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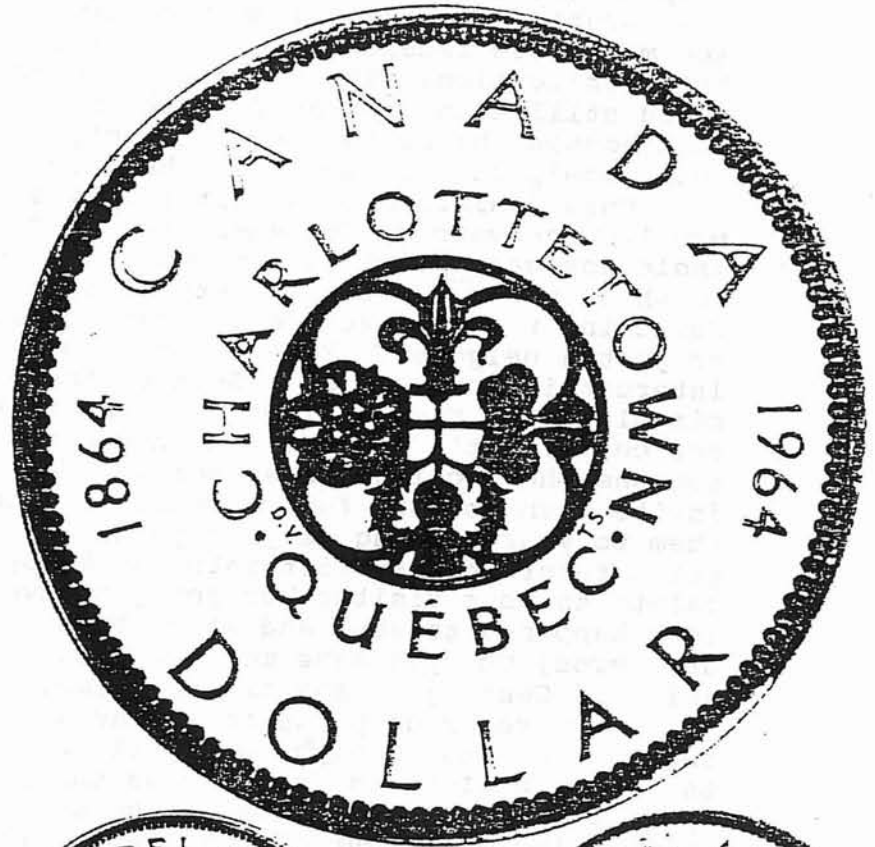
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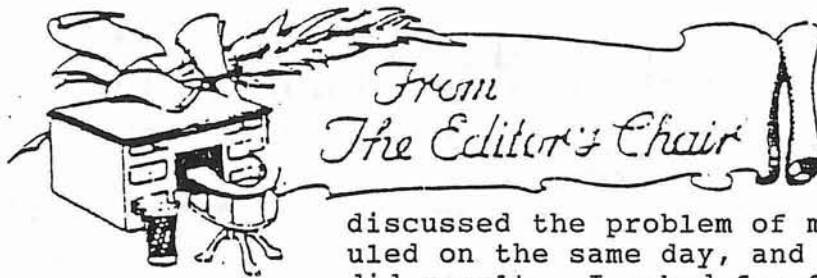
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You often wonder, when you prepare the issue of the O.N.A. Numismatist, if anyone ever reads it....

In our last issue, I discussed the problem of more than one Coin Show scheduled on the same day, and the problems that could and did result. I asked for Club and individuals for their help in getting their Club dates to me, so we could help to alleviate that problem. To date I have received most of the Show dates for Ontario and most were received by mail. It just proves that someone does read this publication. Thanks to all who submitted their Show notices. I would still like to hear from the following Clubs....Oshawa & District, Collingwood, Waterloo, and there may be others. If you are reading this...help me out, so we can help you too.

Coin dealers report that 1992 was a good year, mainly due to the new 125 Anniversary Commemorative 25 Cents. The Mint has introduced a whole new generation to numismatics...it's up to us now to follow up on those we know received sets of these coins. At Christmastime these new coins were a favorite present for some son, daughter, grandchild, or just a neighbor. Many of these people had no or very little previous interest in numismatics. Some of those coins will find their way into circulation. Many will be put away as keepsakes. The ball is now in our court...it's up to us to return the serve. I'm sure we all know of someone who received these coins. Tell them about your Coin Club.... invite them to your future meeting....better still pick them up and take them to your meeting as your guest. Sometimes that's all it takes to get a future numismatist into the hobby. On your way to the meeting relate to your visitor how you got involved, some interesting events that happened to you, and also about some of the characters (good... of course) who you have met and become involved with. Those Commemorative 25 Cents just may be the stimulant our hobby has needed!

Have you made plans to attend this year's O.N.A. Convention at the College Inn, Guelph, on April 16-18? Here's a way to be introduced to fellow collectors from across the province. It also gives you the opportunity to acquire some of those illusive coins that are not normally included in your club auction. There is a variety of programs being offered with you, the collector, in mind. Some of those include the Educational Forum, Delegates Breakfast, O.N.A. Election of Officers for 1993-95, and the O.N.A. General Meeting.

Have you ever thought of becoming an O.N.A. Executive Member? There is room for new blood and new ideas on that Executive. You could be that person that the O.N.A. needs. Think about it! And act upon it, too!!!

Let's finish off these rambling thoughts with a few observations..

The O.N.A., for a number of years, have been asking Clubs to host their Convention. Little or no response! Perhaps the O.N.A. should consider a permanent location if no other offers are available?

For those who say a clique runs the O.N.A., offer your services to break up that said clique. (I'm sure those on the O.N.A. Executive are dedicated people and don't deserve the clique label).

The O.N.A. has invested a large amount of money in their library, but it's not being used to its full potential. (many say cost of borrowing too high...borrower pays postage both ways. O.N.A. has no control over postal rates).

The Royal Canadian Mint had a very inexpensive 125 Commemorative program for 1992. What are their plans for a future program with the collector in mind? (Many collectors have been turned off by some

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FROM THE EDITOR'S CHAIR (Cont'd)

previous programs...e.g. Olympics- gold, and others.

There are other thoughts (mine) I could share with you, but for now these will do. Whether you agree or disagree with these thoughts is your prerogative. Drop me a line with your thoughts. I'll publish our letter if permission is given.

For now...let's keep numismatics alive!! I CHALLENGE YOU TO DO YOUR PART!!!!

T. Masters

ASSOCIATION NEWS

MEMBERSHIP

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

1346	Hugh Powell	Kenora, Ontario
1347	Guntram Weisbrich	Calgary, Alberta
1348	Craig Wilde	Thunder Bay, Ontario
1349	Gary L. Schlemmer	Valencia, PA. U.S.A.
1350	Albert Bissonnette	Lansdowne, Ontario

Editor's Note: The first two names on this list of new members should have been published in our November-December issue. This was an oversight on the Editor's part and not that of our Membership Chairperson Bruce Raszmann.

Anyone knowing the current address for:

882 Terrence E. Frost Ottawa, Ontario

Please contact the O.N.A., P.O. Box 33, Waterloo, Ontario, N2J 3Z6. The Ontario Numismatist for Mr. Terrence E. Frost has been returned.

CONVENTION UPDATE:....

At the time of this writing, the Official O.N.A. Medal has not been received from Pressed Metal Products, in Vancouver B.C. This medal will feature the City of Guelph's most outstanding landmark - "The Church of Our Lady".

A limited quantity of these medals are being struck, and should be sold out at a very early date. The amount being struck are as follows:

40 sterling silver - 100 bronze - 60 gold plate

The 60 gold plate are not for sale but will be included in the first 60 Pre-Registration Packs. Order forms and prices for Pre-Registration will be included in our next issue.

I haven't received notification on how many persons our Saturday Night Banquet will be limited to, but expect these tickets will be sold fast. Banquet Speaker is Rev. Roger McCombe, and for those who have never heard this man speak before, you are in for a treat. His humour far outweighs most professional comedians that we see on TV today. I'm sure that after hearing Roger you will say it was one of the highlights of the Convention.

CANADA'S CHARLOTTETOWN DOLLAR

by H.R.G. Currie



On a cold, windy day in September, 1864, a little ship crossed the Straits of Northumberland from the colony of New Brunswick, and dropped anchor near Charlottetown in the sister colony of Prince Edward Island. A small boat rowed several visitors ashore, one at a time. Among them was my great, great grandfather's first cousin. I can imagine that humorous sight--the tall, spare

politician from Upper Canada, clad in frock coat and tall hat, holding on for dear life as the boat bobbed in the choppy sea.

He and his colleagues from Upper and Lower Canada were self-invited guests to a conference in Charlottetown, the purpose of which was to discuss the proposed union of the four British Atlantic colonies. These visitors had traveled great distances to tempt their maritime cousins into an even larger union--a confederation of all the British North American colonies.

They did their work well, for three years later in 1867, Parliament in London, England, passed the British North America Act uniting four of these colonies into the Dominion of Canada.

As I look at this coin, I cannot help but visualize the conferences which it represents, the politicians who hammered out the mold, and the four great peoples who were the pioneers of Canada.

This coin, commonly called the Charlottetown dollar, was minted in 1964 to commemorate the centennial of the Confederation Conferences. However, the coin should more properly be called the Charlottetown-Quebec dollar, as a second conference was held in Quebec City in October, 1864; it was at this conference that the final documents were drafted for submission to the British Government.

The symbol on the reverse is significant in that it entwines the floral emblems of the four great nations that settled the Canadian lands; the fleur-de-lis of France, the rose of England, the thistle of Scotland, and the shamrock of Ireland.

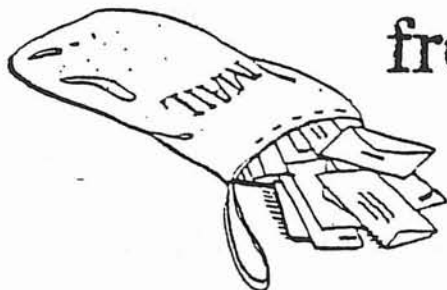
Ironically enough Prince Edward Island rejected membership in the new confederation. Although this province is now called the Cradle of Confederation, it did not join the confederation until 1873. The provinces of Upper Canada (Ontario), Lower Canada (Quebec), New Brunswick and Nova Scotia (which is the Latin name for New Scotland) joined to form the Dominion of Canada in 1867.

My distant cousin must have been well pleased with his boat ride on that long ago day, for he was Sir John Alexander MacDonalld, the first Prime Minister of the infant Dominion of Canada.

GENTLE REMINDER:.....

Have you paid your 1993 Membership dues as yet??? We ask you to do so now...to enable us to get our mailing list in order.....

Thank you!



from the Mailbag

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17 Jan. 1993

Happy New Year Tom:

Here is an article for a future O.N.A. Journal. Edit it as you wish. I enclose two sizes of photos--actual and reduced by 40%. You may look on this article as a talk I might deliver before a coin club with banknotes to pass around. The O.N.A. Journal reaches many clubs, so my suggestion for a secondary collection for collectors, of one note from each country, will reach many. You have done a very good job in the O.N.A. Journal and Ingersoll Journal in getting in foreign articles to interest collectors in the coins. I know you feel as I do, that some collectors may become bored or disinterested just with current Canadian coins. They need a secondary collection to stimulate them and their senses with attractive and interesting material that is inexpensive. Foreign banknotes, as I outline them in my article, are inexpensive--one from each country, colorful, and fun. Fun. Fun, as there are new countries issuing their own banknotes each year, so the collector has something to look forward to, and to read the newspapers for.

Thank you for typing up the enclosed article.....

Best Wishes

Jerry Remick



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Editor

If your Newspaper has a bulletin Board column and/or upcoming events column, we would very much appreciate your addition of the *Oshawa & District Coin Club* meeting schedule as well as the following contact name for more information.

Scheduled dates are:

Jan 10 93 | Feb 14 93 | Mar 14 93 | Apr 18 93 | May 16 93 | Jun 13 93

Meeting place is the Arts Resource Centre on Queen St. behind City Hall

For more information phone the Editor Earl MacLean at 728-1352

Oshawa & District Coin Club

Earl MacLean

Editor

I N M E M O R I A M

TRUDY LAMBERT

Trudy Lambert of St. Catharines died on November 28, 1992. She was a member of the St. Catharines Coin Club for a number of years.

When St. Catharines Coin Club hosted the Ontario Numismatic Association's Convention here, Trudy was active on the Convention Committees.

Trudy was a Life Member of the Ontario Numismatic Association.

From May 1968 to May 1975 she was Secretary of the Ontario Numismatic Association.

Trudy was awarded the prestigious O.N.A. Award of Merit in 1980 for her contribution to Numismatics.

Our sympathy is extended to her family at this time.

FRED HURLEY

Fred Hurley of Sarnia died recently after a lengthy illness.

Fred was the immediate Past President of the Sarnia Coin Club, and a collector who was truly interested in the hobby. His collection spanned many years and covered several fields.

The numismatic family has lost one of its own, the Sarnia Coin Club a dedicated worker, the Hurley family a loved one.

To the Hurley family we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

A COLLECTION OF ONE BANKNOTE
FROM EACH OF THE 188 COUNTRIES CURRENTLY ISSUING THEM
IS VERY INSTRUCTIVE

The table that accompanies this article lists the 187 countries currently issuing their own banknotes and 23 countries that use banknotes of another country as they have none of their own. It also lists, as of October 18, 1992, the number of units of currency for any country needed to purchase one United States dollar, except for a few countries, where values with a marked "M" indicate how much it costs in United States currency to buy one foreign unit. For example, the Table shows that on October 16, 1992, \$1.245 Canadian dollars purchased one dollar U.S., but it took \$1.75 U.S. to purchase one pound of Ireland's currency.

This Table is a useful check-list for those who wish to form a collection of one or more banknotes for each country currently issuing them. This is a most instructive collection, especially for a youngster, as the youngster learns geography, the relative value of each country's monetary unit and something about the country.

Twenty-three countries listed in the Table use the banknotes of another country as they have none of their own, so they can be crossed off the list and need not be collected. This leaves 187 countries listed in the Table that issue their own banknotes. Countries listed in the Table that use banknotes of other countries are: Andorra, Armenia, British Virgin Islands, Georgia, Greenland, Kazakhstan, Kiribati, Kyrgyzstan, Liechtenstein, Marshall Islands, Monaco, Montenegro, Namibia, Nauru, Palau, Panama, San Marino, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Turks & Caicos, Tuvalu, Uzbekistan and Vatican City. The seven Russian republics listed in this paragraph are now using the Russian ruble as currency, and will probably eventually have their own currency. Greenland, Liechtenstein, Namibia, and Panama once had their own banknotes.

C.P.A., C.F.P., East Caribbean and Sterling which appear under the country column in the Table are monetary units used by four different groups of countries, each country being listed separately in the Table. So, these four monetary units can be crossed off the Table as they are not separate note issuing countries.

The United States of America should be added to the Table. So after crossing off the 23 above-mentioned countries not having notes of their own and the four monetary units listed in the country column, and adding the United States to the Table, we are left with 188 countries currently issuing their own banknotes.

Eight Caribbean Island countries, all former British Colonies, use banknotes issued by the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank, each country having its own letter after the serial number. Otherwise, the notes are identical. These banknotes are catalogued under East Caribbean States in the "Standard Catalogue of World Paper Money, Volume II" by Albert Pick. The countries with their identifying letter after the serial number are: Antigua (A), Dominica (D), Grenada (G), St. Kitts (K), St. Lucia (L), Montserrat (M), Anguilla (U), and St. Vincent (V). Since the only difference in the notes



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A COLLECTION OF BANKNOTES (Cont'd)

issued by each of these eight countries is a letter after the serial number, some collectors of one note from each country may wish to collect one type note issued by the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank rather than the series of eight notes each having a different letter. While the \$1.00 note issued by the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank was replaced by a coin a few years ago, it is still available from some dealers in uncirculated condition for about \$2.50 U.S. The \$5.00 banknote is now the lowest denomination being issued for this area.

Seven African countries, all former French colonies, use the banknotes issued by the Banque Centrale des Etats de l'Afrique de l'Ouest, which is catalogued under West African States in Albert Pick's catalogue cited above. Each country has its own distinctive letter on the obverse side of each note in the bottom left corner and the upper right corner. Except for this identifying letter, the notes are identical. The countries with their distinctive letter in the bottom left and upper right corners on the obverse side are: Ivory Coast (A), Benin (B), Bukina Faso (C), Mali (D), Niger (H), Senegal (K), and Togo (T). Again, some collectors of one note from each country may wish to collect just one type of note issued by the Banque Centrale des Etats de l'Afrique de l'Ouest rather than seven notes, each with a different letter.

My advice is to start by collecting one banknote in uncirculated condition from each country now issuing them. The least expensive dealer for one note in uncirculated condition from each country issuing them is dealer Dwight L. Musser, Box 905, Cacaochee, Florida 33537. Mr. Musser has issued a 3 page price list with one banknote from each country plus a long list of uncirculated banknotes from a number of countries at \$0.50 U.S. each. Collect only uncirculated notes. Uncirculated notes from many countries run between \$0.35 and \$1.75 U.S. If you wish to go further, you can collect one note from each country where the country's name has changed. For example, there is British Honduras which is now known as Belize, and Rhodesia which is now known as Zimbabwe.

There are also some countries which once issued notes, but no longer issue them. Some examples are Greenland, Newfoundland, and St. Pierre & Miquelon, and East Germany.

There are also currency boards which formerly issued notes used in several or more countries, but are now no longer issuing such banknotes. Two examples are West African Currency Board and East African Currency Board.

Once you have one banknote or more from most of the countries currently issuing them, you may wish to start a collection of type notes from one or several countries that interest you or a topical collection with a topic that interests you such as birds, animals, fish, trains, etc. Again try to get notes in uncirculated condition, and, if they are scarce, the best condition you can afford.

Some collectors may wish to collect notes from a number of countries that have a common bond. Examples are notes issued by British Commonwealth countries, former French Colonies, former Portuguese colonies, Arab countries, African countries, etc.

You can store your collection in plastic pages with pockets in them for the notes, or use one paper envelope for the notes of each country. If you use the plastic pages with pockets for a collection of one note for each country, I would suggest that a thin strip of paper be put in the bottom of the pocket with the note for each country giving the name of the country, its monetary unit, and the value of its monetary unit in terms of the U.S. dollar.

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A COLLECTION OF BANKNOTES (Cont'd)

"THE STANDARD CATALOG OF WORLD PAPER MONEY, 6th EDITION, VOLUME II, GENERAL ISSUES" by Albert Pick, published in July 1990, is an excellent reference. The 1136 page catalogue is out of print but may still be available from dealers. Its original cost was \$49.00 U.S. plus postage.

A very useful reference showing photos of each denomination of banknote currently circulating in each country is the "MRI BANKERS' GUIDE TO FOREIGN CURRENCY" by Arnoldo Efron. The 232 page catalogue issued quarterly, is available at a special price of \$40.00 U.S. post-paid to numismatists from the publisher Monetary Research International, P.O. Box 3174, Houston, Texas, 77253-3174 (telephone 713 654-1900). A copy of this book should be in each Club library as it is very useful for those visiting foreign countries. The Table shown with this article is taken from the Winter 1992-93 edition on this catalogue.

The International Banknote Society publishes an illustrated quarterly devoted to banknotes of the world and an annual address list of their membership. Their latest address list, contains addresses of over 2160 members from 82 countries, so there is a good possibility for trading and pen pals. Annual dues are \$17.50 U.S., and may be sent to Milan Alusic, P.O. Box 1642, Racine, Wisconsin, 53401. A large number of dealers in foreign notes advertise in this journal now in its 32nd year.

Other dealers, besides Mr. Musser, whose address is listed above, have extensive price lists of foreign notes. Several are: Gary Snover, P.O. Box 9696, San Bernardino, Calif. 92427, USA; William Henderson, P.O. Box 73037, Puyallup, Washington, 98373; and Milt Blackburn, P.O. Box 33888, Station D, Vancouver, B.C., V6J 4L6. Specialized price lists for Banknotes of the Arab World are available from Armen, P.O. Box 15204, Lenexa, Kansas 66285-5204 and William Agal, P.O. Box 8615, Mission Hills, Calif. 91346-8615.

BANQUE CENTRAL DES ETATS DE L'AFRIQUE 500 francs

The letter "T" in the lower left and upper right hand corner indicates for which of the 7 West African States this 500 francs banknote was issued. In the example photographed, the letter "T" indicates the note was issued for use in Togo. Note that the "T" in the upper right hand corner is partly covered by the upper part of the tree and starts about $\frac{1}{4}$ inch below the "6" of "L. 64".

EASTERN CARIBBEAN CENTRAL BANK \$1.00

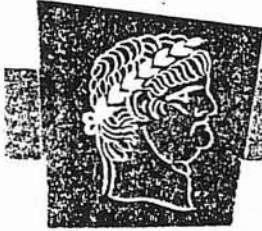
The suffix after the serial number indicates for which of the 8 countries using the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank's banknotes issued the note. In the example photographed, the suffix "V" indicates the note was issued for use in St. Vincent.



MRI BANKERS' GUIDE TO FOREIGN CURRENCY

Official tourist rates of exchange as of October 18, 1992, in foreign units per USD, except those marked "M", which indicates how much it costs in U.S. currency to buy one foreign unit. FOR INFORMATION ONLY.

Afghanistan	Afghani	1,163.00	Georgia	Russian Ruble		Nicaragua	Córdoba Oro	5.40
Albania	Lek	110.00	Germany	D.Mark	1.48	Niger	See C.F.A.	
Algeria	Dinar	21.80	Ghana	Cedi	480.00	Nigeria	Naira	19.50
Andorra	See Spain and France		Gibraltar	At par with Sterling		Northern Ireland	See Sterling	
Angola	New Kwanza	970.00	Greece	Drachma	193.50	Norway	Krone	5.99
Anguilla	See East Caribbean		Greenland	See Denmark		Oman	Rial	3851
Antigua+Barbuda	See East Caribbean		Grenada	See East Caribbean		Pakistan	Rupee	25.15
Argentina	Peso	.99	Guatemala	Quetzal	5.35	Palau	U S Dollar	
Armenia	Tram	N/A	Guernsey	At par with Sterling		Panama	Balboa	1.00
Aruba	Florin	1.79	Guinea Bissau	Peso	5,000.00	Papua New Guinea	Kina	1.04M
Australia	Dollar	.7195M	Guinea Conakry	Franc	312.00	Paraguay	Guarani	1,555.00
Austria	Schilling	10.46	Guyana	Dollar	125.50	Peru	Nuevo Sol	1.53
Azerbaijan	Manat	33.40	Haiti	Gourde	10.00	Philippines	Piso	24.75
Bahamas	Dollar	1.00	Honduras	Lempira	5.80	Poland	Zloty	14,200.00
Bahrain	Dinar	.3770	Hong Kong	Dollar	7.73	Portugal	Escudo	131.00
Bangladesh	Taka	39.00	Hungary	Forint	78.30	Qatar	Riyal	3.60
Barbados	Dollar	1.98	Iceland	Krona	55.50	Romania	Leu	430.00
Belarus	Rubel	33.40	India	Rupee	0352M	Russia	Ruble	334.00
Belgium	Franc	30.54	Indonesia	Rupiah	2,043.00	Rwanda	Franc	139.15
Belize	Dollar	1.98	Iran	Rial	1,440.00	St Helena	At par with Sterling	
Benin	See C.F.A.		Iraq	Dinar	3.00M	St Kitts+Nevis	See East Caribbean	
Bermuda	Dollar	1.00	Ireland	Punt	1.76M	St Lucia	See East Caribbean	
Bhutan Ngultrum	At par with India		Isle of Man	At par with Sterling		St Vincent	See East Caribbean	
Bolivia	Boliviano	4.01	Israel	New Sheqel	2.47	San Manno	See Italy	
Bosnia-Herzegovina	N/A		Italy	Lira	1,308.00	S Tome & Prince	Dobra	240.00
Botswana	Pula	.4710M	Ivory Coast	See C.F.A.		Saudi Arabia	Riyal	3.74
Brazil	Cruzeiro	7450.00	Jamaica	Dollar	21.80	Scotland	See Sterling	
British Virgin Isl	Dollar	1.00	Japan	Yen	119.90	Senegal	See C.F.A.	
Brunei Ringgit	At par with Singapore		Jersey	At par with Sterling		Seychelles	Rupee	4.99
Bulgaria	Lev	23.00	Jordan	Dinar	1.48M	Sierra Leone	Leone	500.00
Burkina Faso	See C.F.A.		Kazakhstan	Russian Ruble		Singapore	Dollar	1.60
Burundi	Franc	205.50	Kenya	Shilling	33.70	Slovenia	Tolar	80.00
Cambodia	Riel	2000.00	Kiribati	See Australia		Solomon Is	Dollar	2.94
Cameroon	See C.F.A.		Korea PDR	Won	2.15	Somalia	Shilin	7,800.00
Canada	Dollar	1.2450	Korea Republic	Won	782.00	South Africa	Rand	2.90
Cape Verde	Escudo	63.10	Kuwait	Dinar	.2938	Spain	Peseta	106.00
Cayman Is.	Dollar	1.20M	Kyrgyzstan	Russian Ruble		Sri Lanka	Rupee	44.20
Central African Rep	See		Laos	Kip	715.00	Sterling	Pound	1.6340M
C.F.A.			Latvia	Rublis	180.00	Sudan	Dinar	10.00
C. F. A.	Franc	252.00	Lebanon	Pound	2,350.00	Surinam	Gulden	1.79
C. F. P.	Franc	91.64	Lesotho Maloti	At par with South Africa		Swaziland	At par with South Africa	
Chad	See C.F.A.		Liberia	Dollar	1.00	Sweden	Krona	5.60
Chile	Peso	375.00	Libya	Dinar	.2740	Switzerland	Franc	1.32
China Peoples Rep	Renminbi Yuan	5.54	Liechtenstein	See Switzerland		Syria	Pound	104.00
Colombia	Peso	670.00	Lithuania	At par with Russian Rubles		Taiwan	NT Dollar	25.20
Comoros	At par with C.F.A.		Luxembourg	Franc At par with Belgium		Tajikistan	Russian Ruble	
Congo Republic	See C.F.A.		Macao	Pataca	7.99	Tanzania	Shilling	325.00
Cook Is Dollar	At par with New Zealand		Macedonia	Denar	510.00	Thailand	Baht	25.20
Costa Rica	Colón	136.00	Madagascar	Franc	1,830.00	Togo	See C.F.A.	
Croatia	Dinar	320.00	Malawi	Kwacha	4.09	Tonga	Pa'anga	1.38
Cuba	Peso	.7575	Malaysia	Ringgit	2.50	Trinidad Tobago	Dollar	4.55
Cyprus	Pound	2.28M	Maldives Is	Rufiyaa	11.52	Tunisia	Dinar	.82
Czech+Slovak Rep	Koruna	27.25	Mali	See C.F.A.		Turkey	Lira	7455.00
Denmark	Krona	5.69	Malta	Lira	3.21M	Turkmenistan	Russian Ruble	
Djibouti	Franc	177.70	Marshall Is	U S Dollar		Turks & Caicos	Dollar	1.00
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Dominican Rep	Peso	13.00	Mauritius	Rupee	15.25	Uganda	New Shilling	1,182.00
East Caribbean	Dollar	2.69	Mexico	Peso	3,056.00	Ukraine	Karbovanets	250.00
Ecuador	Sucre	2,000.00	Moldova	Leu	334.00	United Arab Emirts	Dirham	3.65
Egypt	Pound	3.31	Monaco	See France		Uruguay	Nuevo Peso	3,350.00
El Salvador	Colón	8.60	Mongolia	Tugrug	100.00	Uzbekistan	Russian Ruble	
England	See Sterling		Montenegro	See Yugoslavia		Vanuatu	Vatu	112.50
Equat Guinea	See C.F.A.		Montserrat	See East Caribbean		Vatican City	See Italy	
Estonia	Kroon	11.84	Morocco	Dirham	7.75	Venezuela	So'fivar	75.90
Ethiopia	Birr	5.00	Mozambique	Metical	2,725.00	Vietnam	Dong	10,880.00
Falkland/Malvinas	At par with Sterling		Myanmar	Kyat	5.88	Western Samoa	Tala	2.45
Faroe Is Krona	At par with Denmark		Namibia	See South Africa		Yemen	Rial	16.50
Fiji Islands	Dollar	.6640M	Nauru	See Australia		Yugoslavia	New dinar	200.00
Finland	Markka	4.71	Nepal	Rupee	46.63	Zaire	Zaire	1,150,000.00
France	Franc	5.04	Netherlands	Gulden	1.66	Zambia	Kwacha	200.00
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PERSONALITIES on ANCIENT COINS

NERO

by William Rodger

Though Nero is celebrated in legend for fiddling while Rome burned in 64 A.D. there is no historical basis for this belief. He was, however, much addicted to entertainment, games and music, and was known for the vast banquets served in his honor. Born the son of Agrippina II in 37 A.D., Nero's real name was Claudius Caesar. When Agrippina later married Claudius I, the Roman Emperor, she coerced him into legally adopting the child, so that he would be in line to succeed to the throne. When Nero reached the age of 17, Agrippina poisoned Claudius and Nero became emperor.

Before Nero reached power it is suspected he gave the orders for the poisoning of Britannicus, son of Claudius, who might otherwise have proved a thorn in his side once Claudius was out of the way. He then proceeded to poison his mother. However, these murders did not rid the world of his supposed enemies.

Roman society was at the height of its grandeur; producing poets, philosophers, surgeons and other distinguished men like grapes upon a vine. Commerce flowed freely into Rome and its products were widely sold. Roman architecture and Roman artists were acclaimed the finest known. But while common society had attained such a high level, the Roman government had experienced a series of misfortunes.

Caesar had been assassinated in 44 B.C.; Caligula met the same fate in 41 A.D. while numerous other officials had been done away with along the line. The public, though far from discontented, held little faith in the men invested with power. An emperor of strong character and appeal was necessary to reverse the picture, but in Nero the Romans received a tyrant who ignored their wishes and needs, spending most of his time guarding against assassination.

The reign of Nero, while prosperous enough during most of his years, lacked all attempt at order and the government ended up as chaotic as his personal life. When he murdered his wife, Octavia, it was almost accepted as a foregone conclusion. But the burning of Rome was another matter. It affected the average citizen and was not to be brushed off lightly. Those who were opposed to Nero claimed he ordered the fire set, out of his distorted imagination, and considering his past record anything was possible. The fact that he appeared rather unconcerned during the entire happenings--or, at least, so people said--gave support to this theory.

Nero himself bellowed that the Christians, that new, mischievous sect of religious fanatics, were responsible. They had been giving Rome all sorts of trouble, going about the streets preaching and denouncing accepted pagan beliefs--the previous emperors had regarded them more or less as nuisances. Nero, who had ignored them the



Silver Tetradrachm 54-68 A.D. Struck at Antioch.

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PERSONALITIES ON ANCIENT COINS (Cont'd)

the same as he ignored everything else, decided this was the chance to show his public spirit. Thus began the now famous persecution of the Christians in which they were given over to the lions while tens of thousands cheered. Their services of worship were forbidden within Rome, even if held in private.

At first Nero reveled in the persecutions. It was taken in the spirit of the times, which were brutal enough, and was considered great fun. If Christians were thrown in jail to starve, they were thought to have gotten their just reward. If Roman soldiers broke up secret masses and killed the participants, they were regarded as heroic.

But things did not continue to go so well for Nero. The following year, 65 A.D., he imagined himself the target of an assassination plot and quickly, nervously began to execute those he felt might be involved. Even the great poet Seneca and Nero's current wife were killed, but nothing could give him peace. The more he exterminated, the more seemed to rise up against him and revolts became the order of the day. The last three years of his life were tormented, as he saw in every action a plot, and the Roman people who he falsely believed had a high regard of him, turned against him.

Finally, in the midst of a serious revolt in 68 A.D. he committed suicide, at the age of 31. As he lay dying his vanity was such that he murmured, "What an artist the world is losing in me!" After a contest for power he was succeeded by Vespasian in 69.

The legends involving Nero are many, though he lived such a short period of time. The classical authors make frequent reference to his habits and much of what was said was undoubtedly true. A lover of wine, women, poetry, the arts, and all forms of luxury, Nero was slothful, unrealistic, and totally unaware of his role in the world. He used the position of emperor only to further his own reckless whims and supply himself greater opportunity for leisure, gluttony, and sport.

Y'S UPNETHERLANDS SILVER 10 GULDEN COIN

It was the first such coin issued by the Netherlands, and is said to have been struck of silver salvaged from about 20 million one gulden pieces which were withdrawn from circulation. This coin was issued in 1970 to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the March 1945 liberation of the Netherlands from Germany's World War II occupation. This two headed coin bears on the obverse the portrait of

Queen Juliana, and on the reverse, the portrait of Queen Wilhelmina, who was in her 55th year as sovereign. The legend on the reverse reads, "Nederland Herrijst" or "Netherlands Uprises", and is a tribute to the resistance movement in the Netherlands, which played a key role in the ultimate defeat of the German forces. The coin was struck of .720 fine silver at the Utrecht Mint, and bears a lettered edge, "God Zij Met Ons" or "God Be With Us".



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June 26-27 (Toronto. Info: Ingrid K. Smith, P.O. Box 865,
October 23-24 (Adelaide St. P.O., Toronto, Ont., M5C 2K1. Phone -
(416 586 0098.
- March 21 MARYSVILLE MICHIGAN COIN CLUB ANNUAL COIN SHOW - American
Legion Hall, 229E Huron Blvd. Marysville, Michigan.
Bourse sold out. Hours 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Free Admission.
Info: Charles Springborn (313) 329 4082.
- March 27 CAMBRIDGE COIN CLUB 2nd ANNUAL COIN SHOW - Lions Club
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- April 3 (HAMILTON COIN CLUB SEMI-ANNUAL COIN SHOW - Royal Can-
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- April 4 KENT COUNTY (CHATHAM) ANNUAL COIN SHOW - Wheels Motor Inn,
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- April 16-18 O.N.A. 31st ANNUAL CONVENTION & SHOW - College Inn,
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N2J 3Z6.
- May 2 (WINDSOR COIN CLUB SPRING SHOW - Knights of Columbus Hall,
(1140 Goyeau St. Hours 9:30- 5:00 p.m.
- November 14 (FALL SHOW - Date & Location to be confirmed in later issue.
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- May 15 BURLINGTON INTERNATIONAL COIN SHOW - Mainway Recreational
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- May 27 PETERBOROUGH COIN CLUB SHOW AND BOURSE - Portage Place
Mall, Chemong Road, Peterborough. Free Admission. Info:
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- June 13 BRANTFORD NUMISMATIC SOCIETY ANNUAL SHOW & BOURSE - Wood-
man Community Centre, 491 Grey Street, Brantford, Free
Admission. Hours 8 a.m.- 5 p.m. Info: B.N.S., Box 351,
Brantford, Ontario, N3T 5N3.
- July 20-25 C.N.A. ANNUAL CONVENTION - Keddy's Brunswick Hotel,
Moncton, N.B. Info: Moncton Coin Club, P.O. Box 54,
Moncton, N.B., E1C 8R9.
- September 11 HURONIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION COIN, STAMP, ANTIQUE
SHOW - Bayfield Mall, Bayfield St. N., Barrie, Ontario
Info: P.O. Box 243, Barrie, Ontario, L4M 4T2.
- September 12 WOODSTOCK COIN CLUB 4th ANNUAL COIN SHOW - U.A.W. Hall,
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549 Grace Street, Woodstock, Ont., N4S 4N7. Hrs. 9 a.m.-
4 p.m.
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SHOW & BOURSE (Cont'd)

- September 18 ST. CATHARINES COIN CLUB ANNUAL COIN SHOW - Russell Ave. Community Centre, 108 Russell Ave., St. Catharines. Info: St. Catharines Coin Club, P.O. Box 1492, St. Catharines, Ontario, L2R 7J9.
- October 31 STRATFORD COIN CLUB ANNUAL COIN SHOW - Stratford Kiwanis Centre, Lakeside Drive, Stratford. Info: Stratford Coin Club, Box 21031, Stratford, Ontario, N5A 7V4.
- November 7 TILLSONBURG COIN CLUB ANNUAL COIN & HOBBY SHOW - Mount Elgin Community Centre, 5 miles south of 401 and 5 miles north of Tillsonburg on Highway 19 - Exit south off 401 on Highway 19, Ingersoll-Tillsonburg exit. Info: W. Baxter 46 Queen Street, Tillsonburg, Ontario, N4G 3G9.
- Second Sunday OTTAWA COIN, STAMP, DEALERS ASSOCIATION SHOW - Nepean Each Month Sportsplex, Woodsroffe Ave., 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. Info: Allan Davis, P.O. Box 307, Carp, Ontario, DOA 1L0.

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