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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thanks!

Thanks to all who pitched in and kept things moving while I wasn't able to.

Thanks to those who visited, sent cards and just wished me well.

I hope that my ticker problem is behind and that 1990 is one we all shall remember as one of the best. Enough about "I".

The Convention is shaping up as one of the best in modern history. No, that is not just some exaggerated statement but consider the facts. At time of writing, Bourse Tables remaining unsold are only 5, Convention Silver medals pre-ordered are over 90% of total, Pre Registration coming in at a good rate, and Dream Vacation ticket sales are DOUBLE 1989 sales at the same date and 1989 set a record for most ticket sales ever. With this issue of the Numismatist you will find information and forms to obtain the various Convention items.

I would like to ask all members who put their book of tickets in their drawer to get it out and sold, return the stubs to me to ensure new records are set! If you can handle a few more write me or give me a call and I will get them out to you by return mail or bus. Ticket sales go to-wards the many features that make the O.N.A. so great.

I have attended several Convention planning meetings and can say without reservation that Chairman Don Rebb, President of the Waterloo Coin Society Rosemary Hedges and the whole Convention Committee are arranging an event that will go down as a Benchmark for the years to come.

An announcement that will be covered more fully at the Delegates Meeting is the acquisition of 4 VCR tapes that can be used as meeting programs. These tapes are on Treasure Hunting and will be available to Members and Clubs for viewing at home and at Meetings. A full description will follow but I can say they are professionally made and very high quality. They are formatted for VHS use.

To the Club Executives; it is time you started to consider your Delegates and putting together a report for them to submit at the Meeting. Written reports are to be handed in but we would like to hear from all Clubs represented.

Hope to see you all at the Convention.

Your President.



EDITORIAL

I wish to thank Jim Charlton for his comments on my editorial in our November-December issue of the Ontario Numismatist. His letter is found elsewhere in this issue. It is also gratifying to know there are those who read our publication.

Further to my comments re the "Diving Goose Dollar". There must have been numerous made. Since 1967 I have had 3 in my possession. None at the present time. At the 1978 C.N.A. Convention in London, one was prominently on display in one of the competitive displays. This display was also shown at a number of other shows in 1978 and 1979. At the 1989 Tillsonburg Show, one of the bourse dealers owned one, but it was not for sale and not on display. Numerous ads in coin publications have in the past offered them for sale. The seizure at Vancouver resulted from a complaint, but if the mint had classed these coins as counterfeits long before that complaint, why didn't they act on their own. I'm sure if a rash of counterfeit 10 or 20 dollar notes surfaced, immediate action would have been taken. With the high cost collectors are paying for mint products and the high profits their reports show, I'm sure they can afford to beef up their security so they can prevent a repeat of the incident that happened in 1967. I would welcome any comments from our mint officials, and print those comments in a future issue of our publication.

One of the biggest steps forward for the O.N.A. was the introduction of the Liability Insurance for Clubs and their members.

Many Clubs are holding their Coin Shows in Malls today, and those Malls require that the Club have insurance. The cost for a 1 or 2 day policy runs into a great sum of money. The cost of the O.N.A. 2-million dollar liability insurance is \$35.00 for 1 year.

When this policy was introduced I was sure that every Club would jump at the chance to protect their Club, Executive, and members. Not so - only about 1/2 have taken advantage of this service. Why? Just recently I attended a coin meeting and one of their members slipped and fell on the stairs. The stair was equipped with a hand rail, the stairs were not wet or the carpet worn. This member wasn't hurt, but what if there had been a serious injury? With many lawyers eager to sue for large amounts of money, it becomes a serious situation. The Club, its Executive, and the owner of the building becomes responsible for that accident and could face a serious financial lawsuit. We don't want any of these accidents to happen, but sometimes they do occur. We buy insurance on our home and car for our protection, even if sometimes we think we can ill afford the premiums. Those Clubs who have not enrolled in this insurance program should give it serious thought. Can't afford it? I say you can't afford not to have that insurance. For Clubs who have little or very little money in their treasury, the O.N.A. has provided a plan where they will underwrite a part of that premium, but that Club has to prove they are in need of the O.N.A.'s help.

This insurance is not only for Club Shows, but covers all your Club meets and functions. Act today--it's not too late to enroll for 1990. You can't afford to be without this protection.

T. Master

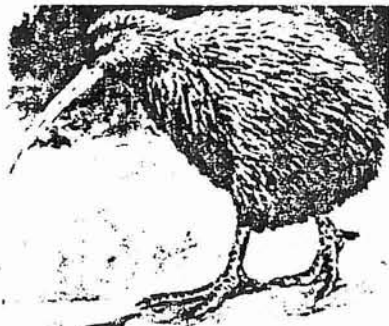
DEADLINE

for submitting articles, show notices, etc. for Convention issue of O.N.A. Numismatist is February 15th.

THE KIWI AND THE NEW ZEALAND

TWENTY CENTS

By John Dean



The kiwi, like the fern leaf, is often used as a national emblem. A flightless bird of nocturnal habits, brown or grey colour, it has rudimentary wings and no tail and has the nostrils at the end of the bill. Named by the Maoris from its short shrill whistle, it feeds on worms, grubs, larvae, etc. Different species vary in size. In lower relief on this design are two fronds of a tree fern with a new frond curling up from the base.

The Kiwi, the national bird of New Zealand, has become so symbolic of the country that it would almost have been regarded as sacrilegious not to continue this motif from the Sterling to the Decimal currency of the country. This unusual flightless bird, by no means common today, first found its place in official numismatic history on the reverse of the 1933 N.Z. florin.

In the Decimal series, which became official on 11 July, 1967, the Kiwi reappeared on the 20 cent piece (the coin equivalent to the florin) although this time facing to the right.

On the coins, the Kiwi looks deceptively small; in point of fact, it stands about 18 inches high. It belongs to the very ancient Apterygidae family, and is believed related to the extinct moa, the emu, and the ostrich. The Kiwi does in fact grow wings, but today they are ornament only.

Even in Captain Cook's day, the Maori natives of New Zealand prized cloaks made of Kiwi feathers, but the Kiwi being a protected bird today, very few of these cloaks are still in existence.

The Decimal series of N.Z. coins has generally been regarded as a triumph for Wellington designer Mr. James Berry, whose designs were accepted for the 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, and 50 cent pieces. The other decimal coin - the dollar - was designed by Mr. W. Gardner of London, and features the N.Z. Coat of Arms.

Mr. Berry, far from being new to the art of coin design, first gained international reputation for his N.Z. Waitangi Crown, widely accepted as one of the ten most desirable crowns of the world.

Struck for 1935 (764 crowns, plus 364 proofs), the Waitangi piece features the Maori chief Tamati Waka Nene shaking hands with Lieutenant William Hobson, in naval uniform. These men featured importantly in the events leading to the Treaty of Waitangi signed at the Bay of Islands in 1840, declaring the country to be a British Colony. The treaty gave equal rights and privileges of British citizenship.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Dear Tom:

Last August I proposed, by letter to Al Bliman President of the C.N.A., that he and his executive consider the creation of the award and title Fellow Canadian Numismatic Association. This award would be presented annually to 5, or perhaps a few more, C.N.A. members who have contributed in an outstanding manner to the hobby of numismatics.

Recipients of the award could be local, regional, and national club administrators, researchers, grassroots numismatists, numismatic educators, exhibitors, writers, authors, club bulletin editors, designers of numismatic objects, those who have promoted numismatics locally, etc. Many of these deserving people would never get the annual Royal Canadian Mint award or the annual C.N.A. award simply because there is only one award from each of these two organizations. So we need another award to recognize more of these outstanding people.

The award would consist of a certificate, and perhaps a C.N.A. lapel pin with the C.N.A. crest, and below, the word "FELLOW".

Any Canadian coin organization, if a member of C.N.A., could, if they wish, nominate one or more C.N.A. members for the award of Fellow C.N.A. A committee appointed by the C.N.A., perhaps the C.N.A. Awards and Medals Committee, would be given the task of selecting those to receive the annual award Fellow C.N.A. The Committee would retain for future consideration, the data of those nominated but not elected Fellow C.N.A.

The award Fellow C.N.A. would be very visible, as the recipient could use the title in any articles he/she writes, on his/her letterhead, or after the signature in his/her numismatic correspondence.

The award gives a chance for all C.N.A. clubs to nominate people for an award. More, little known C.N.A. members would be eligible for an award they deserve for their outstanding and well above average work in promoting the hobby.

Such an award is not a new idea. More than 10% of the members of the American Numismatic Society of New York City have been elected as Fellow of this Society.

A few years ago, The South African Numismatic Society adopted the award of Fellow and has awarded one or several of its members with the title annually. It was to me a very great honor, as I am a foreigner, to receive the award of Fellow, South African Numismatic Society in 1988.

Recently the Royal Numismatic Society of New Zealand has adopted the Fellow award.

The project of the award Fellow C.N.A. has been given for study to the C.N.A. Awards and Medals Committee of which Earl Salterio is Chairman. I am hopeful that the Committee will recommend the project favorably to the C.N.A. Executive and at the same time will set up guidelines for the award.

In the meantime, there is no reason why other numismatic organizations like the Canadian Paper Money Society, Ontario Numismatic Association, Atlantic Provinces Numismatic Association, and other coin clubs, associations, and societies, cannot set up the award and guidelines for Fellow of their own organization.

Jerry Remick

O.N.A. # 1239

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR (Cont'd)

Dear Tom:

I read with interest your editorial in the November-December issue of the O.N.A. Numismatist.

In connection with the "Diving Goose" dollars, I feel there are two questionable points.

I don't think it took the Canadian Mint 22 years to decide it was a counterfeit and I am wondering how many, if any, were found in circulation.

In my opinion, they were illegally produced at the Mint and smuggled out, probably like the 1966 small beads dollar. For that reason it is unlikely any of them circulated.

The Mint was forced to act on the "Diving Goose" dollars because notification was received of the Vancouver auction.

Sincerely,

Jim (James E. Charlton)

EX LIBRIS:YUKON NUMISMATICA CATALOGUED by Jerry Remick

"YUKON NUMISMATICA" by Leslie C. Hill and Scott A. Simpson was published in Nov. 1989. A generous grant from the J. Douglas Ferguson Historical Research Foundation paid for the printing costs. The book is available at \$13.00 postpaid to Canadian residents, and \$12.50 U.S. postpaid to U.S. residents from Leslie C. Hill, P.O. Box 277, White Rock, B.C., V4B 5C6. Special rates are available to dealers for quantity orders.

The 129 page book is printed on 5½ x 8½ inch pages and bound with a hard cover.

A separate chapter catalogues each of the following types of numismatics used in the Yukon: trade tokens, trade dollars, gaming chips, overprinted bank notes, private stamped bank notes, cheques, card money, scrip, wooden money, medals, and ingots. There are also sections for mavericks, miscellaneous pieces, and unattributed pieces.

The contents of the book are spaciouly laid out. There is a photo or rubbing for each item catalogued. Other data presented for each piece includes: municipality of issue, issuer, material, color, shape, date, rarity number, and catalogue number. Valuations are given for each piece and catalogued on a loose sheet of paper that accompanies the catalogue. For many pieces there are a few sentences to a paragraph of historical data covering the issuer and place of business of the issuer, and a photograph of the place of issue in which the piece was issued or was redeemable.

The token section covers half the book. It starts with a general section covering tokens which have had use in more than one territory, province or state, but which have been used by some local business firm in the Yukon. Also included are tokens made for use in coin-operated machines such as laundromats, car washes, amusement machines, etc. The main section catalogues tokens under the municipality in which they were issued.

The book is not only a catalogue of Yukon Numismatics but to some extent it is a photographic history of the issuers of numismatics in the Yukon. It deserves a place on a club library so that each

EX LIBRIS (Cont'd)

member can thumb through it and catch a glimpse of the Yukon's colorful past.

This book is now available in most of numismatic lending libraries.

NUMISMATIC SIGHTS IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

by Jerry Remick



There are four sights of numismatic interest for the visitor to Washington, D.C. to see. They are: the printing of U.S. banknotes at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing; the large collections of coins, medals, and banknotes on display at the National Museum of American History; the display of 14th to 16th century European medals in the west building of the National Gallery of Art; and the U.S. Mint's Sales Center situated in the new shopping mall in the Union Railway Station.

The first three sights are situated in buildings close together on the edge of "The Mall". The subway exit "Smithsonian Mall", situated on "The Mall" just behind the National Museum of American History, is the easiest way to get directly to the Union Station.

At least half a day and preferably the better part of a day should be reserved to see the four sights.

Facilities for lunch are available in each building except for the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. The largest lunch facilities with a very large selection of snacks to full meals is situated in the basement of the east building of the National Gallery of Art, connected by a tunnel to the west building of the National Gallery of Art.

VISITING HOURS

The U.S. Bureau of Engraving and Printing is open for continuous tours from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and is closed at other times.

The National Gallery of Art and the National Museum of American History are open from 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. every day except for December 25th when they are closed.

The U.S. Mint's Sales Center at the Union Station is open from 10:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from noon till 6:00 p.m. on Sundays.

U. S. BUREAU OF ENGRAVING AND PRINTING

I advise arriving as early as possible for a tour of the U. S. Bureau of Engraving and Printing. The building is open for tours from 8:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. There is generally a line at most times at the tour entrance on 14th Street near C Street, but the line moves quite fast and the wait is worth it. The 20 minute walking tour will



U. S. BUREAU OF ENGRAVING AND PRINTING (Cont'd)

show you various steps in the printing of U. S. banknotes and the subsequent checking of the printed sheets of notes. More than \$12 billion worth of U.S. currency is printed here yearly. Treasury bonds, postage stamps and other government securities are also printed here.

The tour ends in a large room which houses displays and a sales outlet. It fronts on 15th Street and the public can enter here to make purchases and see the displays. Items for sale include sheets of 4, 16, and 32, \$1.00 U.S. notes, and 4 and 16 \$2.00 notes; engravings of the U. S. Presidents, U. S. Supreme Court Justices, Treasury Seal and Great Seal of the United States and buildings in Washington; packages of shredded U. S. currency and U. S. Presidential medals in bronze. Some of the exhibits I saw in the sales room were: The Engravers Art; The Evolution of the Dollar Bill from the Spanish 8 reales coin through Continental Currency and finally the first U. S. government paper money issued by an Act of Congress in 1861; and Counterfeit U. S. Currency.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AMERICAN HISTORY EXHIBIT

The National Museum of American History is only a short 4 block walk north along 14th Street from the U. S. Bureau of Engraving and Printing. The numismatic display is on the north side of the central part of the third floor and is never crowded with visitors. The large display features mostly coins from many countries with some banknotes and medals, all in a number of different topical exhibits or as parts of famous collections that were donated to the Museum.



Perhaps the most spectacular is a large selection of gold coins from the J. K. Lilly Jr. collection, featuring every U. S. government gold coin by date and one of each type 19th and 20th century gold coin from foreign countries.

There are also exhibits with selections from the following collections that were

donated to the Museum.

(1) The Willis H. DuPont collection of Russian coin and medals, featuring many pieces in platinum.

(2) The U. S. President Ulysses S. Grant collection of Japanese gold and silver coins (specimens of a number of the pieces are known only in the Japanese Treasury Collection).

(3) The Paul A. Straub collection of gold and silver coins of the world, featuring a number of large multiple talers of Brunswick.

(4) The Mortimer and Anna Neinken collection of Paper Currency of the world.



NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AMERICAN HISTORY EXHIBIT (Cont'd)

An 18th century screw press for making coins and a coin "stamper" made by Leonardo Da Vinci are also on display.

At the entry to the numismatic section there is an exhibit on the History of Money and Medals and one featuring orders and decorations from Europe and South America.

A large exhibit on the History and Evolution of Coinage including primitive money was to me very educational.

Ten cases are devoted to The History of U. S. Money.

Smaller displays include Monies of India, counterfeit coins, seige and necessity money, views of cities on coins, birds on coins, counterfeit U. S. and foreign paper money and primitive money.

The Museum's vast collection (the National Numismatic Collection), large library and numismatic staff are housed on the 4th floor of the Museum. A numismatist undertaking research can arrange for a visit with one of the staff by writing in advance to: Mrs. Elvira Clain-Stefanelli, Executive Director, National Museum Collection, Room 4000, National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C. 20560, U.S.A.

NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART MEDAL EXHIBIT

Medals made in Europe during the 14th, 15th, 15th, and 16th centuries make up part of the display in about 30 rooms in the west building of the National Gallery of Art, where they are intermixed with small bronze sculptures and decorative arts of the same period. Most of the medals are in bronze. Some are on large squares or rectangles of bronze.

One of the gems of the collection is a cast pure silver medal, 4.7 cm (1 7/8 inches)

in diameter showing a portrait of Cecil Calvert (Lord Baltimore) on one side and on the other side his wife Anne Arundell (Lady Baltimore). Made in 1644, it is one of only three specimens known and is considered to be one of the finest designs in Northern European medals, and the greatest English medal relating to the Americas.

Try to save an hour for this display. If you have more time you can view some of the world's great paintings on exhibit in this museum.



Dupré. Gilt medal of Henry IV and Marie de' Medici, obverse and reverse



Jacopo da Trezzo. *The Fountain of the Sciences*

THE U.S. MINT SALES CENTER

The U.S. Mint Sales Center is situated in the street level Main Hall near the East Hall retail shops in the Union (Railway) Station. Some of the items for sale include the current year's proof and uncirculated sets, a Collector's Album for miniature bronze presidential medals, bronze medals ranging in price from \$1.00 to \$20.00, U.S. oresudebtuak nedaks abd Congressional coins.

CONVENTION CALENDAR

- February 10 Huronia Numismatic Coin, Stamp & Antique Show. Bayfield Mall, Bayfield St. N., Barrie. Coin Displays welcome. No judging. Huronia Numismatic Association, P.O. Box 243, Barrie, Ont., L4M 4T2.
- February 23-25 (TOREX Auction and Show. Auction held on the first
June 22-24 (day at 7:00 p.m. Also on Saturday at 6:00 p.m.
October 26-28 (Coins, Paper Money, Stamps, Jewellery, Watches, Military, etc. Primrose Hotel, 111 Carlton St. Toronto (Admission \$3.00. Info: Ingrid K. Smith, P.O. Box 865, (Adelaide St. P.O. Toronto, M5C 2K1. Tel. 1-416-586-0098.
- March 2-4 Toronto Hobby Show, Automotive Building Exhibition Place, Toronto. Coins, Stamps, etc. Info: Andy Kostandy, 225 Davisville, Suite 902, Toronto, M4S 1G9, Tel. 1-416-489-4457.
- March 23-25 Toronto International Coin Fair (T.I.C.F.), Lakeshore Inn, 2000 Lakeshore Drive, Toronto. Info: T.I.C.F. P.O. Box 973, Stn. B, Willowdale, Ont., M2K 2T6 Tel. 1-416-229 COIN.
- March 31 The North York Coin Club's 30th Anniversary Coin 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, Willowdale, Ont., M2N 5S9.
- April 21 Hamilton Coin Club's Semi-Annual Coin Show, Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 58, 1180 Barton St., E., upstairs (elevator), Hamilton - across from the Centre Mall. Info: Terry MacHugh, P.O. Box 9271 Stoney Creek, Ont., L8G 3X9.
- April 28-29 O.N.A. 2 th Annual Convention, Holiday Inn, 30 Fairway Road, Kitchener. Info: Waterloo Coin Society, P.O. Box 41, Waterloo, Ont., N2J 3Z6.
- May 4-6 Niagara Falls - Expo Niagara, coins, stamps, cards, jewellery, paper money, tokens & medals. Over 70 dealers. Skylon Tower, Niagara Falls, Canada. Free parking - Admission \$1.00. Info: Expo Niagara, 165 King St., Welland, Ont., L3B 3J4.
- May 12 Victoria-Simcoe Numismatic Association Annual Coin, Stamp & Small Collectable Show. Beaverton Legion Hall, 517 Mara Road, Beaverton, Ont. Info: Elmer Workman, R.R. #2, Cunnington, Ont., L0E 1E0. Tel: 705-432-2124.
- June 10 Brantford Numismatic Society's 30th Anniversary Coin Show, Woodman Centre, 491 Grey St., Brantford. Info: B.N.S., P.O. Box 351, Brantford, Ont., N3T 5N3
- August 16-19 C.N.A. Annual Convention, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Vancouver, British Columbia. Info: C.N.A. 1990, P.O. Box 86315N, Vancouver, British Columbia, V7L 4K6.

CONVENTION CALENDAR (Cont'd)

- August 23-26 A.N.A. Convention, Seattle, Washington
 Info: A.N.A. 1990 Convention, P.O. Box 88984,
 Seattle, Washington, U.S.A. 98188.
 More info to follow.
- October 21 Tillsonburg Coin Club's Annual Coin & Hobby Show,
 Tillsonburg Community Centre (Fair Grounds). Info:
 W. Baxter, 462 Queens Street, Tillsonburg, Ont.
 N4G 3G9
- Second Sunday Ottawa Coin & Stamp Dealers Association Show, at the
 Each Month Nepean Sportsplex, Woodroffe Ave., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
 Info: Allan Davis, P.O. Box 307, Carp, Ont. DOA 1L0.

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!

WOODEN MONEY COLLECTORS TAKE NOTICE



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Outstanding Private Canadian Coin Collection on Exhibit at Royal Canadian Mint in Ottawa

Ottawa, December 6, 1989 -- The Royal Canadian Mint today officially opened for public viewing, one of the world's most complete privately owned Canadian coin collections. The collection will be on display at the visitor's gallery in its Head Office located on Sussex Drive in Ottawa.

The collection, owned by Ms. Jean A. Bullen, a well known numismatist based in Illinois, was meticulously assembled over a period of 30 years. The exhibit includes an astonishing variety of Canadian decimal coinage (most pieces are in superb condition), dating back as far as 1858. The quality of Ms. Bullen's collection has brought her well over twenty 1st place awards at various coin shows including eight "Best of Show" awards at major American and Canadian Numismatic shows.

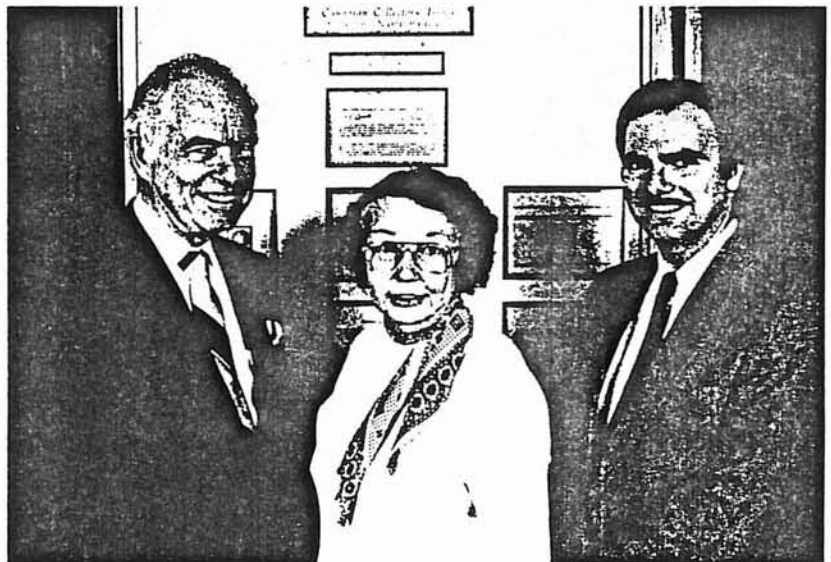
Mr. James Corkery, Board Chairman pointed out that this display portrays the enthusiasm of one private collector who was determined to have the best and most complete collection of Canadian coinage. "Our hope", he said, "is that it will stimulate Canadians of all ages to start their own collection and to become involved in the competitive side of numismatics." Responding to his comments, Ms. Jean Bullen said: "This is the first time I have set up my complete collection together in one location. It had to be the biggest project I've ever done. But with the support of my assistant David Jolette, Andre Girard from the Mint, Graham Esler and Paul Berry from the Bank of Canada and Doug Robbins, a numismatic dealer, I think we have succeeded in making it an outstanding exhibit both in terms of aesthetics and content". She added "I hope as many Canadians as possible will find the time to come visit the Mint and take a look at Canadian history through my collection".

The collection will be on display at the Mint until next Fall. Free visits of the Mint facilities and the Jean A. Bullen collection are by appointment only. Please call the Mint Tour Section at (613) 992-2348.

James Corkery
Mint Board Chairman

Jean A. Bullen

Paul Berry
Bank of Canada
Currency Museum



NEWS RELEASE

After six years of research, the long awaited catalogue "ONTARIO MUNICIPAL AND COMMEMORATIVE MEDALS" is finally complete. Never before has such a complete listing of Ontario "souvenir" medals been available. For the first time in Numismatic history, mintages, valuations and descriptions can be found in one book.

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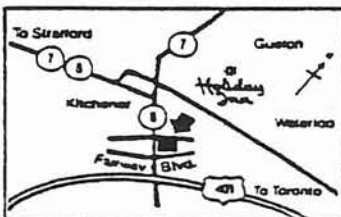
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1990 O.N.A. CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM
HOLIDAY INN - KITCHENER - APRIL 27-29

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QUANTITY =====	ITEM =====	COST PER ITEM OR PERSON =====	TOTAL =====
_____	Convention Pre-Registration Kit (Includes: Admission to Show & Wine & Cheese Reception; 1 Drink Ticket; Gold Plate Convention Medal; Souvenir Program; Wood Tokens; O.N.A. Draw Ticket; & much, much more.)	\$20.00	_____
_____	Family Member (No Medal)	15.00	_____
Friday, April 27, 8:30 PM			
_____	Wine & Cheese Reception (Cash Bar) Unregistered Guests (per person)	3.00	_____
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8:30 - 11:30 AM			
_____	Bus Tour: Waterloo Farmer's Market	4.00	_____
_____	Children (age 12 & under)	2.00	_____
_____	7:00 PM - O.N.A BANQUET	25.00	_____
Sunday, April 29			
_____	8:30 AM: Club Delegate Breakfast	10.00	_____
10:00 AM - 12:30 PM			
_____	Bus Tour: Seagram Museum	4.00	_____
_____	Children (age 12 & under)	2.00	_____
_____	Convention Medal (Ant. Bronze)	7.00	_____
_____	Convention Medal (.999 Silver)	35.00	_____

NOTE: Banquet and Breakfast costs include:
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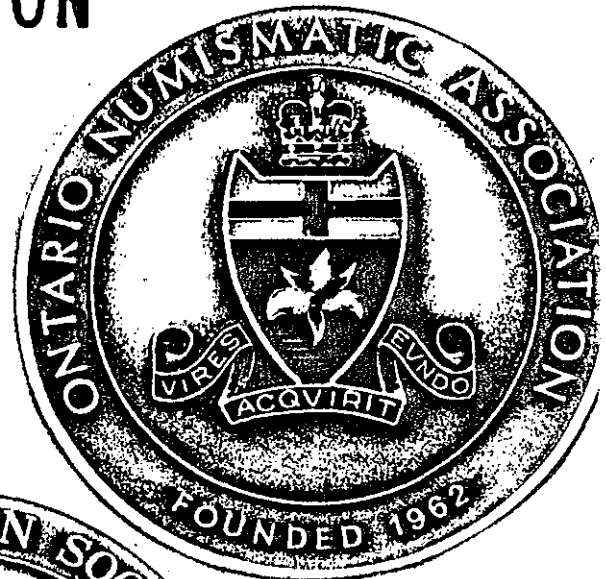
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends and Fellow Numismatists;

At this time of the year, I find the excitement mounting as we are in the Countdown to another O.N.A. Convention. With this Convention, the Waterloo Coin Society has reached a pinnacle few other Clubs in the field of Numismatics will ever hope to achieve. This marks the fourth time Waterloo has hosted the Ontario Numismatic Association Convention. It is also very significant that the Waterloo Club enjoys an active and healthy Club atmosphere.

The programme, which has been created, provides many opportunities to participate in the full schedule and it must be said the Convention Committee would have no problem getting a job with the carnival, as their ability to juggle events is certainly World Class!! A copy of the programme appears later.

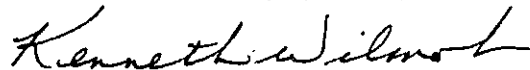
It is hoped you will have the opportunity to enjoy the pleasant surroundings of the twin cities of Kitchener/Waterloo, which incidentally is the home of the very famous Oktoberfest.

This year's convention will offer the serious collectors of O.N.A. Medallions an opportunity of obtaining one struck in 24 karat gold and containing 1 troy ounce of .999 fine gold. News on this and information for ordering is contained elsewhere.

Before closing, I would like to issue a personal invitation to all Members and Guests to take part in the Convention. There will be an Educational Forum, an Auction of Fine Numismatic Material, Banquet, Wooden Money Collectors' Meeting, O.N.A. General and Delegates' Meetings, Tours and much much more. Don't forget to reserve some time to view the Displays and perhaps find that one item you have been looking for on the Bourse Floor. I hope to see you all at the Convention.

In closing, I wish all Good Health, Good Luck and Good Hunting.

Numismatically yours,



Kenneth Wilmot.

O.N.A. CONVENTION '90

As I write this it is mid February. O.N.A. Convention '90 is fast approaching with only 10 weeks still to go.

It is my pleasure to report that all arrangements are progressing very nicely. Let me explain:

- Bourse Chairman Tom Kennedy reports that of the 30 Bourse tables available, only a handful remain to be allocated to dealers.
- Publicity Chairman Mike Hollingshead has several promotion initiatives underway and publicity of all types will intensify during the remaining weeks.
- The 1990 Convention Medal, featuring THE Mutual Group Head Office building, has been received and many are already sold. The Gold Plate Medal will be available only in the Pre-Registration Kits. Be sure to register early as there are only 72 kits that will contain the Medal.
- The Souvenir Program is shaping up nicely. Our target date to have the Program ready for distribution is mid March.
- Speakers for the Banquet, Educational Forum and Delegate Breakfast have been confirmed. The Banquet will take on a bit of a K-W Oktoberfest theme with Bill Stewart, General Manager of Oktoberfest as the feature speaker.
- Bus Tours have been arranged to The Waterloo County Farmers Market on the Saturday morning and to The Seagram Museum on the Sunday morning.

The Waterloo Coin Society is putting forth every effort to ensure that O.N.A. Conention '90 will be one of the best. All indications are that this objective will be met.

We want you to be there to enjoy all that has been prepared. Please accept this as my personal invitation to you to attend.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Don Robb". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Don Robb,
General Chairman,
O.N.A. Convention '90

COVER STORY

THE MUTUAL GROUP HEAD OFFICE FEATURED ON 1990 O.N.A. MEDAL

The head office of The Mutual Group, a local landmark and Ontario heritage building, will be featured on the 1990 Ontario Numismatic Association convention medal.

Depicted on the medal is the original head office building which was constructed in 1912, as well as the company's new 19 storey office tower which was completed in 1987. The Mutual Group, of which Mutual Life of Canada is the lead company, is located at King and Union streets.

The original 1912 structure was designed by the Toronto architectural firm of Darling and Pearson for Mutual Life of Canada. The building originally provided office space for the company's 38 employees. On moving day, the General Manager at the time was heard to say, "Gentlemen, we'll never fill it."

Today, more than 2,100 people work at The Mutual Group's head office, and over the years *some seven additions* have been constructed.

The building is situated on spacious grounds and is approached from the city's main street through wrought iron gates, flanked by large stone posts. Constructed of a buff coloured, iron spot Roman brick, the building is Modern Renaissance in style and is richly modelled in ornamented terra cotta.

The original head office was extended in 1921 and additions were added in 1927, 1939, 1953, 1967, 1976 and 1987.

The new 19 storey tower is the largest commercial building in Waterloo Region and the structure of glass, steel and concrete dominates the skyline.

The new tower was designed in the 1980's for the business world of the 1990's. Raised flooring accommodates the miles of computer wiring that link up the more than 2,000 terminals to the main computer centre. A two storey television studio is used to produce state-of-the-art audio-visual programming, and training and meeting rooms are used for on-going staff development.

Roger Farwell, the building's architect, says the exterior was designed to reflect the company's character. "The pre-cast concrete with one corner taller and more massive, anchors the structure symbolically," he says. "The concrete conveys strength and solidity. The glass curtain wall, though, gives a more accessible open feel to the building. The company is more outward looking today and the building design lightens the company's image without taking away from it's strength of character."

Meshing the designs and styles of the original 1912 building and the

COVER STORY (Cont'd)

new tower was a priority. Using similar materials and colours linked the different styles. The tower is also designed to look as though it grows from the original complex.

"The simple, clean lines of the tower also serve as an artistic foil to the beautiful ornamentation of the 1912 building," Farwell says. "The effect is complementary, not jarring."

The mutual Group is a broadly based group of financial services companies with roots in life insurance. It's operations extend across Canada and the United States. Mutual Life of Canada was the first Canadian life insurance company organized on a mutual basis whereby the policyholders are the owners of the company.

O.N.A. CONVENTION '90ORGANIZATION

General Chairman	Don Robb
Vice-Chairman	Rosemary Hedges
O.N.A. Liason	Don Robb & Rosemary Hedges
O.N.A. Representatives	Ken Wilmot, Bruce Raszmann, Mike Hollingshead & Tom Kennedy
Treasurer	Bruce Raszmann
Publicity	Mike Hollingshead
Bourse/Auction	Tom Kennedy
Souvenir Program	Don Robb & Mike Hollingshead
Medal	Don Robb & Tom Kennedy
Registration/Hospitality	John & Rosemary Hedges
Pre-Registration	Don Robb
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Events:

Banquet	Rosemary Hedges
Educational Forum	Don Robb
Head Judge	Elmer Workman
Exhibits	John McIntyre
Bus Tours	Richard Struthers
Daily Penny Draws	Peter Becker
C.A.W.M.C. Meeting	Don Robb

EDUCATIONAL FORUM

SUNDAY, APRIL 29th, 2 P.M.

SPEAKER: ROSS W. IRWIN

Ross is from Guelph. He is well known to most numismatic collectors in the local area. As well, his work as a collector, researcher, and writer has established his reputation throughout North America. Ross will make a presentation on "Wellington County Numismatics" with a heavy emphasis on the research he has accumulated about Wellington County Tokens.

The O.N.A. is proud to have Ross appear as the speaker at the 1990 Educational Forum. Don't miss out on this opportunity to hear from one of Canada's best known Numismatists.

MEETINGS OF INTEREST

C.A.W.M.C. MEETING

Saturday, April 28th, 3-5 P.M.

Hosted by the Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors.
Norm Belsten of Toronto, C.A.W.M.C. President, will be Chairman.

There is no charge for attendance and everyone is welcome to join in the fun. There will be plenty of opportunity to buy, sell or trade Wood Tokens. The meeting will include door draws and an Auction of some scarcer tokens.

O.N.A. BANQUET

SATURDAY, APRIL 28th

6:30 P.M. Pre-Banquet Reception (Cash Bar)
7:00 P.M. Dinner and Program

MASTER OF CEREMONIES - Mike Hollingshead
SPEAKER - Bill Stewart
General Manager, K-W Oktoberfest

Full Course Turkey Dinner
Announcement of Display Winners & Best of Show
Presentation of O.N.A. 1990 "AWARD OF MERIT"
DOOR DRAWS
Reception following the Banquet

Cost for the Banquet is \$25.00 per person
Reserve your tickets through the Registration Form

O.N.A. CLUB DELEGATE BREAKFAST

8:30 A.M. SUNDAY APRIL 29th

Master of Ceremonies -
Speaker - Paul Fiocca, Publisher
Canadian Coin News

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

A letter and Registration Form has been sent to every Club. The price is \$10.00 for a full course breakfast. All tickets should be applied for by means of a Registration Form.

O.N.A. CONVENTION AUCTION

Conducted by JIM HALL

Jim Hall, of Sarnia, invites you to attend the O.N.A. Annual Coin Auction, to be held at the Holiday Inn, Fairway Drive, Kitchener, Ontario, on Saturday at 1:00 p.m.

This Auction will feature many of Canada's Coins and Medals that are not usually at many of the smaller Auctions, and most at a very reasonable cost.

It is the O.N.A.'s hope that all will attend this spectacular Auction.

SPECIAL NOTICE:

O.N.A. CONVENTION DRAW TICKETS

With your last issue of the O.N.A. Numismatist, you received a book or two of draw tickets - Clubs received five books.

It is the O.N.A.'s hope that all will participate in selling these books of tickets. Your Club can benefit from that sale when you write YOUR CLUB in the DESIGNATED AREA. From that sale your Club will receive from the O.N.A., a \$2.00 rebate for every complete book sold with your Club designated. Last year was a record sale, and this year, with YOUR help, we can achieve even more.

Let's get the tickets sold and back to the Chairman, whose name and address is found on the cover.

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.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:.....

In order to get the March-April edition of the Ontario Numismatist in the hands of our members before the 28th Annual Convention, the deadline for submitting show notices, articles, etc., is March 15th

HOLIDAY INN
30 Fairway Rd. S.
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Our 1990 Convention hotel has just undergone a \$7. million expansion and renovation. The newly built six storey tower features the latest in conference room and bedroom facilities.

As you step through the hotel's front door you are surrounded by the atrium enclosed recreation area featuring a sauna, whirlpool, exercise room and swimming pool. This Holiday Inn takes pride in being the number one choice for area visitors.

Located just off Hwy. 8 (King St.) on Fairway Road S., the hotel is easily accessible for traffic from the K-W area and from Hwy. 401. Traffic from Hwy. 401 will take the Weber St. exit off Hwy. 8.

The hotel is ready and waiting for you. To confirm your reservation simply write or telephone the hotel. A limited number of rooms have been set aside for Convention attendees for Friday night, April 27th and Saturday night, April 28th. Confirm your reservation now.

A FRIENDLY REMINDER FROM THE EDITOR.....

Many of us put off filling in our Registration Form to a few days before the Convention, and then are disappointed because none of the medals are available.

Those who would like to have the silver and antique bronze, may order them from the Registration Form, but the gold plated Convention Medal is only available to those who pre register. There were only 75 of these medals issued and no further ones will be struck. Pre Registration will be limited to 75, so my advice to you is to fill out that form now. Last year there were several people disappointed because they couldn't complete their set of 3 Convention Medals struck for that Convention. Don't be left out this year.

I hope all O.N.A. Clubs will be represented at the Delegate's Breakfast. These Delegates should come with prepared reports that can be turned in so the O.N.A. Executive can deal with your concerns on an individual basis. Time will not allow us to give 20 or 30 different reports at this meeting.

Canadian Coin News have a new owner, and Paul Fiocca the Publisher, will be our Breakfast Speaker. If your Club has had problems with Canadian Coin News in the past, here's your opportunity to talk to the new owner so those problems can be resolved.

These Conventions are held each year with you the member-collector in mind. The auction is another great way to enhance your collection, and we must not forget the bourse dealer. From the wide variety of material offered you will surely be able to find that coin you have long been searching.

These few points I have discussed, I want you to consider and when we meet at this Convention come forward and introduce yourself if we don't know each other. See you then.

T. Masters

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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 noteworthyness 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
_____	Canadian Decimal	Includes all Canadian coins, provincial coins
_____	Canadian Paper Money, Script, etc.	Includes all government-issue paper money, bank-issues, private script, bonds, etc.
_____	Foreign Coins	Non-Canadian legal tender
_____	Foreign Paper Money	Non-Canadian legal tender, private issue, script, bonds, etc.
_____	Medals & Tokens	Includes all war decorations, medals, medallions, private-issue mediums of exchange such as milk tokens, commemorative numismatic objects of all type.
_____	Miscellaneous	All numismatic items that do not fit into a specific category above; a mix of material so as to eliminate it from a specific category (note that a limited amount of background material may appear in a display to still qualify it under a specific category above).

Junior or Juvenile exhibitors please state your age: _____ (For Judges' information).

I hereby agree to abide by the exhibit rules & regulations, including the reclassification of my exhibits by the Exhibit Chairman. I understand that I must be registered at the Convention to qualify for exhibit awards. Although the Convention is providing security, I acknowledge that I will not hold the Convention Committee, the ONA or the Hotel staff liable for my exhibit.

SIGNATURE OF EXHIBITOR _____

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P R E S S R E L E A S E

O.N.A. Strikes Gold

The Ontario Numismatic Association has decided to produce a 24 Karat Gold Convention Medal. Complying with a request to allow production of a 1 ounce pure gold Convention Medal, the executive decided to make the Medal available to anyone on a prepaid order basis. The exact cost will be charged on each Medal with a \$25.00 charge for ordering and handling.

Pressed Metal Products, the manufacturer, quoted the cost of striking the medal to be \$700.00 which includes Federal Tax of \$131.00, shipping and minting costs. With the O.N.A. \$25.00 charge, total cost would be \$725.00. Design for this year's issue will feature the Mutual Group Head Office in Waterloo. The beautiful historical building makes a striking impression. The Medal will contain 1 troy ounce of .999 fine gold. Any cost differences will be based upon the final invoice.

When asked for his comments regarding the issue, President of the O.N.A., Ken Wilmot stated that he did not anticipate a rash of orders but knew of two or three people who indicated they would be ordering.

A complete sellout of the silver edition had not been expected, but now, to be sure of getting one, orders will have to be received prior to the Convention. Delivery will be at or after the Convention. NO medals will remain unsold and anyone not placing their order will have to obtain these attractive medals through a secondary market.

CONVENTION CALENDAR

- March 2-4 Toronto Hobby Show, Automotive Building Exhibition Place, Toronto. Coins, Stamps, etc. Info: Andy Kostandy, 225 Davisville, Suite 902, Toronto, M4S 1G9 Tel. 1-416-489-4457.
- March 18 Marysville Michigan Coin Club, Marysville, Legion Hall, 299E Huron St. U.S. and Canadian dealers. Hourly door prizes, snack bar. Free Admission.
- March 23-25 Toronto International Coin Fair (T.I.C.F.) CANCELLED
- March 31 The North York Coin Club 30th Anniversary Coin 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, Willowdale, Ont., M2N 5S9.
- April 1 Kent County Coin Club (Chatham). Wheels Motor Inn, Kiel & Richmond St., Chatham. Displays invited. Info: L. K. Wagenaer, 27 Peter St., Chatham, Ont., N7M 5B2
- April 21 Hamilton Coin Club's Semi-Annual Coin Show. Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 58, 1180 Barton St., E., up-stairs (elevator), Hamilton- across from the Centre Mall. Info: Terry MacHugh, P.O. Box 9271, Stoney Creek, Ont., L8G 3X9.
- 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.
- May 4-6 Niagara Falls - Expo Niagara, Coins, Stamps, Cards, Jewellery, Paper Money, Tokens & Medals. Over 70 dealers. Skylon Tower, Niagara Falls, Canada. Free parking - Admission \$1.00. Info: Expo Niagara, 165 King St., Welland, Ont., L3B 3J4.
- May 12 Victoria-Simcoe Numismatic Association Annual Coin, Stamp & Small Collectable Show. Beaverton Legion Hall, 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, 491 Grey St., Brantford. Info: B.N.S., P.O. Box 351, Brantford, Ont., N3T 5N3.
- June 22-24 (TOREX Auction and Show - Auction held on the first
October 26-28 (day at 7:00 p.m. Also on Saturday at 6:00 p.m.
(Coins, Paper Money, Stamps, Jewellery, Watches, Military, etc. Primrose Hotel, 111 Carlton St., Toronto, (Admission \$3.00. Info: Ingrid K. Smith, P.O. Box 865, (Adelaide St. P.O. Toronto, M5C 2K1. Tel. 1-416-586-0098.
- August 16-19 C.N.A. Annual Convention, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Vancouver, British Columbia. Info: C.N.A. 1990, P.O. Box 86315N, Vancouver, British Columbia, V7L 4K6.

CONVENTION CALENDAR (Cont'd)

- August 23-26 A.N.A. Convention, Seattle, Washington. Info:
A.N.A. 1990 Convention, P.O. Box 88984, Seattle,
Washington, U.S.A. 98188. More info to follow.
- September 29 St. Catharines Coin Club Coin Show, Russell Ave.
Community Centre, 108 Russell Ave., St. Catharines.
Info: St. Catharines Coin Club, P.O. Box 1492,
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Sarnia. U.S. & Canadian dealers. Free Admission.
Info: Carl Williamson, 931 Greendale St., Sarnia,
N7V 3P4, Tel. (519) 337-9191.
- October 14 Tillsonburg Coin Club's Annual Coin & Hobby Show,
Tillsonburg Community Centre (Fair Grounds). Info:
W. Baxter, 46 Queens Street, Tillsonburg, Ont.,
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- October 28 Stratford Coin Club's 30th Anniversary Coin Show,
Kiwanis Community Centre, Lakeside Drive, Stratford,
Free Admission. Info: Stratford Coin Club, P.O.
Box 262, Stratford, Ont., N5A 6T1.
- Second Sunday Ottawa Coin & Stamp Dealers Association Show, at the
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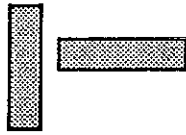
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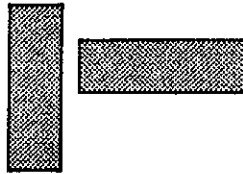
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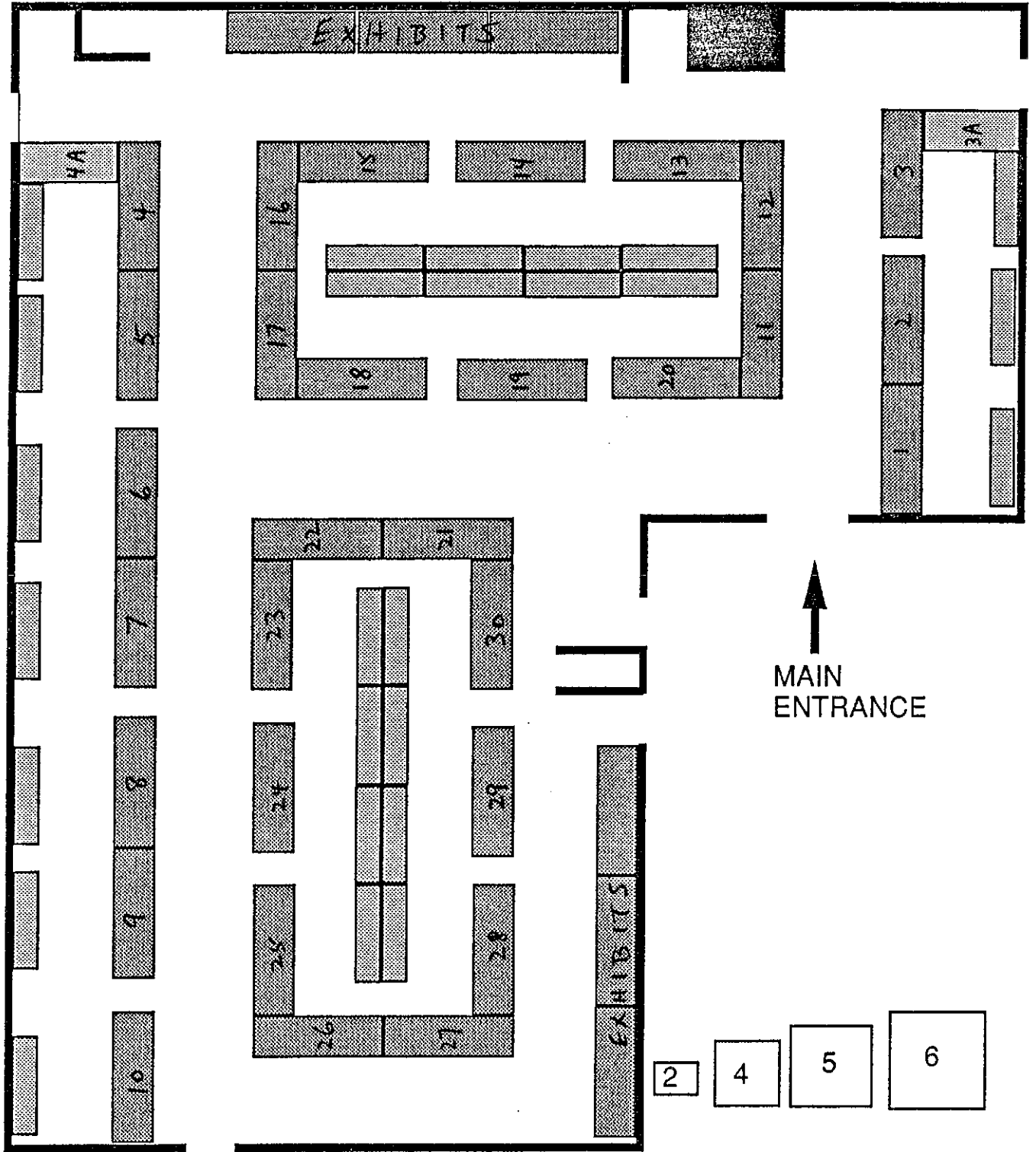
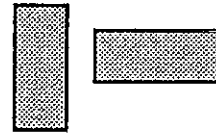
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P R E S S R E L E A S E

STRATFORD COIN CLUB SCORES COUP.

In a daring move, the S.C.C. announced that a revolutionary new aspect in Numismatics was being undertaken. In recognition of Thirty Years of continuous operation and with a strong treasury, the Club decided to make an unprecedented move. "SWANBUCKS" will enter official competition to the Canadian Loonies as one of the more desirable collectables. The Club recently indicated it would be taking the bull by the horn and let the chips fall where they may, but it was going to issue OFFICIAL Wood Dollars which would be recognized as good as money at ALL STRATFORD COIN CLUB FUNCTIONS. Not only this, but many Merchants were expected to recognize the unique new wood as some felt it would be easier on the pocket, and one expressed the opinion that "At the rate we are going, it may be the cheapest way to start my fireplace." The issue is sure of a complete sellout and with the 30 successful years backing this issue, redemption funds are not in doubt.

It is felt that these Wood "SWANBUCKS" have better backing than the Canadian Loonies.

Designs were received from across Ontario and a Selection Committee of the full Stratford Coin Club Executive made the difficult decision to opt for the Classy S.C.C. Logo and a no nonsense reverse guaranteeing their value.

Winner of the design contest, Ken. Wilmot, stated he felt the Club didn't need a fancy reverse, only a statement of fact and anyone knowing the Club history would attest to its integrity.

President Larry Walker stated, "I wouldn't be surprised to see these pieces replacing the Loons in collections."

The "SWANBUCKS" will be guaranteed a quality production, as James Deluney of Angus, Ontario will be in charge of Production.

Dennis Cudahy of the Royal Canadian Mint was speechless when hearing of the Coup scored by a small club in a little city, which probably many have not even heard of. Nothing more to be said!!

John Regitko was overheard to be wondering why he hadn't thought of it. John felt the Stratford Club was doing a great deal in putting the fun back in collecting.

(more)

While the idea will not be protected, the Stratford Club would like recognition from other organizations backing their own Wood with their reputation and dollars. The "no time limit" redemption will undoubtedly interest the Speculators, and the Club took this into account when limiting orders to no more than 5 pieces. Shades of the 1964 & 1965 Prooflike Sets!!!

The CANADIAN ASSOCIATION of WOODEN MONEY COLLECTORS will no doubt be looking at a new category in Wood Money Collecting. For years there has rarely been any "MONEY" issued, but with Stratford's lead, it now appears to be coming to an end. Don. Robb, Chairman of the 1990 Ontario Numismatic Association Convention in Kitchener, and C.A.W.M.C. Membership Chairman was quick to get on the band wagon with accolades of praise for the venture. When Don. heard of the issue, he was quick to place his order. The Stratford Coin Club has donated five pieces to be used at the C.A.W.M.C. Meeting, Saturday April 28, 1990. The Meeting is being held in conjunction with the O.N.A. Convention at the Kitchener Holiday Inn on April 28th and April 29th, 1990. Host Club, Waterloo Coin Society's President, Rosemary Hedges was quick to react and had her wallet out in record time. Another strong indication of the expected popularity.

Orders will be accepted for not over 5 pieces per person at a cost of the face value of \$1.00 per piece, plus 50 cents (total) for postage and handling. For more information and/or orders, write to the STRATFORD COIN CLUB, P.O. Box 262, STRATFORD, Ontario.

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CONVENTION CALENDAR (Cont'd)

Received too late to be included in our regular column....

March 31, 1990 - Peterborough Numismatic Association Annual Coin Show - Peterborough Square, Peterborough.
9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Dealer Tables and Bourse. Free Admission

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TO ALL O.N.A. MEMBERS:

SUBJECT: SPRING 1990 TORONTO INTERNATIONAL COIN FAIR

It is with regret that I must advise you that the Spring 1990 TORONTO INTERNATIONAL COIN FAIR is cancelled due to a conflict with the Lakeshore Inn. Although I will not go into all the details at this time, suffice it to say that points of conflict arose from a few different angles, including the fact that the hotel was apparently negotiating with two different groups for the same space for the same week-end even though we had signed a contract.

Although we have contacted virtually every other hotel or other possible convention site in the Metro Toronto area, our search has not met with any success for any Spring date, an unfortunate but understandable situation in the busy Toronto-area convention market.

Needless to say, we have severed all our relations with the Lakeshore Inn.

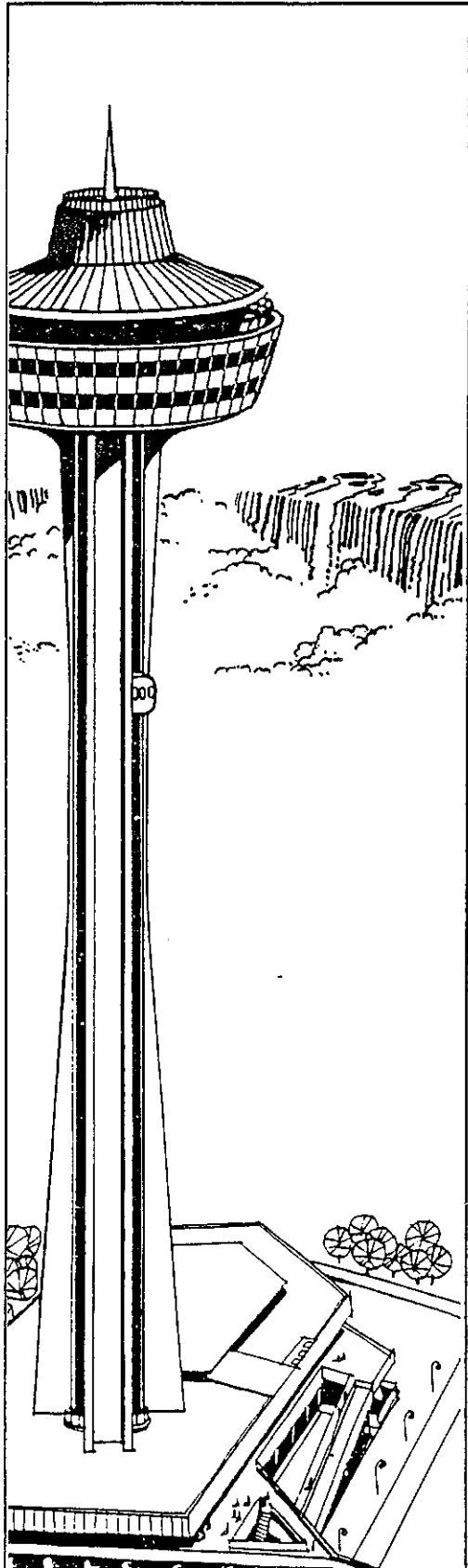
Based on the outcome of a survey we took a short while ago, we know that dealers and collectors are happy with a move from the Lakeshore Inn due to the continuous problems encountered with the hotel. Maybe the current situation faced with the hotel is a blessing in disguise long-range, in that it forced us to look at the situation seriously.

Information on the Fall 1990 TICF, including the location and date, will be sent to you shortly.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Numismatically yours,


John Regitko,



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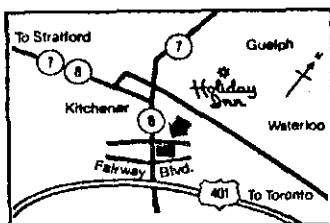
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Once again, I will be talking about the O.N.A. Convention! It must seem as if this is the only thing that I comment on!

Tom. Masters has indicated "The Numismatist" will be in Members' hands prior to Convention time. The Convention Committee has worked hard and from what I have seen, everything is in a "GO" condition. Convention Chairman Don. Robb even had time to take a two week vacation in the month prior to the really BIG SHOW!

A few points worth mentioning:

1- The Silver Convention Medal will be a complete sellout and none will be available after the Convention. Do not put off ordering this item as you could easily be disappointed.

2- Pre-registration Kits are moving nicely and, for the \$20.00 cost, will no doubt be a complete S.R.O. This is the only method to obtain the Gold-plated Medal which has a limited striking of 75 and is contained only in the Pre-registration Kits. There are NO floor sales on this item!

3- Clubs, make sure you have a delegate or two at the Delegates' Breakfast. This is where you can sound off and we will listen. The achievements of the O.N.A. over the past year are significant and, we will be covering them at the Delegates' Meeting and also the General Meeting. Have a report for your Delegates to present, plus a written copy which will be summarized and printed in the O.N.A. Numismatist. Your Club is important to us.

4- The "DREAM VACATION DRAW" will take place Sunday. Please make sure your Draw Ticket Stubs are turned in. This is a major fund raiser and an area where everyone can make it happen. We need your support.

Before closing, I would like to issue a personal invitation to all Members and Guests to take part in the Convention. There will be an Educational Forum, an Auction of Fine Numismatic Material, Banquet, Wooden Money Collectors' Meeting, O.N.A. General and Delegates' Meetings, Tours and much more. Don't forget to reserve sometime to view the Displays and perhaps find that one item you have been looking for on the Bourse Floor.

In closing, I wish all Good Health, Good Luck and Good Coining.

Numismatically yours,



Kenneth Wilmot.

O.N.A. CONVENTION

OFFICIAL OPENING DRAW

Everyone present on Saturday, April 28th at 10:00 A.M. for the Official Opening will be given a ticket to participate in a "one time only draw" for a \$50.00 voucher. The voucher will be honoured at any Bourse Table at the Convention and the winner of the voucher will join the Official Opening Party entering the Bourse Floor. This will ensure that he/she has first chance at the GREAT BARGAINS!!



From The Editor's Chair

How time flies! This makes the fourth Convention editorial I have written to you, the members. After re-reading past editorials, I believe that I have given you very good advice on why you should attend these Conventions. Some of those reasons are as follows:

...find that elusive coin for your collection, attend the auction (and once again Jim Hall from Sarnia will be conducting the auction), attend meetings - O.N.A. General Membership Meeting, Educational Meetings, Delegate Breakfast Meeting, attend the Banquet, put in a display and win an award.

These are just a few reasons why you should plan to attend this Convention and support the O.N.A. and the Waterloo Coin Society.

For the past year the committees at the Waterloo Coin Society have been hard at work to provide you with an outstanding show. The medal to commemorate this event was featured on the cover of our Special Convention Issue. Three types were struck - 30 silver, 125 bronze, and 75 gold plated. This gold plate medal is only available through your Pre Registration packet. So if you haven't Pre Registered, I would advise you to do so now. Pre Registration is limited to 75, and no further medals will be struck. There will be a 24K gold medal struck, but only on pre-ordered, and prepaid. This medal is only available by contacting K. Wilmot or an Executive member of the O.N.A.

Let's make this Convention a family affair. If there is someone in your family who is not interested in the Convention, two bus tours are planned - one on Saturday and the other on Sunday. Cost is \$4,00 for adults, and \$2.00 for children 12 years and under.

Order forms for all events and medals are found elsewhere in this issue.

Here's a great way to visit some of the sites in the Kitchener-Waterloo area. Also the Fairway Mall is less than one mile from the Convention site, and many can spend a pleasant time shopping and browsing there. The Holiday Inn provides first class accommodations, with a heated pool for your enjoyment, so don't forget your bathing suit. This Convention is being planned with the family in mind. I hope to see you all at this event. It was in our May-June 1989 edition of the O.N.A. Numismatist that we first advertised this Convention, and we have run a full page flyer in each issue since the July-August 1989 issue. It surprised me when just recently I got the notice that the Windsor Coin Club were holding their Coin Show on Sunday, April 29th. The committees for the O.N.A. and the W.C.S. went to great lengths to ensure we were not in conflict with any other show in Ontario. Did the Windsor Club miss our Show Notice or was this the only date that was open to them to hold their show in their familiar location. I know they have to make sure they don't conflict with major shows in the Detroit area. I wish them every success in their 1990 show.

Through our Convention Calendar we can eliminate many duplications of dates. I use all the available sources to find dates of shows in Ontario, but I need your Club's help too. As soon as your Club has selected a date and place, get that information to me, even if it's one year in advance. Through this method we can help avoid a duplication of dates.

Plan to attend our Convention April 28 & 29. See you there.....

T. Masters

THE U S. STEEL CENT'S COUSIN

by Ralph Yates



Early in 1944, the Philadelphia Mint struck a coin which had about as much artistic merit as a cement-block tool shed. The coin was one of the cheapest and among the least durable of all the wartime strikings in America for foreign governments. And yet the 1944 Belgian two-franc piece, despite these drawbacks, has a certain historical interest not shared by its more attractive contemporaries. It was made possible in the first place by the notorious American steel cent, and it had a similarly checkered career.

In early 1944 the U.S. Mint found itself with a stock of now useless steel planchets on hand. The authority for the zinc-coated steel cent expired on the last day of 1943 before all the coin blanks could be used up. From the standpoint of most people, this was probably no great tragedy, for the 1943 cent was one of the most disliked coins ever to go into circulation in the United States. It would not work in vending machines, was confused with the dime, and rapidly discolored. A supply of scrap brass returned from the Army overseas permitted a bronze alloy to be coined starting January 1, 1944.

The remaining steel blanks were one of the first examples of the many "wartime surplus" items left behind by the war when the need for them expired. However, some 25 million were not wasted. Very early in 1944, the Philadelphia Mint got an order for a special 2-franc piece to be used in Belgium after the country should be liberated. Thus what had been slated to circulate in the States was earmarked to go overseas.

The design on this issue was the result of a quick job that reflected the pressure on the Treasury Department to coin not only a record quantity for the U.S., but to provide coins for foreign governments as well. The Mint already had the planchets made up. All that remained was to produce suitable dies. This was done by the Mint staff with, evidently, a minimum of trouble.

The obverse (the side with the date) had merely the value "2 FR" with a line beneath, flanked by sprigs of olive branches, and the 1944 date below. The reverse had only two sprigs, the name of the country "BELGIQUE BELGIE" in two lines, and a star above.

The dual name reflected the bilingual nature of the land, where the coinage (and stamps) bore both the French and Flemish. (The practice was to either make a coin with both languages on it, or to divide a particular series into both French and Flemish versions. That is, some coins might have the legend read BELGIE-BELGIQUE and others,

THE U.S. STEEL CENT'S COUSIN (Cont'd)

BELGIQUE-BELGIE to avoid giving any impression of favoring one over the other).

The 1944 design was obviously an improvised one. The olive branches were readily available to give some semblance of decoration. The star seems to be another concession to art. Aside from that, the coin merely showed that it was Belgian and worth two francs. Preparation of dies for it evidently required little more than some stock punches. The finished product was a quickly produced, cheap, and eminently practical concession to wartime conditions.



In this respect, the 1944 two-francs is quite unusual. The general practice during the war (as far as the U.S. Mint was concerned) was to use the prewar designs even if there was a change of metal. Thus the 1942 or 1943 Fiji penny and halfpenny from San Francisco is the same type as the previous issues, even though in brass instead of nickel. The Netherlands strikings from the U.S. were prewar designs, except for U.S. Mint marks.

The Cuban centavo and five-centavos of 1943 were brass rather than nickel, but of earlier designs; and the wartime coinage for Australia followed that nation's metal standard as well as artwork. (The 1944 brass 2 francs for France, on the other hand, was a distinctive and simple design.

The design on the Belgian wartime issue reflected the country's uncertain political future. The coins still being struck at the time--under Nazi auspices--were issues of the King, Leopold II, who remained in the country after its occupation. The 1944 zinc-coated steel two franc piece was an emergency coin for use when the country was liberated. The inscription, limited to the name of the country, was a safe way of avoiding any reference to particular authorities of individuals. It was not an issue of the reigning monarch. It did not purport to be.

This type of coin was ideally suited to the emergency uses of the day: paying troops or providing a ready means of exchange for use with the civil population, or paying civilians hired for various jobs by the Army. It evidently was not intended as a permanent addition to the nation's coinage. On the other hand, the wartime Netherlands and Philippine issues were struck for countries where the existing prewar coinage had been withdrawn by the occupying authorities. The higher Philippine and Dutch coins had been silver, while most of the prewar Belgian coinage was base metal.

The 1944 two-francs--once it got into circulation--proved no better than its American cousin. The zinc wore off and discolored. The planchet tended to rust. The design was novel with the Belgian populace, and does not seem to have inspired them any more favorably than the 1943 cent impressed the American public. This seems to have helped get it circulated, however, for it was not a coin that most people were likely to hoard.

As a matter of fact, the American-struck coin was not as durable as the pure zinc pieces struck by the Brussels Mint during the occupation. They turned a slate-blue color, but were not susceptible to rust, which pitted the surface. The chief virtue of the steel coin was that it had lent itself to quick, inexpensive production. With the end

THE U.S. STEEL CENT'S COUSIN (Cont'd)

of the wartime emergency and a return toward normal conditions in Europe, the special zinc-coated-steel issue tended to go out of use. It did not fit into the commonly accepted Belgian standards of size, shape, or metal.

A rather large quantity returned to the States with the Americans who had served in the area during the war, and specimens are not too hard to find. On the other hand, little effort seems to be made to stock it, largely because the coin is not particularly popular or even well known. There does not appear to have been much incentive to hoard it in large quantities, since it had no great intrinsic value and was not available to many dealers or others likely to save it in the early days. (Compare this with the 1943 cent, which was put away in large numbers and thus is not hard to obtain today, B.U.).

The Belgian 1944 2-francs is a coin that should be collected in the best possible condition. With a design like that, a reasonably good surface is needed to provide some redeeming quality. Like the American cent, this coin did not look too bad when new. The trouble lay in the transient nature of that beauty. The metal was nothing more than good, old-fashioned galvanized steel (or galvanized iron, as it's usually called), something that doesn't look bad at all until it sees some wear.

Historically, the 1944 two-franc piece recalls the year when American arms freed most of Western Europe from oppression. Between June and November, practically all of France and Belgium were liberated. A few days before Christmas, the last German offensive of the war threatened to drive a wedge between the British and American armies that had been pressing on Hitler's "West Wall". During this, the famous "Battle of the Bulge", much of Belgium was temporarily re-occupied by the Nazis.

It seems likely that any Belgian citizens who had acquired a few of the zinc-coated steel coins would have been reluctant to show them around the returning Germans. By the end of January, 1945, Belgium was again freed of her occupiers, and on the road to recovery after four and a half years of totalitarian rule.

In design, the circumstances of their issue, their metal, and the period in which they were circulated, these coins epitomized the idea of a wartime issue. They bear the stamp of World War II more than do many (if not most) of the other foreign coins made in the U.S. In their relatively crude design, they recall the times of siege and necessity money when standards were greatly reduced from peacetime norms.

Their very appearance spells out the temper of the war years, perhaps better than many coins that differed from peacetime issues only by date or mint mark.

TOPICAL COINS - ODD SHAPES



Coins are not always round -- there are many deviations, such as the coins with holed centres, both round and square.

Numerous countries have issued coins in various sizes and shapes, some are scalloped, square, six-eight- or twelve sided. The amazing number of oddly shaped coins would make an interesting collection and

a colorful display. Nearly all are inexpensive and relatively easy to obtain. Happy collecting.

ROYAL CANADIAN MINT 1990 COMMEMORATIVE SILVER DOLLARBIOGRAPHY OF THE ARTIST DAVID CRAIG

Artist David Craig graduated from the Ontario College of Art in 1966. Between 1967 and 1974, he diversified his experience working as a graphic illustrator for advertising agencies in Montreal and Toronto.

In 1976, Craig opened his own studio and has been free-lancing ever since. His works include designing posters, book covers, magazine illustrations, paintings and illustrations for just about every major publisher and various corporations in Canada.

Among his major projects was the design of the Royal Canadian Mint's 1989 Gold \$100. commemorating Sainte-Marie Among the Hurons, the 1984 silver dollar commemorating the 150th anniversary of the city of Toronto, and promotional paintings used in the campaign for the Mint's 1984 Jacques Cartier commemorative coin.

In 1986, he designed a medallion for Molson Breweries' 200th anniversary. In 1987, he was asked to put on a retrospective of his work at the O'Keefe Centre in Toronto. Over 200 illustrations and paintings were exhibited for two months.

David Craig sees himself as an artist who enjoys designing and painting in a non-commercial way. He is currently working on private and corporate paintings and portraits as well as a series of paintings for the limited edition market. He recently completed a painting for the Conn Smythe Sports Celebrities Dinner, depicting the Canadian gold and silver Olympic medal winners at the 1988 Olympic Games.

Canadian Commemorative Silver Dollar Coin Designers

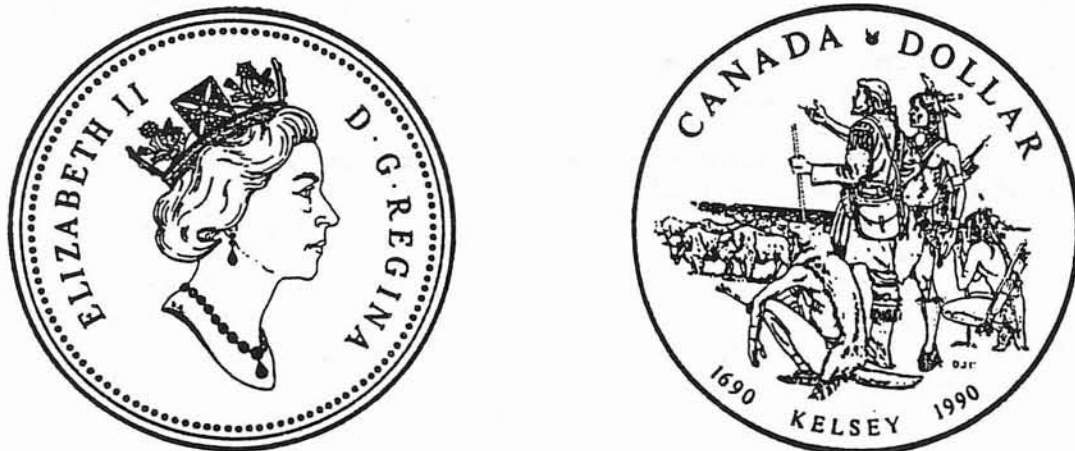
Year	Theme	Artist
1935	25th anniversary of the accession of George V- commemorative obverse commemorative reverse	Percy Metcalfe Emanuel Hahn
1939	Visit of Their Majesties, King George VI and Queen Elizabeth	Emanuel Hahn
1949	Entry of Newfoundland into Confederation	Thomas Shingles, RCM
1958	100th anniversary of the gold rush creation of British Columbia	Stephen Trenka
1964	100th anniversary of the 1864 conferences which led to Confederation	Dinko Vodanovic
1967	100th anniversary of the Confederation	Alex Colville

CANADIAN COMMEMORATIVE SILVER DOLLAR COIN DESIGNERS (Cont'd)

YEAR	THEME	ARTIST
1971	To honor the century of British Columbis joining Confederation on 1871	Patrick Brindley
1973	100th anniversary of the formation of the R.C.M.P.	Paul Cederberg
1974	Centenary of the founding of the city of Winnipeg, Manitoba	Paul Pederson
1975	The centennial of the city of Calgary, Alberta	Donald D. Paterson
1976	100th anniversary of the opening of the Library of Parliament	Walter Ott and Patrick Brindley, RCM
1977	25th anniversary of the accession to the Throne of Queen Elizabeth II	RCM Staff
1978	11th Commonwealth Games held in Edmonton, Alberta	Raymond Taylor
1979	The Griffon, built in 1679, was the first ship to be built above Niagara Falls and to sail the Great Lakes	Walter Schluep
1980	Centenary of the Transfer of the Arctic Territories from Great Britain to Canada	Donald D. Paterson
1981	The Act of Parliament which was passed to permit the building of the Trans-Canada railway	Christopher Gorey
1982	The centennial of the city of Regina, Saskatchewan	Huntley Brown
1983	World University Games held in Edmonton, Alberta	Carola Tietz
1984	150th anniversary of the city of Toronto, Ontario	David Craig
1985	100th anniversary of Canada's national parks	Karel Rohlicek
1986	Centenary of the founding of the city of Vancouver, British Columbia, and the first transcontinental train crossing	Elliot John Morrison
1987	400th anniversary of the exploration by John Davis of Baffin Islands, Cumberland Gulf and Davis Strait	Christopher Gorey

CANADIAN COMMEMORATIVE SILVER DOLLAR COIN DESIGNERS (Cont'd)

YEAR	THEME	ARTIST
1988	250th anniversary of the Quebec based St-Maurice Ironworks; the first industrial refinery in Canada	Robert-Ralph Carmichael
1989	Bicentennial of the Mackenzie River	John Mardon
1990	300th anniversary of Henry Kelsey's exploration of the Canadian Prairies	David Craig

Royal Canadian Mint 1990 Commemorative Proof Dollar

**Commemorative Dollar Celebrates the 300th Anniversary of
Henry Kelsey's Exploration of the Canadian Prairies**

- Coin bears new Canadian effigy of Queen Elizabeth II

The Royal Canadian Mint announced today the theme of its 25th annual commemorative dollar. The 1990 coin commemorates the 300th Anniversary of Henry Kelsey's Exploration of the Canadian Prairies.

The reverse of the coin depicts a group of natives of Western Canada and Kelsey overlooking a vast herd of buffalo on the Canadian Prairies. This is claimed to be the first sighting of the buffalo documented by a white man.

The 1990 design is the work of Ontario artist David Craig who also designed the 1989 gold \$100 commemorating Sainte-Marie Among the Hurons, the first European settlement in Ontario, and the 1984 silver dollar.

The obverse bears, for the first time ever, Dora dePedery-HUNT's effigy of Queen Elizabeth II. It is the first effigy ever designed

ROYAL CANADIAN MINT 1990 COMMEMORATIVE PROOF DOLLAR (Cont'd)

by a Canadian artist for use on Canadian coins. The design features a more contemporary portrait of the Queen wearing a necklace and earrings as well as an elaborate crown, in this case a diadem. The legend and the beading are unchanged from the previous design by Arnold Machin used from 1965 through 1989.

Henry Kelsey, explorer, mariner and overseas governor of the Hudson's Bay Company, was probably born in 1667 in England and died there in 1724. He served the Company for forty years and played an important role for the organization between 1684 and 1722.

On June 12, 1690, he left his York Fort posting for the expedition that would etch his name in Canadian history. His main mission was "to call, encourage and invite the remote Indians to trade" with the Hudson's Bay Company. In 1691, he received orders from George Geyer, the Governor for the Hudson's Bay Company, that he must pacify the Indian tribes and help diversify the company's trade by decreasing its dependence on furs. By this time, Kelsey had well mastered the native languages and had won the confidence of the Indians.

On July 15, 1691, Kelsey set out to locate and call to trade with the Naywatame Indians. In the course of this journey, he recorded descriptions of the buffalo and grizzly bear in his journal. Kelsey met a large band of Stone Indians or Assiniboines, and shortly after made contact with their rivals, the Naywatame. Following Geyer's instructions, he attempted unsuccessfully to establish peace between them. In the summer of 1692 he returned to York and continued to forge trade relations.

The composition of the 1990 commemorative dollar remains unchanged (50% AG, 50% CU).

The weight is 23.33 grams, the diameter 36.07 mm and the edge is reeded.

The mintage is limited to orders received before December 15, 1990.

The Mint issue prices for the 1990 proof silver dollar and the other products of the regular silver program are as follows:

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EXCITING ADVANCE NOTICE!!!!!!

At this time I would like to give you some advance notice of the O.N.A. 1991 CONVENTION. The Oshawa Coin Club has submitted a bid to host this event. It is hopeful that details can be worked out so that a date and location can be announced at our upcoming show. Congratulations to the Oshawa Coin Club. Dates are open for your Club to submit Convention bids after 1991.

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FOIL-COVERED PLASTIC PIECES - A SUBSTITUTE FOR METALLIC MEDALS, TOKENS, AND TRADE DOLLARS

Foil-covered plastic pieces, 33 and 38 mm in diameter, provide an alternate format for medals, tokens, and trade dollars. The material, called gravoply, was developed by Decalco of Sainte Foy, Quebec, in 1984. It has been used by a number of Quebecers for issues of wedding and personal medals as well as for coin club medals. An issue of 500 or 1,000 pieces can be made for less than \$1.00 each, thus permitting small issues of tokens or trade dollars. A profile portrait of a man and woman show up well and make a nice subject for a wedding or anniversary medal. Buildings, animals, crests, and other objects can be shown on gravoply.

The obverse and reverse sides of a black plastic blank are stamped separately in two different machines, each machine containing one of the dies. The foil covered plastic blank is placed in one machine with the die and heat and pressure applied. The background part of the die, which is hot, binds the plastic foil to the background part of the plastic blank. The design part of the die is not hot, and so the metal foil does not stick to the black plastic blank, and the design is shown in black on the plastic blank.

The plastic blank, having the design stamped on one foil-covered side, is placed by hand in the second machine containing the second die, and is properly aligned by eye. The process of stamping the black

plastic blank is repeated.

The following colors of foil are available: gold, silver, copper, red, green, and blue. The first three colors are recommended for numismatic pieces. If requested, two colors of foil can be used on each piece, one color on each side, and there is no extra charge. An order for say 50 gold colored pieces and 50 copper colored pieces is filled at the same price as an order for 100 copper colored pieces. This allows the issuer up to six different colors for the same price as one color, and if desired, a number of color combinations for single pieces using different colors for each side.

Prices, including tax but excluding postage, for 33 mm pieces are as follows: 100 pieces (\$1.10 each), 200 pieces (\$0.90 each), 500 pieces (\$0.80 each), and 1000 pieces (\$0.75 each).

Each piece is shipped in a 2 x 3½ inch plastic bag. United States residents should write for a special price list which excludes tax and prices the plastic pieces in U.S. dollars.

The firm cuts their own dies and does their own art work. Die charges are \$37.50 per side. If finished art work is requested, the charge is \$25.00 per side. However, pieces with a simple design or just lettering can be made from a sketch.

Three weeks time should be allowed for filling an order for gravoply pieces.

A sample gravoply medal and price lists is available for 50 cents for postal costs from Decalco, 455 rue Mendel, Sainte Foy, P.Q. Canada, G1X 4B9 (telephone 418 872-5641).

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FOIL-COVERED PLASTIC PIECES (Cont'd)

Some examples of issues of gravoply medals are a 1983 medal issued by La Societe Numismatique de Queber, a 1984 medal issued by the Club des Numismates du Bas St. Laurant, 1984 and 1989 medal issued by numismatist Yvon Marquis, a 1989 medal issued for the wedding of Yvon Marquis and Diane Levesque, and a 1989 medal issued for the wedding of Claude Bernard and Danielle Masse. Copies of each of these medals are still available from the issuer.

Jerry Remick

EX LIBRASONTARIO MEDALS FROM 1950 TO DATE CATALOGUED

A review by Jerry Remick

"ONTARIO MUNICIPAL AND COMMEMORATIVE MEDALS" by Jeff Fournier lists more than 600 commemorative medals issued during the period 1950 to date by communities throughout Ontario. Medals are listed under the municipality in which they were issued. The following data is given for each medal: date, mint, metal, diameter, mintage, valuation and a complete description. There are no illustrations. The 70 page catalogue is printed on 5½ x 8½ inch pages and was released in January 1990. It is available at \$8.00 postpaid from :

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CONVENTION CALENDAR

- April 21 Hamilton Coin Club's Semi-Annual Coin Show. Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 58, 1180 Barton St., E., up-stairs (elevator), Hamilton-across from the Centre Mall. Info: Terry MacHugh, P.O. Box 9271, Stoney Creek, Ont., L8G 3X9.
- 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.
- April 29 Windsor Coin Club Show. Knights of Columbus Hall, 1140 Goyeau St., Windsor. Free admission 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Info: Gary Stancoff, 1165 Lincoln Road, Windsor, Ont. Phone (519) 253 5494.
- May 4-6 Niagara Falls - Expo Niagara, Coins, St amps, Cards, Jewellery, Paper Money, Tokens & Medals. Over 70 dealers. Skylon Tower, Niagara Falls, Canada. Free parking - Admission \$1.00. Info: Expo Niagara, 165 King St., Welland, Ont., L3B 3J4.
- May 12 Victoria-Simcoe Numismatic Association Annual Coin, Stamp, & Small Collectable Show. Beaverton Legion Hall, 517 Mara Road, Beaverton, Ont., Info: Elmer Workman, R.R. 2 Cunnington, Ont., LOE 1E0, Tel. 705 432 2124.

CONVENTION CALENDAR (Cont'd)

- June 8-10 All Wooden Money Show. Park Hotel, Niagara Falls, Ont.,
More info later.
- June 9 Ingersoll Coin Club Mini Coin & Collectable Show. Senior
Citizens Room, Lions Hall, Thames St. S., Ingersoll.
Info: T. Masters, 823 Van St., London, N5Z 1M8.
Tel. (519) 438 2402.
- June 10 Brantford Numismatic Society's 30th Anniversary Coin Show,
Woodman Centre, 491 Grey St., Brantford. Info: B.N.S.
P.O. Box 351, Brantford, Ont., N3T 5N3.
- June 22-24 (TOREX Auction and Show - Auction held on the first day at
October 26-28 (7:00 p.m. Also on Saturday at 6:00 p.m. Coins, Paper
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(Hotel, 111 Carlton St., Toronto, Admission \$3.00. Info:
(Ingrid K. Smith, P.O. Box 865, Adelaide St. P.O., Toronto,
(M5C 2K1. Tel. 1-416-586 0098.
- August 16-19 C.N.A. Annual Convention, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Vancouver,
British Columbia. Info: C.N.A. 1990, P.O. Box 86315N,
Vancouver, British Columbia, V7L 4K6.
- August 23-26 A.N.A. Convention, Seattle, Washington. Info: A.N.A. 1990
Convention, P.O. Box 88984, Seattle, Washington, U.S.A.
98188. More info to follow.
- September 8 Huronia Numismatic Association. Coins, Stamps & Antique
Fall Show. Bayfield Mall, Bayfield St. N., Barrie, Ont.
Info: P.O. Box 243, Barrie, Ont., L4M 4T2.
- September 29 St. Catharines Coin Club Coin Show, Russell Ave. Community
Centre, 108 Russell Ave., St. Catharines. Info: St. Catha-
rines Coin Club, P.O. Box 1492, St. Catharines, Ont.,
L2R 7J9.
- September 30 Sarnia Coin Club, Canterbury Inn, 1485 London Road, Sarnia.
U.S. & Canadian dealers. Free Admission. Info: Carl
Williamson, 931 Greendale St., Sarnia, N7V 3P4.
Tel. (519) 337 9191.
- October 14 Tillsonburg Coin Club's Annual Coin & Hobby Show, Tillson-
burg Community Centre (Fair Grounds). Info: W. Baxter,
46 Queens Street, Tillsonburg, Ont., N4G 3G9.
- October 28 Stratford Coin Club's 30th Anniversary Coin Show, Kiwanis
Community Centre, Lakeside Drive, Stratford, Free Admission.
Info: Stratford Coin Club, P.O. Box 262, Stratford, Ont.,
N5A 6T1.
- Second Sunday Ottawa Coin & Stamp Dealers Association Show, at the
Each Month Nepean Sportsplex, Woodroffe Ave., 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Info:
Allan Davis, P.O. Box 307, Carp, Ont., DOA 1L0.

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EXPO NIAGARA 2ND ANNUAL SHOW MAY 4-6 1990
AT THE SKYLON TOWER, NIAGARA FALLS, ONTARIO
CANADA DURING THE BLOSSOM FESTIVAL WEEKEND.

Well 1989 is now history, and many positive things have happened in the hobby, one being a new show...EXPO NIAGARA. Having had its' first show last May it is quickly becoming known as the biggest show of its kind in Canada. It can easily be reached from most points in Canada and the United States by car and the Skylon Tower is easily visible coming from Buffalo, Niagara Falls, New York, and Toronto.

EXPO NIAGARA will have one of the largest bourse floors in Canada. At over 17,000 square feet it allows everyone plenty of aisle and back-up space which makes for comfortable dealing. This year, dealers who book early will have personal table signs on their tables and any dealer coming in from the U.S.A. will have a letter from Canada Customs making their entry that much easier. These letters are by request only from show promoters. Dealers will also be issued a special security badge to be used during the show.

The show hours are 10-9 Friday, 10-9 Saturday, and 10-5 Sunday. Armed Regional Police Officers will be present at the show 24 hours a day from set-up on Thursday May 3rd at 6pm until the close of the show on Sunday May 6th at 6pm.

Dealers wishing to book this show should do so as soon as possible as this is a busy tourist weekend and we would like to send accommodations out to them. The hotel being used by EXPO NIAGARA is YOUR HOST BEST WESTERN across the street from the Skylon parking lot, FOR RESERVATIONS CALL 416-356-0551.

Admission to the show is only \$1.00 and for this dollar everyone gets a chance to win a whole or partial Canadian Maple Leaf gold coin each day, as well as a chance at the Grand Prize...a \$100.00 gold coin on Sunday.

Last year, promoters of the show had a grab bag of coins and all youths entering onto the show floor had the opportunity to pick a coin from the grab bag. It went so well that this year not only will there be a grab bag of coins for the young collectors, but also a stamp collectors bag and a card collectors bag.

This years show is filled with many special HIGH-LIGHTS, including, as its special guest Mr. Brian Cornwell, the renowned Canadian Numismatist and Coin Expert. Mr. Cornwell will be giving a talk on Saturday morning May 5th and a grading workshop on Sunday May 6th. Those wishing to hear Mr. Cornwell should come early as seating is limited. Another of the many high-lights of this years show is a table manned by ICCS, Canada's largest grading and authentication company. Also the



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CANADIAN COIN NEWS AND CANADIAN STAMP NEWS will be serving free coffee to everyone at the show.

Collectors and dealers coming in for the show might want to view their participation as a mini-vacation or a second honeymoon, but if the huge bourse floor with over one hundred bourse tables is not enough to suit your needs then a ride through the Niagara area is just what the Doctor ordered.

The Blossom Festival Parade will be held that weekend, featuring lovely floats which trundle their way gracefully through Queen Victoria Park, just below the Skylon.

At Fort Erie (across the Peace Bridge from Buffalo New York, 18 miles from EXPO NIAGARA), you can visit Old Fort Erie, which was captured by the Americans during the war of 1812, or you can spend an afternoon at Fort Erie Racetrack, a flowery and picturesque oval, betting on your favourite horses. Driving north down the Parkway, you will enjoy viewing the Niagara River and the lovely houses gracing its shores.

In Niagara Falls, Ontario, you might want to ride on the Maid of the Mist, a boat trip which takes you practically under the falls themselves. A trip behind the Falls, via the scenic tunnels, is a necessity in order to appreciate the sheer power of the cataracts. Historic Lundy's Lane Cemetery is an interesting place: here are buried some of Niagara's earliest settlers, United Empire Loyalist among them, as well as Laura Secord; it was she who contributed to a British victory at Beavertams during the War of 1812 by apprising a British Lieutenant of American assault plans being made against him. Or just souvenir shopping, as well as visiting the many museums on Clifton Hill.

Continuing north along the Niagara Parkway, your drive will take you out of flowery Queen Victoria Park, just below the Skylon Tower, to a lovely panorama of colourful apple, peach and cherry blossoms. At Queenston, you can go up Brock's Monument, a tower dedicated to Major-General Sir Issac Brock who was killed during the battle of Queenston Heights in the War of 1812. Seven miles further north down the Parkway lies Niagara-On-The-Lake, where you will find quaint older houses dating from the early to mid-19th century as well as an array of fancy, attractive shops. You can also visit Fort George, which served as a garrison for British troops during the War of 1812.

EXPO NIAGARA, being at the Skylon Tower in Niagara Falls, Ontario, is central to all of the Niagara Peninsula. Be sure to attend this coin, stamp, and card show May 4-6. It promises to be not only a great show, but also an opportunity to see beautiful and historic Niagara. For bourse and further information contact EXPO NIAGARA. (info on letterhead).

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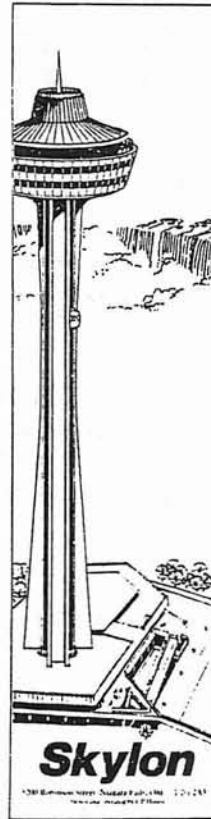



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1990 O.N.A. CONVENTION PROGRAM

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- 6:00 PM Security begins
8:30 PM Wine & Cheese Reception: Free admission to Dealers,
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Saturday, April 28:

- 8:00 AM Bourse Room open to Dealers
Exhibit Room open for set up
8:30 AM Bus Tour: Waterloo Farmer's Market
Return to hotel by 11:30 AM
10:00 AM Official Opening
Bourse Room open to public
10:30 AM O.N.A. General Meeting
1:00 PM Auction: Conducted by Jim Hall, Sarnia
3:00 PM C.A.W.M.C. Meeting & Auction
4:00 PM Daily Door Draws
6:00 PM Bourse Room closes
6:30 PM Pre-Banquet Reception: Cash Bar
7:00 PM O.N.A. Banquet: Speaker - Bill Stewart,
General Manager, K-W Oktoberfest
All Banquet attendees will be invited to a Reception
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Sunday, April 29:

- 8:30 AM O.N.A. Club Delegate Breakfast: Speaker - Paul Fiocca,
Publisher, Canadian Coin News
9:00 AM Bourse open to Dealers
10:00 AM Bus Tour: Seagram Museum
Return to hotel by 12:30 PM
Bourse Room open to public
2:00 PM Educational Forum: Speaker - Ross Irwin - Researcher,
"Wellington County Numismatics"
4:00 PM Daily Door Draws
4:30 PM O.N.A. Draw: "DREAM VACATION"
5:00 PM Bourse Room closes
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Sunday, April 29			
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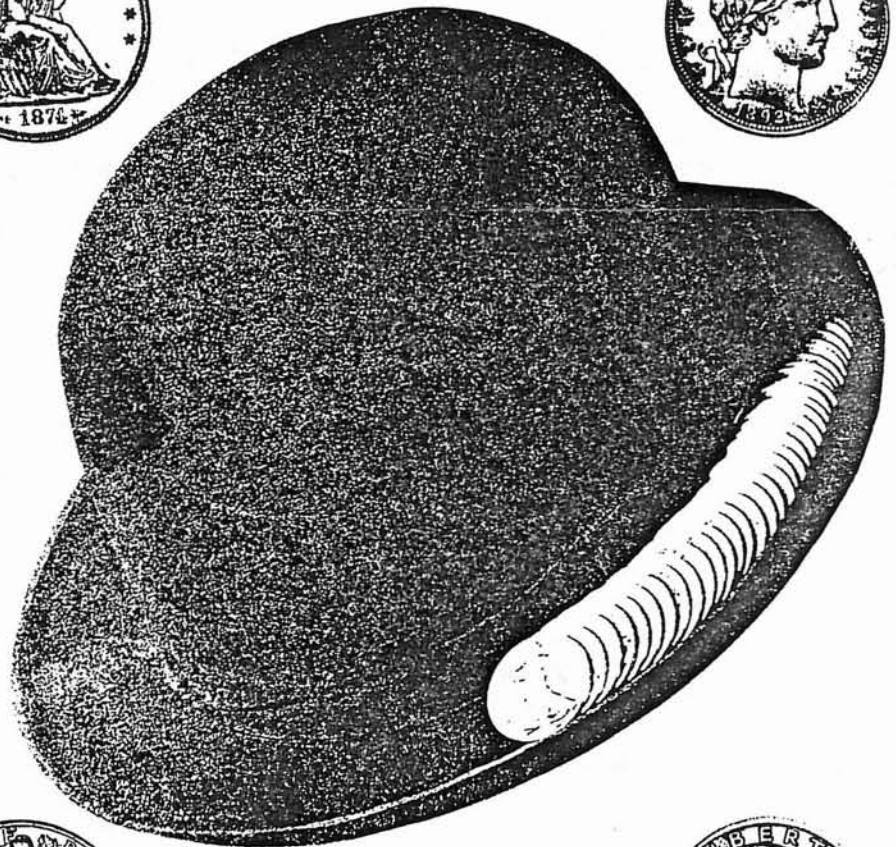
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P R E S I D E N T ' S M E S S A G E

The 1990 O.N.A. Convention has become history and will be remembered as a truly successful and learning convention. One of the most obvious things and the MOST important aspect of the Convention was the format of the Delegates Meeting. Comments have been heard and understood, that as far as a Delegates Meeting goes it was a "bust". I agree with those that feel this way, and changes have to be made to give this Meeting back to the Delegates.

What is the sense of getting up early, travelling a fair distance, to hear a Publisher talk on the merits of change in format, and difficulties arising from publishing a Numismatic Publication when all realize that it is just one of life's complexities and not novel to a particular segment? What could the Delegates take back to their Club from this Meeting? Zip! Zilch! Zero! Absolutely nothing. What is the answer?? I wished I knew and could wave a magic wand and all the changes would be in place.

The answer lies in the dedication of our Clubs and a promise to initiate change for the 1991. We want to hear from Club Correspondents and will incorporate as many of the suggestions as is humanly possible. We will make the "91" Delegates Meeting something that you will take back to your Clubs and say "Now, that was worthwhile and this is what I learned...."

Every attempt will be made to avoid the conflict in scheduling that occurred this year as I would have rather been on tour than where I was. One important area that will have to be addressed is an opportunity of dialogue for the Delegates if the meeting is to have any meaning at all. Are speakers really needed for the Delegates' Breakfast? What manner can we improve the attendance and representation from the Member Clubs? Many questions have been posed and we will try for answers, but we also need your help! Please write to me or the O.N.A. general mailing address or hound your Area Directors until they promise to see that your concerns are brought forward at a Directors Meeting.

The Draw exceeded my expectations with sales totalling 604 books of tickets!! This is the highest mark ever and the end result is that cheques amounting to over \$1,200.00 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. A full draw report is contained elsewhere.

It was with sorrow and a sense of loss when I heard of the death of Arnold Conrad. Arnold was a relative newcomer to the Ontario Numismatic Association but, in that short period of time, a bond had been formed with him and his dedication and organizational abilities through his staunch support of the O.N.A.'s annual sale of lottery tickets.

Arnold was a hard working Member of the Brantford Numismatic Society. This giant of a man, who would help anyone at anytime, will be sadly missed by his friends and fellow numismatists.

EDITORIAL

The O.N.A. Convention is now history, and we will await whether this Convention was a financial success. I know it was a Numismatic success, but everything boils down to money today. Bills have to be paid and so forth. I'm sure that financial report will match the success of the Convention.

Each Coin Club faces the same problems of how to pay their bills and balance their books. It's one of the prime concerns with many of the Clubs I belong to, and each year they try to find other alternatives to raising Membership Fees.

The O.N.A. for a number of years have given you the member, and you the Clubs, ideas to help your own cause. First, the O.N.A. asks each of its members to sell one (and I repeat one) book of tickets for their annual draw. From that book your Club can receive a \$2.00 rebate only if you write the name of your Club on the cover. Next, the O.N.A. sends each Club 5 books (and once again I repeat 5 books) of tickets. This represents a rebate of \$10.00 if all tickets are sold and your Club appears on the cover. Surely every Club can sell 5 books of tickets or get some of their members to sell them. One method is to sell these tickets at your meetings. Another way is to include a book at each member with your newsletter. I can tell you the latter way is the most successful, and two Clubs I know of use this method to their advantage. These two Clubs, for a number of years, have sold one third of all the tickets sold, and both these Clubs have a solid financial statement.

When I look over the list, some of those Clubs that worry about their financial balance, sell the least tickets.

Let's review the ticket sales-

2 Clubs sold one third
 5 Clubs sold another one third
 26 Clubs sold the remaining one third

I would hope that your Club is in the first two thirds of these sales.

Let me give you some more facts.

Both the Stratford and Ingersoll Clubs have received over \$1000.00 each in rebates since the O.N.A. offered this incentive program. That money has gone a long way to promoting their numismatic program. If it has been a benefit to those Clubs, it can benefit you also. Think about it next year. Don't be satisfied with the the five books sent. Request more, like many of those Clubs whose numbers are shown in the double digits.

Members-- you too can help your Club. One book is no trouble to sell - request more books, help your Club make sure you write your Club's name on the cover. This is one way to releave your Club of some of their money worries.

I congratulate all who did take part and sell their tickets, and I look forward to more participation next year.

T. Masters

DEADLINE:

for the July-August edition is July 15, 1990

ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 1989 TO DECEMBER 31, 1989

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Petty Cash @ Jan. 1, 1989	\$ 12.00
Bank Balance @ Jan. 1, 1989 (General Fund)	\$1654.67
Bank Balance @ Jan. 1, 1989 (Library)	\$ 83.84
Bank Balance @ Jan. 1, 1989 (Audio Visual)	\$ 53.77

	\$1804.28	\$1804.28

RECEIPTS

Memberships (Regular, Junior & Club)	\$2136.00
O.N.A. Convention Draw	\$2226.91
Club Ticket Rebate	\$ 98.00
Bank Interest	\$ 123.65
Premium U.S.A. Money	\$ 3.61
Lapel Pins	\$ 21.00
Advertising	\$ 40.00
O.N.A. Convention (Partial Profits)	\$ 900.00
Refund Of O.N.A. Convention Advance (1989)	\$ 200.00
Transfer From Contingency Account	\$2300.00

	\$8049.17	\$8049.17

EXPENSES

O.N.A. Publication "Ontario Numismatist"	\$2708.55
Postage	\$ 93.50
Printing	\$ 39.58
Safety Deposit & P.O. Box Rental	\$ 138.70
Archives	\$ 226.15
C.N.A. & A.N.A. Dues	\$ 98.16
Office Supplies	\$ 161.84
Telephone	\$.34
Honorariums	\$ 700.00
C.N.A. Delegate	\$ 100.00
Bookbinding	\$ 197.76
Speaker's Circuit	\$ 123.40
Executive Meeting	\$ 19.93
Executive & Life Membership Badges	\$ 26.65
Presentation Boxes	\$ 109.50
Award Of Merit	\$ 27.16
Transfer To Life Membership	\$ 500.00
Transfer To Contingency Account	\$2300.00
O.N.A. Convention Advance (1990)	\$ 200.00

	\$7771.22	\$7771.22

Excess Receipts Over Expenses		\$ 277.95
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Petty Cash @ December 31, 1989	\$ 15.50
Bank Balance @ December 31, 1989 (General Fund)	\$1929.12
Bank Balance @ December 31, 1989 (Library)	\$ 83.84
Bank Balance @ December 31, 1989 (Audio Visual)	\$ 53.77

	\$2082.23	\$2082.23

ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 1989 TO DECEMBER 31, 1989

GENERAL ACCOUNT - BANK RECONCILIATION

Bank Pass Book Balance @ December 31, 1989	\$2093.73
(2) Outstanding Cheques	\$ 27.00
Statement Bank Balance @ December 31, 1989	\$2066.73

CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT

Bank Balance @ January 1, 1989	\$8010.50
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RECEIPTS

Interest Guaranteed Investment Certificates	\$375.00	
Bank Interest	\$645.66	
Transfer From General Account	\$2300.00	

	\$3320.66	\$3320.66

EXPENSES

Transfer To General Account	\$2300.00	\$2300.00
Excess Receipts Over Expenses		\$1020.66
Bank Balance @ December 31, 1989		\$9031.16

INSURANCE ACCOUNT

Bank Balance @ January 1, 1989	\$1216.40
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RECEIPTS

23 Club Premiums	\$805.00	
Bank Interest	\$125.08	

	\$930.08	\$930.08

EXPENSES

Insurance Premium	\$350.00	
Hardship Club Premium	\$ 35.00	
Printing	\$ 59.51	
Postage	\$ 14.44	

	\$458.95	\$458.95
Excess Receipts Over Expenses		\$471.13
Bank Balance @ December 31, 1989		\$1687.53

ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION
TREASURER'S REPORT
FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 1989 TO DECEMBER 31, 1989

CASH ASSET SUMMARY @ December 31, 1989

Cash & Bank Balance - General Account	\$2082.23
Bank Balance - Contingency Account	\$9031.16
Guaranteed Investment Certificates - Contingency	\$4000.00
Bank Balance - Insurance Account	\$1687.53

	\$16800.92 \$16800.92
 Cash Assets (1988)	 \$15031.18
 Increase In Cash Assets	 \$ 1769.74

LIFE MEMBERSHIP ACCOUNT

Bank Balance @ January 1, 1989	\$1044.90
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RECEIPTS

Life Memberships Not Invested	\$400.00
Interest Guaranteed Investment Certificates	\$462.62
Bank Interest	\$160.98
Transfer From General Account	\$500.00

	\$1523.60 \$1523.60

EXPENSES

Memberships Dues (1989)	\$700.00 \$700.00
 Excess Receipts Over Expenses	 \$823.60
 Bank Balance @ December 31, 1989	 \$1868.50

LIFE MEMBERSHIP ASSETS

Guaranteed Investment Certificates	\$4100.00
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The Bank Accounts are maintained at
The Canada Trust, Belmont Branch
Kitchener, Ontario

Treasurer Bruce H. Lesyniak

This Treasurer's Report was approved at the O.N.A.
General Membership meeting at Kitchener, on
Saturday, April 28, 1990.

DELEGATES' REPORTS:

At this year's Delegates Breakfast at our Annual Convention, five written reports were given to me. The edited version of these reports are as follows:

INGERSOLL COIN CLUB meets third Monday each month, except July and August. Membership 123 plus 9 life members. Cost per membership \$5.00. Very financially sound. Publish a seven page newsletter each month. Meetings feature - Numismatic Education, Auction, Fellowship, Draws, and Social. Participate with Ingersoll Kiwanis Club in April each year to raise money for Disabled Children. 1990 will be I.C.C. 25th year of participation - total raised for Disabled Children during those 25 years - almost \$17,000.00.

Recommend to O.N.A. that they up-date their Audio Visual library and look to purchasing new Audio Visuals and VHS programs.

NORTH YORK COIN CLUB meets 4th Tuesday each month, also meet during summer months. Membership 74, average attendance of about 35. 1990 is their 30th Anniversary, and they will issue a wooden token to record this 30th Anniversary. Meeting consists of Numismatic Education Draws, Auction, Fellowship, and Social. Club financially sound, and able to project a strong impact to the Numismatic family in the Toronto area.

Noted they had hosted two O.N.A. Conventions in 1976 and 1987.

ST. CATHARINES COIN CLUB Meets third Tuesday each month, at 108 Russell Ave. Membership at a low ebb of about twenty. Since 1988-89 many of their founding members and older members have passed on, reflecting somewhat on their decline in membership. Meetings consist of Numismatic Education, Bourse, and Auction. They stress that members should attend meetings of other Clubs in the Niagara area. Also perhaps in the future all these Clubs may join and become one large Niagara Region Club with meetings rotating in St. Catharines, Fort Erie, and Niagara Falls. It was noted their Annual Coin Show would be on Saturday, September 29th, at the Community Centre, 108 Russell Ave., St. Catharines.

STRATFORD COIN CLUB Meetings 2nd Monday each month, doors open 7:00 p.m. to allow members to buy, sell, and trade, from bourse dealers and members. Meetings consist of Numismatic Education, Bourse, Draws, Fellowship, Auction, and Social. Past meetings have featured Newfoundland and Foreign Currency, Treasure Hunting Films. Perth County Medals and Tokens, and a Christmas Party. Average attendance of about 35-45 members and guests. June features a catered banquet, and this year's speaker will be Rev. McCome, speaking on the importance of Humour in our Lives.

Noted their Annual Coin Show, October 28th, Kiwanis Community Centre, Lakeside Drive, Stratford. Also noted it was their 30th Anniversary Coin Show.

WOODSTOCK COIN CLUB meetings 1st Thursday each month, Poultry Building meeting room, Woodstock Fair Grounds. Membership 23 up from 10 in 1989. Believe some of this increase due to the fact the O.N.A. 1989 Convention was held in Woodstock. In 1989 re-introduced the Woodstock Coin Club Publication, and have made one member responsible for a meeting during the year. 1988 produced a medal to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the first baseball game played in Canada, at Beachville just west of Woodstock. Now producing their own reverse design die, depicting a Farm Scene which will be used for several future medals. One such is the 100th Anniversary of the World Champion,

WOODSTOCK (Cont'd)

Tug of War Team from Embro, in Oxford County, just west and north of Woodstock.

Meetings feature, Buy, Sell, & Trade, from 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. then Numismatic Education, Draws, Auction, Fellowship, and Social. Each member is encouraged to donate a coin to the coin box which is drawn for at each meeting.

Believe some of this past year's success is due to the President getting as many people involved as possible.

1990 O.N.A. DISPLAY WINNERS

CANADIAN PAPER	-	1st	-	Mike Hollingshead
FOREIGN COINS	-	1st	-	Noreen Howcroft
		2nd	-	Ross Blakey
		3rd	-	Tillsonburg Coin Club (Charles Laister)
MEDALS & TOKENS	-	1st	-	Norman Howcroft
		2nd	-	Noreen Howcroft
		3rd	-	Max Brail
MISCELLANEOUS	-	1st	-	Wilf Becker
BEST OF SHOW	-			Noreen Howcroft

EDITOR'S NOTE: I found it very strange that there were no displays entered in the Canadian Decimal or Foreign Paper Category. Let's make sure these categories have some entries for 1991. Prepare your display now! Congratulations to all winners, your participation helped to make this Convention a success.

AWARD OF MERITDON ROBB

Don's contribution to the Numismatic Hobby is numerous. He is the Past President of the Home Club, Waterloo Coin Society, and the Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors, currently Secretary, Editor and Auction Coordinator of the W.C.S. Member of most Clubs in the area, Board Member of the J. Douglas Ferguson Foundation, past Director for Ontario C.N.A., collector of Newfoundland, Canadian Coins, Commemorative Medals & Tokens of Canada's 1967 Centennial Year and Canadian Wood Tokens. One who is always eager to impart Numismatic knowledge with others, has been speaker at numerous coin meetings and banquets. In 1990 was the General Chairman for the O.N.A. Convention. A Most deserving recipient for the O.N.A. 1990 Award of Merit. Congratulations Don!



BEST CLUB BULLETIN AWARD

1990 saw the introduction of this Award, and the Ingersoll Coin Club Coin News was judged the best of those entered. This Publication is issued 10 times each year of at least seven pages. It features a President-Editorial message, Minutes, Meeting Notes. Feature Article, and Auction. Editor is T. Masters. Honourable mention goes to Nickel Belt,

BEST CLUB BULLETIN AWARD (Cont'd)

Huronian, and Stratford Coin Club Bulletins. Rules state that Ingersoll Coin Club will not be eligible to win this award for another three years. This rule is to encourage other Clubs to produce a better newsletter.

IN MEMORIAMARNOLD CONRAD

I'm sorry to report the recent death of Arnold Conrad of Brantford. Arnold was a member of several Coin Clubs in the area, and the O.N.A., and a long-time member of the Brantford Numismatic Society. For several years he was their treasurer and most recently their secretary. He was the prime worker for their Annual Coin Shows. His devotion to the B.N.S. cannot be measured with these few words. His death will leave a heavy burden for members of the B.N.S. to shoulder. The Numismatic Family in the community has lost a great worker and friend.

To Arnold's family we express our deepest sympathy.

CONVENTION CALENDAR

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| June 22-24 | (TOREX Auction and Show - Auction held on the first day |
| October 26-28 | (at 7:00 p.m. Also on Saturday at 6:00 p.m. Coins, (Paper Money, Stamps, Jewellery, Watches, Military, etc. (Primrose Hotel, 111 Carlton St., Toronto, Admission (\$3.00 Info: Ingrid K. Smith, P.O. Box 865. Adelaide (St. P.O., Toronto, M5C 2K1, Tel. 1-416-586 0098. |
| August 16-19 | C.N.A. Annual Convention, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Vancouver, British Columbia. Info: C.N.A. 1990, P.O. Box 86315N, Vancouver, British Columbia, V7L 4K6. |
| August 18 | Collingwood Coin & Stamp Club's Annual Show, Leisure Time Club, 100 Minnesota St., Collingwood. 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Free admission. Lunch available. Info: Jim Alexander (705) 445 5744. |
| August 23-26 | A.N.A. Convention, Seattle, Washington. Info: A.N.A. 1990 Convention, P.O. Box 88984, Seattle, Washington, U.S.A., 98188. More info to follow. |
| September 8 | Huronian Numismatic Association. Coins, Stamps & Antique Fall Show. Bayfield Mall, Bayfield St. N., Barrie, Ont. Info: P.O. Box 243, Barrie, Ont., L4M 4T2. |
| September 29 | St. Catharines Coin Club Coin Show, Russell Ave., Community Centre, 108 Russell Ave., St. Catharines, Info: St. Catharines Coin Club, P.O. Box 1492, St. Catharines, Ont., L2R 7J9. |
| September 30 | Sarnia Coin Club, Canterbury Inn, 1485 London Road, Sarnia. U.S. & Canadian dealers. Free Admission. Info: Carl Williamson, 931 Greendale St., Sarnia, N7V 3P4. Tel. (519) 337 9191. |

CONVENTION CALENDAR (Cont'd)

- October 14 Tillsonburg Coin Club's Annual Coin & Hobby Show, Tillsonburg Community Centre (Fair Grounds). Info: W. Baxter, 46 Queens Street, Tillsonburg, Ont. N4G 3G9.
- October 28 Stratford Coin Club's 30th Anniversary Coin Show, Kiwanis Community Centre, Lakeside Drive, Stratford. Free Admission. Info: Stratford Coin Club, P.O. Box 262, Stratford, Ont., N5A 6T1.
- Second Sunday Each Month Ottawa Coin & Stamp Dealers Association Show, at the Nepean Sportsplex, Woodroffe Ave., 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. Info: Allan Davis, P.O. Box 307, Carp, Ont., DOA 1L0

1991

- April 26-27-28 Ontario Numismatic Association 29th Annual Convention, Holiday Inn, Oshawa
Host - Oshawa & District Coin Club
INFO: Oshawa & District Coin Club, P.O. Box 212, Oshawa, Ont., L1H 7L1

CONVENTION CALENDAR IS A FREE SERVICE!!!!!!

GET THOSE SHOW NOTICES IN NOW. DEADLINE FOR JULY-AUGUST ISSUE IS...

JULY 15, 1990

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- Ontario Numismatic Association Ingersoll Coin Club
- Jeff Fournier -- Sudbury Thomas Masters -- London

T. Masters
Librarian

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P R E S S R E L E A S E

The Official Report on the 1990 Ontario Numismatic Association Convention Medallions is:

Issue		No. Struck	Available
Convention Strike.			
Gold Plate.	(Registration)	75	0
Bronze		125	15
.999 Silver		45	0
24 carat Gold		3	0
Uniface. Convention Die.			
Gold Plate	(Display)	8	0
Silver Plate	(Display)	8	0
Bronze	(Display)	8	0
Nickel/Silver	(Committee)	25	0

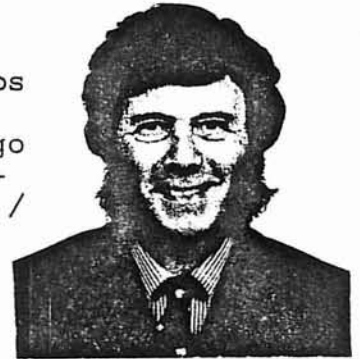
Note: The Display Uniface that were not awarded have been scored and not shown as available.

The few Bronze available can be obtained through the Ontario Numismatic Association, Box 33, Waterloo, Ontario. N2J 3Z6

Issue Price \$7.00

DIE AVAILABLE FOR PERSONALIZED MEDALS FOR 1990 C.N.A. CONVENTION

The North Shore Numismatic Society, the host Club for the 1990 C.N.A. Convention, has paid for a die which can be used by C.N.A. Members and Clubs for 38 mm personalized medals for the 1990 C.N.A. Convention. The die shows the C.N.A. Members' logo with the Voyageur Canoe, and below the canoe "VANCOUVER, B.C. / HYATT REGENCY HOTEL / AUGUST 16-19 / 1990 / CONVENTION". The rental fee for the die is \$35.00 payable to C.N.A. 1990, Box 86315, North Vancouver, B.C., V7L 4K6.

**JÉRÔME H. REMICK**

The die was engraved by Pressed Metal Products, 505 Alexander Street, Vancouver, B.C., V6A 1C8. Medal prices run \$5.04 each for 25 to 50 medals, \$3.92 for 50 to 99 medals, and \$3.35 for 100 to 249 medals.



Pressed Metal Products struck a small issue of personalized 1990 C.N.A. Convention medals for Jerry Remick. The reverse side of the 38 mm medals shows Remick's numismatic interests and his name and address. Specimens are available in copper, gold plated copper, and silver plated copper, postpaid at \$3.00 each, or 3 for \$8.50 from

Jerry Remick, Box 9183, Ste. Foy, P.Q., G1V 4B1.

Personalized medals of identical design were issued by at least several C.N.A. Members for the 1984-1989 Conventions. Remick can supply specimens of his medals for each of these Conventions in the 3 metals listed above postpaid, at \$3.00 each, or 3 for &.75.

PARTICIPATION BY "YN" IN ALL YOUR CLUB'S ACTIVITIES ISTHE KEY TO KEEPING THEM ACTIVE IN YOUR CLUB

by Jerry Remick

Participation by young numismatists (YN) is all your coin club's activities is the key to keeping them as active members in your club. This implies that club officers and all members have to pay more attention to those members 18 years and younger, and to aid and encourage them in the hobby.

The Association des Collectionneurs de Monnaies Des Laurentides (ACML), founded in 1984, has a total membership of 71, including 19 YN. Monthly meetings average 20 to 25 members including 6 to 7 YN.

I recently asked Bob James, ACML's vice president and the officer responsible for the YN program, how his club had gotten and kept so many YN members. He told me "The first hour of our club's monthly meeting is open and informal. We try to treat the young members as equals, no matter how rudimentary their collections are. We try to explain any questions and show them and guide them to better methods or easier ways to keep their collections. The main thing is to show interest in them and to encourage them. Also stress that all have to start at some point in time,

PARTICIPATION BY "YN" IN ALL YOUR CLUB'S ACTIVITIES (Cont'd)

even at the nickel and dime level. Collecting is the point-- not the \$100. or \$100. coin. Most of them are groups of friends from local schools and share on projects and information sources. A few are children of members." A larger than normal portion of this club are ladies and are very active.

YN and adult members participate equally in all the ACML'S activities. The YN elect two directors from their age group and the adult members elect two directors from their age group.

At each meeting, there is an auction of ten or so inexpensive numismatic pieces restricted to bids from the YN group. A YN runs the auction and assists at the auction later on for all Club members.

There is a door prize for the YN and another for adults.

Each month there is a contest for the YN. A recent contest was to design a 10¢ Canadian coin for the year 2,000. Seven designs were submitted. Another project was a research-essay contest on the 1943 Canadian 5¢ coin. Prizes for each contest are scrip, valid in club auctions and are as follows: first prize (\$5.00), second prize (\$3.00), and third prize (\$1.00). The prizes for the 2,000 Canadian dime contest were more elaborate and consisted of a 1990 proof set for first prize, a proof silver 1990 dollar as second prize and an unc 1990 set for third prize. Drawings for the 2,000 Canadian dime and winning essays for the 1943 nickel were published in the club's monthly bulletin and on display at the club's April 1990 Coin Show!

Each month there is a theme contest for numismatic pieces open to all club members with a prize of \$5.00 for the winning YN entry, plus prizes for adult entries. This contest ensures that the YN group sees a wide variety of numismatic material including coins, banknotes, tokens, medals, etc. The May 1990 contest was to bring as wide a selection as possible from as many countries as possible of coins and banknotes showing birds.

Much of the credit for the ACML'S YN program must go to its president Claude Proulx who got the YN program under way about two years ago. Claude recently gave a three part grading program attended by 9 YN members.

The YN group have several pages and sometimes more of material for them or written by them, in each monthly issue of their club's bulletin. There is a page devoted to announcements and happenings for them as well as news of other YN members. The pieces for their monthly auction are listed on a separate page. Winning entries on their monthly contest are also published.

YN are encouraged to participate in the ACML'S two yearly coin shows. The judges award separate first, second, and third prizes (a 50 mm club medal) to YN for the best exhibits. Exhibits of winning entries for various YN contests are also on display at each coin show.

Each new YN member receives an envelope with a book for registering the coins in his/her collection, a few minor coins, other numismatic pieces and a catalogue on Canadian coins.

The Club de Numismates de Bas St. Laurent with headquarters in Rimouski, Quebec, has had an active YN program for the last 6 or 7 years under the direction of past club presidents Yvon Marquis and Diane Devesque.

Some former YN members are now adult members. The quality of YN exhibits at the club's annual coin show is very high. YN members get reduced rates to club banquets, etc.

PARTICIPATION BY "YN" IN ALL YOUR CLUB'S ACTIVITIES (Cont'd)

As can be seen from the above, each young numismatist must be made to feel that he/she is an important member of the club, and implicated in all club projects. Special competitive projects for YN members alone are necessary. All club members must take an interest in their club's youthful members. A gift package of numismatic pieces and a reference catalogue is a welcome gift for each new YN member. By doing this and following the above-mentioned activities, your club can have an active and permanent group of YN members, some of whom will later become adult members.

Further details on the YN program for the ACML may be had from either Bob James or Claude Proulx, % L'Association des Collectionneurs de Monnaie des Laurentides, Inc., 979 Boulevard Lasalette, Bellefeuille, Quebec, JOR 1A0.

Yvon Marquis and Diane Levesque, Box 687, Bic, Quebec, GOL 1B0 can give further details on the YN program for the Club de Numismates de Bas St. Laurent.

Coins Made Their Careers

(COVER STORY)

by Clarence T. Hubbard

There are some men who earn a living by buying and selling coins, a few who do it by "manufacturing" them. But of all coin-connected ways to make a living, this may be the most fascinating.....

The fabulous career of T. Nelson Downs was odd, indeed. He made a fortune out of a dozen or so half dollars. That was about all he used; other than a derby hat and later, a coin ladder.

Down was a "coin manipulator". He was an advanced coin magician, a specialist who performed only coin tricks. There have been many others since, but none who "stuck to their last" as he did. He never deviated from his coin routine.

Coming from a small midwest town wherein later he became the owner of considerable downtown property, Downs, as a young man found that he possessed wonderful skill as a sleight-of-hand artist, especially with coins. So he built a vaudeville act around what the conjurers call "The Miser's Dream".

In this demonstration a hard derby hat is borrowed from the audience. The performer with his sleeves rolled back, catches coins allegedly "from the air" and deposits them in the borrowed derby hat. Down used genuine half dollars in this trick, sometimes producing two dozen. Before this showy trick, he would manipulate coins, vanishing and reproducing them, and wind up with the "coin ladder".

This was more for a showy climax. The coins he deposited in the hat were placed in a tumbler, the tumbler put on top of a ladder made of mirrors. Another empty glass was placed at the foot of the ladder. At his command the coins left the upper tumbler, trickling down the mirrored slats, clinking and flashing, and landing up in the lower glass.

T. Nelson Downs' act was just as acceptable in Berlin, Germany, as the Palace in New York, so he travelled the world over. He was acknowledged by magicians to be the "King of Coins" in his expert and finished performances.

COINS MADE THEIR CAREERS (Cont'd)

A business man in Schenectady, Chester Woodin, an active Rotarian and owner of a building in the city, probably could command the title today. As an avocation he pursued sleight-of-hand but specialized with coins. After a TV appearance on the General Electric Station fan mail poured in from teenagers who had never heard of "coin manipulation" and were stunned with his finger abilities.

Most coin tricks are short in demonstration but the "Miser's Dream" as you can see is quite a production for it allows side flourishes with coins, such as pushing some through the bottom of the hat. As a coin routine it went out with the derby hat. Soft hats do not permit the necessary "clinks" when the coins arrive. Some magicians tried putting a China saucer inside of a soft hat--but only the derby was the real ticket. The produced coins, with a derby, could be held as a "roll" under the stiff brim.

Today the Miser's Dream is performed with "pails". I have one, made of tin, and the coins (I still use genuine half dollars) can be heard to drop as they are tossed in. Also the real half dollar has given way to the Roterberg magic coin. This is a coin about one third the thickness of a half dollar. It has corrugated edges which help the fingers to hold it and of course, due to the thinness, a conjuror can "stack" many more coins. But they don't clink too authentically. Rotenberg, the manufacturer, was a magic supply manufacturer in Chicago.

While vaudeville no longer supports any professional "coin manipulators" there are many good ones who play club dates, to say nothing of the doctors, dentists, lawyers and merchantmen who, as amateurs, keep the art of coin conjuring alive. The best performers today are to be found in these ranks. They usually have an association in every city.

Harry Houdini, whom I came to know, showed me a trick with four half dollars that he picked up in London. A half dollar was placed at each corner of a spread out handkerchief. He put a playing card over each coin. As he picked up the card, the coin was gone but found in another corner. Finally all four were in one corner.

To explain the secret would accomplish little. To "do it" requires hours of practice using basic sleights learned over a period of years.

Mercedes, a vaudeville magician, would close his act by leaning against a table and running a half dollar back and forth on his out-stretched hand, over the upper part of his fingers. It brought him tremendous applause. This is not a trick but a bit of effective juggling. Turn your right hand palm down, place a half dollar between your first and second finger. With your thumb push it over, it will fall between the next two fingers then to the third and back again. Each time the coin turns completely over.

This trick became habitual with me. I used to do it unconsciously while sitting in railroad stations and people would gather around to watch me.

An English prestidigitator who appears at the better places--I saw him do this at the Waldorf Astoria--would borrow a half dollar and cause it to enter a common, empty Coca Cola bottle. Donning gloves, he would smash the bottle with a hammer and extract the borrowed half dollar. A hint to you anyway--the coin that went into the bottle was a substituted half dollar cut in two lengthwise, and a sheet of rubber inserted between the two halves. The coin itself was also quartered, which permitted it to fold up and be pushed into the bottle through the neck, but would expand open when it hit bottom.





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STRATFORD SWANS SOAR TO RECORD HEIGHTS

In an unbelievable show of confidence, bidders at the recent Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors pushed the 3 month old Stratford Swanbucks to new heights with spirited bidding seeing 5 of the S.R.O issue hammered down at \$4.50 each. When President Larry Walker was asked what he thought was behind the unprecedented popularity of such a new issue, he was quick to reply; " I BELIEVE THAT COLLECTORS ARE LOOKING FOR SOMETHING THAT IS SOLIDLY BACKED, AND REDEEMABLE AT ANY TIME!"

While President Larry may be correct, it appears that much of the credit can be attributed to the Numismatic Press as orders poured in from across Canada and a few of the Northern States immediately following release of an article in the C.C.N. and the C.A.W.M.C. TIMBER TALK on the merits of the issue.

Future plans of the Stratford Coin Club call for a 1991 issue that will be restricted to a maximum of 250 (same as 1990). One important change will be in the maximum number allowed to each order being reduced from five to four. It was felt this would allow for wider distribution and prevent speculation in the product. There is a \$1.00 postage and handling charge for all orders that are shipped. Orders will be accepted at any time but delivery will not be until after Jan 1, 1991. Anyone not wanting to be disappointed can write to the STRATFORD COIN CLUB. P.O. BOX 262, STRATFORD,ONT. N5A 6T1

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"O! Moneybags"



Waterloo, Ontario, Coin Society "bean counter" Bruce Raszmann, was roasted by his collector colleagues last year.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

President Ken has informed me that due to his vacation, no message will appear in this issue. He wishes every reader and member a safe and enjoyable summer, and hopes to meet with everyone at one of the upcoming numismatic events. Ken's message will re-appear in the September-October issue.....

EDITOR

EDITORIAL

Several issues back I asked the question "Are the Large Coin Shows Hurting the Club Shows?" To that question I had a number of answers from various locations in the Province. Let's start with answers I received from the large Metropolitan areas.

Most of these answers agreed that possibly in Montreal or Toronto the large shows did affect the Club Shows. Some said they had given up on Club Shows because they couldn't compete with the larger ones. Others said they had discontinued their Club Show because they could not afford the cost of the facilities. Club Shows are usually a one-day affair, and with about 20 bourse dealers, prices for the facilities had escalated to a point where the small dealer could no longer afford table space, and many of the larger dealers who have to travel some distance don't believe it's worth their while. So, if there are no Club Shows in these large centres, it's up to those large 2-3 day Shows to fill the needs of the hobbyist.

Many from the smaller centres and some distance from Montreal or Toronto, say the large Shows have not hurt their affairs. In fact, there were those who believed they help to introduce many to the hobby, and to what to expect at these Shows.

Let's take the Kent County Coin Show (Chatham) for example. This Club, for a number of years, runs a very successful Spring Show. They draw their bourse dealers from most parts of Ontario, and those attending the Show come from various locations in Ontario and Michigan. They are less than 100 miles from Detroit or Port Huron, and each year it seems more and more U.S. Citizens attend this Show. They compete with the larger Shows in the Detroit area, and show no sign of losing out to these Shows. I believe that if the need arose, the Kent County Coin Club could run a very successful to-day Show.

Let's visit Windsor...For some unknown reason their Show this year was not its usual success. It was held just after the Kent Show, and on the Sunday of the final day of the O.N.A. Convention. Was the competition from these two events the reason that their Show didn't reach expectations? Brantford held their Show in June, and I believe they may have had record attendance. All dealers who I spoke to reported satisfactory sales. Barrie and Oshawa have a Mall Show, and again dealers are happy with this set-up. Perhaps other Clubs could follow their lead. Stratford and Tillsonburg hold their annual Shows in the Autumn, and for years these two events prove very successful. If you don't believe me just try and rent a bourse table at either of these events.

Two Shows that didn't fare too well this year were Ingersoll and Guelph. After several years absence, Ingersoll re-introduced their

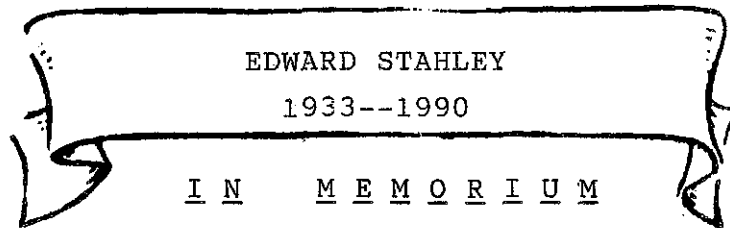
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Mini Show. Maybe because several dates were advertised, their Show wasn't the big success that was hoped. Guelph got off to a slow start two years ago, but last year saw a tremendous increase. Maybe this year's Shows' poorer success can be blamed on the O.N.A.'s Convention held just a few miles away, or once again, are there too many Shows in June?

Sarnia and Woodstock are re-introducing their Coin Shows again this year, both in September.....check the dates in our Coin Calendar and plan to attend the Shows in your immediate area.

So...the question still remains..."Are the Large Coin Shows Hurting the Club Shows?" From those Shows I've attended this past year.....Very Little or Not at All.....

T. Masters



I'm sorry to report the recent death of Edward Stahley, of Kitchener. Ed was one of the founding members of the O.N.A., and with a very low membership number of five. He was also a founding member of the Waterloo Coin Club, and served as their first treasurer. He also was a member of several Coin Clubs in the area, and at each of their Coin Shows he manned a bourse table. He owned and operated a Coin Shop in several areas in Kitchener. Ed was a member of the Kitchener Fire Department for 29 years, and rose to the rank of Captain. His death brings to four people who have died since fighting a fire at Horticultural Technologies, a firm who uses chemicals for manufacturing their products. The Provincial Labor Ministry is investigating these deaths to ascertain if they were related to the fire.

Ed's smiling face, his good nature, and a person who was willing to share the knowledge he had gained after many years in the hobby, will be sorely missed. We, the numismatic family have lost a good friend, the Stahley family a loved one. Our sincere sympathy to his wife, Helen, and the whole Stahley family.

T. Masters

COVER STORY....**PROFILE**

"Ol' Moneybags" keeps watchful eye on club finances

This year marks 30 years of active dedi- **By MIKE HOLLYINGSHEAD**
cated work for Waterloo resident Bruce Raszmann,
or "Ol' Moneybags" as he is affectionately known by close friends in
the numismatic world.

At the December 1989 meeting of the Waterloo Coin Society, Bruce
was presented with a cake so loaded with candles that the Kitchener-
Waterloo, Ontario, fire department was given advance notice of the
event to prevent a false alarm.

Raszmann took on the position of treasurer with the Waterloo Coin
Society in January 1960, less than one year after the club's founding.
He's still on the job, pinching pennies, today.

Club president Rosemary Hedges praised Raszmann for his 30 years
of sound financial planning. He brought the club through the "bad years"
of numismatics and has helped make it one of the healthiest in Southern
Ontario. Raszmann also served as financial controller and book keeper
for the club in its largest venture this year--the 1990 Ontario Numis-
matic Association Convention.

Some might say he had a double vested interest in that venture.
At the annual award dinner of the O.N.A., President Ken Wilmot presented
him with a plaque honoring the beginning of his 30th year of activity
with the O.N.A. Wilmot noted that the tight-fisted Raszmann, who has
been treasurer non-stop since the founding, was one of the charter
members of the O.N.A. Although it was not incorporated until 1962,
Raszmann and others had dug the foundation of the provincial organiza-
tion in early 1961. Undoubtably the one person to be credited for the
success that the O.N.A. has had in coming through the tough years when
coin collecting was at its low ebb is Raszmann. Through his responsi-
ble investing and careful management of O.N.A. funds, that organiza-
tion was able to carry out an excellent convention in April of this
year, attracting new members and setting forth on some activities that
might bring more closet collectors out to the shows and meetings.

By day, Raszmann is a trouble-shooter with the Mutual Group in
Waterloo, where he looks after administrating the commissions of
agents and managers, sorting out problems that cannot be handled by
the normal processing. The viability of the company is, no doubt
attributable in part to the hard work and dedication that appears to be
a natural trait of Raszmann.

A quiet person, he is liveliest when bidding on an elusive trade
dollar in the monthly Waterloo Coin Society auction.

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DEADLINE.....

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ASSOCIATION NEWS

MEMBERSHIP

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

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Call for Auction Tenders for 1991 ONA Convention

The Ontario Numismatic Association will be holding an Auction in conjunction with their 29th Annual Convention. It will be held on April 26-28, 1991, at the Holiday Inn, Oshawa, Ontario.

Those interested in conducting the Auction are requested to reply in writing stating terms and conditions to the address below. The deadline for submissions is August 31, 1990.

SEND TO.... ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION CONVENTION "91"
54 Trinity Street
Stratford, Ontario
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Attention...Tom Kennedy
Auction Co-ordinator

Mark Envelope "AUCTION TENDER"

SPEAKERS' CIRCUIT:

It is now two years since this program was re-introduced, and I wish to report that it has been highly successful. In order for this program to become more successful, I ask all Clubs to submit to me the speaker's name and the title of their topic.

If all Clubs would follow this rule, it would assure that no-one is missed for their award medal.

Six speakers qualified for the award, and those awards were presented at the O.N.A. Convention, in Kitchener.

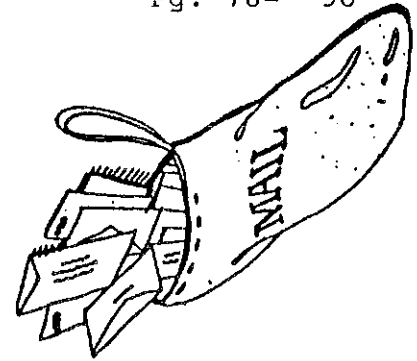
Those receiving the awards are as follows: Bruce Brace, Stella Hodge, Paul Johnson, Tom Masters, John Regitko, and Don Robb.

Tom Kennedy
Chairman Speakers' Circuit

from the Mailbag

June 26, 1990

Dear Mr. Masters,



I am writing at this time to express my concern over coin dealers that sell "restrikes" that are not clearly marked as "restrikes". I have found coin dealers to do this either unintentionally or intentionally.

As we all know, a restrike is a coin struck from original dies at a later date than appears on the coin. This statement is fairly straightforward. However, the identification of a restrike is not always easy, especially for foreign coins. On the other hand, it is not totally impossible to identify a restrike from a genuine issue. Generally, restrikes differ from a genuine issue in one or more of the following areas: diameter, metal content and appearance, marking, and condition or manufacturing process.

In some instances a restrike may vary in diameter. A coin can be either smaller or larger in size than its genuine counterpart. These coins can be identified by consulting a good coin catalogue. The metal content of a coin may also be different for a restrike. Often a restruck coin, made at a later date, is produced in a precious metal. Also, a restrike can be produced using a different combination of metals. In both cases such restrikes are identifiable by their appearance. Thirdly, some restrikes, a but not all, are marked in some way. These markings may include the addition of the word "RESTRIKE" to the face of the coin. A small rosette or other symbol may also be added to denote a restrike. In some cases the edge lettering that appeared on a genuine coin may be omitted from the restrike. Finally, restrikes are often manufactured differently. Most restrikes are in proof while the real coins were not released as such. Herein lies the problem of misidentification that is often unintentional, but it sometimes deliberately done on the part of dealers. I have seen some proof restrikes that have been graded as brilliant-uncirculated when they should be graded as a proof or as an impaired proof.

A restrike that is made in either silver or gold will have a value that is equal to its bullion content plus a small premium. On the other hand the genuine issue's value includes both bullion value and numismatic value. Therefore, in most cases, the restrike is worth less. If a coin collector is unaware, they may pay more for a coin than it is actually worth.

All is not lost, however. Coin collectors can protect themselves from purchasing unmarked restrikes. The simplest solution is to buy a good coin catalogue like Krause and to take that catalogue along to coin shows and to consult it often.

All coin dealers must do their part by making the effort to adequately indicate a restrike that they are selling. Coin collectors must also do their "homework" and learn how to spot a restrike. Collectors must familiarize themselves with the basic facts about the restrikes of the country they collect, such as marking and condition. When in doubt coin collectors should ask the dealer for more information about the coin before they buy it.

I hope this letter will be useful to those collectors that are also concerned about restrikes.

Sincerely,

Peter Kapas CNA J15772 ONA 1323

MEMOS FROM THE MAILBAG (Cont'd) 1

Dear Sir:

In my last letter I decried some of the changes that have evolved in the science of numismatics during the past fifteen years or so.

One of the most confusing fields which I have encountered recently is the process of grading coins. Spink's Circular for January 1970 lists eight grades of coins for resale, namely:

F.D.C.	-	Fleur de coin, Mint State
E.F.	-	Extremely Fine
V.F.	-	Very Fine
F.	-	Fine
f.	-	fair
M.	-	Moderate
P.	-	Poor
UNC.	-	Uncirculated (Modern Coins)

I was never very good at grading coins, but the divisions were simple and most members of our Numismatic Society were able to grade their specimens within these parameters. We did not always agree and sometimes we negotiated and discussed before making a purchase from a fellow collector.

I have now discovered, to my dismay, that during my temporary absence from the numismatic world, a Dr. William H. Sheldon decided that he could, and we should, be able to classify any coin within one of seventy grades of condition.

It seems that there are now fourteen basic grades:

Ms-70	-	Perfect Uncirculated
MS-65	-	Choice Uncirculated
MS-60	-	Uncirculated
AU-55	-	Choice About Uncirculated
AU-50	-	About Uncirculated
EF-45	-	Choice Extremely Fine
EF-40	-	Extremely Fine
VF-30	-	Choice Very Fine
VF-20	-	Very Fine
F-12	-	Fine
VG- 8	-	Very Good
G- 4	-	Good
AG- 3	-	About Good
		Poor (Considered Uncollectable!)

I believe that it is absolutely wonderful that Dr. Sheldon had the ability to take eight grades with which I was familiar as a boy, although I don't remember any coin being graded as "Moderate" and expand these into seventy recognizable separate grades. In truth, I cannot help feeling that the whole system of grading devised by Dr. Sheldon is not for the good of the numismatist, but has been developed to enable the investor to squeeze a few extra dollars on his investment.

One of the things I have noted with concern is the widespread acceptance of the new grading system. Under the old system, much of my collection was reasonably spread over the condition spectrum. Now it would appear that, with the top end of the spectrum so loaded with MS variations, my collection is now confined to the bottom sixty per cent of the scale being comprised of those specimens which are EF-45 or below.

MEMOS FROM THE MAILBAG (Cont'd)2

I have recently completed the computer indexing of my collection and one of the database fields is that of condition. Almost all of these fields are blank. I started to grade the first British coin in the collection which is a Sceat of Aethelred II purchased from Spink & Son in 1955. Spinks said that the coin was 'VF' and I have lived with that for thirty-five years. Now I am agonising over the little copper coin. Should I classify it as VF-20 or is it just a little better, say VF-25. Of course Spink's might have thought it was a Choice VF but had no grade denomination to qualify it. Perhaps it really is VF-30!

A headline in a Canadian Coin News of December 1989 said, "Certified grading changing hobby" and I learnt with delight that I can now send my coins away for grading by persons who are able to grade my coins to the nearest 70th of the Sheldon Scale. So certain are they that they will even give me a certificate to guarantee the grading...all for ten dollars. "Collectors are sending coins worth \$50. or less, just to know their correct grading". So for \$40,000. I can have every coin in my collection graded and certified. The only trouble is, for my little Anglo-Saxon copper coin do I really care? I have enjoyed the pleasure of ownership for thirty-five years and it will probably be in my possession when I die, disasters excepted.

So, when I visit a dealers stand at a coin show or flea market I won't ask what Sheldon Grade is it. If I want it, if the price is affordable, and if the condition is acceptable, then I will buy it and enjoy it for years to come.

If a coin costs \$50. plus postage and packing plus GST plus PST plus grading by Brian Cornwall or PCGS, what is the value of the coin - but that is another subject.

J. A. Finch

EDITOR'S NOTE re CHARLIE LAISTER ARTICLE

Charlie has been a long and active member of the O.N.A., and also several Clubs in the Tillsonburg area.

He was one of the people who was instrumental in the re-organization of the Woodstock Coin Club, has been on the Executive Board of the O.N.A. for a number of years and served as their President from 1971-73.

Currently he is Director for the Oxford-Perth County Area and Audio Visual Chairman.

Despite an age when most want to retire, Charlie keeps very active in his business and the hobby of numismatics.

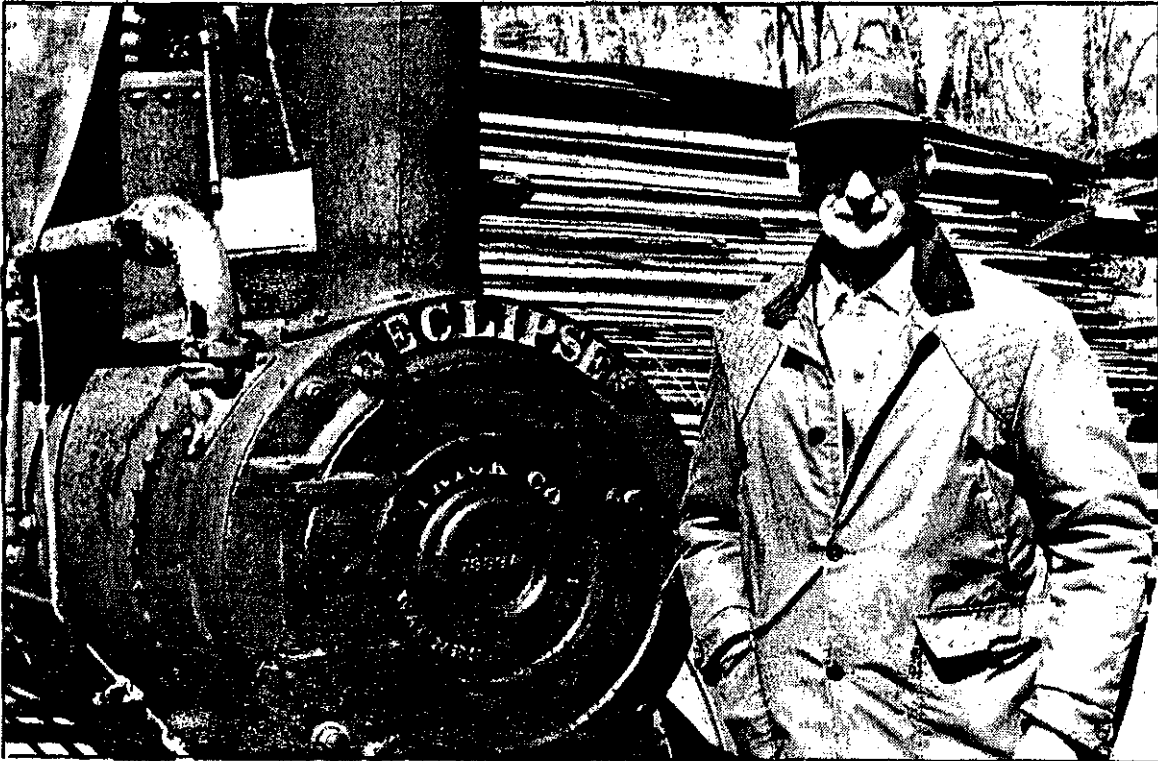
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War relic on local collector's lot for 30 years

By Cale M. Cowan



Charlie Laister stands in his yard next to a steam engine he takes to shows in the area. Mr. Laister has been in the "junk business" for over 50 years and occasionally uncovers a treasure like the caravan of Canadian General H.D.G. Crerar, which is now housed in a Calgary museum.

Some would call it a junkyard, some would call it an eyesore, but others would claim it to be a treasure trove.

You can't miss Charlie Laister's business if you happen to come into Tillsonburg via John Pound Road. You're bound to notice the seemingly endless line of odds and ends that border the roadway for a good section of the street. And if you happen to take a look into the four buildings situated there or the vast back yard, you may be amazed at what can pile up over 50 or 60 years of collecting other people's discards.

"From all the buildings I ever wrecked, I never threw nothing away unless it was garbage or firewood", Mr. Laister said.

He settled in Tillsonburg in 1932, got into the wrecking business in 1933 and has been stock-piling an incredible collection of odds and ends for the past 58 years. It's allowed him to make a decent living and occasionally he's able to help some antique collector uncover a treasure.

In fact, it was from Mr. Laister's collection that a Second World War relic was discovered in 1980 by William Gregg. According

WAR RELIC ON LOCAL COLLECTORS LOT (Cont'd)

to Mr. Gregg, the army caravan truck, once belonging to General H.D.G. Crerar, commander of the First Canadian Army, is now considered to be among the most important Canadian military artifacts. Purchased from Mr. Laister in 1982, it has now been fully restored and is housed in a Calgary Museum.

"I never knew what it was until I went and picked it up", Mr. Laister said. "I was buying a lot of army surplus at the time. I put a bid in, and got it".

Mr. Laister finds it interesting that he happened upon an item that held such great interest for so many, but it wasn't a shock. He sees antique-hunters come to his yard every day in search of some forgotten treasure.

"Nothing just like that has ever happened, but they buy a lot of tractors and things around that they keep buying to restore. In fact, someone just bought a bulldozer that's been sitting on the roadside for 30 years", he said, proving his point that it pays to hold onto things.

While many items from his collection have gone to history buffs, none would compare to the splendor and historic importance of General Crerar's caravan. Mr. Laister remembers the beautiful finish of the interior of the structure. Unfortunately, it's lengthy stay on Mr. Laister's property took its toll as water damage had marred the decorative finish.

"I had it padlocked to keep people from going in when I wasn't here", Mr. Laister said. "I lost the key so it sat for three or four years without anybody going in. The rain got in and did some damage".

Mr. Laister hasn't seen the caravan since it's been restored, but he's still able to take some pride in the fact that he helped return it to the people for whom it had the greatest meaning. That, paired with the fact that it has provided a decent living for over 50 years, has encouraged him to uphold the business, even though he will celebrate his 87th birthday this fall.

"These days everyone is restoring", Mr. Laister said. "It helps the business, but I also like to see them take an interest in the past".

By paying a visit to Mr. Laister, one can't help but experience a little of the past by just walking through his front door. His home is converted from the original Tillson Mills offices and directly across the road is the last remaining Tillson mill, which Mr. Laister now owns.

He's not tearing down buildings any longer and he doesn't attend quite as many auctions, but Mr. Laister figures to keep selling what he's got as long as the customers keep coming.

"I keep selling it bit by bit, every day pretty near", he said.

He added that it's probably time he considered handing the reins over to someone else, but he doesn't want his business to become the victim of another auction like the countless sales he's attended.

"I'd like to sell it out to someone who would buy it and come in and carry on", he said. "Someone who's interested in it like I have been all my life".

Any takers may be interested to know that Mr. Laister bought that caravan for \$50. in the 1950s and sold it for \$1000. in 1982. All he had to do was store it for 30 years and collect his profit.

A SECONDARY 1990 C.N.A. CONVENTION MEDAL ISSUED**JÉRÔME H. REMICK**

A Secondary Medal for the 1990 Canadian Numismatic Association Convention has been issued by the North Shore Numismatic Society, the host club for the 1990 C.N.A. Convention to be held in Vancouver, Canada, August 16-19.

One side shows the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Vancouver, the official Convention hotel where all Convention activities, including the bourse, will take place. "C.N.A. 40th ANNIVERSARY VANCOUVER AUGUST 16-19, 1990" is inscribed to the right of the Hotel and points to 1990 as being the 40th year of existence for the C.N.A. Around the outer part is "HYATT REGENCY WELCOMES NUMISMATICS/PACIFIC RIM INTERNATIONAL COIN CONVENTION".

The other side shows the two lions of the North Shore Mountains, Ko and Klou, with the twin peaks of the North Shore Mountains in the background. "KO AND KLON FAMED TWIN PEAKS OF THE NORTH SHORE" is inscribed below. "NORTH SHORE NUMISMATIC SOCIETY" is around the outer part of this side. The two lions are represented in the Indian legend of Ko and Klou.

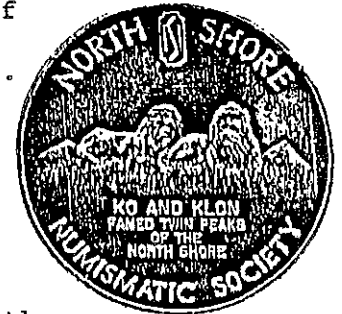
N.S.N.S. member Bill Ziegler designed the medal. Pressed Metal Products, 505 Alexander Street, Vancouver, B.C., Canada, struck the medal on 38 mm blanks as follows: 202 specimens in antiqued nickel of normal thickness, 300 specimens in antiqued copper of double thickness (piedfort) and an undetermined final mintage in pure silver, each specimen containing one ounce of silver.

The antiqued nickel specimens will be given to the first 200 delegates to the 1990 C.N.A. Convention that register at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Two specimens will be kept for the archives of the N.S.N.S. Specimens in nickel will not be offered for sale.

Specimens are available postpaid as follows: copper piedfort at \$11.50 and pure silver at \$41.50 from C.N.A. 1990, Box 86315, North Vancouver, B.C., Canada, V7L 4K6.

The official C.N.A. Convention Medal will show the logo of the C.N.A. on one side (the Voyageur canoe theme). The reverse side is identical to the secondary C.N.A. Convention Medal and will show KO and KLON. The medal will be available this summer. However, prepaid reservations are being accepted as follows: a bronze specimen at \$14.75, and a specimen in pure silver at \$38.60. Prices are postpaid.

A program of Convention events and a listing of hotel accommodations at all prices is available from the address of C.N.A. 1990 given above.

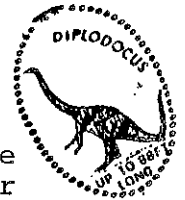


MONEY DEFINITION:

RECESSION: When you can't afford a new car to tow your new boat.

DINOSAURS ON A SERIES OF ELONGATED CENTS

by Jerry Remick



A very attractive set of 20 elongated cents, each showing a different dinosaur and each mounted in a 2 x 2 holder, is available at \$10.00 U.S. postpaid from Frank Brazzell, 53 South 20th Street. Terre Haute, Indiana, 47803. The 2- 2 x 2 holders are mounted on a plastic page with 20 pockets. The dinosaur on each elongated cent is shown in high relief and its name is inscribed.

Frank Brazzell designed and engraved the elongateds.

A sample elongated cent showing one of the 20 dinosaurs is available at \$0.50 U.S. postpaid. A page on which all the dinosaur elongateds are illustrated is available on request. Each elongated is available at 50 c-nts.

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They cost 1.25 cents each to make and they won't buy anything but, because of great demand, there are no plans to pinch them out of existence. by Mark Bastien CP

Once it could buy you a gumball, your weight tally from a machine and even someone else's thought.

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This year, the Royal Canadian Mint will produce an estimated 750 million of the copper coins--at a cost of about 1.25 cents a penny--adding to the unknown billions already in circulation.

Since they cost more to produce than they're worth and can't buy anything--and if you do use them, according to the federal Currency Act, you can only use a maximum of 25 in a single purchase--why do we still have pennies? "That's certainly a \$64,000. question," says mint spokesman Murray Church. "It's funny, isn't it? We make a billion of these one year and then we have to make nearly a billion more the next year.

"Yet nobody really likes them."

Church says the mint produces pennies in direct response to demand--and despite constant complaints about the ubiquitous coins,

demand shows no signs of decreasing.

Two things help create a need for pennies in the marketplace: the retail industry's insistence on pricing things at numbers such as \$5.99 instead of \$6.00 even, and sales taxes that make articles priced at a dollar cost, say, \$1.08.

But why not get rid of pesky pennies by rounding off prices to the nearest nickel or dime?

PENNY PROFITS: "Pennies are more trouble than they're worth, it's true," says Alasdair McKichan, president of the Retail Council of Canada. "But to the average supermarket, a couple of pennies on the price of something could be the profits."

While that is an argument for not reducing something priced at 87 cents to 85, it doesn't explain why store owners are reluctant to take 90 cents and give nothing back.

PENNIES - (Cont'd)

After all, many people throw pennies away when they get them as change.

And even if they stash them in jars at home, they won't get rich from them--unless they have a fistful of rare 1858 Province of Canada pennies that can fetch up to \$500. each. But that's not likely.

"There's absolutely no reason to hoard pennies," says Bill Cross, publisher of the influential Charlton coin catalogues, "They 're obsolete already.

"Cash them in fast-- you'll only lose money if you hang on to them."

Given an annual inflation rate of five per cent, in 10 years \$100. of pennies stored in a piggy bank would have the equivalent purchasing power of only \$61. But if those pennies are put in a savings account that pays eight per cent interest, by the year 2000 they'll accumulate to \$222.--and have an after-inflation value of about \$1.36.

Melting down pennies for their copper is another option--pennies are 98 per cent copper, 1.5 per cent zinc and 0.5 per cent tin--but with fluctuating metal prices there's no guarantee that's profitable either.

SPEND THEM: The easiest way to get rid of pennies is to spend them--like using a handful for bus fare.

"But please don't say we're looking for more pennies," says Mitchell Merowitz, spokesman for the Toronto Transit Commission, which gets about 40 million coppers a year on its buses, streetcars and subway trains.

Once the coins had to be manually counted and rolled, but now machines do the job.

The same is true at banks across the country, although some folks still spend a good chunk of their days feeding pennies into machines that spit the coins into plastic containers.

At the main coin-sorting branch of the Royal Bank of Canada in Toronto, Louis Nunno guides about 25,000 pennies a day into their containers.

"They don't create a big problem," he says. "Still, it's a lot of work for something that's not worth anything."

Although inflation keeps decreasing the value of the penny, the federal government doesn't plan to phase it out, as Britain did with the half-penny in the '60s.

In fact, the mint has beautified the 1990 penny and other coins with a sparkling new portrait of Queen Elizabeth--she now has a subtle smile, a necklace and she's traded her tiara for a full-fledged crown.

No, she can't buy anything. And no, she's not getting more valuable as she grows older.

But she can still give a gleam to a penny loafer.

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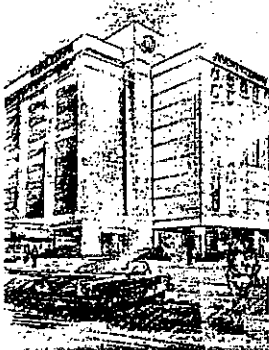
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Recently I read in one of the Coin Club Publications that a Club Auctioneer had sold their material too cheaply. These remarks were made in the form of a jest, but it does bring to light a very important factor for those who are submitting lots for Auction at your Coin Club Auction or at Auctions at larger shows and Conventions.

To avoid the problem of your lot going too cheaply, you should always put the least you will take for your material. I conduct the Auction at several Coin Clubs, and it never ceases to amaze me the number of lots of good material that have no reserves. It is also embarrassing to the Auctioneer when he receives a very low bid and has to turn to the owner to see if they will accept that bid. I have been put in that position on numerous occasions, and if I sell at that low bid, the owner could say, "Why Did I Sell At That Price?" Help the Auctioneer and help yourself with a reserve on what you will take for your material.

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Another problem that faces all our Coin Clubs, and the O.N.A. and C.N.A., is money. Elections will take place these next few months and money is a problem that we must face. Cost keeps escalating, and those Clubs who have little or no money in their treasury can be facing hefty increases for 1991. At one of the Clubs I belong to, our rent from 1975 to 1990 was never increased from \$10.00 per month. Now we face a rent increase of \$15.00 per month, to \$25.00 per month, and to top that off we all face a 1 cent increase in postage to 40 cents. It has now been announced that the proposed G.S.T. will be added on to the 40 cents postage, making the cost of mailing your newsletter 43 cents, provided you don't go over the weight limit.

Years ago, when postage was introduced, it was a tax. Now the government again have added tax on tax. I'm one who is violently opposed to this new tax.

I hope that because of this new added cost, that Clubs will not discontinue their publications. I know of one Club in my area that did just that a few years ago, and their membership and Club have suffered. Also, another Club I belong to, this past year has started to publish a newsletter, and their membership has seen a large growth and renewed interest. Remember your newsletter provides a vital service. It can be the only contact between the Club and the casual attender. It serves a notice of your upcoming meeting and the program. It could list your Auction so members could prepare themselves for lots they would like to purchase and it could run an educational article so members could be better informed. Your newsletter is a very important vehicle in the life of your Club. Perhaps a number in your area could be hand delivered to help reduce the cost.

These matters I've discussed with you today are very important to all phases of the numismatic hobby.

T. Masters

The Quetzal and Guatemala's Coinage

BY HOLLAND WALLACE



"A bird made of the sun, of the blood of volcanoes, and of the incandescent dream of a race". Thus did Francisco Mendez, as quoted by the distinguished Brazilian numismatist Kurt Prober, describe the quetzal. Considered one of the world's most beautiful birds by many experts, it has graced almost every Guatemalan coin for nearly a hundred years.

The quetzal is native to the highland rain forests of Central America and, although most common in Guatemala, is found from the isthmus of Tehuantepec in the north of Panama in the south. It is noted primarily for its startlingly iridescent coloring, in particular the brilliant green feathers of the head, back and wing coverts, and the four tail plumes of the male, which can exceed three feet in length.

Since the days of the great Indian civilizations in southern Mexico and Central America the tail plumes of the quetzal have been used for ornamentation. In their best-known form they appear in Aztec, Toltec and Mayan art, in the headdress of the great god known as Quetzalcoatl or Kulkulcan, the Feathered Serpent. Quetzal feathers achieved great popularity in Europe on the middle of the last century, and over the next fifty years the birds were slaughtered by the thousand to fill the demands of the world markets.

Even today the plumes are considered to bring good luck by many natives in rural areas of Central America, and an illicit trade in quetzal skins continues in spite of protective laws. Such poaching, along with the gradual conversion of the great rain forests to farmland, is beginning to pose a grave threat to the future of the fabulous bird.

To the pre-Columbian Indians of Central America, not only was the iridescent green plumage prized because of its beauty, but also because the quetzal was considered a symbol of freedom and liberty--- it was commonly believed that the bird could not live in captivity. Small wonder, then, that it became an important heraldic device in the Guatemalan arms.

Guatemala's first truly national coinage began in 1859, bearing the bust of President Rafael Carera. On the reverse appeared the national arms then in use, consisting of a shield bearing three volcanoes, draped with flags over branches of laurel and oak, over which appeared a radiant sun. Carera died in 1865 but the national coinage continued to bear his portrait for several years thereafter. A change was made to the legend in 1866, giving Carera the title of "Founder" rather than "President" of the Republic.

In 1871 a revolution overthrew the dictatorial government of Carera's successor Vicente Cerna, bringing to power Miguel Garcia Granados, one of the country's greatest leaders. One of the first moves of the new administration was to cancel a premature and unpopular attempt



THE QUETZAL AND GUATEMALA'S COINAGE (Cont'd)

by Cerna to introduce a decimal currency in 1869 and 1870. In addition, it was felt that the return to the traditional REAL monetary system should be accompanied by the use of new coinage designs "in greater harmony with the fundamental laws that established the absolute independence of the republic".

On November 18, 1871, Garcia Granados decreed that the new national arms should consist of two rifles and two swords of gold entwined with branches of laurel on a field of light sky-blue. In the center should be a scroll bearing the legend "Libertad 15 de setiembre de 1821" (the date of independence from Spain), and at the top of the scroll a quetzal, as a symbol of the independence and autonomy of the nation.



The new coinage was established by decree of December 9, 1871, which called for the use of the new national arms as the obverse of the silver 4 REALES and 1 peso as well as all gold denominations. The reverse of the gold was to bear a Liberty head, while the silver was to employ a seated figure of Liberty holding a balance scale and a cornucopia filled with grain, coffee, sugar cane and indigo.



The silver $\frac{1}{2}$, 1 and 2 REALES used a cartouche bearing the inaugural date of the new government in place of the national arms, and the tiny $\frac{1}{2}$ REAL carried on its obverse only the date and three volcanoes. All four of the small silver coins had the denomination in a palm wreath.

We are not told who designed the new Guatemalan coat of arms, but its translation into coinage dies was the work of former mint superintendent Jean Baptiste Frener. An excellent engraver, Frener was noted for medallion work in his native Switzerland before being hired by the Guatemala mint in 1853. He cut the dies for all but two of the 1859 issues and for all succeeding types until his retirement in the late 180's, as well as producing dies for a number of medals and for the series of Honduran coinage that began in 1881. In addition to his work as engraver, he served as mint superintendent in the 1860's and again in the late 1870's.

The first appearance of the quetzal arms was on the silver 1 peso and gold 5 pesos of 1872. In the following year coinage of the 4 REALES was begun, and the gold 20 pesos was struck briefly in 1877 and 1878. Use of the quetzal arms was extended to the silver $\frac{1}{2}$, 1 and 2 REALES in 1879, and a quetzal has appeared in some form on every coin since that date except for the tiny $\frac{1}{2}$ REAL and the provisional issues of 1915-1923.



From the mid-1870's until 1893 there was a continuous series of modifications, most of them relatively minor, to Guatemalan coins. The government, plagued with the incurable problem of an underdeveloped economy and insufficient income, vacillated between aligning its monetary standards with those of the United States, Mexico or Europe's Latin Monetary Union. These different systems were responsible for several changes in coinage allow, and other die modifications were made for purely esthetic reasons. In addition there was another unsuccessful attempt to decimalize the minor coinage in 1881-1882.

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After Frener's retirement the mint had no artisan capable of producing new master tools for die making, and from about 1887 through 1893 it was often necessary to resort to the use of obsolete hubs and improper combinations of die styles to continue striking coins. The many different issues of this period are the source of great confusion for today's collector unless these facts are borne in mind, but the very complexity of the coinage makes it a fascinating subject around which to build a specialized collection.

Guatemala imported new machinery and dies from England and France in 1894. The new dies, cut by Jean Lagrange of the Paris mint, were very similar to those produced by Frener. In this year, because of the high demand for new coins, Guatemala made use of a foreign mint for the first time by contracting for coinage at The Mint, Birmingham, Ltd. in England. Pieces struck there bear the familiar "H" mint mark.

Also in 1894, one of the most unusual uses of the quetzal arms occurred. Coins were in such short supply that many foreign crowns were being used, and in order that the government could retain control over the coinage in circulation it was decreed that such crowns must be presented to the mint for the application of an official countermark. This mark was applied by using the dies of the $\frac{1}{2}$ REAL dated 1894 to stamp the center of each crown. Hundreds of thousands--perhaps several million--were thus counterstamped, and they are not difficult to acquire today.



The counterstamps appear most commonly on Peru 1 Sol pieces of 1864-1894 and on Chile 1 pesos of 1867-1891. Considerably more rare are other crowns with this stamp, although it is known to exist on pesos of Honduras and El Salvador, Peruvian 5 pesetas, and earlier crowns of Chile. In addition a very few Guatemalan pesos were stamped, undoubtedly because they were mixed in by accident with large groups of foreign crowns.



The economy of Guatemala virtually collapsed in the early years of the 20th century, and a small series of provisional copper and aluminum-bronze was struck from 1915 through 1923. These are the only pieces since 1872, with the exception of the $\frac{1}{2}$ REAL, that do not bear a form of the quetzal.

Late in 1924 a totally new national coinage was established with the monetary unit to be named the Quetzal, on a par with the U.S. dollar. Coinage began the following year, and the first series is particularly noted for its inclusion of the crown-size silver 1 Quetzal. One of the world's most highly desired crowns, only 10,000 pieces were struck in 1925, and it has been estimated that over three-fourths of them were recalled and melted in the early 1930's.

On all of the new coins the national arms appeared as the obverse in substantially the same form introduced in 1871. The reverse of the silver and gold also depicted a quetzal, this one perched on a pedestal bearing the date of the 1871 government. These designs continued unchanged to 1949, with two World War II exceptions.

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Guatemalan coins were struck at Philadelphia during 1943 and 1944, and new designs were used in place of the arms on the brass 1 and 2 centavos. These pieces depict a stylized quetzal with outstretched wings, perched on the head of an ancient Mayan stone monument. The other exception was a silver 25 centavos dated 1943, struck in place of the normal ½ Quetzal. Designed by Frank Gasparro, it features a quetzal perched on a map of the country. The map includes British Honduras, thus asserting Guatemala's traditional claim of that territory. On the reverse is a front view of the National Palace in Guatemala City.



In 1949 Guatemala introduced a new coinage series employing more varied reverses, though the obverse arms continued unchanged. Several modifications in die style have been made since then, with nickel-brass replacing silver in 1965.



One of the most interesting of the current designs is that of the 5 centavos, which bears on its reverse the famous Central American ceiba tree and the legend "Libre Cresca Fecundo" (Free, Growing, Fertile). This reverse is almost identical to that used on coinage of the ill-fated Central American Federation.

It may be hoped that, if the ancient dream of Central American unification is ever again realized, the symbols of the ceiba tree and volcanoes on its coins will be joined by the incandescent quetzal.





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Interest in Paper Money

GROWS

by Dwight L. Musser

One of the most notable developments within numismatics in the last few years has been the greatly increased interest in paper money. This interest has been reflected in a substantial gain in the number of articles, catalogs, books, periodicals, check lists and advertisements devoted to the subject which have been published in the numismatic press, by organizations and individuals.

Every conceivable type of paper money--United States, foreign, military, emergency, official, local, private and even paper substitutes for money--has aroused the collectors' curiosity and has commanded the scrutinizing attention of the researcher and writer.

Perhaps the most significant growth in interest has taken place in the category of paper money of world or "foreign" paper money. Miscellaneous items of world currency which were formerly relegated to the odds and ends box, given away or turned in for whatever they might bring at the exchange are now objects of serious collection and careful study.

A shortage of literature and information which was once a hindrance to the collector of world paper money is being steadily overcome.

Numismatic periodicals, traditionally heavily weighted in favor of the metallic side of the hobby, are taking a refreshingly generous attitude toward pertinent and well written articles dealing with paper money. The mimeograph and spirit process duplicator have yielded a wide variety of monographs, catalogs and assorted information for the growing number of fact-seeking collectors. The list of printed handbooks, pamphlets, catalogs and reference works, many with illustrations, grows longer each year.

There is no shortage of valid indications that paper money has come into its own as a tremendously imp-





important segment of numismatics. Even a blind man could not miss the trend for new sounds are being heard all the way from the local coin club to the national conventions--the soft rustle and the crisp crackle of engraved banknotes!

No place is the increased interest in paper money more clearly evidenced than in the appearance of several organizations devoted specifically to this specialty. Without going into a detailed history of paper money clubs, it is safe to say that there were none in the United States, and perhaps only one of any importance in Europe, when the World Paper Money Club was organized in June, 1959. In the first year of its existence, the World Paper Money Club enrolled 270 members and published a monthly "Foreign Paper Money Journal" of news, information and research findings. The club continued its activities until the beginning of 1962 when a merger was effected with the newly formed Society of Paper Money Collectors.

The Society of Paper Money Collectors (S.O.P.M.C.) is made up of people interested in all types of paper money and has the largest membership of the two clubs with headquarters in the United States. Members of the S.O.P.M.C. receive a quarterly publication, "Paper Money," which seems destined to become an important source of information and an outlet for the prolific pens of enthusiastic collector-writers who are anxious to share their knowledge, discoveries and opinions on various paper money topics. In the spring of 1960 a new publication made its debut with the appropriate title, "The Currency Collector." This new source of information was the organ of the Maryland Paper Money Club which had recently been organized with five members. The "Collector" has appeared regularly as a quarterly periodical and has enjoyed a steady growth in size with a recent issue containing seventeen 8½ by 11-inch pages packed with articles, news and briefs all carefully written and edited.

Although the organizations mentioned so far have had a sprinkling of members from outside the United States, they have been, for the most part, predominantly American in membership.

Largely through the efforts of Dr. Walter Loeb of Seattle and Colin Narbeth, an Englishman, the





International Banknote Society came into being as a truly world-wide club for collectors of paper money. Under the able direction of Mr. Narbeth, the quarterly publication of the society has achieved remarkable success in a short time. After only three progressively larger mimeographed editions, the International Banknote Society quarterly emerged in March 1962 as a completely typeset printed journal with illustrations. The wide variety of information that appears in this publication makes it outstanding in the field and a necessity to the serious collector. Remarkable progress has been made in overcoming the scarcity of literature and information which was an obstacle to the potential collector a few years ago.

However a new, but welcome, problem has developed in that now there is great need for work to be done in compiling bibliographies and indexes for reference purposes. And the final grand project remains a distant vision--the publication of a comprehensive catalog or encyclopedia of paper money of the world.

Indications are that a continuous flow of new information is assured since each new work usually suggests another fascinating pathway that must be explored. There is abundant opportunity for the alert collector to make new discoveries and to share directly in original research instead of relying on facts compiled by a specialist in the past.

The opportunity to participate in the assembling of information which did not previously exist is both a challenge and stimulus for the creation of new literature.

With this brief account of how interest in the non-metallic aspect of collecting has blossomed in such a comparatively short time, and taking note of the rapid growth in related literature, the obvious conclusion is that paper money is no longer a fringe activity but an integral, important part of numismatics---and justifiably so.



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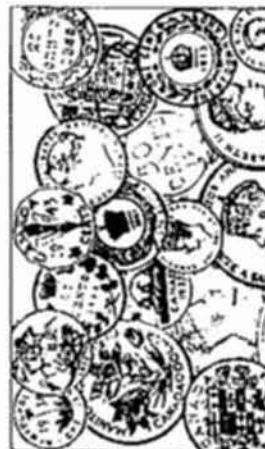
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In accordance with our By-Laws and Amendments passed at the Annual General Meeting, April 1985, Article 7, Section 5, we quote: "All nominations shall be made in writing, signed by a member in good standing or by an officer of a member club that is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

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FRED BARLEY

I N M E M O R I U M

It is with sadness I report the recent death of Fred Barley.

Fred was a member of the St. Catharines Coin Club, and died on Friday, August 10, 1990.

Fred was an Honourary Life Member of the Club and on the Executive for over 25 years, serving as Treasurer for over 20 years.

Paper money was his numismatic interest, he won many display awards with his paper money display.

Fred served as display chairman for many St. Catharines Coin Club shows, as well as three O.N.A. Conventions.

In 1987 Fred was awarded the distinguished O.N.A. Award of Merit for his contribution to the numismatic hobby.

Sympathy is extended to his daughter Sharon and son James.

Robert Voaden

LLOYD CARNEY

I N M E M O R I U M

Am also sorry to report the death of Lloyd Carney, a coin dealer from Toronto. Lloyd had been a coin dealer for many years, and was a faithful bourse dealer at many of the local Coin Shows. Lloyd was not a member of our Club but I'm sure our members should be informed of his passing.

Lloyd's passing leaves another void in the numismatic family. To the family we offer our sincere sympathy.

T. Masters

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

I look back over the past couple of months at a season when little activity normally occurs. Not so, a wealth of Numismatic News hit the press. The C.N.A. Convention in Vancouver had its ups and downs, but one thing we can be proud of is the awarding of Best Regional Publication to Tom Masters for his efforts as Editor of The Numismatist. I know all who read this message will join with me in congratulating Tom. for an excellent job. Tom's work has now been recognized for both of the Coin Publications he produces. Last year the Ingersoll Newsletter was judged to be the best Club Newsletter submitted to the O.N.A. and it too is edited by Tom.

The Canadian Mint announced three new coin programmes. I feel there has to be a limit to the number of different coins issued for collectors. Our Mint is behaving more like a Banana Republic than an honourable institution. Statements made by Mint Officials about there being an overseas market for platinum coins drips with pure commercialism, and only a profit motive can justify such a move. I suggest that if the almighty dollar is so important to the Mint, why don't they just open the back door and start producing some semi-official Mint Errors!! This was extremely popular in 1967..

The 1991 Convention, which will be held in Oshawa will see a new Executive installed. I believe a call for nominations is being made in this issue. The O.N.A. is a very worthwhile organization but we need new and fresh ideas to move ahead in the 90's. It would be nice to see an election this year not just a reshuffling of the deck. There are many good things which have been initiated in the past few years, and thanks has to go to the members of the Executive who worked so hard to make them happen. There are many more areas where we must improve, primarily in our communications with our Members and Member Clubs, recruitment of new Members, and innovative new projects. The following are some projects I would like to see initiated.

More assistance in the Youth area of Numismatics.

Complete upgrading of our Audio/visual tapes and sets.

Expansion of our excellent Speakers Circuit.

A new O.N.A. Lapel Pin. *(Right Jerry)*

As you can see, the challenge is there, but what we need most is an active and energetic Executive. Let us hear from the Members through Nominations to the Executive Board. Who knows, you may even enjoy it!

The opinions expressed are those of the writer, and do not necessarily reflect an official position of the O.N.A.

Kenneth Wilmet

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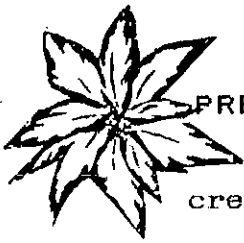
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A Christmas Wish



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

There must have been a scholar somewhere, sometime, who created the following formula:

"Time passes in direct ratio to the age of the person."

While I am not a mathematician or a theorist, I do believe there is a relationship to the speed in which time apparently passes, as I can look back to school days when I would wonder if class would ever end. After that, a person would wonder when the day would finally be over (probably when writing an exam.). We then dreamed about being a certain age, like that glorious 16!! When we were working it was always how many months to our vacation followed by how many years to retirement. When we reach the last period, all of a sudden an attempt is made to turn back the clock and we start wondering where the time has gone!!

I am now in the final stage and you must wonder what this has to do with Coin Collecting or Numismatics. Well, if you have read this far I urge you to read on and I will try to connect them.

Almost four years ago, it was an honour to become the President of the Ontario Numismatic Association, and over those years I have tried to carry out the duties in such a manner as to benefit the O.N.A. in all aspects. Where has all the time gone?

It is with a feeling of regret that I will be leaving the President's position, but also one of satisfaction. I feel the O.N.A. is stronger with its many good and dedicated Members. This Convention will see the election of a new Executive and Board of Directors. It is important for all Members to make their wishes known through nominations and/or voting at the Convention. In the last Numismatist a call for nominations was published and if you have not acted on it, I urge you to consider who you would like to have acting on your behalf. If there is any person who would like to act as a Director on the O.N.A., please let someone on the Executive know, or even drop a note to the Association's mailing address. Your interest will keep the organization progressing.

With this issue you will find a book of six DREAM VACATION Draw Tickets. The support of the Members has always been good in the sale of the tickets, and I urge you to sell or buy these tickets. The prizes are certainly worthwhile but better still is the fact that over the years in excess of \$8,000.00 has been turned over to local coin clubs. For each book of tickets sold a \$2.00 rebate will be sent to a Designated Club. Last draw a record number of books were sold and it is hoped we can match or exceed this number in 1991. Anyone who can sell additional books drop a line to me at the address shown on the cover of the tickets. I will send them out to you by return mail. It is only through your support that the O.N.A. can continue to be viable.

In closing I would like to wish all Members the Very Best for the Holiday Season and may 1991 be a Banner Year!!!

Ken Wilmut





EDITORIAL

How many have given their children or grandchildren coins for Christmas? This practice has been popular for many years, but with the introduction of the Loon Dollar, and the Voyageur Dollar being discontinued, this practice has shown a large decline. Before the silver was removed from our coins, the Mint Proof-Like Sets were very popular, but that also has seen a dramatic decline. With this in mind, we are now faced with an alternative method to introduce our children to numismatics.

Recently, at a Club Coin Show in Tillsonburg, where 21 bourse dealers were selling their wares, two of their dealers were selling Collectable Sport Cards. One of those dealers had no coins for sale, the other a very small selection. Both of these dealers were very busy for the whole day. At a Mail Collectable Antique Show here in London, there were also two dealers selling Collectable Sport Cards, and for the hour that I browsed around, these two tables were drawing the most people. I talked to one of the dealers who I knew, and he told me this hobby is increasing by leaps and bounds. One very serious coin collector in the Ingersoll Coin Club, has been a collector of these cards for several years. In a talk he gave to the members, he stated it was another means to keep his collecting interest high and at a moderate price. He referred to the increase in prices of some of the cards since his purchase. His talk didn't convince me to start collecting sport cards, but I'm sure there were others (specially juniors) who might enjoy this hobby.

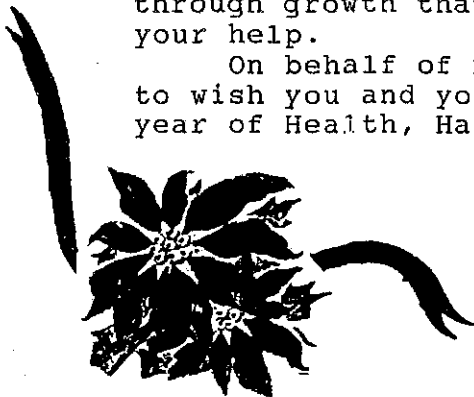
Recently, accompanying my Canadian Coin News, was a special edition section "Canadian Sportscard Collector". Three issues have now been included with my regular subscription and I have found them very interesting. Dealers advertise that you can buy complete sets of players, coaches, etc. from N.F.L. Pro Set, N.H.L. Pro Set, N.B.A. Hoops, and the N.B.L. This paper also lists dealers who are buying and selling, and trend prices for the hockey, baseball, and football cards. What surprised me most, was the Show section, and was amazed that there was a card show almost every weekend from October to December 2nd. Admission to these shows runs from \$1.00 to \$6.00 and cover major cities from Windsor to Peterborough.

Card collecting is not new, both my sons collected and traded these cards while going to school. The card used to be included in a package of bubble gum. Some of those early cards now command a hefty price. Will the card fad continue to survive, or like other fads (medals) just fade into the background? Today card collectors say it's a happy diversion from the over priced Mint material.

Your O.N.A. membership for 1991 is now due. Let's give Bruce Raszmann a break and get your renewal to him now! In spite of the increased cost (postage, G.S.T., etc.) regular membership remains at \$10.00. Also, for Christmas, Birthday, etc., you could give a membership to someone you know who is interested in numismatics. It is through growth that any organizations survive. We continue to need your help.

On behalf of myself and the O.N.A. Executive, it's my pleasure to wish you and yours "The Merriest of Christmas' and may 1991 be a year of Health, Happiness, and Hope".

T. Masters



Elongated Christmas souvenirs

By JERRY REMICK



AVAILABLE SINGLY AND ON CARDS

An elongated cent with a Christmas design and greeting is 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.

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.

ROY S. FOWLER

Roy S. Fowler Sr., 4048 Penticton Circle N.E., Salem, Oregon, 97305, U.S.A. offers the following six different Christmas elongateds: "Frosty" 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 cents each, 10 for \$2.00, and 20 or more for \$0.15 each, all plus postage.

JIM SINGLETON JR.

Jim Singleton Jr., P.O. Box 41, Hugheston, West Virginia, 25110, U.S.A., offers elongated cents showing Santa Claus with a sack of gifts on his back, and Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer. They are available postpaid at 5 for \$1.50, 50 for \$10.00, and 100 for \$15.00.

RAY DILLARD

Hand colored post-card style Christmas cards with an elongated cent attached are offered by hobbyist Ray Dillard, P.O. Box 161, Fenton, Michigan 48430, U.S.A. The card shows a large hand colored drawing of Santa Claus with a sack of toys on his back, and to the right, the following greeting - "MERRY CHRISTMAS, MAY THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS BE ROLLED-OUT AND STRETCHED TO LAST THROUGHOUT THE

ELONGATED COINS/CHRISTMAS SOUVENIRS (Cont'd)



COMING NEW YEAR". There is a place for the sender's signature below. The cards are printed on 3½ x 5¼ inch white linen card stock. An elongated cent featuring the same Santa Claus as is shown on the card and "MERRY CHRISTMAS" is attached to the center of the card.

Twelve cards and 12 envelopes are available at \$6.00 postpaid. A sample card is available at \$0.80 postpaid.

Dillard will also cut dies for designs supplied by customers, and will roll out the elongated coins. The elongated coin attached to his card is available separately.

FRANK BRAZZELL

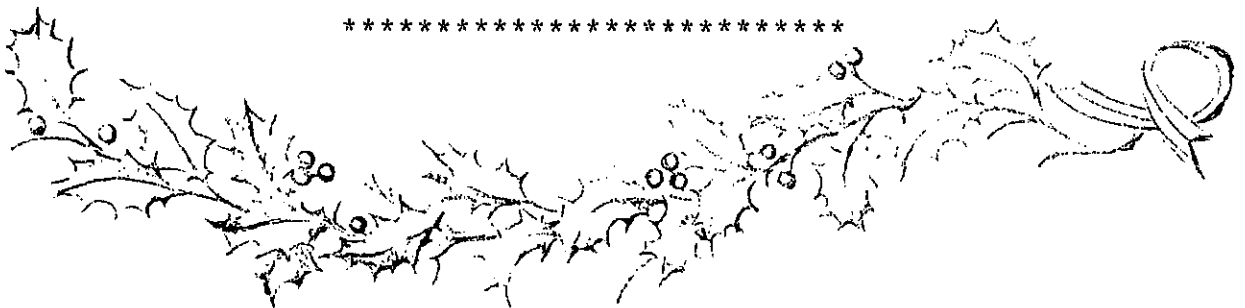
Frank Brazzell, Nation Wide Supply, 53 South 20th Street, Terre Haute, Indiana, 47803, U.S.A., offers 20 different Christmas designs on elongated cents including: six versions of Santa Claus along, Santa Claus in his sleigh pulled by reindeers the the sky above two houses, Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, 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, a nativity scene, and a house with a tree. There is a Christmas greeting on each elongated. They are available postpaid mixed or the same design as follows: 12 for \$3.50, 50 for \$7.50, and 100 for \$12.00.

Your own personal design can be engraved on a die for \$55.00, and 250 elongated c-nts made for \$20.00. Each additional 100 elongated cents is \$10.00 extra.

The cost of using other United States coin denominations for elongateds can be estimated by adding on the face value of the denomination of the coin used in making the elongateds to the above prices for one cent coins.

Special 2 x 2 inch cardboard holders for elongateds are available at \$3.50 for 100.

Two different folded Christmas cards (4¼ x 5½ 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 cards and 25 envelopes at \$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 designs.



CANADIAN TIRE CASH BONUS COUPONS, OR DISCOUNT NOTES

By W. Becker

In the field of paper money collecting there are a number of familiar and not so familiar terms (ex-conumist, notaphily, syngraphily, or rag pickers) that we associate with past forms of negotiable paper. In Canada, they include scrip, cash orders and promisory notes. One of the latter is still in use, very popular, and an interesting collectable as well.

THE CANADIAN TIRE CASH BONUS COUPONS OR DISCOUNT NOTES

A little history of the company (under the original name of Hamilton Tire and Garage Ltd.) opened for business in Toronto on Sept. 15, 1922. The Founding brothers, John W. and Alfred J. Billes invested their savings of \$1,800.00 in the garage and auto parts depot and Ford dealership, at the corner of Gerrard and Hamilton Street West of Broadview Ave. in Riverdale. Early in 1923 the company moved to Bloor Street West. Then to 639 Younge at Isabella Street. Gas pumps were installed in 1924. In 1927 the company was incorporated as the Canadian Tire Corporation Limited.

In 1928, the company published the first catalogue, and by 1930 Canadian Tire's direct method of selling, including prices below manufacturers list prices made it successful. An unconditional Superlastic tire guarantee was introduced in 1931, and a 24 page catalogue issued in 1934 proclaimed it to be "The Largest Direct Automotive Supply House in Canada" and a 100 per cent Canadian Company.

Canadian Tire's first officially designated Associate Store opened in Hamilton, Ont. in 1934. The Company now spans Canada. An advertisement in the Toronto Star in 1938 shows tires "superlastic" with a picture of a tire on legs running away with a silver dollar also on legs and the slogan "We give you a longer run for your money.) A.J. Billes wife Muriel (Moore) suggested the gas bar savings coupon which was introduced in 1958 and the Company issued their first Cash Bonus Note to be given to each customer with every cash purchase. The amount given was a percentage of the total spent, and ranged from 3% to 5%. The Company now has over \$30 million Canadian Tire Coupons in circulation. An interesting book to read is "Freewheeling" by Ian Brown. The book covers the feuds, broods, and the outrageous fortunes of the Billes family.

THE ANIMATED TIRE COUPONS

Coupons, called the "Animated Tire Coupons" were started in 1958, and used at more-power "gas bars". The notes were printed by the British American Bank note Inc., Ottawa, Ontario, and engraved by designer C. Gordon Yorke. The size is 5 x 2.75 inches (12.7 x 7 cm).

The face of all notes have "Canadian Tire Corporation Limited" an

ANIMATED TIRE COUPONS (Cont'd)



animated tire on legs, a silver dollar on legs. We make your Dollars Go Farther, Save Safety, Redeemable in Merchandise at Canadian Tire Stores, signed by the Treasurer and President. These were issued in different colours, different values in the corners, different prefix and serial numbers and issued in bilingual script.

The back of the note has a value in each corner, dedicated to

Canadian Growth, Customer Profit Sharing, a map of Canada, the C.T.C. triangle, and a modern Canadian Tire store and gas bar.

The following are known coupons but if you are aware of any additional, please let me know, the ones with a - sign are what I do not have.

Signed by F. Sasaki. Treasurer and A. Billes, President. Prefix letter and serial number on the front, below the name Canadian Tire Corporation Limited. 1958

- 1 Cent A no red letter and numbers
- 1 " A " " " "
- 2 " Y " " " "
- 2 " B " " " "
- 3 " no " " or "
- 3 " C " " and "
- 1 " E Black letter and numbers
- 2 " E " " " "
- 2 " F " " " "
- 3 " X " " " "
- 3 " Y " " " "
- 3 " X Red " " " "
- 4 " W " " " "
- 1 Cent Z red letter and 2 numbers
- 2 " Y " " " 2 "
- 3 " X " " " 2 "
- 3 " Z " " " 2 "
- 4 " W " " " 2 "

Signed by F. Sasaki, Treasurer and A. Billes, President 1962 with serial numbers and letters below the name Canadian Tire Corporation Ltd.

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| 5 Cent green prefix letter A | 35 Cent green prefix letter H |
| 10 " red " " B | 40 " " " " J |
| 15 " green " " E | 45 " " " " K |
| 20 " " " " F | 50 " brown " " M |
| 25 " violet " " C | 50 " " " " D |
| 30 " green " " G | 60 " green " " L |

Another series of coupons but with prefix letters and serial numbers above the Canadian Tire Corporation Limited name, issue date 1962 with the signatures of F. Sasaki Treasurer and A. Billes President. These are all green in colour.

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| 5 cents prefix letter A | 25 Cents prefix letter v w/cerif |
| 5 " " " S | 25 " " " V |

ANIMATED TIRE COUPONS (Cont'd)

5 Cents prefix letter S w/cerif	30 Cents prefix letter G
10 " " " B	35 " " " H
10 " " " T w/cerif	40 " " " J
10 " " " T	45 " " " K
15 " " " E	50 " " " M
20 " " " F	50 " " " U w/cerif
25 " " " C	60 " " " L
25 " " " U w/cerif 1.00	" " " Z

In 1962 another set known as the Rural Scene was issued. This was signed by F.Sasaki Treasurer and A. Billes President.

5 Cents green prefix letter A	-50 Cents orange prefix letter D
-10 " red " " B	1.00 Yellow " " E
25 " violet " " C	

Another set issued in 1962 with the serial numbers above the signatures of F. Sasaki Treasurer and A. Billes President.

5 Cents green prefix letter S	25 Cents violet prefix letter J
10 " red " " T w/cer	50 " brown " " U
10 " red " " T	50 " " " " U ceri
25 " violet " " V	1.00 yellow " " Z ceri
25 " " " " V w/cer	

1985 saw the issuance of a new series with the signatures of Douglas Heuman Treasurer and Dean Groussman President. All letters have cerifs.

5 Cents green prefix letter S	50 Cents brown prefix letter U
10 " red " " T	1.00 yellow " " Z
25 " violet " " V	

- there is a specimen set and
- there are asterisk coupons

SANDY McTIRE COUPONS

In 1962 the coupons were extended to store purchases. They are larger in size 5.5 x 2.75 inches (14 x 7 cm) and changes were made to the design. It is now bilingual, has on the face a Scotoman Sandy McTire, picked for the obvious connotation of frugality. The



value of the notes in each corner, cash bonus, Customer Profit Sharing Bonus, Redeemable in Merchandise at Canadian Tire Store or Gas Bar, near the top the Canadian Tire Corp., C.T.C. triangle, and signed by J. Sasaki Treasurer and A. Billes President.

The back has cash bonus, two serial numbers with different letters and different colours for the denominations, 3 cents blue A,

SANDY McTIRE COUPONS (Cont'd)

5 cents green B, H, 10 cents red C. L, 25 cents violet D, 50 cents brown E, and \$1.00 grey F. Also appearing is a circle or seal tested proven products, redeemable for merchandise at Gasoline Bar or Store. Printed by British American Bank Note Company Limited.

THE 1972 ANNIVERSARY ISSUE

On the face instead of Scotty McTire is a circle with 1922-1972, Canadian Tire and 50 years of service, Canadian Tire Corporation Limited, The C.T.C. triangle, cash bonus, bilingual, save safely the values in each corner (ONE SET IS DARK AND ONE SET IS LIGHT INK), redeemable in merchandise at Canadian Tire Gas Bar or Store. Issue is signed by F. Y. Sasaki Treasurer and Dean Muncaster President, showing also customer profit sharing bonus in values of 3 cents blue R, 5 cents green S, 10 cents red T, 25 cents violet U, 50 cents brown V, - \$/00 green W.

The back has cash bonus, prefix letters and serial numbers on each side, the values in each corner, the C.T.C. triangle, a picture of a modern gasoline bar or store and printed by the British American Bank Note Company Limited, Ottawa, Canada.

THE OLYMPIC ISSUE 1976

The face has an Olympic oval with a Maple Leaf, 5 rings of Olympia, Cash Bonus, large round circles with the values in each corner, the C.T.C. triangle, Canadian Tire Corporation Limited, redeemable in Merchandise at Canadian Tire Store or Gas Bar, is bilingual, and signed by F. Y. Sasaki Treasurer and Dean Muncaster President.

The back has redeemable for merchandise at gasoline bar or store, two large values, a C.T.C. triangle and a torch runner and Olympiad XXI (in Montreal), and printed by Canadian Bank Note Co. It has 2 prefix letters, and colours are 3 cents blue JN, 5 cents green KN, 10 cents red LN, 25 cents violet MN, 50 cents brown NN, and \$1.00 grey ON.

THE 1975 ISSUE

We are now back to the Scotsman on the face, cash bonus, Canadian Tire Corporation Limited, with the C.T.C. triangle, redeemable in merchandise at Canadian Tire Store or Gas Bar, bilingual, and signed by F.Y. Sasaki Treasurer and Dean Muncaster President. The value is shown in large square values in each corner.

The back has redeemable for merchandise at gasoline bar or store, two values in center, a C.T.C. triangle and has two prefix letters and numbers one at each side at the top with letters as follows: 3 cents blue AN, XN, 5 cents green AM, BN, HN, QN, TN, 10 cents red CN, CM, EM, GN, SN. PN, UN, YN, 25 cents violet BM, DN. RN. WN, 50 cents brown EN, ZN, \$1.00 grey DM, FN, and printed by the Canadian Bank Note Co., Ltd.

THE 1985 ISSUE

The face has changed somewhat with a large circle in each corner with values inside, Canadian Tire Corporation Limited, a C.T.C. triangle, cash bonus, bilingual, redeemable in merchandise and only one signature F.Y. Sasaki Treasurer.

The back has redeemable for merchandise at Canadian Tire Stores, in center, the value one on each side, C.T.C. triangle, printed by Canadian Bank Note Company Limited, with large prefix letters and numbers on

THE 1985 ISSUE (Cont'd)

each side at the top in red, 5 cents green AZ, 10 cents red BZ, 25 cents Violet CZ, 50 cents brown DZ, \$1.00 grey EZ.

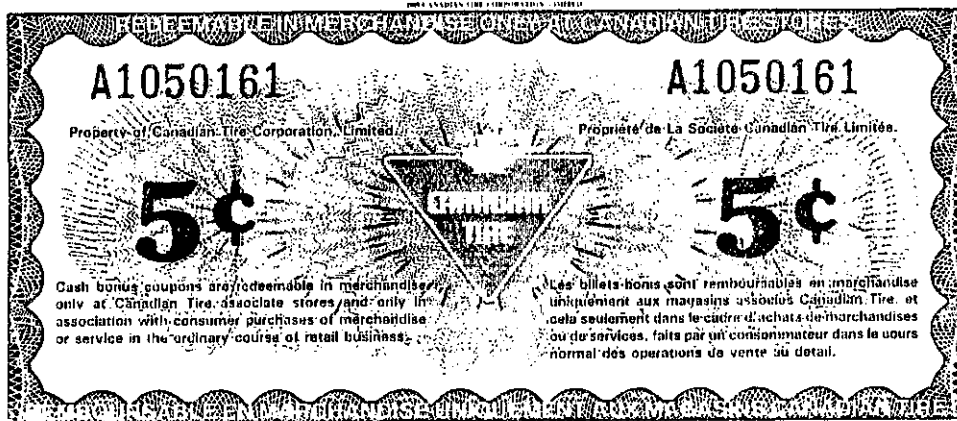
THE 1985 ISSUE

Is the same as the one above but now has the signatures of Douglas Heuman Treasurer and Don Groussman President. The back is also the same with two small prefix letters and numbers. 5 cents green AY, AZ, 10 cents red BY, 25 cents violet CY, CZ, 50 cents brown DZ, \$1.00 grey EZ, and printed by The Canadian Bank Note Company Ltd.

THE 1987 ISSUE

The face is the same as the 1985 issue. The back has redeemable in merchandise only at Candian Tire Stores, the C.T.C. triangle, bilingual, two large values in center, Property of Canadian Tire Corporation Limited and "Cash Bonus Coupons are redeemable in merchandise only at Canadian Tire Associate Stores and only in association with consumer purchases of merchandise or service in the ordinary course of retail business." Notes were issued with two small red prefix letters and numbers on each side at the top. Notes are printed by the Canadian Bank Note Company Limited.

Following are the issues: 5 cents green AX, AY, 10 cents red BX, BW, 25 cents violet CY, 50 cents brown DZ, DY, \$1.00 grey EZ, EY.



THE 1989 ISSUE

The face has Canadian Tire Corporation Limited, a large value circle in each corner, Cash Bonus, Canadian Tire Triangle, Sandy McTire on the left, signed by Douglas Heuman, Treasurer, and Dean Groussman President.

The back has 1989 Canadian Tire Corporation, is bilingual and property of Canadian Tire Corporation Limited. Two large values in the center, the side and "Cash Bonus Coupons Are Redeemable in Merchandise Only at Canadian Tire Associate Stores and only in Association with Consumer Purchase of Merchandise or Service in the Ordinary Course of Retail Business."

5 cents green A, 10 cents orange E, 25 cents violet J, 50 cents brown M, \$1.00 blue Q.

1990

Canadian Tire Corporation has issued a \$2.00 trade dollar to commemorate the 20th Anniversary of Quebec Province Summer Games. 20,000 were struck on 33mm blanks.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

I started accumulating Canadian Tire Coupons about 10 years ago and built up quite a pile of different coupons. As there were no books or anything written about them they just sat around until about three years ago.

My interest was aroused when I came in contact with a fellow named DON, who got me interested in putting a set together. At present I have more than 130 different coupons; signatures, denominations, prefix letters. A few are still required to complete the set which is one of my ambitions.

If any person reading this epistle has additional information or any of the older notes for trade or sale, please contact me.

Thank you.

Wilfred Becker
Life Member of Stratford Coin Club

YOUR OWN PERSONALIZED CHRISTMAS MEDAL



JÉRÔME H. REMICK
BOX 9183
STE-FOY, P.Q., CANADA
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A die is available at no charge for making 1990 38 mm (1½ inches) Christmas medals. The die shows two girls and a boy dressed for a cold winter's evening, holding song books and singing Christmas carols. "1990" is to the left. "MERRY CHRISTMAS" in English, Spanish, French, and the Cyrillic Script is around the outer part. Three holly leaves separate each greeting. The greeting in Cyrillic Script translates "Happy Birth of Christ". Cyrillic Script is used in Russia, Bulgaria, and Serbia. The die was designed by Mrs. Diane Levesque of Bic, Quebec.

A reverse die with just "SEASONS GREETINGS" in the center is available for use without charge. Another die with "MEILLEURS VOLEUX" in the center is also available. A jeweller can engrave a person's name below.

One can also have a personal reverse die cut with one's name, address, and if desired, a greeting. The name of both husband and wife can be included. Some people add the names of their children. Personal dies are \$200. and up.

Each year a different Christmas picture die is available for use at no charge, and so a personalized reverse die can be used each year at no further charge. The first Christmas die for personalized medal issuers was made by Pressed Metal Products in 1983; a die has been made annually since then.

Medals are available on 38 mm antiqued blanks in gold plated copper and in silver plated copper. Costs for medals excluding postage

YOUR OWN PERSONALIZED CHRISTMAS MEDAL (Cont'd)

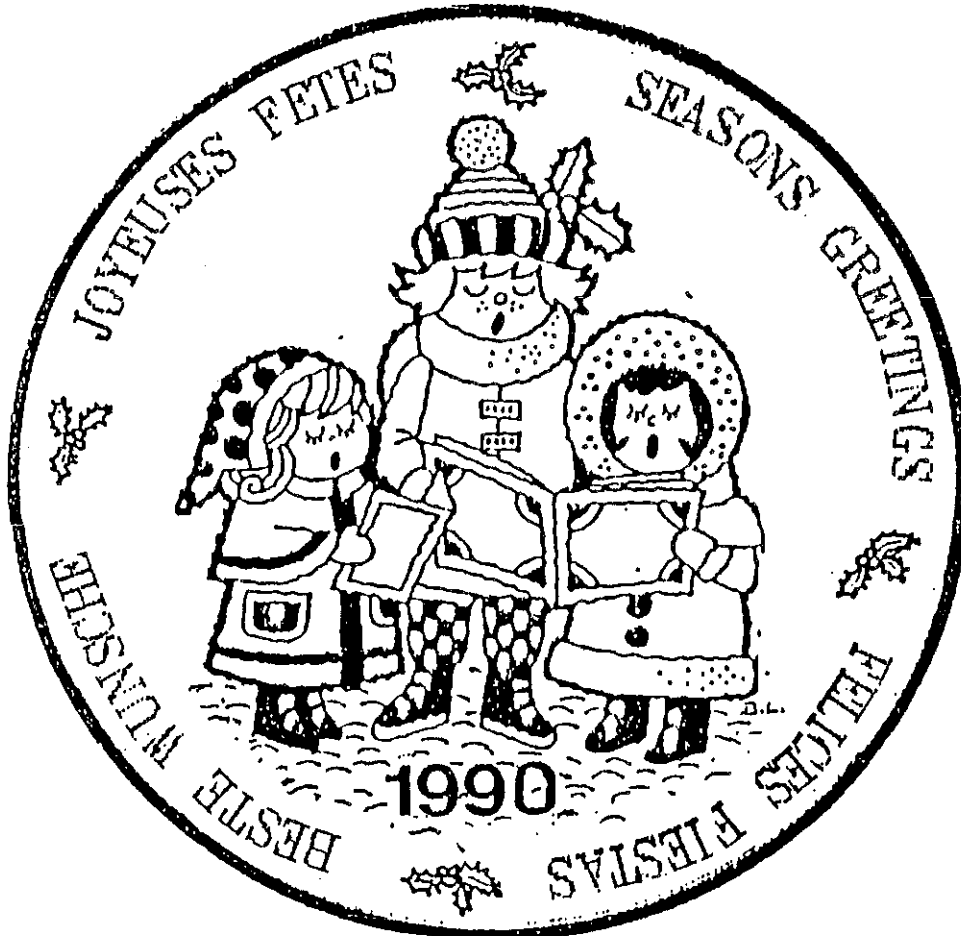
are as follows: 25 to 49 medals (\$5.28 each), 50 to 99 medals (\$4.14 each), and 100 to 249 medals (\$3.58 each). Medals in pure silver as well as medals in piedfort (double thickness) can also be made. Residents in the United States pay 13.5% less as they do not pay Canadian Federal sales tax, which is included in the above prices.



Each medal is shipped in a 2 x 2 plastic envelope. I merely scotch tape the 4 sides of the plastic envelope to a Christmas card and mail it or deliver it in person.

Inquiries should be sent to Pressed Metal Products, 505 Alexander Street, Vancouver, B.C., V6A 1C8,, (telephone 604 251-2454). Allow 5 weeks if die cutting is involved.

Samples of the 1990 Christmas medal with Jerry Remick's personal reverse die are available in antiqued gold or silver plated copper at \$3.00 postpaid each or 3 for \$8.50, from Jerry Remick, Box 9183, Ste Foy, Quebec, G1V 4B1.



After this design was submitted by Ms Diane Levesque, the inscription around the outer part was changed to MERRY CHRISTMAS in English, Spanish, French and the Cyrillic Script.

CONVENTION CALENDAR 1991

- February 9 HURONIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION Coin, Stamp, and Antique Show. Bayfield Mall, Bayfield Street N., Barrie, Ontario. Info: P.O. Box 243, Barrie, Ontario, L4M 4T2
- April 6 HAMILTON COIN CLUB Semi-Annual Coin Show, Royal Canadian Legion, 1180 Barton Street East, upstairs Hamilton, Ontario, across from the Centre Mall. Free Admission - Lunch Counter - Door Prizes
- April 26-27-28 ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION 29th Annual Convention, Holiday Inn, Oshawa. Host: Oshawa & District Coin Club. Info: Oshawa & District Coin Club, P.O. Box 212, Oshawa, Ontario, L1H 7L1
- May 18-19 3rd ANNUAL EXPO NIAGARA COIN, STAMP, & CARD SHOW Park Hotel, Clifton Hill, Niagara Falls, Canada. Over 50 Dealers - Free Parking - \$1.00 Admission. Info: Expo Niagara 7581 Dorchester Road, Niagara Falls, Ontario, L2G 7G4 - (416) 356-5006
- June 9 BRANTFORD NUMISMATIC SOCIETY Annual Coin Show, Community Centre, 491 Grey Street, Brantford, Ontario. Info: B.N.S., P.O. Box 351, Brantford, Ontario, N3T 5N3
- July 23-28 C.N.A. ANNUAL CONVENTION, Westbury Hotel, Yonge Street, Toronto, Ontario. Info: C.N.A. 91, P.O. Box 226, Barrie, Ontario, L4M 4T2
- September 15 WOODSTOCK COIN CLUB 2nd Annual Coin Show, U.A.W. Hall, Keele Street, Woodstock, Ontario. Info: H. Spice, 549 Grace Street, Woodstock, Ontario, N4S 4N7
- October 5 HAMILTON COIN CLUB Coin Show, Royal Canadian Legion, 1180 Barton Street East, upstairs, Hamilton, Ontario
- October 13 TILLSONBURG COIN CLUB Annual Coin & Hobby Show, Tillsonburg Community Centre (Fair Grounds). Info: W. Baxter, 46 Queens Street, Tillsonburg, Ontario, N4G 3G9
- Second Sunday Each Month OTTAWA COIN & STAMP DEALERS ASSOCIATION SHOW, at the Nepean Sportsplex, Woodroffe Avenue, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Info: Allan Davis, P.O. Box 307, Carp, Ontario, DOA 1L0

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UNA 1991

Dear Fellow Numismatist:

You are invited to come to Oshawa, Ontario, the City That Mot-O-Vates.

The Numismatic world will be congregating in South Central Ontario, April 26, 27 & 28, 1991, at the Holiday Inn Oshawa.

This is the first time since the 1977 O.N.A. successful Convention that a major coin show or convention has been held in this part of Ontario.

We the Executives of the Oshawa & District Coin Club are excited that Oshawa was selected for the 1991 O.N.A. Convention. We are pleased to host this affair.

We are planning tours, a large bourse and exhibit floor, wine & cheese party on Friday Evening, guest speakers for various functions, a large numismatic auction, a delightful banquet, MOST OF ALL, FUN FOR ALL. We are planning to put fun back in the hobby.

The Convention Committee is already organizing the various programs and functions for this exciting convention. There will be an enjoyable program for all. Bring your family, they will enjoy the get-to-gether.

BOURSE DEALERS TAKE NOTICE. BOOK YOUR TABLES EARLY SO YOU CAN TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE BOURSE FEE DISCOUNT. REMEMBER DECEMBER 31st, 1990 IS THE DISCOUNT CUT OFF.

We will see you at Oshawa on April 26-28, 1991.

Yours truly,

Tom Alexander
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President

Oshawa & District Coin Club

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O.N.A. Program Book Chairman-

Please be advised that I wish to place an advertisement in the Souvenir Program Book that will be produced for the Ontario Numismatic Association Annual Convention to be held in Oshawa on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 26th, 27th and 28th, 1991.

I understand that there will be a minimum of 1,750 books printed. They will be distributed free to all persons who register for the Convention and also to all members of the Ontario Numismatic Association and the Oshawa and District Coin Club. Secondary distribution will be to Coin Clubs throughout Ontario, to all people attending the Convention and to the general public.

I agree to pay \$..... fo a page advertisement, with a portion of this amount to be paid as a deposit at the time of application. The balance of the cost to be paid upon receipt of an invoice and a copy of the Souvenir Program Book.

Please provide the wording, logos or cuts for your advertisement with this application. Printing will be done using the offset method.

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