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THE CANADIAN CENT

BY JAMES E. CHARLTON



Canadian cents are an attractive, historically-interesting and inexpensive denomination to collect, thus appealing to both the young and mature collector.

The cents cover a span of one hundred and thirty five years, and the transition of Canada from a sparsely populated, undeveloped country to an industrialized, self-governing dominion of twenty-seven million people.

The large and small cents were issued during the reigns of seven British monarchs, although only six monarchs are represented on the coins. None were issued with the

portrait and legend of King Edward VIII. During his brief reign from January to December of 1936, the coinage of King George V was continued.

The large cents commenced with those of the Province of Canada with the portrait of Queen Victoria, dated 1858 and 1859. The total order of ten million pieces was far above the actual requirement and resulted in a huge surplus. Several million were inherited by the Dominion of Canada at the time of Confederation in 1867. They were issued as Dominion of Canada cents until 1876 when their own issue of large cents commenced.

In the early years, the Dominion cents were only ordered as required which resulted in there being a number of years when none were issued. The years of issue were 1876(H), 1881(H), 1882(H), 1884, 1886, 1887, 1888, and 1890(H) to 1901 in consecutive years. Yearly issues continued for the reigns of King Edward VII, 1902-1910 and King George V, 1911-1920. There are forty dates of the large cents and they are readily available from dealers in Canadian coins at modest prices. (Continued on page 92).



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The C.N.A. convention in Moncton N.B. in July was well attended and the hospitality was first class. Thanks to Geoff Bell, Wayne Gillcash and their top notch crew for a wonderful week in the Maritimes. I am pleased to see another successful convention. The big news was the Elections of office for many of the positions. As president of the O.N.A. I would like to congratulate Dr. Marvin Kay as the new C.N.A. President, Yvon Marquis as First Vice President and Jeffrey Hoare as Second Vice President. The two area directors in Ontario went to Tom Kennedy (South West), and Sean Isaacs (North East). May the next two years be prosperous.

I would also like to take this opportunity to tell you other C.N.A. news from the convention, Congratulations to Kenneth Prophet of Barrie for receiving the J. Douglas Ferguson Award for 1993. This award is the highest C.N.A. award. Congratulations to Geoff Bell for winning the Royal Canadian Mint Award, the Calgary Numismatic Society for the 1992 Louise Graham Memorial Club of the Year Award, Kenneth Prophet for becoming a Fellow of the C.N.A. and to the ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION and Tom Masters for the best regional newsletter. I would like to especially thank Tom Masters for his dedication to the hobby and his editorials over the years. I know that Jeff Fournier, our new editor, has big shoes to fill, but I know he will do well.

I was also in Baltimore Md. at the American Numismatic Association annual convention with our First Vice President, Harvey Farrow. That was the largest convention I have ever seen. Over 450 dealer booths with 2000 Registered Dealers, 15,000 registered guests and five days of hot weather. We arrived with a 99 degree F. (37 C.) heat wave. I can say that it cooled to 92 F. by the time we left Sunday morning, August 1. The sites were fantastic. Two O.N.A. members received their 25 year A.N.A. membership pins, William MacDonald, (our current Award of Merit winner) and Paul Petch of Etobikoke. Congratulations once again to all who had a memorable summer.

Now that the Fall is coming and many local shows are scheduled for the next several months, I would like to see many of our members and friends at these shows. If there is anything the O.N.A. can do to be of assistance, please let me know and WE the O.N.A. will do our best to help.

As always, your President,

RON ZELK

Ron Zelk.





EDITOR'S VIEWS

Hello...It's me again!! Hold onto your hat folks, we're in for a real numismatic journey this issue. On the front page, Jim Charlton, who needs no introduction, opens this issue with an interesting article on the Canadian cent. Later, Jerry Remick writes about a new Canadian Tire Coupon catalog, a medal issued by the Woodstock Coin Club, and some interesting numismatic Christmas ideas. I'll be continuing my series on Computers and Numismatics this issue. And there'll be the usual assortment of news items from clubs, show info. and so forth.

I always enjoy reading the various club newsletters that I receive each month, but would like to see more of them coming my way. If your club doesn't have ye editor on the mailing list, don't delay...send your most recent copy to me ASAP! (P.O. Box 2111, Stn. "A", Sudbury, Ont., P3A 4R8).

Speaking of newsletters, the wry, satirical humour of Waterloo Coin Society editor Mike Hollingshead has been ticklin' my funny bone. I also appreciated the generous compliments he threw my way in the October issue:

"I must congratulate Jeff Fournier on the new format of the ONA Numismatist. It is obvious that Jeff has more time than I and many more editors have, as well as, greater expertise and computer hardware/software. How he does it I don't know, I only hope it lasts!....I suggest that WCS members ask Bruce Raszman for information about becoming members of the Ontario Numismatic Association. The newsletter alone is 'worth the price of admission'."

Thanks for the plug Mike! And to satisfy your curiosity about how I find the time for this newsletter...don't forget, Mike, we Sudburians run on E.S.T. year round (Extended standard time). Yup, that's right! We get an extra 2 hours each day here (that's 26 hours, Mike). During those two extra hours a day, I'm able to get most of this newsletter completed. Of course, typing 42 words/minute helps out a little bit, too.

On to another topic - I received a letter from Ray Desjardin the other day. Ray, as some of you might know, runs a mailorder business selling municipal tokens, medallions, pins etc... and commented on the ONA's policy of not publishing new members' addresses. He commented that as a dealer, and as a collector, he would like to see these published in the future, providing, of course, that the new member agrees to this. Ray maintains that many collectors like to correspond and do a fair bit of buying/selling/trading and swapping coin stories, through the mail. I agree! But I'm really not sure what the executives' reasons are for not publishing these names (as I mentioned before, so long as it's O.K with the new member). Maybe this could be a topic at the next executive meeting.

Since you won't be hearing from me again until January '94 - MERRY CHRISTMAS! (You'll note I've donned the Santa suit for this issue - maybe next issue I'll pose au natural...!)

COMPUTERS & NUMISMATICS

COMPUTERS CAN AID YOUR CLUB

By Jeff Fournier (PART II)

Many coin clubs are now discovering that a computer can be beneficial to their organization. Most clubs are in constant search of new ways to cut costs, improve their newsletters and publicize their meetings and shows. In this article, we'll explore some of the many ways in which a computer can help you meet these goals and many others.

PROFESSIONAL LOOKING NEWSLETTERS

Talk to any veteran numismatist and he's likely to tell you that one of the secrets to a successful club is to regularly publish a newsletter.

The problem which many clubs face, however, is a lack of know-how when it comes to designing and printing such a publication. This is precisely where a computer can help.

Wordprocessing software is one of the easiest types of programs to master and thus lends itself quite readily to the task of producing a top-notch newsletter.

Perhaps you have already had some experience in using wordprocessing programs. If not, you've likely heard how easily your documents can be manipulated and changed once they are inputted into a computer.

Whole sentences, paragraphs or a single word can be moved or deleted with a few keystrokes. Thus, it is a simple task to correct spelling errors or re-arrange your written thoughts on the computer screen.

Often used phrases or words can be saved onto a disk for future or repeated usage, eliminating the need for retyping. You may, as an example, wish to include the names of your executive committee on the front page of your newsletter. Instead of typing these names each time you create a new newsletter, type them once, then save them in a separate file for inclusion in future issues.

Some of the newer wordprocessing software is quite sophisticated and allows you to use different fonts (style of type), set up "newspaper column" format (two or more columns of type per page - just as in a newspaper), and include graphics (pictures and symbols).

Another type of program which can be used quite successfully even by a computer novice is desktop publishing software ("DTP" for short). This is similar to a wordprocessing program but is designed especially for the production of newsletters and so forth. I would recommend a program such as "NewsMaster" or "First Publisher" since they are quite inexpensive and easy to use.

Oshawa & District Coin Club
Box 212, Oshawa, Ontario L1H 7L1

NEWSLETTER

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COIN SHOW

You may notice that this issue of the newsletter is being delivered a little early as our next meeting isn't until OCT 17 1993. I thought I would send the newsletter out a little early just to remind everyone of our SHOW. Remember now, our show is to be held at the Pickering Town Centre on OCT 09 1993. We have 18 dealers of which 5 of them we haven't seen before at any of our shows. There will be 24 dealer tables and 2 club tables, the club tables will be beside the Sociobank & Toronto Dominion Bank entrances. The dealer tables will run from the Dominion Store down to the K-Mart store. If you get a chance, please try and attend our show, I'm sure if your looking for something special, you will find it here.

Area Code Change

Just a reminder, as of Oct 05 1993 the area code (416) will be changed to (905) for all numbers surrounding Toronto. My current plan is update the Club phone records will be to change all area code listings to 905 for all members and dealers that have a postal code starting with 'L'. Please note 'L' is used for all towns and cities surrounding Toronto. If your area code isn't changing and your Postal Code starts with 'L', please let me know!

Next Meeting

As I mentioned the next Club meeting will be held at the Arts Resource Centre (Map on reverse) on OCT 17 1993 at 12:30 P.M. If you know anyone that may be interested in Numismatics, please bring them along, remember that everyone is welcome.

Niagara Falls Show

I managed to take in the Niagara Falls show on the weekend of Sept. 24 - 26 1993, there was a lot of coin dealers at this show. The floor didn't seem to be very busy on Saturday when I was walking around, but the dealers seem to be doing well. This show is held in the Skyline Tower and is very noisy due to the arcade and rides that are in the basement. Bidding at the auction seems to be going very well, most of the coins were going for less than the estimates, but then again the estimates were a little high. This show is sponsored by the CON and they were giving out FREE words commemorating their 30 years of numismatic service to Canadians.

Moninating Committee

As we didn't get any volunteers at our last meeting, we will need to get some volunteers at the next meeting to form our moninating committee, remember that the moninating committee only has to find people that want to run for one of the many available positions. Without volunteers we will have a hard time having elections, we should be thankful that we don't have the problems our governments do, he he

Attendance Draw Coupon

Oshawa & District Coin Club
Attendance Draw * OCT 17 1993

NAME: _____
Membership #: _____

Your EXECUTIVE for 1992 to 1993:
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Editor & Membership: Earl McLane Secretary: Nancy Alexander Librarian: Sharon McLane
Chairman: Albert Kamman, Bob Proter, Ed Kopic, Les Sigurd, Paul Legros, David Latham, Harvey Farnes

Oshawa & Dist. Coin Club Newsletter



DTP programs are useful when you wish to create multi-column newsletters with graphics incorporated into them. Most will also allow you to create boxes, lines and sometimes, your own drawings. Used along with a dot-matrix or laser printer, a professional looking bulletin can be created within a couple of hours.

Your club newsletter could include feature articles on decimal coins, members' collecting interests or beginning a coin collection. It could also incorporate brief summaries of stories from a few of the numismatic publications which you receive. Club minutes should be a regular feature, since they allow those members who were not able to attend the meeting to keep abreast of the latest happenings. Also, you may decide to begin a classified section where members can advertise for coins they need or are willing to sell. The possibilities are endless. Use your own imagination. Start by collecting articles, and other information which you need, from various sources including other members. This information can be entered into the computer at various intervals. Experiment with different fonts and layouts. Above all, don't try to fit too much on a page as you risk overcrowding. Include graphics to draw attention to important articles or announcements such as club shows.

The beauty of using a computer for your newsletter lies in the fact that you can actually see your finished product on the computer screen before you print it up. If you are not pleased with the results, manipulate and move articles, paragraphs and graphics until the desired results are obtained. Once this has been accomplished, proof read it, save your work on a disk (you should actually do this several times during your work session) and then print it out on your printer.



One alternative to using a dot-matrix printer, which yields inferior quality documents when compared with a laser printer, might be to bring your disk with the saved newsletter to a professional desktop publishing firm. Here, they can print your newsletter on a laser printer for a few dollars. Remember, you've done all the work - the layout, typing and so forth - and all the printer has to do is print it up. Voila!! your newsletter is complete. Now you can reproduce it on a photocopier to make the required number of copies for your members.

ADVERTISE YOUR CLUB

In a sense, your club is like a business - not that it is out to make a huge profit - but because it must be promoted constantly. Coin clubs must be kept in the public eye to ensure that all potential members are aware of its existence. What better way to do this than to create some promotional brochures and posters?

Some clubs have, in the past, put together brochures about the history of their organization, its objectives and so on. Then, they have gone off to the printers to have it typeset and printed up. The same goes for posters which perhaps were spread around town to advertise an upcoming meeting or show.

Now here's an opportunity to put your computer to work! Why not take advantage of some of the desktop publishing programs and/or graphics/paint programs to create a neat and inexpensive brochure for your club. You can also design posters featuring graphics, perhaps your club logo, and any



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NICKEL BELT COIN CLUB POSTER

pertinent information appropriate for the circumstances. Once you've completed your brochure or poster, it's simply a matter of making the required number of copies at the copy shop. This could save your club hundreds of dollars in printing costs.

Some clubs, before now, were unable to have professional looking posters and so forth because the cost was prohibitive. A computer should allow more clubs to increase their advertising output and hopefully, draw new members.

OTHER USES



Why not keep a record of members in your club on a computer? Data base programs lend themselves to this task.

You might also want to make a listing of library books in your club library so that members are made aware of the titles available. This listing can be easily updated once the original is inputted.

Forms, forms and more forms....It seems that forms are used endlessly for most coin clubs: applications for memberships, member questionnaires, forms for club auctions and the list goes on. Why not produce these on your computer as well. The task is really quite simple by using any number of programs such as a spreadsheet (Lotus 123 with the "Always" add-in is a good example) or a DTP program to jazz the form up a little bit.



And we're not forgetting you Mr. Secretary! Those countless hours spent writing letters to other clubs or in answer to inquiries can be reduced by using a wordprocessing program.

Last, but certainly not least, the club's financial records can be easily handled - again by a spreadsheet program - and kept up to date with the computer. PART III: "CATALOGUING YOUR COLLECTION WITH A COMPUTER".



CANADIAN CENTS (CONT. FROM PAGE 87)



The few varieties and those in above average condition will cost more, but considerably less than most other denominations of Canadian coins for the same period.

In 1920, as a matter of economy, a change was made to a small cent similar in size and composition to that of the United States. In 1982 the small cent was changed from a round to a twelve-sided piece and reduced in weight by 10.7%. In addition, a substantial saving in production cost, it was easier for the blind to identify. The small cents are yearly issues and apart from the 1922 to 1926 dates, which were released in small quantities, a date set is not difficult to assemble at affordable cost. Although not unobtainable, acquiring the early dates in new condition can present an interesting challenge. Most collectable varieties of the small cents are easily obtained and inexpensive. (Reference material from the Charlton Standard Catalog of Canadian Coins).



Shoulder Fold



1947



No Shoulder Fold

ONTARIO COIN CLUBS

NOTE: I would like "Ontario Coin Clubs" to be a semi-regular feature of the Ontario Numismatist. If your club would like to be featured here, send me information about how the club was started, who was involved, what you do at your meetings, your logo and so forth. You may write it up yourself, or I could write it for you...as long as all pertinent details are included. Also, if your club has issued a medal, token or other numismatic item, include details (mintage figures, photocopy, compositions, reason for issue etc...).

THE WOODSTOCK COIN CLUB

The Woodstock Coin Club was formed in June of 1957 by an enthusiastic group of local collectors. The first meeting was held on June 26th at the old Y.M.C.A building, now the site of Canada Trust. Many members of the London Coin Club attended and assisted in the early stages of the Woodstock Coin Club's formation.

Soon, an executive was elected and included Jack Griffin as President, Jim Walker as Vice President, Bill Allen, Secretary and Gordon Bowerman as Treasurer. Two directors - Albert White and Charles Piper - were also elected.

A small bulletin was printed for each meeting and a full slate of events were planned.

Before long, the club grew in numbers until membership reached 30.

A banquet was first held in January of 1960 with 130 registrants.

The club began striking a series of medals in 1965 which continued until 1973. Each medal contained a local theme or building, and were struck in a variety of metals including silver, bronze and nickel-silver, for most years.

In 1988, the club's medal series was re-instituted, beginning with a piece commemorating the 150th anniversary of the first recorded baseball game in Canada played at Beachville on June 4th, 1838.

Another medal, featuring a rooster was issued in 1990 followed by a piece issued in 1993 (described in more detail in Jerry Remick's column).

These later series have many varieties and present a challenge to the individual wishing to complete a collection.

By the mid-1970's, club membership began to slump, due in large part to a slump in coin collecting in general. The club ceased activities for many years until it was revived by Charles Laister.



One of the highlights for the club came in 1989 when they, along with the Ingersoll Coin Club and Tillsonburg Coin Club, hosted the annual ONA convention.

(If your club has issued a medal in the past, I would be pleased to receive information about it such as how many were struck, by whom and in what metals. Write the ONA Editor with details!)

JERRY'S CORNER

FREE DIE AVAILABLE FOR PERSONALIZED CHRISTMAS MEDALS



A die is available without charge for making 38 mm personalized Christmas medals in brilliant gold-plated copper and nickel-silver.

The die shows a horse pulling a sleigh with several homes in the background and trees. "1993" is below the design. "MERRY CHRISTMAS" in English, Spanish, French and Russian is around the outer part.

The die is in the possession of Pressed Metal Products, 505 Alexander St., Vancouver, B.C., V6A 1C8 (telephone 604-251-

2454). They cut the die and can make the medals. A personalized die with one's name, address and other data would run \$200. 100 medals are \$3.30 each plus postage. A smaller quantity of medals can be ordered.

Jerry Remick paid for the Christmas die. There is no charge to use it. A Christmas die has been available annually for public use, free of charge, since 1983.

A sample personal medal with the 1993 Christmas design on one side and Jerry Remick's personal logo on the other side is available in brilliant gold-plated copper or nickel-silver at \$3.25 postpaid each or 3 for \$9.95 postpaid from Jerry Remick, P.O. Box 9183, Sainte Foy, Que., G1V 4B1.



Jerry Remick



4TH EDITION OF BILODEAU'S CANADIAN TIRE COUPON CATALOG



The 4th edition of the "Guide Bilodeau" by Ovide Bilodeau, Ghislaine Memme and Jerome Fourre was released early in October postpaid at \$24.95 for members of the CCCT and \$29.90 for non-members from Jerome Fourre, P.O. Box 74, New Glasgow, Que., J0R 1J0. Please make payment to the order of Jerome Fourre.

This completely bilingual catalog on Canadian Tire Cash Bonus Coupons is bound by a deluxe

three-ring binder, permitting updating in the future without purchasing a new catalogue. The 175 catalogue is printed on 5.5" X 8.5" pages. The catalogue is divided into eight sections, each separated by a cardboard page with tab extending outward .5" from the other pages printed with the title of the section. The sections are as follows:

Introduction, Canadian Tire Gas Bar Coupons, Canadian Tire Store Coupons, Sandy McTire Coupons, Montcalm Coupons, Canadian Tire Catalogues, Miscellaneous Canadian Tire Coupons and token prices. A photo of both sides of each type of coupon is presented as well as a text with details on the issue



became a member of the cabinet of Sir Wilfred Laurier.

Ken and Eleanor Ovington, members of the Woodstock Coin Club, designed the medal. Their initials are inscribed to the right of the lower part of Mr. Sutherland.

Pressed Metal Products, 505 Alexander, Vancouver, B.C. cut the dies and struck the following mintages on 38 mm antiqued planchets: silver-plated copper (500), gold-plated copper (250), copper (250) and pure silver (35). The obverse and reverse sides are not rotated. The pure silver medals were sold out during the first hour of the 1993 Zorra Highland games, so a second striking was made with the obverse and reverse sides rotated 180 degrees and consisted of 68 in pure silver and 20 in copper.

Specimens are available postpaid at \$8.00 each for the copper, gold-plated and silver-plated specimens and \$36.00 for the pure silver specimens from Mr. Rollie Rutherford, P.O. Box 89, Embro, Ont., N0J 1J0 (telephone 519-475-4171). This is one of the best designed club medals I have seen in a long time. The medal shows good detail and good relief.



NEW ISSUES

The Royal Canadian Mint has issued its 4th platinum proof set in a five-year program that started in 1990. The three previous sets paid tribute to the polar bear (1990), the snowy owl (1991) and the cougar (1992). The 1993 set is a tribute to the Arctic fox, and was designed by Montreal artist Claudio D'Angelo. Mintage will be limited to 3500 sets and will sell for \$1955 Canadian. The set is available from the Royal Bank coin dealers or directly from the RCM, P.O. Box 476, Station A, Ottawa, K1N 9H3 or through the RCM's toll-free phone line: 1-800-267-1871.

The coins come in four denominations: \$30, \$75, \$150 and \$300, and are all .9995% pure.



SHOW & BOURSE



NOVEMBER 7 - TILLSONBURG COIN CLUB ANNUAL COIN & HOBBY SHOW

Mount Elgin Community Centre, 5 mile south of 401 and 5 mile north of Tillsonburg on hwy. 19 - exit south off 401 on hwy. 19, Ingersoll-Tillsonburg exit. Info: W. Baxter, 46 Queen St., Tillsonburg, Ont. N4G 3G9. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

NOVEMBER 14 - WINDSOR COIN CLUB FALL SHOW

Knights of Columbus Mall, 1140 Goyeau St. Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Info: Ron Binder 9519254-6855 or 2279 Hall Ave., Windsor, N8W 2L8.

NOVEMBER 27 - WATERLOO COIN SOCIETY COIN SHOW

The Rink in the Park, Seagram Dr., Waterloo. Hours 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free Admission and Free Parking. Info: Don Robb, P.O. box 22062, Westmount Postal Outlet, Waterloo, Ont., N2L 6J7.

APRIL 22-24/94 - O.N.A. CONVENTION - HOSTED BY THE NORTH YORK COIN CLUB

Holiday Inn, North York, Ont. For info contact: The North York Coin Club, P.O. Box 58508, Corner Plaza P.O., 197 Sheppard Ave. East, North York, Ont., M2N 6R7 (*Note the change in location*, as per info. received from Bruce Raszman - more details next issue).

SECOND SUNDAY EACH MONTH - OTTAWA COIN, STAMP, DEALERS ASSOC. SHOW

Nepean Sportsplex, Woodsroffe Ave., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Info: Allan Davis, P.O. box 397, Carp, Ont., D0A 1L0.

Send info. regarding shows, displays, special club events to: JEFF FOURNIER, P.O. BOX 2111, STN. "A", SUDBURY, ONT., P3A 4R8. Next deadline for the Jan./Feb. issue of the "Ontario Numismatist" is Jan. 1/93



CLUB NEWS



CHAMPLAIN COIN CLUB

11 members turned out for the October meeting, presided over by vice-president Scott. Plans were made for the banquet to be held Nov. 4th and featuring a hot turkey dinner. Santa will be paying a visit, and a film will be shown.

HURONIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

The club meeting featured a roast beef dinner with Master of Ceremonies being John Regitko. Coming events include elections and donation auction in November and a Christmas party the 3rd Thursday in December.

INGERSOLL COIN CLUB

Editor Tom Masters commented in the October bulletin about the number of Fall coin shows and wondered if there were too many at this time. "It seems to me that if you are planning a show, there are more dates available in the spring", he commented.

It was noted at the September meeting that the November banquet was cancelled, to be replaced by a special lunch at the December 20th banquet.

The October meeting was to feature "Canada's Commemorative Dollars 1935-1967" and a "History of the Ingersoll Coin Club".

LAKESHORE COIN CLUB

At the September meeting of the Lakeshore Coin Club Pat Campbell talked about all the numismatic references he found in all the "Sherlock Holmes" mysteries. He concentrated on the coins which were almost all from Queen Victoria. He covered each denomination from a farthing to a guinea and related where each piece was used and in which story. He showed a complete collection (type) of Victoria coins and also brought 2 books on Sherlock Holmes, one containing all of the stories and the other showing book plates and drawings. Over 30 members attended the 1st meeting of the 1993 - 1994 season.

NICKEL BELT COIN CLUB

22 members were present at the October meeting. The topic for the afternoon was "coin storage and protection" - a brief talk and display by the President, Jeff Fournier, covering various methods of storing coins. A 65 lot auction was held and approx. 85% of all lots sold. Members were reminded that the donation auction would be held at the January meeting.

NORTH YORK COIN CLUB

The club's Oct. 2 show was a huge success with dealers having a "killer of a day" in sales. The club came out with a profit. The Sept. meeting featured John Regitko speaking on coin designer Don Patterson. Paul Johnson talked about his interest in collecting trains on medals or coins. Paul Petch presented info. on the Preservation of books in the home and Norm Belsten talked about collecting wooden nickels.

At the Oct 26th meeting, a "CNA Night" was planned, as was a donation auction to help support N.E.S.A, the education arm of the CNA.

THE STRATFORD COIN CLUB

Due to the holiday on Oct. 11, the October meeting was held on Oct.18. The program of events scheduled included a film on Emanuel Hahn and an auction. Members were reminded in the newsletter, edited by Ken Wilmot, that the club's coin show would be held on Oct.31 at the Kiwanis Community Center.

WATERLOO COIN SOCIETY

Members of the WCS were transported back to the classroom on Oct. 20th when teacher and WCS member Chris Boyer showed a special show on the RCM Canada 125 coin program.

In the newsletter, editor, Mike Hollingshead, commented on the success of the club's "mall promo days", their auctions, interesting meetings and excellent attendance (often 45-50 members).

Planned for the October meeting: Chris Boyer was bringing in a carload of school students. On a final note, the club's coin show is planned for Nov. 27 at The Rink in the Park.

WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOUR CLUB! Are you currently sending your club newsletter or a brief outline about what's going on at your club to the ONA editor. If not, put us on your mailing list. Even if you don't have a newsletter, let us know what's going on in your club. How's the hobby scene in your area? Write to the ONA Editor Jeff Fournier, P.O. Box 2111 Str. "A", Sudbury, Ont., P3A 4R8.



MEMBERSHIP

The applications for membership which appeared in the Sept/Oct. issue of the Ontario Numismatist have been accepted.

C103 London Numismatic Society, c/o James A. Finch - Pres., London, Ont., N5Y 3A5

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

1356 Chris Ladouceur, Ottawa, Ont.

1357 Bernard Kline, Halifax, N.S.

1358 Steven M. Playter, Brampton, Ontario

1359 Peter Kostyk, Niagara Falls, Ontario, L2G 7G4

C104 Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors - Southern Ontario Chapter, c/o Norm Belsten, Downsview, Ont., M3L 1K8

HAVE YOU RECRUITED A NEW MEMBER YET THIS YEAR? DO YOUR PART TO HELP THE ONA GROW IN NUMBERS. SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT OUR ORGANIZATION.

ONA CLASSIFIEDS

The **"ONA CLASSIFIEDS"** will be a regular feature of this bulletin from now on...providing **YOU** want them. Send in your buy, sell, or trade ads c/o the ONA Editor, P.O. Box 2111 Stn. "A", Sudbury, Ont., P3A 4R8. Deadline for next issue is Jan.1/94. Please keep your ads to 3 or 4 lines.



WANTED: Canadian medallions, issued by coin clubs, municipalities, fraternities and so forths. What have you got? Also interested in Canadian municipal tokens (trade dollars). I'm looking to complete my collection of ONA medals, CNA medals and more. Also interested in Kenora 1936 Lake of the Woods bronze medal. Write with details, description, price. I will buy any and all if the price is reasonable (also will consider trades). Jeff Fournier, P.O. Box 2111 Stn. "A", Sudbury, Ont., P3A 4R8, phone: 705-560-7385.

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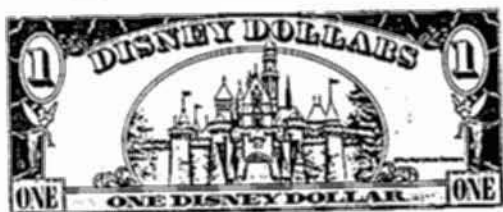
London, Ontario issued a \$2 trade token this year to commemorate the city's founding 200 years ago by John Graves Simcoe. Graves is featured on the obverse and the historic Middlesex County Court House is on the reverse. They were minted in Nickel-bonded-steel, pure gold, antique-copper-plate, silver-plate and gold-plate. (Thanks to Tom Kostaluk for supplying the info.)



A TOPICAL COLLECTION FROM VARIOUS NUMISMATIC FIELDS

By Jerry Remick

A topical collection of specimens from a number of numismatic fields, including coins, banknotes, tokens, medals, scrip, wooden nickels and other numismatic collectables, offers the collector a much wider choice of specimens for a topical collection than such a collection that is limited to pieces from just one of the above-mentioned numismatic fields. It's up to the collector to decide how many numismatic fields to include in a topical collection. A topical collection can be limited to say just metallic pieces and thus eliminates banknotes, scrip, wooden nickels and plastic tokens.



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topic, a collector can derive a great many pleasant hours of looking through dealers' albums and junk boxes at any coin show or in a dealer's store.

A topical collection offers full freedom and is a pleasant contrast to the more rigid collecting of a date series or a series of coins or banknotes for a certain country or group of countries, as there are not holes to fill in, no checklists and probably few known rare pieces. It is always possible to find what will turn out to be a scarce or rare piece of one's topic in a dealer's junk box or for a modest price.



TRAINS

There is absolutely no reason why a topical collection must be limited to just one numismatic collectable, coins for example. However, unfortunately, this is the way topical collecting is usually presented in an article, with emphasis on banknotes or coins as the collectable field.

With such a wide variety of numismatic fields to search through for pieces pertaining to a particular



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The topic should interest the collector. It could be closely related to the collector's job or spare time interests. It is important to choose a topic that is not too large, if the collector wishes to collect pieces from a number of numismatic fields. Some suggestions for topics are: animals (perhaps too much material available), sea mammals, birds, fish, flowers, trees, mountains, farming scenes, industrial scenes, food, explorers, musical instruments, industries, musicians, medical doctors, men of science, men of learning, horse and buggies, bridges, trains, boats and ships, airplanes, automobiles, different materials used for numismatic pieces including all metals and alloys, or even postage stamps, coins/medals/tokens which depict reduced size reproductions of coins and medals. A topical collection, involving collectables from more than one numismatic field can give a great deal of satisfaction to the collector and also to the viewer of such a collection as

there is much contrast in the collection.

A collector can write an illustrated article on his/her topical collection. Such articles do not often appear in the ONA bulletin.



ANIMALS

GREAT IDEAS

Like any editor, I'm constantly on the lookout for story ideas, bits and pieces of info. of relevance to the readers of this bulletin and so forth.

I'm always delighted to receive articles and story ideas from members and would encourage all to contribute something from time to time.

Sometimes, what stops a person from contributing is merely a lack of ideas, a perceived lack of qualifications or expertise, or a lack of time.

To help you, the members, and to encourage submissions to our newsletter, I will offer a few suggestions to you that may spark your interest, tickle your fancy and incite you to send something in.

Anyone can contribute something worthwhile and remember, the more that contribute, the better our bulletin will be!

A FEW IDEAS

If you're interested in writing an article for the "ONA NUMISMATIST", you might consider writing about some of the following items:

**Canadian paper money (A general article on this topic would be appreciated)*

**A brief History of your club, or a paragraph or two (more if you wish) about what you do at your club meetings, why your club is successful, your auction, educational programs etc...*

**An autobiographical piece - how did you start collecting? Why do you collect? What do you collect?*

**A biographical piece - Do you know another collector of interest that you could do a story about?*

**Canadian decimals: choose one denomination such as the silver dollar, 5 cent piece, 25 cent piece etc... or perhaps one particular year of a particular denomination - write a story about it.*

**How to grade coins, store your coins, buying and selling coins - an article(s) covering the basics.*

**Foreign coins: Write a general article about foreign coins - where can you buy them? What are the various ways you can collect?*

**Books: Make a list of some of the best books available to coin collectors - which ones are essential for the serious student of numismatics - which ones do you think are the best.*

**Exonomia: A brief article about medals, tokens, masonic items, Canadian tire money etc...etc... the possibilities are endless here.*

**Interview your local dealer, or one you deal with often asking questions such as: which coins are hot? Which coins are not? Ask about recommended tips for buying and selling to him? What are his picks for the best performing coins in the near term/far term?*

If you don't feel confident about your writing abilities, do some research on one of the above topics or another of your choice. Put what you've found down on paper in a logical sequence and send it in to the editor who will write it up for you.

If you still don't have the inclination to write, keep your eyes peeled for good articles from other publications and send a copy in to the editor. Maybe information from it can be used for a future article. Send in your club newsletter, if you're not doing so already (you could also send in a copy of a newsletter, or info. in the newsletter, from a regional/specialty organization)

Send in info. about a recent numismatic discovery you've made.

Send in photos or photocopies of an interesting coin, medal or token.

Get involved, help out, share your thoughts, write a letter to the editor, but please contribute in some way. And thanks to all of those who have already done so!!