Colony actually bear the rate of exchange. Thus the twenty dollar note issued at the Georgetown branch of The Royal Bank of Canada is inscribed, "Twenty British Guiana Dollars, the equivalent of 4-3-4".



The unusual note, of a design which saw extensive use in the British West Indies, depicts a sugar plantation and is the work of Canadian Bank Note Company, Limited, Ottawa, subsidiary of American Bank Note Company, the leading firm of security printers.



Alongside bank releases for British Guiana have circulated government dollars, traditionally issued by The Government of British Guiana and signed by three Currency Commissioners. The last issue was dated 1st January, 1942, and came in seven denominations, each a distinctive color, from the red \$1 to the yellow and purple \$100.

This highest denomination, seldom seen outside the Colony and now, for all practical

purposes, extinct, carries the waterfalls vignette, flanked by attractive engravings of a toucan (left) and of the Colonial Arms, all in purple. The yellow reverse portrays the late King.

Such notes, the aristocrats of two splendid series, are the sort of items glimpsed once in a lifetime in the fascinating realm of world paper currency.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

This article was written in 1963, before the British and their colonies adopted the decimal system.

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P.O. Box 243, Barrie, Ont., L4M 4T2. Info:-
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Numismatic Society, P.O. Box 351, Brantford, Ont.,
N3T 5N3
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Has your Club been included in this listing, and all data correct, or is additional information required? If so, get that information to the Editor so it can be updated in our next issue.....

CLUB REPORTS:

- BARRIE - Holds monthly meetings during the summer. Last meeting featured a C.N.A. Night with Paul Johnson and John Regitko telling the benefits C.N.A. has to offer.
- BRANTFORD - No meetings during the summer months. Their Annual Coin Show in June was another great success.
- CHAMPLAIN - Celebrated their 27th Anniversary at their June Meeting. Looking ahead to October when Paul Johnson will be the speaker at C.N.A. Night.
- GUELPH - Elora Legion Hall was the site for this Club's 2nd Annual Coin Show, which featured Coins, Stamps, and Hobby Dealers. Most Dealers report great sales, and a large turnout supported the theory that the Hobby was on the upswing.
- INGERSOLL - No meetings during July & August. June featured C.N.A. & Ladies Night and their Annual Strawberry Festival. Paul Johnson & John Regitko represented the C.N.A. and told of the benefits of being a C.N.A. Member.
- NORTH YORK - Holds regular meetings during the summer months. Don Robb was the speaker for the June meeting.
- ST. THOMAS - No regular meetings during July & August. June featured a 60-lot auction, and a family picnic was held in Pinafore Park in July. Games and prizes were won by all ages.
- SARNIA - No meetings during July & August. Charlie Springborn told of his participation at a grading seminar in Florida at the June meeting, and a barbecue was held at President Fred Hurley's home in July.
- STRATFORD - Wound up their season with a roast beef dinner at the Army & Navy Air Force Club. Donald Patterson was the keynote speaker - topic - How to Design Coins
- SUDBURY - The May meeting featured a 65-lot auction, and Jeff Fournier displayed his collection of Canadian Medals. A brief discussion on these medals concluded the program.
- TILLSONBURG - Strawberries was the main attraction for the June meeting. Plans finalized for their Fall Coin Show, and their Annual June Bus Trip (Niagara Falls this year). No meetings July & August.
- TORONTO - May meeting T. Masters speaker, and Seaby Slide Show of Hellenistic Monarchies - Alexander the Great to Cleopatra VII was the feature for June. Recessed for the summer.
- WATERLOO - Deserted Rink in the Park for their annual banquet at Angies Restaurant in St. Agatha. Guest speaker was Brian Cornwell, well known Columnist and authority on grading coins. No summer meetings.
- WOODSTOCK - Election of officers was the feature of the June meeting. Ken Ovington became the New President. Club members are still searching for a new meeting place. Next meeting September.

- August 19 Collingwood Coin & Stamp Club's Annual Show - Leisure Time Club, Minnesota St., Collingwood. Hours 10:00 a.m. - 5 p.m. Free admission. Lunch available. Inf :- Collingwood Coin & Stamp Club, P.O. Box 565, Collingwood, Ont., L(Y 4B2. Phone Jim Alexander (519)445 5744
- September 9 Huronia Numismatic Coin, Stamp, & Antique Show - Bayfield Mall, Bayfield St., N. Coin Displays welcome (no judging). Info:- Huronia Numismatic Assoc., P.O. Box 243, Barrie, Ont., L4M 4T2
- October 14 Hamilton Coin Club Show - Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 58, 1180 Barton St. E. 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Free admission. Info:- Hamilton Coin Club, P.O. Box 9271, Stoney Creek, Ont., L8G 3X9
- October 15 Tillsonburg Annual Coin & Hobby Show, Tillsonburg Community (Fair Grounds). Info: W. Baxter, 46 Queens St., Tillsonburg, Ont., N4G 3G9
- October 27-29 (Torex Coin, Banknotes, Stamps, Jewellery, Watches, (Military Badges, Books, etc.- at the Pearson Ballroom of the Ramada Hotel, 111 Carlton St., Toronto. (Auction - Admission \$2.00. Info:- Ingrid Smith ((416) 920 6461 or 586 0098.
- October 29 Stratford Coin Club - Kiwanis Community Centre, Lakeside Drive, Stratford. Free admission. Info:- Stratford Coin Club, P.O. Box 262, Stratford, Ont., N5A 6T1.
- November 17-19 T.I.C.F., Lakeshore Inn, Toronto. Info: T.I.C.F. P.O. Box 973, Stn B, Willowdale, Ont., M2K 2T6, 1- (416) 229 COIN.
- December 3 (Metro Toronto Coin Exhibition (M.T.C.E.) Bond Place (Hotel, 65 Dundas Street, E., Toronto. Hours - (10:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. Admission \$2.00. 30 Bourse (Dealers. Free Grading and Numismatic advice. Info:- (Ingrid K. Smith, (416) 920 6461 or (416) 586 0098.
- April 28-29 O.N.A. 28th Annual Convention - Holiday Inn, 30 Fairway Road, Kitchener. Info:- Waterloo Coin Society P.O. Box 41, Waterloo, Ont., N2J 3Z6.

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CLUB DELEGATES REPORT:

For the past several years the O.N.A. have asked Clubs that send a delegate(s) to the Delegates Breakfast, to prepare a written report. This report could include what has transpired at their Club since the last meeting, what their plans are for the future, and what they hoped the O.N.A. would do to benefit the Clubs and the Hobby.

This program of written reports has met with very limited success, and many delegates come to the meeting unprepared. Clubs should instruct their delegate before they come as to what they would like to see improved, new ideas and programs they think would benefit the Hobby as a whole. All written reports are asked to be turned in so they can be dealt with at a future O.N.A. Executive Meeting.

This year only three reports were turned in, and I will print a condensed version of these reports. There may have been other written reports that were not turned over to me.

INGEROLL COIN CLUB's official Club Delegate was a Junior Member - Kevin Pinney. His report included - Membership of 132 - which included 11 Life Members and 7 Juniors. Club stresses the importance of numismatic education through their monthly publication and meeting. Auctions are another important part of Club activities and are held 8 of the 10 meetings, with an auction list included in the publication. For the past 23 years have joined with the Ingersoll Kiwanis Club to raise money for "Disabled Children" - (\$1200.00 in 1988), and have raised over \$16,000.00 during those 23 years. June features their Annual "Ladies Night" and "Strawberry Festival", and 1989 June also includes C.N.A. Night. November is their Annual Banquet. They have been one of the premier sellers of O.N.A. Draw Tickets during the life of this program.

They recommended that the O.N.A. take immediate steps to up-date their Audio Visual Library.

OSHAWA & DISTRICT COIN CLUB Delegate Nina Watt reported that their Club was formed in 1960, and met in homes for the first few meetings. Their first Coin Show was in 1961, and to commemorate this event a set of three medals was issued in sterling silver, bronze, and antique silver. They hosted a successful three-day O.N.A. Convention in 1977. Each year they sponsor a Spring and Fall Coin Show. This year's Spring Show is May 27th.

Membership consists of 7 Life and 51 Regular, and meet on the second Sunday each month except July & August.

Christmas meeting features a buffet lunch, gift exchange and games.

ST. CATHARINES Delegate Gary Oblinsky brought greetings and announced their meeting third Sunday of the month. Reported the death of their found President Victor Snell, and Member Paul Dezo. Reported difficulty in securing licence to conduct a Draw.

Questions and Answers Programs, and Auction have gone over well at their meetings.

They look forward to greater support, direction, and ties with the O.N.A. in the future.

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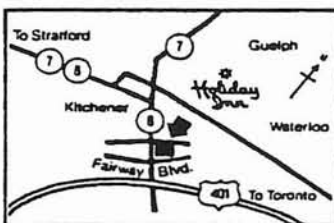
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P R E S I D E N T ' S M E S S A G E

Welcome Back!

After a great summer, we are all becoming active again in our hobbies and from my first two Coin Club meetings it appears that this will be a banner year. My home Club, Stratford started the fall season out on the right foot with 41 members and guests out to enjoy their first meeting. This was followed rather quickly with a meeting in Waterloo which saw 30+ taking in the meeting.

Speaking of Waterloo reminds me of the 1990 Convention which is not that far away. The Waterloo Coin Society have made great strides in preparing for one of the very best, with the Convention Medal design in place, several Bourse Tables sold, and a great deal more preparation already looked after. You will be seeing on a regular basis Press Releases about this upcoming event but to make sure there is nothing on your Calendar I urge you to block off April 28 & 29, 1990 on your calendar for our 28th Annual Convention. It will be a great event and will be held at the Holiday Inn on Fairway Road in Kitchener.

Which brings me to the next point; recently I was asked if the O.N.A. had Guidelines for running a Convention. Unfortunately I had to reply that we did not and the more I think of it, the more we should. We will be putting together an outline of the Organization for Running an O.N.A. Convention to help Clubs in determining if they wish to host one of our Conventions. This will take a little time but we hope that prior to the 1991 Convention to have it well in place and operational.

We would like to see some Club that would like to host a Convention ask us about the 1991 or later Conventions. One thing that is always nice to have is your locations for future Conventions established well in advance. This is a policy of the C.N.A., the A.N.A. and all other well organized groups. Put the pressure on your Club Executive to contact us and we will come up with information and assist in the planning of a successful venture. We would like to have three or four tentatively scheduled conventions.

In closing, I would like to suggest that you put a Life Membership to the Ontario Numismatic Association on your Christmas Want List. It is probably the best value for any organization. It costs only \$100.00 and keeps giving in the years to come.

I hope to see you at a Coin Club meeting in the near future.

Your President



It's election time again! How many have given serious thought of serving your Club by becoming an elected officer? Are you satisfied to leave this up to someone else because you just couldn't do that job or you haven't the time? Or is the real reason you just can't be bothered?

The old saying "Let George Do It", is not good enough today. Many Clubs face the unpleasant task of begging people to take even one of the lesser executive positions. This should not be the case. All executive positions in every Club should be important enough to have two or more clamoring for that office. I ask you, when did your Club have an election for a specific office?

Our National Organization (C.N.A.) with its large membership has had only one office contested these past years, and then less than one third took the trouble to vote. It's been years since there was an election in our own organization (O.N.A.) and at that election the return was even less than the response the C.N.A. received this year. When was the last time your Club had to distribute ballots to determine who would handle your business affairs. I belong to a number of Clubs, and hold an office in several. Only at the Brantford Club about four years ago were ballots distributed to determine a winner for one office.

I'm sure that every reader-member of any coin organization wants to see their organization continue to operate. It's always depressing when we read or hear that some Club has ceased to operate. Failing to secure an executive may only be one of the reasons for that Club's demise, there could be several other reasons as well- decline in membership, finances, lack of participation, to name a few.

If your Club is electing new officers for the new year and you are asked to become one of those officers, don't say no, don't make up some excuse, get on the bandwagon- become a promoter- do your job- get enthusiastic about the hobby and your Club. Don't let apathy control your thoughts and actions. If we all think along these ways our hobby will grow in numbers. You, because you decided to become a leader in your organization will realize what you have been missing. I can tell you from personal experience, that being an executive member of any organization can be very rewarding. Give this matter your utmost consideration and, like the U.S. Army Recruiting Poster Says "WE NEED YOU NOW!!"

Spring Coin Shows saw an upswing in attendance this year and a number of Fall Shows are hoping that trend continues. I hope that you will take particular notice of the Coin Shows in your area and plan to attend. It never ceases to amaze me the number of regular members who rarely attend these shows. There are so many benefits for you and your Club. First, if the Show produces a profit, you benefit by lower membership fees. At these Shows there are several bourse dealers and with a variety of coins for sale. Many of these coins never show up at your Club meetings or auctions. Here's a great way to add to your collection. Prizes are offered at these Shows. Displays can be seen. Why don't you get a display together and become part of the action. Then there is the fellowship of mingling with fellow collectors, meeting and making new friends, learning more about the hobby. Coin Shows offer so much more than just the selling of coins. If you have never been to a Show before, plan to do so now. It's another rewarding and exciting phase of our hobby.

T, Masters

CNA CONVENTION ONE OF THE BEST EVER

by John Regitko

If one were to judge this year's CNA Convention held at the Convention Centre in Quebec City against all other 37 held since the CNA's founding, one would be hard-pressed to find one that appealed to CNA members and the local public more. The convention boasted one of the largest displays of both competitive and non-competitive displays. Although not a record, the 50 dealers and 4 Mints boasted a wide array of numismatic material sure to satisfy all collecting interests and pocket books. Participation by the national mints of Canada, Australia, France and Mexico was a definite plus to the convention.

The educational programs were tops, and the various meetings hosted by CPMS, CAWMC, CATC, APMI, ANFC and CNRS were also well-attended.

The total attendance was a surprise, and will probably come out higher than ever before once the final tally is in. Also of a surprise to even the most optimistic collector where the number of Registrants that "signed up" for the Convention. The final figure of around 250 is higher than at any previous convention.

No one was disappointed with the contents of the Registration Kits. It consisted of books, trade dollars, wooden nickels, pins, a beautiful and informative Souvenir Program Booklet, "admission tickets" that acted as reminders for the various free education and numismatic association's meetings, and much, much more.

The convention was hosted by the Societe Numismatique de Quebec (SNQ). Of all the Conventions I have attended over the past decade, I have never seen a harder-working committee! With the highest registration and the highest attendance ever, you can readily imagine the pressures on the Committee to assure that everything was taken care of. The Committee rose to the occasion beautifully! Although I am sure that the usual behind-the-scenes problems arose, the Convention-goer only saw a smooth-running reception area as soon as he/she set foot on the Convention premises, and was awed by the number of exhibits and the size and layout of the bourse. When they entered a meeting room, it was properly set up. Meetings were well-organized. Everything ran smoothly as if by magic. Whole families assisted (four members of the Fecteau family, for example, chipped in). Others moved from assignment to assignment, doing what needed to be done without any prior experience or training. The General Chairman, Jean-Luc Marret, and his committee can take a well-deserved bow!

A lot of the credit for the high turnout must go to Jerome Remick, who handled the publicity for the Convention. Not only did he provide the local coverage in French and the national publicity through the CNA Journal, CCN and other publications in English, but he also "personalized" his publicity by sending communiques directly to individual CNA members. The listing of local sights, restaurants, churches, etc. were a welcome addition to normal publicity campaigns.

The situation concerning bilingualism was handled superbly, from the Registration and Admission Table personnel, right to the individual meetings. Yvon Marquis, who is listed in the Convention Souvenir Program Booklet as being in charge of "protocol", did an excellent job of providing the instant translation at the CNA general membership meeting, at all numismatic organization's meetings and especially at the Banquet where, in his capacity of Master of Ceremonies, he provided both the English and French commentary impeccably.

In the Souvenir Program, Stephane LeBlond, President of the Societe Numismatique de Quebec, stated: "For over a year now, the members of my club have been intensively involved in the preparation of this prestigious event. All those men and women who gave their time and their talent hope that you will enjoy attending this convention." And we sure did!

Everyone who had the pleasure of being their can take their hats off to one of the finest Convention Committees the CNA has ever produced. Every committee member, whose names will no doubt be enshrined in the minds of all Convention-goers for a long time to come, should be proud of their accomplishment!

The Labors of Hercules

by Carl W. A. Carlson

Hercules, mythical son of Zeus and Alcmene, and whose name has become synonymous with supernatural strength, was regarded by the Greeks and Romans as much more than a symbol of physical power. His role in mythology was that of protector of mankind and destroyer of monstrous or unnatural creatures.

After his death, Hercules became a minor god in his own right, both by virtue of his descendance from Zeus and because of his earthly deeds. Alexander the Great regarded Hercules as one of his ancestors, and the most familiar coin portrait of Alexander shows him wearing the lion skin of Hercules. Since the mortal Hercules became a god after his death primarily because of his deeds, he served as a model for the edification of the Roman emperors, beginning with Julius Caesar.

Beginning in 140-141 A.D., the Romans began issuing from the mint in Alexandria, Egypt, a special series of copper drachmae commemorating among other things, the labors of Hercules. These issues, all under the reign of the Emperor Antoninus Pius (138-161 A.D.), seem to have been part of an attempt to revive and enlarge the knowledge and appreciation of Greek culture among the non-Greek native population of Egypt.

The Hercules types occur in several years from 141 to 161 A.D. There are 15 major types, though not all were issued in any one year. The year 142 provides 13 types, greatest in any year of issue, but the coins of 147 A.D. are much more common, even though only 12 types were struck. Several types are scarce only in one or another year of issue, yet are extremely rare or even unique for a different year. A few single-year types are known, and one is known from a single coin.

The most common type is Hercules and the lion, a type or motif repeated on the coinage of other countries and in other ages, most recently on the coins of Albania around 1930.

Many of the pieces show extreme wear. Since the copper drachmae were legally limited to circulation in Egypt under the Romans, they tended to stay in circulation until most of the design had been worn off. It is difficult to find specimens of most of these types in any grade better than fine..

(Unless otherwise noted, illustrated specimens are in the collection of the John Hopkins University.

The first labor of Hercules, destroying the Nemean lion, is depicted on a coin struck in 141 A.D. that may have been from the first set of dies in the series. After killing the lion by hand, Hercules wore the skin as a cape.



Also from 141 A.D. is coin showing the second labor, destruction of the Echidna or Hydra.



Sacred to the goddess Artemis, the Ceryneian (or Menalian) stag was captured alive by Hercules as his third labor. (Coin from the author's collection).

Enroute to his fourth labor, Hercules visited the Centaur Pholos, a scene shown on this coin from 143 A.D. (From the author's collection).



For his fourth labor, Hercules captured the Erymanthian boar and brought it back to Eurystheus, his master and half-brother. The frightened Eurystheus hid in a large jar, from which his arms protrude on this coin of 147 A.D.

THE LABORS OF HERCULES (Cont'd)

To clean the vast Augean stables in a single day, Hercules became the first large-scale polluter when he diverted a river through the stables. The fifth labor is shown on a coin of 147 A.D.



Man-eating Symphalian birds were Hercules' victims in his sixth labor. Coin from 143 A.D. shows the hero shooting the birds in flight. (From the author's collection).

Hercules went to Crete, captured the Cretan bull, and brought it back to show to Eurystheus before releasing it. The seventh labor is shown on a copper from 147 A.D.



Diomedes of Thrace owned some man-eating mares that were no match for Hercules in his eighth labor, shown on a coin of 142 A.D. Diomedes, shown at left attempting to escape, suffered the same fate as the mares.

After defeating the Amazon warrior maidens in battle, Hercules brought the girdle of Hippolyta to Eurystheus. The ninth labor is depicted on this coin from 143 A.D.



As a warmup for his tenth labor, Hercules freed Prometheus from the eagle that had been torturing him. Prometheus, giver of fire to mankind, had been chained by Zeus. Unique piece is from 157 A.D.

The tenth labor called for Hercules to slay the monster Geryon and bring back his famous herd of cattle. On this coin of 141 A.D., the vanquished Geryon lies at the feet of Hercules.



It seemed Hercules was forever being sidetracked enroute to more serious business, and on this 161 A.D. coin he wrestles the giant Antaeus in the course of his eleventh labor. Antaeus could not be defeated so long as he maintained contact with earth, so Hercules lifted him in the air and strangled him.

THE LABORS OF HERCULES (Cont'd)

For his eleventh labor, Hercules traveled to the mystical Garden of the Hesperides, slew the guardian serpent, and pilfered some of the sacred golden apples. Scene is memorialized on a coin of 142 A.D.



As his last task, Hercules descended to Hades to bring back the three-headed dog Cerberus, guardian of the gates of the underworld. He persuaded the god Hades to let him borrow Cerberus, took the dog to Eurystheus, then returned him. Scene is on a coin of 143 A.D.

IN MEMORIAM

Howard Hill, President of the St. Catharines Coin Club, died suddenly on July 31st, while returning from a vacation with his wife Violet.

Howard has been an active member of the St. Catharines, Niagara Falls, and Welland Coin Clubs for many years.

Howard was President of the St. Catharines Coin Club in 1970 and 1986 until his sudden passing, he was a Past President of the Niagara Falls and Welland Coin Clubs.

Numismatics has lost a wonderful Numismatist.

Sympathy is extended to his wife Violet and family.

CALL FOR NUMISMATIC AUCTION TENDER

The Ontario Numismatic Association will be holding a Coin Auction in conjunction with their 28th Annual Convention. It is being held on April 28-29, 1990, at the Holiday Inn, Kitchener, Ontario.

Those interested in conducting this Auction are requested to reply in writing, stating terms and conditions, to the address below. The deadline for submissions is October 31, 1989.

ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION
54 Trinity Street
Stratford, Ontario, N5A 4P4
Attention: Tom Kennedy

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ASSOCIATION NEWS

MEMBERSHIP

The New Members which appeared in the July-August Issue have now been officially accepted.

CORRECTION: #1317 should have read John G. Hachey, Mississauga, instead of the Timmins Coin Club as shown.

Timmins Coin Club number should be #C101.

CLUB DIRECTORY

ST. CATHARINES Coin Club.....

Has a new meeting place and date
.....Meet the 3rd Sunday at 1:00 p.m. each month except July and August, at the Russell Ave. Community Centre, 108 Russell Ave., St. Catharines.

MAIL ADDRESS - St. Catharines Coin Club
P.O. Box 1492, St. Catharines, Ontario
L2R 7J9 Info:- Phone (416)227 1229 (Gary)

DEADLINE ---for submitting articles, show notices, etc., for the November-December issue of the O.N.A. Numismatist, is NOVEMBER 15, 1989.

Greenland Trade Dollar - by Ken Forbes

In regard to the article by Mr. E. J. Vaskas, subject - GREENLAND TRADE DOLLAR, in July, Aug 1989 issue of O.N.A.

As a dealer of 35 years, specializing in Foreign Coins, with a fairly extensive knowledge of this field, especially on the subject of CROWNS from 1484 on up, on a world wide basis, I go all out to find out, or know what needs to be known from a historical, scarcity, and current value information.

The article by Mr. Vaskas pretty well takes care of the known facts, and the controversy surrounding where they were used, where they were made, and where they ended up being used as currency, although there are some errors in his article, I would like to add the following information on the so-called Greenland Dollar, that was not touched on.



1771 Greenland Trade Dollar:

Davenport #411 : Hede #21 : Craig #78 : Krause 1985 (2 Vol. set) : All of these reference list under DENMARK, which is where this date was struck at the mint in Copenhagen.

543 pieces struck in 1771

44,900 pieces struck in 1774 for a total of 45,443 pcs.

At present, subject to revision, the pieces known to exist are: 17 pieces, all in museums

4 pieces in private hands in U.S.A.

1777 Greenland Trade Dollar:

Davenport #412 : Hede #9 : Craig #78 (Under Denmark in error) : Krause 1985 (2 Vol. set) under NORWAY which is where this date was struck at the mint in Kongsberg.

50,001 pieces struck

At present, subject to revisions, the pieces known to exist are:

8 or 9 pieces in museums

4 pieces in private hands in the U.S.A.

Price Structure of either 1771 or 1777:

I have records of what they have sold for, however as either date of these coins come up for sale on a world wide basis so seldom, but depending on condition, for lower grades the price would be between \$4000 to \$6000 U.S. A most recent record I have is the 1771 in B.U. at \$25,000 U.S.

Krause 1985 (2 Vol. set) shows the 1771 under DENMARK and the 1777 under NORWAY, Davenport and Hede indicate the same, the prime reason for this is the fact that these are the countries they were made in.

Krause 1985 (2 Vol. set) indicates that the 1771 is twice the price of the 1777, in either case the Krause prices are too high in my opinion, in light of what they have sold for in recent times.

I have never handled one of these pieces. The above observations are based on research. However, as I have indicated, I keep a close eye on crowns and their prices, for reasons outlined earlier.

Inquiries or comments - write to the O.N.A. N.I. F.R.N.S.
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- October 29 Stratford Coin Club - Kiwanis Community Centre, Lakeside Drive, Stratford. Free admission. Info:- Stratford Coin Club, P.O. Box 262, Stratford, Ont., N5A 6T1.
- November 17-19 T.I.C.F., Lakeshore Inn, Toronto. Info: T.I.C.F. P.O. Box 973, Stn B, Willowdale, Ont., M2K 2T6, 1- (416) 229 COIN.
- December 3 (Metro Toronto Coin Exhibition (M.T.C.E.) Bond Place (Hotel, 65 Dundas Street, E., Toronto. Hours - (10:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Admission \$2.00. 30 Bourse (Dealers. Free Grading and Numismatic advice. Info:- (Ingrid K. Smith, (416) 920 6461 or (416) 586 0098.
- March 31, 1990 North York Coin Club 30th Anniversary Coin Show & Banquet - North York Memorial Community Hall, 5110 Yonge St., Willowdale. Info:- North York Coin Club, P.O. Box 294, Stn A, Willowdale, Ont., M2N 5S9.
- April 28-29 1990 O.N.A. 28th Annual Convention - Holiday Inn, 30 Fairway Road, Kitchener. Info:- Waterloo Coin Society, P.O. Box 41, Waterloo, Ont., N2J 3Z6.

LANDMARKS ON COINS

.....is another field the topical collector can find great enjoyment and a wealth of coins from around the world to make their choice.

Canada has a number of coins that fit into this category. Those that come to mind immediately are the 1939 silver dollar featuring the Centre Block and Peace Tower of the Parliament Buildings in Ottawa. The 1951 Commemorative 5 cent showing the nickel smelters; 1973 P.E.I. Centennial Dollar with the Provincial Legislature Building; the 1974 Winnipeg Centennial Dollar with scenes of Winnipeg; the Parliament Library on the 1976 dollar.

The U.S. coinage offers a number - the Lincoln cent, the Jefferson nickel, and their Commemorative series. Israel, Turkey, Hungary, Gibraltar, Poland, Sweden, Switzerland, Austria, Russia, are just a few that you can add to the series. Many of these coins can be purchased for less than you think. Happy hunting and good luck!!



COVER

Let's begin a coin menagerie!

Webster defines Menagerie as a (1) "Collection of Wild Animals kept for Exhibition (2) The Enclosure in which they are kept (3) Zoo."

Let's start with the coin used on this issue's cover- the South Africa "Springbok", a small African gazelle noted for its ability to leap high in the air. This 5 shilling .500 fine silver coin can be readily purchased for less than ten dollars.

Let's begin again with our own Canadian coins from our pocket change. Our five cents gives us two coins that fit into this topical collection- the beaver from almost any date, and the rabbit from the 1967 Commemorative coin. The caribou is found on our current 25 cent, and the cougar appears on the 1967 quarter. 1967 also features the wolf on our 50 cent, a bear and a moose on our Commemorative dollars. Also on our Coat of Arms are featured an elk, ram, and lion. The 1985 100 dollar gold coin features a big horn sheep. Also on our gold sovereigns 1908-1919 we see St. George and the dragon. This mythical serpent-like winged monster could fit into this category. One could suppose that St. George is astride a wild horse, and this could be classified as a wild animal.

If we have all these coins in our collection we are off to a good start, so let's move on to the United States.

The most familiar would be the buffalo that appeared on the Buffalo Nickels minted from 1913-1938. The magnificent animals roamed the Western plains by the millions, but were almost hunted to extinction prior to the turn of the 20th century for their hides. Many efforts are being successful today to enlarge herds of these animals. Also on their Commemorative Halves we find the grizzly bear, a catamount (U.S. puma) and a badger.



Our journey continues to Australia, where we find the Kangaroo prominently displayed in full flight on their coinage. Also a sheep appeared on their shilling from 1938-1963.

China has featured dragons on some of their coinage.

Elephants are featured on a number of countries coinage, and shouldn't be too hard to find.

Peru features a winged llama on their 1/2 and 1 sol 1966-1975.

Poland features the chamois lynx, beaver, moose, and bison, on their 100 Zlotych Environment Protection Commemorative Series.

Singapore shows the ox and tiger on their 10 dollar coins. A camel appears on

COVER (Cont'd)

ON Somalia 1970, 200 shilling coin commemorating their 10th Anniversary of Independence from British rule.

Also, on the Ceylon, Sri Lank coinage we can find a whole zoo of animals on their 5 rupees, .925 silver coin, to commemorate 2500 years of Buddhism. This country also features elephants on several denominations of their stiver and rix dollar coins.

These are but a few countries from which to choose coins for your collection. If you should decide to add birds, fish, and many domestic animals to this topical series, the list becomes endless.

There are many Fall Coin Shows featured in various areas. Plan to visit one or more of these shows. Search through the dealers' bargain boxes and begin your topical collection. It can be an inexpensive way to get further enjoyment from the hobby. One does not have to stay in the field of wild animals. Some of the other topics could be famous people, buildings, flowers, birds, and boats, to just name a few. I leave that decision up to you.

Happy hunting - looking forward to seeing a topical display at some future Coin Show.



T. Masters

CONGRATULATIONS: TO...

AL BLIMAN

who was elected the new President of the C.N.A. Al's interest in Numismatics and the hobby is well known through his hard work. I'm sure the C.N.A. will continue to enjoy its success of the past under the tenure of Al's Presidency.

TO... TOM KENNEDY

who became the C.N.A. Area Director for South & West Ontario. Tom also has worked hard to further the interest of Numismatics, and I'm sure that all Clubs in his area will be hearing more from him on how the C.N.A. can benefit their organization.

EX LIBRIS:

New books to the O.N.A. Library are always welcome, and I invite any member who has a book they have no longer use for, to donate it to the Library. At today's prices for books, and the O.N.A.'s limited budget, it becomes difficult to secure as many books as we would like. Books that have been added to the Library are as follows:
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 Harry Eisenhauer - Canadian Paper Money Journal Vol 13-15 1977-79
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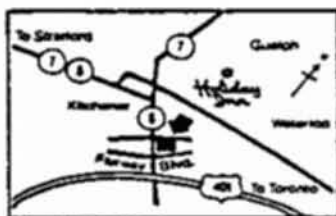
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

President Ken Wilmot was admitted to hospital recently, and his message is not available for this issue.....

I'm happy to report that Ken is now home and his health is improving daily. We wish him complete recovery.



*"The gladness of Christmas is HOPE
The spirit of Christmas is PEACE
The heart of Christmas is LOVE"*



On behalf of the O.N.A. Executive, I want to extend to all our members the Season's Greetings, and may the coming year be filled with unexpected pleasure.

FROM THE PRESS

On September 26th, Metroland Printing, Publishing & Distributing, a subsidiary of Torstar Ltd., sold Canadian Coin News and its sister publication Canadian Stamp News, to Paul and Debra Fiocca, St. Catharines; Anderson and Susan Charters, Orillia; and Paul and Mary Lynn Winker, Kitchener.

The new owners have many years experience publishing community papers, and we can look forward to changes taking place in future issues. Editor of Canadian Stamp News says any changes to that publication will be introduced gradually and in consultation with the stamp community in Canada.

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COIN HUMOR:

A successful man is one who can earn more money than his wife can spend. A successful woman is one who can find that type of husband !

EDITORIAL

For many years, collectors across Canada have been complaining about the slowness of the Canadian Mint. Collectors who order their coin sets in January may expect to get them delivered sometime in October, November, or December. Over the years the Mint has promised to speed up deliveries, but nothing much has ever happened.

If you think those deliveries were slow, how about the latest caper. In 1967, to celebrate our Centennial, a special edition of coins were issued. The reverse of these coins was designed by Alex Colville, and they included a dove, a rabbit, a bobcat, a howling wolf, and a Canada goose on the dollar. A very short time after, these coins were released, a variety became known- "The Diving Goose". Dealers began offering these coins to the public and collectors searched for them in offerings from the bank. Numerous pieces were discovered, and many bought and sold. Everyone believed these coins to be a variety. Many were offered in major auctions and at coin shows. Just recently I viewed one at a coin show, but the owner was reluctant to put it on display. It has been 22 years since that coin first appeared on the market. It has taken the Canadian Mint 22 years to decide it was a counterfeit. How's that for speed!

Recently the R.C.M.P., on advice from the Canadian Mint, seized 3 of these "Diving Goose" varieties counterfeits that were being offered in a major auction. They have given an explanation to the seizure, but not why they waited all these years to take action. 22 years and numerous of these coins have been advertised and sold. I'm sure the Mint knew about these coins years ago. Will we have to wait another 22 years before they explain the long delay in classifying this coin. Three have been seized, the rest have gone underground. Are those who collect variety coins now in jeopardy of having their coins seized too??

In my editorial to the Ingersoll Coin Club members, I reported that many Club shows have gone the way of the Dodo bird. I listed several in my area - St. Thomas, Woodstock, London, Simcoe, Ingersoll, and most recently, Sarnia. A while back I asked the question - are there too many coin shows, and are the large metropolitan shows killing the smaller ones? Several of the above shows were cancelled years ago so I don't believe the larger shows had any effect on their stopping. Sarnia cancelled theirs because of lack of participation among its members, others because of apathy. Now a new monster has raised its head. Cost!! North York Coin Club were to celebrate their 30th Anniversary with a Coin Club Show. They report that the cost of renting the hall for this show was more than they could afford. They have taken the right road. It's better to cancel their show for 1990 than to go into bankruptcy and fold the Club. I hope to see the Sarnia Show revived - one is needed in that area. Windsor-Chatham, Tillsonburg, Stratford, Brantford, and Guelph had highly successful shows in 1989. Through these clubs' efforts, numismatics is promoted to the general public. Club shows help introduce new members to their club. If too many club shows fold, how long will it be before more clubs close their doors too?

T. Masters



CONVENTION CALENDAR

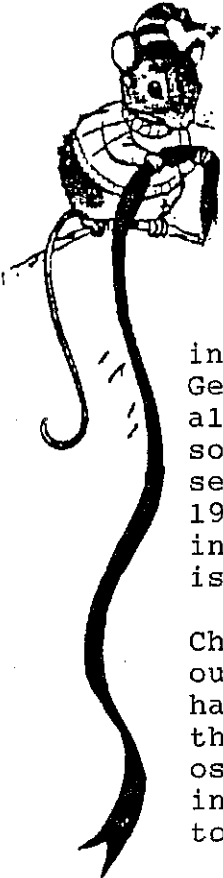
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- February 10 Huronia Numismatic Coin, Stamp, & Antique Show. Bay-
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- March 31 The North York Coin Club's 30th Anniversary Co in Show
has been CANCELLED due to the outrageous cost of
renting the facilities at the North York Memorial
Community Hall. However the Banquet is still on, but
not at the Hall. Info: N.Y.C.C., P.O. Box 294, Stn A,
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- April 28-29 O.N.A. 28th Annual Convention, Holiday Inn, 30 Fair-
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- May 4-6 Niagara Falls - Expo Niagara, coins stamps, cards,
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- May 12 Victoria-Simcoe NumismATIC Association Annual Coin,
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517 Mara Road, Beaverton, Ont. Info: Elmer Workman,
R.R.#2, Cunnington, Ont., LOE 1E0. Tel: (705)432 2124.
- June 10 Brantford Numismatic Society's 30th Anniversary Coin
Show, Woodman Centre, 49; Grey St., Brantford. Info:
B.N.S., P.O. Box 351, Brantford, Ont., N3T 5N3.
- August 16-19 C.N.A. Annual Convention, Vancouver, British Columbia.
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- October 21 Tillsonburg Coin Club's Annual Coin & Hobby Show,
Tillsonburg Community Centre (Fair Grounds). Info:-
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Has your Club selected a date for their 1990 Coin Show??? If you
have, get that information to the Editor so it can be included in
upcoming issues of the O.N.A. Numismatist.

Convention Calendar is a free service!



CHRISTMAS THEME ON COINS



What can I get a numismatist for Christmas? Something that is of value and does have the meaning of Christmas too. That is the question that this writer has pondered for some time. I read several numismatic ads in the hobby publications advertising numismatic items for Christmas, but none of these items reflect the real meaning of Christmas.

Let me look over some of my coins and see if I can find a hidden Christmas meaning even if its contemporary, provocative, and far-fetched.

Doesn't seem to be anything in the Canadian Victoria, Edward, George V or George VI series. Have almost given up hope in finding something in the Queen Elizabeth series....Wait a minute....that 1967 Centennial Proof Set looks interesting. Do you suppose there is a hidden Christmas message there?

What is a symbol of Christmas? Christmas just isn't Christmas without a turkey. No, the U.S. don't have any turkeys on their coins. A thought just struck me...just suppose the turkey had been chosen instead of the eagle as the bird to appear on the U.S. coins.

Benjamin Franklin did his part ...he detested the choice of the eagle and campaigned to have the turkey chosen, but sadly his campaign failed and the eagle became the national symbol.



Let us just suppose the turkey had been chosen instead of the eagle...think of all the U.S. coins that would have the turkey instead of the eagle on them. Could not these coins be classed as a Christmas coin?

Let us take another look at the 1967 Proof Set. Yes...with a bit of imagination I can see all these coins representing the "Christmas Theme". You might immediately ask..."How can all these coins...a gold coin, goose, wolf, wildcat, fish, rabbit, and dove, represent something that might be associated with the Christmas season? Good question. Here's my reason for the selection I've made. I hope you will read on.

The price of gold has risen drastically since it was pegged at \$35.00 an ounce. The cost of Christmas shopping has risen considerably today to a point where it takes a great deal of gold to see us all through the Christmas season, so in this small way, the 20-dollar gold coin in my view could represent Christmas. We celebrate Christmas in honour of Christ's birth, and the three Wise Men brought gifts of Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh to the Christ child. With this in mind, all gold coins could be classed as a Christmas coin.



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CHRISTMAS THEME ON COINS (Cont'd)

What about the dollar with the Canada Goose on the reverse, you ask?

My thoughts go back to my youth, where in my family, the roast goose was the main course for the Christmas dinner. So for those people like myself, the goose on the reverse of the 1967 dollar could represent Christmas.



You say there is no way a howling Wolf on the reverse of the 1967 50 cent could represent Christmas? I have several reasons that I believe this coin could fit into this theme. I'll let you be the judge.

Let's suppose this coin represents the howls of delight as our children and grand children open their Christmas gifts, or does it represent the howls of dissatisfaction from those who didn't get the presents they had hoped for, or how about the howls of discomfort from those who WOLFED down their Christmas dinner. As I stated earlier- you be the judge.

The Wildcat is on the 25 cent coin. There is no way it can represent Christmas you say? What about all that wild scrambling for last minute shopping, and the last minute preparations for Christmas? With the hurry-scurry to and fro, we are like a cat on a hot tin roof (so the saying goes), and that's enough to make any cat wild. I rest my case on this coin.



There is no way that you can include the mackerel that is found on the 10 cent coin to be remotely connected to Christmas? No, I'm not stuck for an answer. My thoughts go to the many times I have overheard someone say "Holy mackerel...is Christmas that close!"?

Just two coins left in the series...The Rabbit on the 5 cent...how on earth does this coin fit into this category?

When we do our Christmas shopping we all know how fast our money disappears...faster than a rabbit can multiply, and faster than it can run... so I can see this coin representing the Christmas theme.

Peace and goodwill are the signs of the Dove, so the poem goes, and Christmas represents the birth of Christ, who was born to bring peace and goodwill to men. The dove on the reverse of the lowly 1967 1 cent can be truly classed as a Christmas coin.

These are my own reasons for saying that the 1967 Canadian Centennial Proof Set may be thought of as representing the Christmas Theme in a remote way.

Maybe we can all look over some of our coins, and with a bit of imagination, find some hidden meaning. It can also be another of the many ways by which we can enjoy our coins and the hobby.

For all those who have taken the time to read this article this far, I would enjoy to hear your comments.

I would at this time, like to extend to all a Very Merry Christmas, a New Year of Prosperity, Health of body and mind, and a keen sense of humor.



Tom Masters

IN MEMORIAMDONALD H. FLICK - O.N.A. L.M. #6

It is with sadness that I report the sudden passing of Donald (Don) H. Flick, of Port Joli, Nova Scotia, and formerly of Oakville.

Don's death was the result of a massive heart attack suffered one day after the burial of his mother-in-law.

Don had many numismatic credits including member of several coin organizations --Toronto Coin Club, Oakville Coin Club, Ontario Numismatic Association, and the Canadian Numismatic Association. He was past President of the Oakville Coin Club (1964-65), the Ontario Numismatic Association (1969-71). His interest in numismatics began in 1962, and he specialized in Canadian tokens and medals that recalled historical events of this country. 2511 lots of his collection was sold by auction at the 1975 Torex Show in April 17-18-19-20.

One of Don's most ambitious endeavours was the now famous "Flick Scrapbook". This scrapbook contains details of practically every noted Canadian event since 1962. Also contained in this scrapbook are the signatures of over 500 famous and well known dealers and collectors.

After a successful 25 years in the printing business, he retired and moved to Nova Scotia to pursue and second hobby, that of writing. Several of his books were printed and released including "Anne Hootenany" (A Thief's Best Friend is my Dog), and "Cottage Capers" which appeared in 1972-73.

Don was a very enthusiastic collector, and a person who shared his numismatic knowledge to all at every opportunity.

His unexpected death leaves a large void in the numismatic family.

On behalf of the O.N.A., the numismatic family, I would like to express our sincere sympathy to his wife, Dorothy, and the Flick family.

T. Masters

DOVE OF PEACE...

It is doubtful that there is a more respected symbol of peace than the dove. The little birds, universally recognized as messengers of the air, have from time immemorial received the accolades of the world's foremost historians and bards as the winged embodiment of man's most noble desire. The dove was accorded its rightful place of honor on the 1970 coinage of the Vatican City when Pope Paul VI's sixth series was introduced. There it is depicted in flight bearing another familiar peace symbol, an olive branch, in its

DOVE OF PEACE (Cont'd)

beak on the city-state's stainless steel 100 lire value. This coin has been released annually since 1970. Other recent Vatican City coin issues which featured doves of peace include several of the 1962 Ecumenical Council commemoratives--1 through 20 lire values --and the 1958 and 1963 Sede Vacante 500 lire coins.

PRESS RELEASE

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ASSOCIATION NEWS

MEMBERSHIP

The New Members which appeared in the september-October Issue have now been officially accepted.

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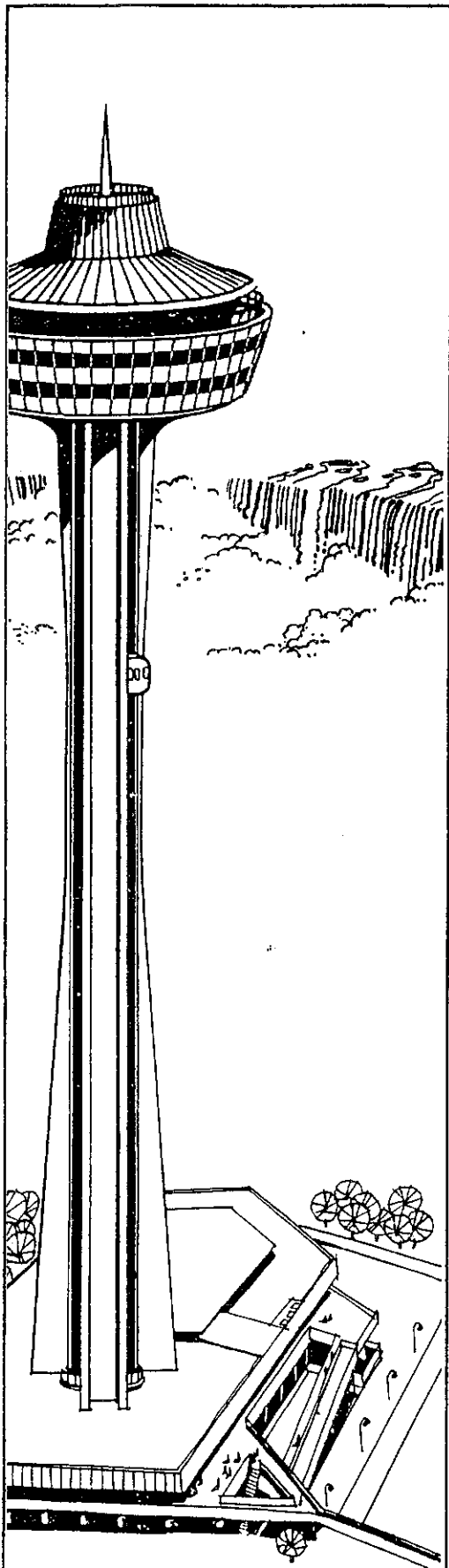
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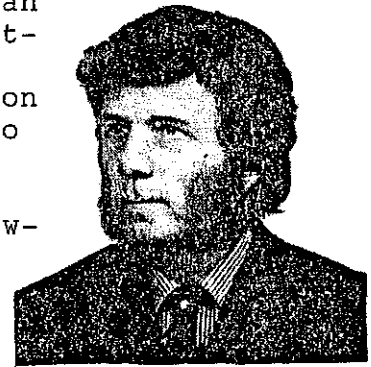
CHRISTMAS ELONGATED COINS - SINGLY AND ON CARDS

An elongated cent with a Christmas design is an original and inexpensive item for a Christmas greeting that can be included in the Christmas card you send. It is also available inexpensively mounted on a Christmas card of three different designs from two of the hobbyists mentioned below.

In addition to the one cent, coins of higher denominations can also be used for elongateds. However, the cost of producing the higher denomination elongateds increases with the face value of the coin used.

It is against the law in Canada to use Canadian coins for elongateds, so they are all produced in the United States.

The process of making elongated coins begins with the design on the die being impressed on an oval shaped (1-3/8 inches long) elongated cent while it is being passed through a rolling mill. The design is generally placed only on one side, but both sides of an elongated coin may be used for design if desired.



Jerry Remick



Elongated cents with a Christmas stocking, Frosty the Snowman and a Christmas lantern are just a few of the examples of designs available for collectors who want to send an extra special holiday greeting.

Elongated coin manufacturers have different Christmas designs available for elongated coins or a die can be cut for a customer's design.

All prices given in this article are in U.S. funds.

FRANK BRAZZELL

Frank Brazzell, Nation Wide Supply, 53 South 20th Street, Terre Haute, Indiana, 47803. USA, offers 12 different Christmas elongated designs for \$3.50, 50 elongateds of mixed or the same design for \$7.50, and 100 for \$12.00, all postpaid.

He also offers 20 different Christmas designs including: six versions of Santa Claus alone; Santa Claus in his sleigh, pulled by Reindeers in the sky above two houses; Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer;

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a snowman, a Christmas tree; the Star of Bethlehem with "PEACE ON EARTH"; two Christmas candles; an angel praying; a boy on Christmas morning admiring a Christmas tree with presents, and a stocking hung at the chimney; and a nativity scene. There is a Christmas greeting on each elongated.

Your own personal design can be engraved on a die for \$45.00, and 250 elongated cents made for \$15.00. Each additional 100 elongated cents is \$10.00 extra.

The cost of using other U.S. coin denominations can be estimated by adding on the face value of the denomination of the coin used in making the elongateds.

Special 2 x 2 inch cardboard holders made for elongateds are offered at \$3.00 for 100.

Two different folded Christmas cards (4-1/4 x 5-1/2 inches) printed on cream paper with an elongated cent framed in an oval hole on the front, are available in a red cardboard box with 25 envelopes, for \$5.00 postpaid. A sample card is \$0.75 postpaid. The cover of one card shows "SEASON'S GREETINGS" in red in the center with green holly in the four corners. The cover of the other card shows a blue Christmas ornament hanging from a green pine branch with an elongated cent in the center of the ornament. A Christmas verse is printed in the inside of the card. The elongateds attached to the cards are of mixed design.

RAY DILLARD

Hand colored, postcard style Christmas cards with an elongated cent attached are offered by hobbyist Ray Dillard, P.O. Box 161, Fenton, Michigan, 48430, USA. The cards show a portrait of a jovial red-cheeked Santa Claus with traditional red cap and a bit of his red suit, pen in hand, writing the message "A CHRISTMAS NOTE TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH SPECIAL FOLKS THAT MEAN SO MUCH". A gold colored cross is in the upper left corner, and a brightly colored gift package is in the lower right. Under the gift package is the place for a signature. The cards are printed on 3-1/2 x 6-1/4 inch buff card stock with an elaborately engraved elongated cent attached in the center. The coin features the same Santa and message as on the card.

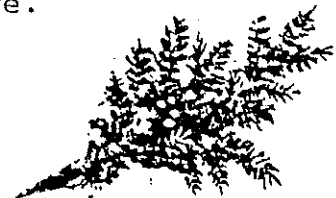
These hand colored cards with elongated cent attached come complete with envelopes, and are offered for 35¢ each or 3 for \$1.00, plus a large self-addressed, stamped, envelope, or 50¢ postage. They are also available in lots of 10 for \$3.00, and 24 for \$6.00, plus \$1.00 postage.

Dillard will also cut dies for designs supplied by customers, and make the elongated coins.

ROY S. FOWLER

Roy S. Fowler Sr., 4048 Penticton Circle N.E., Salem, Oregon, 97305, USA, offers the following six different Christmas elongateds: "Frost" the snowman, a Christmas tree, Santa Claus, a Christmas stocking filled with gifts, Santa Claus in his sleigh, and "JOY". All elongateds show "MERRY CHRISTMAS" and "HAPPY NEW YEAR". Roy's son, Vance, cuts the dies for his dad. Prices for elongateds are 25¢ each, 10 for \$2.00, and 20 or more for \$0.15 each, plus postage.





A NUMISMATIC EXHIBIT ON WHAT TO COLLECT - by Jerry Remick

At your next coin show, why not prepare an exhibit displaying different collectable Canadian and Foreign numismatic items, including coins, tokens, medals, paper money, and woods, to show the non-collector how easy and interesting it is to collect "coins". Such an exhibit would show the non-collector a variety of different, colorful, and for the most part, inexpensive, items that he/she could collect. A display of catalogues and check-lists for the material displayed could be placed next to the exhibit as well as journals from a few major numismatic associations like CNA, ONA, APNA, and CATC.

A possible title for such an exhibit might be "START YOUR OWN COLLECTION WITH ONE OF THE SERIES DISPLAYED HERE".

There should be two main subdivisions: "CANADIAN SERIES" and "FOREIGN SERIES". In one or two exhibit cases, the exhibitor could show one or two pieces to illustrate the following different numismatic collections that can be undertaken.

Under "CANADIAN SERIES" specimens from the following series can be displayed: decimal type coins (1 piece showing each of the monarchs); one denomination (a large and a small cent), dollar coins (a silver and a nickel dollar); tokens of your own province, trade dollars of your own province, medals of your own province; woods and Canadian paper money (two \$1.00 notes).

Under "FOREIGN SERIES" specimens of the following series might be shown: minor coins, crown size coins, medals and banknotes.

I have not mentioned military and civic decorations, as this is a bit too specialized for the beginner, but it can be included in a display.

A brief section to illustrate or mention collecting foreign coins and banknotes by theme might be added.

If your club wishes to amplify the above display, then several or more of the various series can be shown in a separate display case for each series. Club members can be asked to pick one series to display. For example, Canadian dollar coins, Canadian cents, trade dollars of your province, foreign banknotes, foreign banknotes, or coins by theme.

Any of the above exhibits could be prize-winning displays.

A table manned by one or two club members to identify and evaluate numismatic items brought in by the public is popular at any coin show.

EX LIBRIS:...

New books to the O.N.A. Library are always welcome, and I invite any member who has a book they have no longer use for to donate it to the Library. At today's prices for books, and the O.N.A.'s limited budget, it becomes difficult to secure as many books as we would like. Books that have been added to the Library are as follows:

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" - C.N.A. Journals bound vol. 30,31,32 & 33
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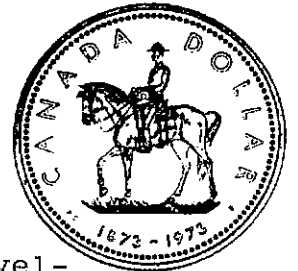
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TRAVEL CANADA WITH YOUR COINS.....

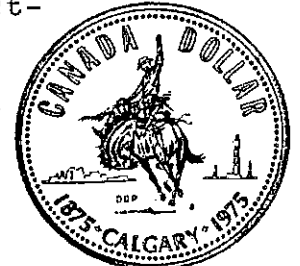
For a number of years I have tried to promote topical collecting. Last month I suggested collecting animals and making a zoo. This month I would like you to look at your Canadian coins that form a topical collection relating to a mode of human travel. On both the cent and 5 cent we have drawn a blank, but we have found pay dirt on our 10 cent coin. This coin features a sailboat, affectionately known as the Bluenose. With the soft summer breezes and any lake in Canada, we have a mode of travel.



For those who like horseback riding, Canada's 1973 Commemorative for the Centennial of the founding of the R.C.M.P., offers us two more coins for our collection - the 25 cent and the silver dollar. Also in 1975 we see a cowboy astride a bucking bronco - another coin in our collection.



Our dollar series provides us with a wealth of traveling coins. Any one of the voyageur series can be selected and canoeing is another mode of travel. The beautiful dollar of 1949 to commemorate the entry of Newfoundland into Confederation is an example of how John Cabot travelled when he discovered Newfoundland in 1497. The ship, the Matthew, becomes another coin for our topical collection. Look sharply at the Winnipeg 1974 Commemorative.



In the first 0 of 100, we see an ox drawn cart, and in the second 0, the modern automobile.



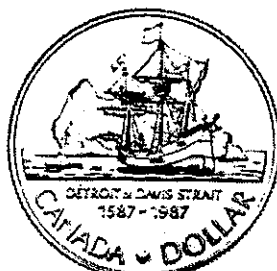
The 11th Commonwealth Games were held in Edmonton in 1978, and a dollar was produced to commemorate the event. Skiing and bicycling were shown on this coin so it fits into your collection.



We see Champlain's ship, the Griffin, on the 1979 silver dollar. This was the first commercial ship to sail the Great Lakes above Niagara Falls. Wreckage of this ship has never been found.



Many of us have travelled by train, and on the 1981 and 1986 silver dollars we have two more coins to add to this series. The 1981 was to commemorate the approval to build a Trans-Canada Railway, and the 1986 to honour the Centenary of Vancouver. C.P.R. Engine #371 was the engine that made that trip, and is depicted on the coin.



A canoe is on the 1984 and a ship on the 1987 silver dollar. There are so many subjects to choose from, and all at an affordable cost.

Happy Topical Collecting.

