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COINS & SUPERSTITION

By Jeff Fournier

Money -- possibly the most inventive and influential creation of humankind -- figures prominently, not only in our every day financial transactions, but in our modern-day superstitions as well. Many of these superstitions are rooted in ancient customs and beliefs passed down to us for generations.

Today, it is not uncommon for people to carry a "lucky" coin in their pocket or purse, or to throw a coin into a fountain and make a wish. We've all heard the old remark "find a penny, pick it up, all that day you'll have good luck!" And certainly, if you've ever given a purse or wallet as a gift, you were careful to place a coin in it first, to ensure the recipient would receive good luck and fortune.

Our earliest records of superstitions relating to money actually date back to the 7th or 8th century, BC, when coins first came into general use in Asia Minor, in the Kingdom of Lydia.

Umbrian sailors, according to ancient scribes, were said to have thrown coins over the sides of their vessels as offerings to the sea gods who, it was hoped, would grant a safe journey. This was, in fact, the precursor to the modern-day custom of throwing money into a wishing well.

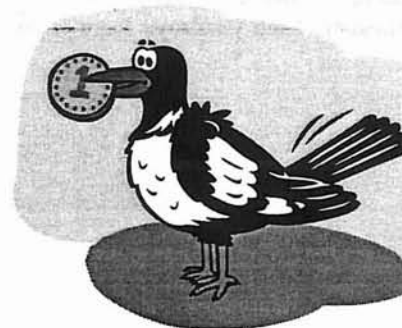
The naval custom of placing a coin at the foot of the mast may have its roots in an old Roman custom of putting coins in the mouths of the dead to pay their way across the River Styx - assuring the dead of a safe passage into the afterlife.

And a similar custom, practiced by the Chinese, was to place a small coin in the mouth of the deceased as a good-luck charm.

In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, encased coins were produced (a coin encircled by a metal collar) and impressed with the inscription "good luck". These were carried or worn in the hopes the individual would receive good fortune.

By mid-20th century, our own modern-day superstitions about money were beginning to take form, such as the belief that the \$2 bill, nicknamed "deuce", was somehow synonymous with the devil.

What other superstitions relating to coins and money do you know of, and how did they first come about?



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A PROMISE COMING TRUE!

At time of writing I have listened to the Politicians promise everything from lower taxes to a balanced budget. Now I know everyone will be tired of listening to the political GOBBLY GOOK, but I wanted to get in my own promise.

While probably considered a computer nerd, I'd like to let everyone know that I hope to be online before the next issue and at that time will reveal the address that will reach me. While this may not affect most Members, I feel there is a significant number of members who can take advantage of it.

One Convention is just over when planning the next is under way. I would once again like to thank the Windsor Coin Club Committee for the great effort they put into the Show this year! I have heard nothing but praise for your efforts.

The 1998 Convention will be held in Ottawa at the Citidal Hotel on Lyon Street. I am sure with the Mint and Bank of Canada Museum so close there will be plenty of opportunity to take in both. Now is the time to block off the dates for the Convention. April 17 to April 19, 1998. More information will be forthcoming shortly.

Kenneth Wilmot



PICTURES COMPLIMENTS OF PAUL JOHNSON

Clockwise from left: 1) Paul Johnson showing his certificate presented to him for attending 25 consecutive O.N.A. banquets, 1973-1997; 2) Don Robb (right) presents Brian Cornwell (left) with O.N.A. "Award of Merit" for 1997; 3) Banquet speaker: Rich Giedroye from Coin World.



EDITOR'S VIEWS



Oh, the lazy, hazy days of summer are upon us! For me, it's truly been a summer of relaxation and taking it easy....no yard work for me this year. No pesky grass cutting. Gardening work -- what's that? Painting and driveway sealing --- no sir! NOT FOR THIS GUY!!! And about my job -- who needs it! I'm semi-retired!!

Please, don't get the wrong idea, folks! I'm not on permanent vacation. I didn't renounce my duty as husband, father and co-worker and purposely relinquish the title of "Jack-of-all trades" (master of none, or so I've been told). Actually, this summer, I've been nursing a damaged Achilles tendon - a severed one, actually. Who'd have thought such a little thing could cause such a big headache.... surgery to reattach the tendon, 3 months in a cast (Aug. 19th is "CO" day -- i.e: cast off day) and then, another several weeks of therapy to follow. No swimming for me this summer. Bungee jumping, parachuting, white water rafting and the ironman triathlon will have to be put off until next summer, I guess.

Thank goodness for an understanding wife who's taken on most of the household duties, and to an understanding boss who's been letting me work from home for the past week (which I will continue to do until sometime into September or October anyway). But enough about me....on to numismatics!

In this edition, we have a real potpourri of info., articles and other items for you. I wanted to keep reading light while you lounged around the pool sipping your Long Island Iced Teas!

By the time you receive this bulletin, the CNA will be history. We'll have a report on it in an upcoming issue if one of our members who attended sends an article in.

Meanwhile, enjoy the rest of the summer and why not take in some of the fine numismatic exhibits this summer while you vacation away. Check out the Glenbow museum coin exhibit when you're in Alberta, the Big Nickel coin collection when in Sudbury, the early Indian Wampum, tokens, medals, coins and paper money at the Midland Museum, the Bank of Canada Currency Museum and Royal Canadian Mint in Ottawa and the Chateau Ramazey collection in Montreal.

Check the local yellow pages while you're on the road and drop in on the many coin dealers in the country. Investigate the flea markets and antique shows....who knows what you might find. Catch up on your numismatic reading. And last but certainly not least, introduce a friend to collecting. Encourage a child to start a collection. Circulate some inexpensive "collector coins" in your area -- promote the hobby -- and have a great summer!!

Send show dates, club information and articles directly to Jeff Fournier

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MASTERS' KOIN KORNER

By Thomas Masters

Most Coin and stamp collectors and those who metal detect are interested in history. For those who are, and when visiting the Toronto area, they should take some time to visit Larry Becker's Warehouse at 438 Limestone Crescent in North York. Here in this warehouse is a collector's dream, where such items as all kinds of militaria memorabilia, postcards, hats, comic books, stock and bond certificates, old paper money, coins, medals, plaques, bottles, and countless other things are there for your enjoyment and purchase.

During your metal detecting you may have discovered some medals etc. of the past. These medals have a significant bit of history, any may also be worth a few dollars. Also, if you don't want to part with them, Larry may be able to give you some background history on that find. It seems Larry is never too busy to spend a few minutes with anyone who drops in, and to give them a special tour of his place.

The will be the final episode on some special events I have experienced in my long association in numismatics. Future columns will relate to stories relating to specific coins. My experience may find its way back into the column from time to time in the future.

The two instances will deal with large and small cents and happened in the villages of Komoka and Delaware in 1962 or 1963. When calling on Matheson's Grocery Store in Komoka, a woman brought into the store a 6 quart basket of

pennies and asked Gert Matheson to take them off her account. Gert was none too pleased, but knowing I was interested in coins, offered me the chance to go through them - count, roll; and tell her how many were in the basket so she could take the amount from the owner's account. This basket couldn't be carried by the handle because of the weight, and for the rest of the day, rested on the floor boards of my vehicle. Several hours were spent counting, sorting, and rolling this hoard, and I got several George V coins (1920-1936) and various other dates in the George VI coins that might be in shorter supply in later years (1937-38-39-44 & 48). Also in the hoard were 3 or 4 large Canadian cents, the dates which have escaped me, leading me to believe they were of the common large cent variety. A lot of pleasure was derived from sorting through these coins in a time when going through rolls from the bank was very popular.

The other incident happened in front of McTaggart's General Store in Delaware while waiting for him to open at 7:00 a.m. There was a tap on the side window of my truck and a man who I had never seen before offered me a bag of large cents. He said there were 32 large Canadian cents and 1 Strait Settlement Coin, and asked for \$7.50 for the lot. This figured out to less than 25 cents each and he indicated that McTaggart had told him I might be interested in buying these coins. I bought the coins and that

evening, while sorting through them, discovered coins from Victoria (1858-1901), Edward VII (1902-1919), George V (1911-1920). The prize in this purchase was a 1907H which alone was worth more than the total paid for the lot.

Coins do turn up in very unexpected places even today. My phone rings about people wanting to sell their coins and some from strange places. One such this last month was from the morgue at one of our local funeral homes.

I was taken downstairs to where they kept the caskets. From one of these a bag of coins was removed, and we went into another room where there were bright lights and a stainless steel table. A cover was placed on this table and the coins dumped from the bag. I was told that this room was the morgue, and the table where we had the coins was where they prepared the body for burial. Yes, I purchased the coins, and coins do turn up in strange places.



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Press Release

For Immediate Release:

COIN COLLECTORS CELEBRATE COIN MONTH CANADA DURING OCTOBER 1997

Windsor, Ont. April 19 1997: The Canadian Numismatic Association, at its executive meeting today at the Ontario Numismatic Association Convention, approved the designation of October 1997 as COIN MONTH CANADA ("CMC"). The CNA has been the leading organization and sponsor of Coin Week Canada and is pleased to officially expand the event to the month of October in 1997.

Participating coin clubs and collectors throughout the country will schedule coin shows, displays and other special events of their choosing within their communities during October to celebrate COIN MONTH CANADA. The CNA and numismatists throughout the country hope to develop synergy in promoting the hobby both by having local groups coordinate Coin Month activities within their communities with their local meetings, etc. and by promoting the hobby in a unified fashion during October.

"The development of COIN MONTH CANADA has been a popular request by several collectors and member clubs and is a logical progression for our hobby" indicated Yvon Marquis, President of the CNA. "This move provides the vehicle for the necessary promotion of our hobby by allowing an adequate and flexible time form for collectors through to the country to participate in their own way." added Bill Waychison, Chairperson, Coin Month Canada -1997.

The Canadian Numismatic Association is Canada's leading numismatic association with membership in excess of 1,800 persons and numerous member organizations. The CNA will hold its annual convention, July 23 - 27 1997 in Moncton, NB. Information regarding numismatics, the CNA, and several of its member organizations may be obtained on the Internet at the *Canadian Numismatic Network* site at <http://home.ican.net/~nunetcan>.

For further information contact Yvon Marquis, CNA President, CP 687, Bic Québec G0L 1B0 or Kenneth B. Prophet, Executive Secretary, PO Box 226, Barrie, Ont L4M 4T2; tel: (705) 737-0845; fax: (705) 737-0293.



The C.N.A. Canadian Numismatic Course Saturday, November 1, 1997

Would you like to learn more about the hobby of coin collecting? The Canadian Numismatic Association has an exciting one day course for you.

- a classroom setting
- seven different instructors
- a wide range of topics relating to Canadian numismatics
- fun and fellowship

Date : **Saturday, November 1 - 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM**

Location : **Humber College**
205 Humber College Blvd., (south of Finch Avenue and east of
Etobicoke, Ontario Hwy. 427)
(free parking is available)

Registration

Cost : **\$ 25.00 per person** (includes Certificate of Participation,
handouts, coffee and numismatic books)

This one day course is the first of its kind planned by the Canadian Numismatic Association and is being co-sponsored by the Numismatic Educational Services Association. The course is an ambitious event with the goal of educating collectors about the beauty, historical and economic importance of Canadian coins, tokens, medals and paper money. The seven well qualified instructors will present a topic and supplement the discussion with slides, videos, overheads, demonstrations, handouts and displays of actual numismatic material.

<u>Instructor</u>	<u>Topic</u>
* Paul Petch	Canadian Coins and Commemoratives
* John Regitko	The Coining Process
Chris Boyer	A Review of Canadian Paper Money
Ted Leitch	Canadian Tokens
* Dr. Marvin Kay	Collecting Strategies
Susan Maltby	Coin Preservation
* Brian Cornwell	Coin Grading
* Paul Johnson	(Moderator)

* Planning Committee

There will be ample opportunity to ask questions and to obtain a better understanding of Canadian numismatic topics. The majority of the instructors were original writers of the CNA / NESAs Numismatic Correspondence Course and all have an excellent knowledge in their area of interest. This course is being planned as the next step in the educational process. The material presented is more in depth and detailed than the original Correspondence Course, but is easy for every collector to understand. Although there were chapter tests to complete in the Correspondence Course, no testing of the participant's knowledge will take place during the course.

The day long course will include one hour for lunch where participants can dine in the college cafeteria. The cost for lunch is the responsibility of each individual. Morning and afternoon coffee breaks are also scheduled with complimentary coffee and tea being available.

An informal optional dinner will be held at the end of the course for interested registrants. This will be held at the restaurant in the Travelodge Hotel which is located near Humber College.59

Dinner selections from the menu are reasonably priced and will provide registrants and instructors a further opportunity to talk about numismatics. Simply check the box on the registration form if you wish to stay for dinner. Again, the cost for dinner is the responsibility of the individual.

Each participant will receive a special CNA / NESA "Certificate of Participation" at the conclusion of the course as well as receiving a complimentary selection of numismatic books and magazines to take home.

Humber College was chosen for its excellent facilities and reputation as a learning center. It is located at 205 Humber College Blvd., just south of Finch Avenue and east of Hwy. 427 in Etobicoke which is in the north west section of the Metropolitan Toronto area. Free parking is available. The C.N.A. will send each registrant a detailed map of the Humber College location with a written confirmation of your inclusion in the course.

The number of participants is limited for this course and you are encouraged to register as soon as possible. Not only will you learn more about Canadian numismatics but you will have fun as well! Any questions about the course prior to registering can be obtained by contacting the C.N.A. Executive Secretary by telephone at (705) 737-0845, by fax at (705) 737-0293 or Email at cna@barint.on.ca.

Please complete the registration form and mail it with your cheque made payable to the "Numismatic Educational Services Association".

**C.N.A. Canadian Numismatic Course
Saturday, November 1, 1997
Humber College, Etobicoke
Registration Form**

Name : _____

Address : _____

City : _____

Province : _____ Postal Code : _____

Telephone : _____

Coin Club Affiliations : _____

I would like to register for the C.N.A. Canadian Numismatic Course on November 1, 1997. Enclosed is a cheque for \$25 made payable to the "Numismatic Educational Services of Canada".

I understand that I will receive a written confirmation of my registration in the course.

I would like to stay for dinner at the end of the course.

(The cost of the dinner is the responsibility of the individual)

Return this form to the Canadian Numismatic Association,
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SHOW & BOURSE

AUGUST 10, 1997 - SOUTHWESTERN ONTARIO NUMISMATICS COIN AND COLLECTIBLE SHOW

At Paris Fair Grounds, 139 Silver St., Hours 9 am to 5 pm. \$1 admission includes free draw. Over 40 tables of coins, paper money, jewellery, cards, nostalgia. Info: Ted Bailey, 281-A Grand River St., Paris, On, N3L 2N9. (519)442-3474.

AUGUST 24, 1997 - ST. THOMAS COIN AND SPORT CARD SHOW

At the Elgin Labour Temple, 18 Princess Ave. 10:30 am to 4 pm. Admission \$1. Info: Jim Hooper, 817 Talbot St., St. Thomas, Ont., N5P 1E9, (519)633-7038.

SEPTEMBER 6, 1997 - HAMILTON COIN CLUB FALL SHOW

At the Royal Canadian Legion, Barton St. E., across from Centre Mall. Hours: 9 am to 4 pm. Admission \$1, includes 1 prize ticket. Free parking, lunch bar, displays. Contact Nancy Kanerva, 905-319-3817 or George Butt, 905-335-9444.

SEPTEMBER 19-21 - INTERNATIONAL COLLECTORS'S FAIR

Presented by Trajan Publishing at the Skyline Brock Hotel, 5685 Falls Ave., Niagara Falls, Ont. Hours: Fri.: 5pm to 9 pm. Saturday: 10 am to 5 pm; Sunday: 10 am to 5 pm. Coins, stamps, postcards, medals, vintage cards, paper money, coin auction, door prizes and much more. For info: 905-646-7744.

SEPTEMBER 28, 1997 - LONDON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY COIN SHOW

At the Ramada Inn, 817 Exeter Rd. (off Hwy. 401 at Wellington Rd.), 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. Admission \$1. Info: (519)472-9679.

OCTOBER 4, 1997 - PETERBOROUGH COIN CLUB SHOW

At Portage Place Mall, Chemong Rd., 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. No admission charge. Info: Evelyn Robinson, 36 Stewart Pl., Peterborough, Ont., K9J 3L9, (705)745-5050.

OCTOBER 18, 1997 - BURLINGTON INTERNATIONAL FALL COIN SHOW

At the Brant Hills Community Centre, 2300 Duncaster Dr. (between Upper Middle Rd. and Hwy. #5). 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. No admission. Info: Nancy Kanerva, (905)319-3817 or George Butt (905)335-9444.

OCTOBER 19, 1997 - TILLSONBURG COIN SHOW

At the Community Centre, 45 Hardy St., Sponsored by the Tillsonburg Numismatic Society. 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Admission \$1. Info: Wayne MacFarlane, 74 Parkwood Dr., Tillsonburg, Ont., N4G 2S2, (519)842-6666.

OCTOBER 25-26, 1997 - TOREX 1997

At the Primrose Hotel, Pearson Ballroom, 111 Carlton St., downtown Toronto. Hours: Sat. 10 am to 5 pm. Sun. 10 am to 3 pm. Coins, paper money, cards, books, supplies, pens, watches, militaria. Daily admission \$5. For info: Ingrid K. Smith, 416-260-9070.

NOVEMBER 7-9, 1997 - THE HOBBY SHOW

At the International Centre (3 kilometres North of the airport). Over 200 different hobbies and crafts. Fri. 12:00 pm to 9:00 pm; Sat. 10:00 am to 8:00 pm. Sun. 10 am to 6 pm. Info: Ted Curl, The Hobby Show, 7 Avon Court, Whitby, Ont., L1N 3H2 (905)428-6466, fax (905)666-8316.

NOVEMBER 22, 1997 - WATERLOO COIN SOCIETY SHOW

At the Rink in The Park, Seagram Drive. 10:00 am to 5 pm. Free admission. Info: Don Robb, Box 22062, Westmount PO, Waterloo, Ont., N2L 6J7, (519)888-9655 email: don robb@ionline.net

NOVEMBER 29, 1997 - N.I.C.F. PRESENTS "COIN-A-RAMA", NIAGARA FALLS

Our Lady of Peace Hall, 6944 Stanley Avenue, Niagara Falls, Ont. 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Coins, Stamps, Cards, Jewellery, paper money, tokens, medals, etc.... For info: 7581 Dorchester, Niagara Falls, Ont., L2G 7G4 (905)356-5006.

APRIL 17-19, 1998 - O.N.A CONVENTION, OTTAWA, ONT.

More information to follow in future editions of this newsletter.

2ND SUNDAY @ MONTH - OTTAWA COIN, STAMP DEALERS' ASSOC. SHOW

Nepean Sportsplex, Woodsroffe Ave., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.. Info? Allen Davis, P.O. Box 307, Carp, Ont., K0A 1L0.

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MEMBERSHIP

The applications for membership which appeared in the March/April issue of the Ontario Numismatist have been accepted. The following applications for membership have been received. Acceptance will appear in the next issue of the Ontario Numismatist.

- 1633 Serge Laramee, Boucherville, P.Q.
- 1634 Sandy Campbell, Baddeck, NS
- 1635 Sean Issacs, Ottawa, Ont.
- 1636 Pierre Morin, Gloucester, Ont.
- 1637 Frank Rossi, Ottawa, Ont.
- 1638 David Sirianni, Ottawa, Ont.
- C111 South Wellington Coin Society, c/o Robert Zmija, 251 Mason Blvd., Acton, Ont., L7J 1A7
- C112 Niagara Falls Coin Club, c/o Smokey milojevic, 3372 Baker Cres., Niagara Falls, Ont., L2J 3L9



BOOK REVIEWS

By Jerry Remick

NEW CANADIAN PAPER MONEY BOOK RELEASED

The 10th edition of "THE CHARLTON STANDARD CATALOGUE OF CANADIAN GOVERNMENT PAPER MONEY" edited by Walter D. Allan, is now available retail at \$19.95 Canadian and \$17.95 U.S. It is available by mail to Canadian residents at \$22.95 postpaid and the U.S. residents at \$20.95 U.S. postpaid from the publisher, The Charlton Press, 2040 Yonge St., Toronto, Ont., M4S 1Z9, telephone (800)442-6042. The book was published late this spring.

The 318 page soft covered book is printed on 5.5" X 8.5" pages and contains 450 photographs. It catalogues all issues of Canadian Government paper money, starting with French Colonial Playing Card Money issued from 1685-1757 and continuing through the various issues of banknotes, including those currently in circulation. The various chapters catalogue: French Colonial Issues, Army Bills, Provincial Issues, Municipal Issues, Province of Canada Issues, Dominion of Canada Issues and Bank of Canada Issues. The final two chapters cover Special Serial Numbers on Notes and Paper Money Errors. An 8 page Introduction includes a discussion of grading, a short historical section on Canadian Government Banknotes, Printing Methods, The Numbering of Dominion Notes and the Numbering of Bank of Canada Notes. Banknotes are evaluated in grades from Good or Very Good through Uncirculated condition. Photos of both sides of each type note are presented, as well as the following descriptive data for each type note: a description of both sides, color, issue date, printer and signature combinations. Background data is presented for each issue of banknotes. Varieties are catalogued for each type of note as well.



1998 EDITION OF WORLD COIN CATALOGUE 1901 TO PRESENT

The "1998 STANDARD CATALOG OF WORLD COINS, 29TH EDITION, 1901 - PRESENT" by Chester L. Krause and Clifford Mishler and edited by Colin R. Bruce II was issued in May 1997 at \$48.95 U.S. retail by the publisher, Krause Publications, Dept. NARI, 700 East State Street, Iola, Wisconsin, 54990-0001, telephone (715)445-2214. Postal Orders from the publisher are and additional \$3.25 for United States residents and \$10.00 U.S. for those living outside the United States. Credit card customers can order by calling toll free at 1-800-258-0929. A free copy of Krause Publications' catalogs of books and periodicals is available from the above address.

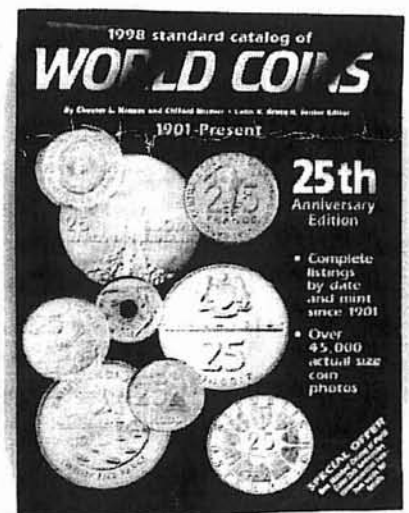
This catalog provides complete coverage of 20th century coinage, featuring updated, current prices for virtually every coin produced from 1901 to early 1997. Included are current prices of circulating coins, commemoratives, bullion issues, mint and proof sets, patterns, trial strikes, essai coinage, coin-like medallic issues, and historically significant tokens.

The coins of all issuing authorities are covered. The listings are illustrated by more than 45,000 actual-size coin photographs.

The book's 1792 pages (8.5" X 11 inches, soft covered) contain listings by date and mint for world coins, and each issue is valued in up to four grades of preservation. Actual precious-metal weights for silver, gold and platinum coins are given.

For each country, there is an index map locating it and a few paragraphs on its history, geography, population, resources and exports.

The book contains numerous charts and aids to assist world coin collectors, among which are: an illustrated instant identifier, a standard international numeral systems chart, a guide to grading terminology and abbreviations, a glossary of legend abbreviations, a chart on intrinsic weights of coins, a date conversion chart, a mint index, a coin denominations listing, a chart of coin sizes, a listing of foreign exchange rates and a cross-referenced country index. A user's guide and grading guide are also included.



NEW ISSUES

By Jerry Remick

PEMBROKE CENTENNIAL COIN CLUB WOOD



The Pembroke Centennial Coin Club, Pembroke, Ontario, marked their 30th anniversary in 1997 by issuing 100, 1.5" woods, printed in purple.

Pembroke's historic town hall covers the entire obverse side and the reverse features an anniversary inscription.

The wood is available at \$1.50 postpaid from: Glenda McKenzie, RR#1, Cobden, Ontario, K0J 1K0. Glenda is Secretary-Treasurer of the Pembroke club.



1997 SAULT STE MARIE TOKEN

The Rotary Club of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., issued a 1997 \$2.00 municipal token to mark the 75th anniversary of Rotary Community Days, which has been held annually beginning in 1922. The club held its

first meeting in June of 1918 with 53 members present.



The Rotary International symbol is featured on one side of the token and a clown, automobile and museum are on the other.

Lawrence Medallie Art of Mississauga, Ont. struck the 33mm tokens in the following formats (prices, postpaid are in brackets): Nickel bonded steel (\$3.00); Gold Plate (\$11.00); Antiqued Silver plate (\$10.00), Antiqued Copper Plate (\$9.00) and a set of the 3 plated issues in a case at \$39.50 ppd. There were 25, 000 NBS tokens struck. Plated numbers will be based on the number ordered.



Orders can be sent to the Rotary Club of Sault Ste. Marie, P.O. Box 272, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., P6A 5L8, phone: 705-945-1279.

WAWA GOLD CENTENNIAL \$5 TOKEN

The Rotary Club of Wawa has issued a \$5.00 token this year to mark the Centennial of the discovery of gold in Wawa in 1897 by a First Nations couple, Louise Towab and William Teddy.

The reverse side of the token shows a caricature of a jubilant prospector

and the obverse shows the Wawa Goose.

Johnson Matthey Limited of Brampton, Ontario struck 2,000 tokens on 32mm, gold-plated, copper nickel (75% copper and 25% nickel) blanks with milled edge. Johnson Matthey packaged the tokens electronically in heat sealed, round vinyl pack with ten tokens each in a detachable vinyl pack. The tokens are free from scratches and



other bag marks. The detailed engraving is of high relief.

Tokens are available at \$6.50 ppd. for the first specimen and \$5.50 postpaid for each additional specimen form: The Rotary Club of Wawa, Attn. Kenneth Thompson, P.O. Box 280, Wawa, Ontario, P0S 1K0. Back issues are available at the following prices exclusive of postage: 1993, 1994 and 1995 at \$2.00 each and 1996 at \$3.00. Please add \$1.50 for postage if this is the first token of your order, and 50 cents for each additional token.

LOOK FOR MORE NEW ISSUES IN THE NEXT ONTARIO NUMISMATIST!

(if anyone comes across any Ontario Medals or Tokens not listed in the Ontario Numismatist, let us know about them so we can let other readers know too!)

NUMISMATIC COURSE GREAT FOR JUNIOR, NOVICE COLLECTORS!

By Chris Boyer



The **Canadian Numismatic Course** being offered this fall by the Canadian Numismatic Association is a great opportunity for junior and novice collectors to get an overview of Canadian numismatics. The newcomer to numismatics, in particular, will benefit from the interaction with expert instructors, first-rate displays, and contact with other collectors. It will be a unique opportunity to, in effect, "take" the CNA/NESA Correspondence Course in person.

ROOTS OF THE CANADIAN NUMISMATIC COURSE

The Canadian Numismatic Course moderator and organizer, Paul Johnson, who was the coordinating editor of the CNA/NESA Correspondence Course, is enthusiastic about the November 1 workshop in Toronto. He has been working with a committee to organize this fall event for several months now. Johnson has reserved optimism about the success of the Canadian Numismatic Course. When he originally released the Correspondence Course in 1995, he never imagined how successful it would be, as it is now going into its second printing. Johnson predicts this one-day course will also surpass expectations, given the Southern Ontario location (Humber College in Etobicoke) and the good initial response to the publicity. Johnson points out that he is prepared to open up a second session to accommodate all the participants. Based upon the success of this first Canadian Numismatic Course, other similar courses could be planned across Canada in following years.

WHAT PARTICIPANTS CAN EXPECT

Paul Johnson and his committee have pulled together a panel of experts, many of them the original authors of the Correspondence Course. These presenters will cover, each in about an hour's time, the contents of the 12 course chapters in overview fashion, plus expand on some of the topics, which should appeal to the more advanced collector. The \$25.00 registration fee covers not only admission to the course, but a certificate of participation, numismatic books and handouts, and complimentary refreshments. The academic setting of Humber College will be complimented by audio-visual equipment to aid the course participants during the coverage of the numismatic topics.

COURSE CONTENT AND INSTRUCTORS

All of the twelve chapters covered in the original Correspondence Course will be addressed by the following seven instructors, under the following headings:

1)Canadian Coins and Commemoratives	Paul Petch
2)Coin Striking and Errors	John Regitko
3)Canadian Paper Money	Chris Boyer
4)Canadian Tokens	Ted Leitch
5)Collecting Strategies	Marvin Kay
6)Coin Preservation	Susan Maltby
7)Coin Grading	Brian Cornwell

All of the presenters (with the exception of Chris Boyer and Susan Maltby) were the original authors of the Correspondence Course. All of the presenters have achieved a degree of expertise in their field of numismatics, and will complement their presentations with numismatic displays, slides, videos, and hand-outs.

The day-long course begins at 9:00 am Saturday, November 1st and runs in approximately one-hour class intervals, with breaks for coffee and lunch. Following the presentation of course certificates by the moderator at 5:00 pm, participants are invited to attend an optional dinner in the nearby Travelodge Hotel, to meet with the instructors and chat in an informal setting.

CHALLENGE TO ALL COIN CLUBS

Although the \$25.00 course participant's fee is very reasonable given the scope and magnitude of the course, for the junior collector, this fee may represent a very large sum.

In order to encourage young numismatists to attend the course and gain an invaluable experience in Canadian numismatics, coin clubs with junior members should consider sponsoring (at least partially) one or more young collectors to attend the course. That is just what is happening in one Southern Ontario coin club - The Waterloo Coin Society, who has about ten active young numismatists. These young numismatists are being invited to apply for full funding of the \$25.00 to participate in the course. The juniors are requested to send a letter requesting the funds, explaining why they think the course might benefit them. Successful participants would be asked, upon completion of the course, to submit a brief article outlining their experiences, to be published in the Waterloo Coin Society Newsletter. In this way, young numismatists (who stand to benefit greatly from the Numismatic Course) will be able to attend, and to express their gratitude by contributing back to the host club via the newsletter. Other clubs would do well to offer to sponsor their young numismatists as well.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Initial response to this "first of its kind" event has been good, including participants from outside of the Toronto area. Those wishing to attend, or those clubs intending to sponsor young numismatists and others, should apply without delay to:

*The Canadian Numismatic Association
P.O. Box 226, Main Post Office,
Barrie, Ontario
L4M 4T2*

Please include your name, address, telephone number, any coin club affiliations and the course fee of \$25.00 payable to the "Numismatic Educational Services of Canada". Those wishing to stay for the optional dinner at the end of the course should also indicate that with their registration. Ken Prophet, Executive Secretary of the C.N.A., will send out confirmation of your registration in the course, along with a map to the course location. Ken Prophet can be reached at the above address or:

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SEVERAL COIN CLUBS CELEBRATING SIGNIFICANT ANNIVERSARIES IN 1997

By Jeff Fournier



This year, several Canadian coin clubs have been celebrating significant anniversaries including the Hamilton Coin Club (45th anniversary), Lakeshore Coin Club (35th anniversary), Miramichi Coin Club (30th anniversary), Ontario Numismatic Association (35th anniversary), the North Shore Numismatic Society (25th anniversary), The Woodstock Coin Club (40th anniversary), the Champlain Coin Club (35th anniversary), and the Societe D'Archeologie Et De Numismatique De Montreal (135th anniversary).

All of these clubs have contributed to numismatics at the local level, and some at the Provincial and National levels as well; and each has a rich and varied history and a membership - both past and present - of many well known Canadian numismatists. I thought it might be appropriate at this time to look at the histories of some of these clubs.

THE HAMILTON COIN CLUB

The Hamilton Coin Club was formed in August of 1952 under the initiative of Eugene Culp. Hamilton city Alderman MacCline invited the group to hold its first formal meeting at the Old City Hall.

Subsequent meetings were held in downtown Hamilton at the YMCA. From 1956 until 1966 the club met at the Wentworth Arms Hotel, due to a large increase in membership.

The club had initially been organized as the Hamilton Chapter of the Canadian Numismatic Association, but in January of 1957, it adopted the name Hamilton Coin Club since the CNA had abolished its system of Chapters.

The Hamilton Coin Club has hosted several CNA and ONA conventions and is still an active club today.

THE CHAMPLAIN COIN CLUB

The Champlain Coin Club, based in Orillia, Ontario, was founded in 1962. Though a small club, they have been fairly active, holding regular monthly meetings and annual dinners. I have very little information about the history of the club, but would be pleased to hear from anyone who can provide me with more details (write to Jeff Fournier, P.O. Box 2111, Stn. A, Sudbury, Ont., P3A 4R8)



THE MIRAMICHI COIN CLUB

The organizational meeting for the Miramichi Coin Club was held on June 20, 1967 at the United Church Centre in Newcastle, New Brunswick. Those present at the meeting chose the club name because it was representative of the area but did not identify with any specific part of the region.

The club has participated in many projects. It has held displays in stores and banks, staged annual shows, entered floats in parades, sponsored educational programs and donated books to libraries and money to air cadets.

THE LAKESHORE COIN CLUB

The story of the Lakeshore Coin Club's founding actually begins with Bunny Turner who owned a coin shop in the Quebec city of Pointe Claire. The year was 1961, and Mrs. Turner's coin shop had just opened. Collectors from around the area would drop into her shop and she began questioning whether they would like to form a coin club. Encouraged by their response, she decided to hold a meeting at her home on Fifth Avenue where those present drafted a constitution, decided on an executive, set dues and picked a date, place and time for an official meeting. The executive elected were Mr. W. Dunford as President, Mr. A. Barnett as Vice President, Mr. I. Dutton as Secretary and Mr. G. Simons as Treasurer. Mr. L. Barton - a longtime collector in the area who often frequented Turner's coin store was named as charter member #1.



The inaugural meeting of the Lakeshore Coin Club was held on February 12th, 1962 at the Unitarian Church between Lakeshore Road and Cedar Avenue in Pointe Claire. About 50 people were in attendance.

Subsequent meetings featured guest speakers (such as noted numismatists Fred Bowman - a member of the club - and Doug Ferguson), auctions and monthly draws. The club held their first coin exhibition in 1963. In 1967, the club formed a standing display of Canadian coins at Stewart Hall in Pointe Claire.

The Lakeshore Coin Club is still quite active today and meets at Stewart Hall, 176 Bord du Lac, Pointe Claire.

NORTH SHORE NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

In December of 1972 a group of people gathered and held a meeting to organize a coin club for the North Shore of Vancouver. The meeting was spearheaded by Jack Brewer and was held at the Vancouver Recreation Centre with the following people in attendance: Mr. & Mrs. Brewer, Mr. and Mrs. G. Lazeo, Janet Levine, John Loven, Don Mitchell, Al Partington, Jeremy Day and Ray Mah. Jerry Day was appointed the club President, Ray Mah, Vice President and John Loven Secretary.

The executive learned that a previous North Shore Numismatic Society was still in existence, although it was inactive at the time. The executive was able to obtain the constitution and membership roster of the former club, and decided to set up the newly organized club by following the old constitution and by including the past list of members with the new.

The club held its first coin show on October 25th and 26th, 1975. This paved the way for other shows such as the 33rd Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association annual show held in 1978 at the Coach House Inn in North Vancouver and the annual CNA convention, held in 1990 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Vancouver.

In 1976, a design competition was held so that a club crest could be chosen. The winning design was based on an old Indian Legend about the North Shore Lions - the Ko and Klondike spirits. It was submitted by Dennis Vince.

SOCIETE D'ARCHEOLOGIE ET DE NUMISMATIQUE DE MONTREAL

The Societe D'Archeologie et de Numismatique de Montreal (SANM) was founded on Nov. 9/1862. Its headquarters are at the Chateau Ramezay in Montreal. The society started renting here in 1895, from the city. In 1929, they bought the building. (The Chateau Ramezay was built in 1705 and is open to the public. Of special interest is its museum.)

The aims of the SANM are to promote the study of numismatics and research in archeology. At present there are over 300 members.

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.

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 some time until it was revived by Charles Laister a number of years later.

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.

THE ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

At the 2nd annual banquet of the Waterloo Coin Society, held at the Walper Hotel in Kitchener on March 11th, 1961, delegates from various numismatic societies met to discuss the formation of a provincial numismatic association. The Waterloo Coin Society was requested to study the feasibility of such a club and a committee, consisting of executive members of the Waterloo club and other well-known numismatists, was formed. The committee submitted a report of its findings during a conference in October of 1961 at the London Numismatic Society's annual banquet. The report indicated a definite need for an Ontario Association and thus, steps were taken to ensure its formation.

In March of 1962, the Ontario Numismatic Association was formed and incorporated as a non-profit educational and social organization dedicated to the collector. A founding convention was held and hosted by the Waterloo Coin Society. An executive was elected consisting of Rod R. Rekofski (President); Lloyd T. Smith (1st Vice President); Ed Knight (2nd Vice President); Ruth Mueller (Secretary); Bruce H. Raszmann (Treasurer); and Walter Griggs, Rudy Sauro, Peter DeGraaf and Robert Willey (Regional Directors). At present, the organization has grown to include 11 Regional Directors, an Editor, Librarian, an Audio-visual Service Director and a Speakers Circuit and Convention Coordinator.



Ontario coin clubs were contacted and appeals made for memberships, numismatic books for the library and for audio-visual programs that member clubs could use for their meetings.

Today, the ONA is still active on the Canadian numismatic scene. Their main communication medium is a newsletter which is sent to all members and member clubs. It keeps them abreast of numismatic happenings in the province and around the globe, offers insightful articles of interest to collectors and reports on club news and so forth.

One of the highlights of belonging to the ONA is the opportunity to attend a yearly convention which is held at various locations throughout the province and offers numismatic groups a chance to get together, attend the club delegate breakfast and voice opinions and share experiences about their club activities.

Congratulations to all of these clubs for reaching these historic milestones!

CLASSIFIEDS REVIVED!!



A while back, we were running classified ads for members - free of charge - but due to low use (only a handful of members ever placed an ad), I discontinued them. But, I thought I'd give them a try again, so here goes. If you have any ads you'd like to place, send it in to the ONA, Classifieds, c/o Jeff Fournier, P.O. Box 2111, Stn. A, Sudbury, Ont., P3A 4R8. Please keep your ads to 3 typewritten ads and include your name, address and phone number.

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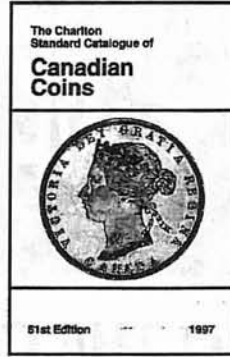
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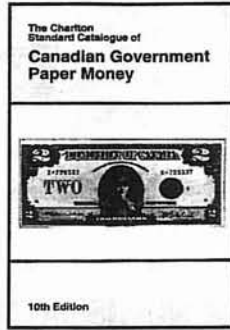
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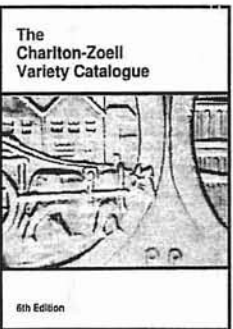
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