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## OFFICIAL CALL FOR NOMINATIONS



As per the ONA Constitution and By-Laws, I am pleased to:

- appoint Ken Wilmot and Bruce Raszmann as Nominations Co-Chairmen
- call for nominations for all elected positions outlined in the ONA Constitution and By-Laws
- announce the closing for acceptance of nominations to be December 18, 2000

Please send your nominations, along with a written letter of acceptance from the nominee, to:

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*Mike Hollingshead*  
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## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL RETURNS REQUESTED



Enclosed with this bulletin is your membership renewal notice if you are a regular member, husband & wife member or junior member (club memberships were mailed out separately).

We would appreciate if you would fill in the form and return it, with your remittance, as soon as possible. Cheques should be made payable to the Ontario Numismatic Association.

*Bruce Raszmann*  
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## MEMBERSHIP FEES

Regular Membership - \$15 per year  
Husband & Wife (1 Journal) - \$17 year

Junior (up to age 18) - \$5 year

Club Membership - \$20 year

Life Membership - \$150

(Life Memberships are accepted only  
after one year of regular membership)

Send Membership Applications (with cheque  
payable to the ONA) to the ONA Treasurer.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As we slide into the fall numismatic season, I am encouraged to see many new, unfamiliar faces at the coin shows I have visited. What a refreshing change from the "ol' regulars."

Who's job is it to make sure these faces continue to indulge themselves in numismatic activity? For us "insiders," as Brian Cornwell once dubbed us in his regular Canadian Coin News column, it's a simple matter of gleaning through our CCN as it arrives every two weeks, the "Coin Column" feature in our major daily newspaper, the monthly CNA Journal, our own ONA Numismatist every two months, and perhaps those thick, weekly papers from south of the border. Many of us attend one or more monthly club meetings in addition to the shows we travel to in search of some new addition to our collection, maybe trying to "shake" some material we no longer need or maybe find right for some profit-taking?

I think we cannot sit back and urge the Royal Canadian Mint to generate more enthusiasm. They have done a most admirable job over the last decade of generating interest in coins in the general population. What part can we play in further encouraging their already whetted appetite?

I would encourage area clubs to take advantage of local shows to set up a personed-display table during show hours. Merely leaving a stack of flyers on the front desk is not enough. Newcomers are genuinely attracted to a personal invitation and an opportunity to talk with club members about what goes on at the meetings, where they are and "how they work."

Spread the workload among half a dozen or more of your club members, and encourage rank and file members to fill in, not just the "ol' regulars."

Where do your already read Canadian Coin News end up? In the basement? Recycled? Bottom of the bird cage? (sorry Bret and Paul, just kidding!!) Leave your used copies of CCN on the coffee table at work, or leave it in your doctor's/dentist's office after your waiting room visit. Spread them around, make them work. This applies to ALL our numismatic material.

Could our New Year's Resolution this year be to introduce just ONE NEW PERSON to regular numismatic indulgence?

ONA will be holding elections of officers this spring and I think we will be seeing some new faces on the executive!

Most sincerely,

*Mike Hollingshead*  
ONA President

# EDITOR'S MESSAGE



This issue contains information on the upcoming election for the incoming Executive that will serve the ONA for the next 2-year term. As well, it contains information on how to submit nominations for the ONA Award of Merit and the "Fellow of the ONA" award. We hope that you will exercise your democratic right and make submissions to the appropriate chairmen.

We should point out that the positions of Treasurer and Recording Secretary are not being voted on. Instead, on the basis of the change proposed by John Regitko and voted on by the membership attending the 1998 Annual General Meeting, these positions will be appointments by the incoming President. To refresh everyone's memory, the motion that was approved in Guelph by more than 2/3 of the members present, reads as follows: "I move to delete from Article 6 - "Elected Officers," Section 1, the words "the Secretary, the Treasurer." This motion removed these 2 positions from the election process in future and made them Presidential appointments (same as the Membership Chairman, Editor, Advertising Manager, Librarian and Archivist). This assured that the President, with the support of the Executive, appoints the most experienced people to these positions rather than making them a popularity contest.

Here are a couple of deals no member can refuse:

As a service to dealers that are members of the ONA, we will publish brief write-ups on the type of material the dealer specializes in and how members can contact them. All the dealer-member has to do is request a free listing.

As a service to coin clubs, we will publish articles and ads on any club medals, woods or other collectibles that clubs have remaining in their inventory. Again, there is no charge for this listing. All we need from you is to provide us with the details, including pricing and ordering details.

We want to point out that the articles about the Royal Canadian Mint and the Coin Designers that appeared in the last two issues were original research by the ONA Editor. We have included another installment on the Royal Canadian Mint in this issue, this time highlighting the minting presses. In addition, we will feature detailed background on one of Canada's best-known artists, Toronto-born Alex Colville, in the next issue, as well as another installment on the RCM's inner workings. Isn't it wonderful how much more original stuff we can include if a bulletin is 36 pages?

I am still hoping that more members make me aware of personal news that they find out about: weddings, engagements, condolences, births, illness, achievements, awards, congratulations of all types, etc., etc.

The article by Chris Boyer on protecting your collection in the last issue did not go into specific details about insurance coverage. If any ONA member wishes to discuss specific details on insuring their collection, you should contact Connie Gregory at Hugh Wood Canada Ltd., 4100 Yonge St., Ste. 100, Toronto, ON M2P 2B5 or by phone at (416) 229-6600, extension 278.

I can't believe it's been 2 years since I volunteered to become the Editor of the ONA. During that time, we put out 7 36-page, 4 18-page and 2 28-page bulletins. A far cry from the bulletins you received previously, thanks mainly to the support of the executive (who have agreed to underwrite the cost of up to 18 pages per issue) and the donors (who took advantage of our fundraising to pay for the additional pages and mailing costs).

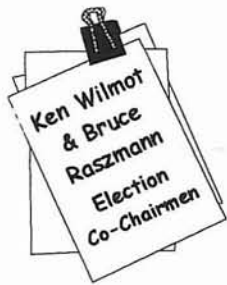
Will we be able to underwrite the cost of 36 page bulletins in the New Year at no additional cost to the ONA treasury and no increase in membership dues? Stay tuned!

The last issue recapped the accomplishments of Barry McIntyre. However, we forgot to mention that he is currently the President of the City of Ottawa Coin Club as well as Ontario Director for the CNA for the past 3 years. I would also like to extend an apology to Barry McIntyre and Graeme Esler, Curator of the National Currency Collection, Ottawa and his staff. In the same article in the last issue, I indicated that Barry had been appointed Assistant Curator, when it should have read curatorial assistant. I gleaned this information from a conversation I had with Barry and when it came time to put it down in writing, I inadvertently remembered the two key words backwards.

Happy Collecting!

*John Regitko*  
ONA Editor

# N O M I N A T I O N C O M M I T T E E C O - C H A I R M E N ' S R E P O R T



As required by the ONA's Constitution and By-Laws, the President has made a call for nominations of elected officers and has appointed Ken Wilmot and Bruce Raszmann as Co-Chairmen of the Election Committee.

- Nominations must be made in writing, signed by a member in good standing or by an officer of a member club that is in good standing, and sent to us. All nominations must be accompanied by a written acceptance from the nominee or a declaration signed by the nominators stating that the nominee shall stand for office if elected.
- Nominations shall close on December 18, 2000.
- The elected officers of the Association shall be: the President, the First Vice-President, the Second Vice-President and the Regional Directors, and there shall be at least one director from each area. The areas served by the Directors are published on the following page.
- The duties of the elected officers shall be to conduct the affairs of the Association in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws. The duties are more specifically detailed in the By-Laws of the Association.
- The governing body of the Association shall be elected and appointed officers as well as the immediate Past-President and shall be known as the Executive. Each member of the Executive shall have full voting rights.
- The duties of the elected officers shall include, but are not limited to, the following: to appoint officers, bi-annually or at such other times as the offices may be vacant, to fill the following offices: Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Editor, Librarian, Archivist, and such offices as the Executive may deem advisable.
- Duties of the Executive shall include, but are not limited to, the following: to decide on the time and place for holding the General Meeting; to rule on the admission of applicants against whom objections have been raised; to rule on the disposition of formal charges brought against a member of the Association; to fix advertising rates for space in the official publication and set rules and regulations in connection therewith; to fix the compensation paid to any officers to whom such compensation is paid; to prescribe which elected and appointed officers shall be bonded and to fix the amounts thereof; to remove from office any elected or appointed officer who does not or cannot meet the requirements of the office; to carry on and direct the affairs of the Association generally.
- Any Life Member or Regular Member who has been in good standing for two years or longer shall be eligible to hold office in the Association. In the event that no eligible member is nominated to any position, the Executive shall have the authority to appoint any member in good standing by a majority vote of the Executive.
- No member shall be elected for or appointed to the office of President until he has served a full two-year term as an elected or appointed officer of the Executive.
- The names of the nominees will be published in the January/February issue of the ONA Numismatist.

## **Election Procedures if more than one person is nominated for any elected position:**

- If more than one person is nominated for any position, the names of all nominees will be printed on official ballots and one ballot mailed to each member in good standing around mid-February, together with an envelope marked "Official Ballot" and an envelope addressed to the Chairman of the Election Committee.
- The unopened envelopes, containing the marked ballots, shall be taken by us to the Annual Convention where they shall be opened on the first day of the Convention, by the Chairman in the presence of at least one other member of the Committee and the ballots counted. In the event of a tie, the matter shall be reported to the President, who shall call for a vote from the floor of the Annual General Meeting to break the tie. The results of the election shall be announced by the Chairman of the Election Committee at the meeting.

## N O M I N A T I O N C O M M I T T E E R E P O R T - C O N T

- Any office for which no nominations have been received shall be filled by the following procedure: nominations from the floor at the Annual General Meeting, then voted on at the meeting. If no nominations are received from the floor, they will be filled by the elected officers at a regular executive meeting.
- All elected officers shall assume their duties at the end of the General Meeting and shall hold office for two years.
- No member shall stand for election for more than one office.

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The Area Directors for which nominations are being accepted would represent the following counties:

**Area 1** - Essex, Kent, Elgin, Lambton, Middlesex (includes Windsor, Chatham, Sarnia, St. Thomas)

**Area 2** - Huron, Perth Oxford (includes Stratford, Ingersoll, Tillsonburg, Woodstock)

**Area 3** - Niagara (includes Niagara Falls, St. Catharines, Welland)

**Area 4** - Brant, Hamilton-Wentworth, Haldimand/Norfolk (includes Brantford, Hamilton)

**Area 5** - Waterloo, Wellington, Halton, Dufferin (includes Waterloo, Guelph, Cambridge, South Wellington)

**Area 6** - Bruce, Grey, Simcoe, Muskoka (includes Barrie, Orillia, Champlain)

**Area 7** - Metro Toronto, Peel and York (includes Toronto, North York, Scarborough, Mississauga, Thistle-town, Oshawa)

**Area 8** - Victoria, Durham, Peterborough, Northumberland (includes Peterborough, Kingston, Victoria-Simcoe)

**Area 9** - All East of Hastings and Algonquin District (includes Ottawa, Pembroke, Pte. Claire, PQ)

**Area 10** - All North of Muskoka, Haliburton, Hastings and Renfrew (includes Sudbury, Nipissing, Thunder Bay, Kirkland Lake)

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In addition to any duties spelled out in the ONA Constitution and By-Laws for Area Directors, anyone that is approached to run as an Area Director should agree to the following objectives and conditions:

- Is available to attend ONA Executive meetings when they are held; that there is no ongoing commitment on Saturdays or Sundays that would preclude them from attending approximately 7 meetings a year.
- Attend meetings of clubs in his/her area, on a regular basis; attend local coin shows to promote the ONA.
- Agrees to submit reports to the President if they are unable to attend an Executive meeting.
- Is willing and able to dialogue with individuals and at club meetings about the benefits of belonging to the ONA; attempt to sign up new members; follow-up with delinquent members.
- Believes that membership in the ONA represents good "value" (psychological, fun & fellowship).
- Is able and willing to attend the ONA's annual convention and agrees to attend the annual general membership meeting, the club delegates meeting, the executive meeting and the Banquet.
- Should also be willing to contribute, from time-to-time, "worthwhile" write-ups and original articles for publication in the ONA Numismatist.

A number of these points also apply to the 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents, who should also express a willingness to move up the ranks in future elections.

In addition to receiving nominations from members, we will be in touch with a number of people encouraging them to let their names stand.

*Ken Wilmot & Bruce Raszmann  
Nominations Co-Chairmen*

# A W A R D S C O M M I T T E E R E P O R T



## APPEAL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR ONA AWARDS

The Ontario Numismatic Association, to recognize numismatists who have made contributions towards the advancement of numismatics, either throughout Ontario or at the local level, bestow two distinct awards annually. The awards are in the form of a silver medal, a suitably inscribed certificate, an engraved metallic nameplate identifying the bearer as a recipient of the awards and an admission ticket for the ONA Banquet where the presentations will take place.

The ONA Awards Committee is requesting nominations for the "Award of Merit" and the "Fellow of the ONA" Award. Please submit the name(s) of residents of Ontario you consider worthy of being recognized at the ONA Banquet at the annual ONA Convention, as having contributed to the success of numismatics at the local or provincial levels. Whether the summary of accomplishments of the nominee is handwritten or printed, or in point form, does not matter.

Your submission should outline your candidate's qualifications for these awards, based on the following criteria:

Nominees should be well-rounded in all phases of numismatics. The judging committee will review the following areas:

- 1) local coin club work: involvement with special events; executive positions held at the local club level & length of service; contributions to overall club success; give specific example of each.
- 2) local community work: organizing a numismatic displays in libraries, malls or other public locations; other examples relating to the promotion of numismatics.
- 3) numismatic education: writing, research; published articles and/or books; exhibiting at coin shows, mall promotions or other events; list achievements
- 4) Regional involvement: involvement with the hobby on a regional/national level; involvement with organizing coin conventions (list positions held). involvement with exhibiting and educational seminars at conventions.
- 5) any other achievements or contributions to numismatics in Ontario, as well as listing achievements nationally and internationally.

To assure that the ONA Awards Committee is fully apprised of your nominees' contributions, a summary of numismatic achievements and contributions must be included with your nominations.

Closing date for submissions is February 23, 2001. Recipients will be announced at the ONA Banquet on April 28, 2001 at the Ramada Inn (formerly College Inn) in Guelph, Ontario.

The ONA Awards Committee, charged with the responsibility of selecting a winner from the nominations, consists of three well-known numismatists and the President of the ONA. Currently, the Committee consists of Don Robb (Chairman), Paul Johnson (Past-Chairman), Ken Wilmot (ONA Immediate Past-President) and Mike Hollingshead (ONA President). It is entirely up to this Committee to determine, without any outside influences other than receiving nominations, who should receive the Award of Merit, and how many (up to a maximum of 3) should receive the "Fellow of the ONA" award annually.

Written submissions, signed by the nominee and including the nominee's ONA membership number and mailing address, should be mailed to:

Don Robb, Chairman, ONA Awards Committee  
P.O. Box 40033, Waterloo Square P.O.  
WATERLOO, Ont. N2J 4V1

Submissions can also be made via the Internet. Send nominations, including your name and ONA membership number to [donrobb@ionline.net](mailto:donrobb@ionline.net).

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If you send us details on the numismatic supplies you have, we will publish a teaser selection. If you are offering great discounts to ONA members, we will list these items, along with ordering information.

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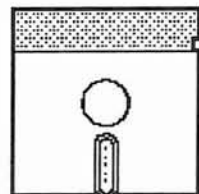
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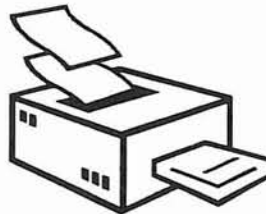
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# LOCAL COIN CLUB NEWS



Your Editor could tell from the lack of club bulletins received over the past few months that a lot of clubs were shut down for the Summer.

What we are always curious about is to know who showed up at their local club meeting and found out the hard way that there was no meeting because they didn't read their bulletin or had missed a meeting or two prior to the Summer shut-down.

We also hear that those clubs that held summer meetings had excellent attendance.



For a young numismatist's club, the members of the Paisley Road School Coin Club are a pretty active group. First of all, they set up exhibits at the Stone Road Mall on Saturday, October 7. Students Beth Ashfield, Sabrina Boyer, Adam Burger, Ashley Burger, Michelle Hilborn, Chris Holland, David Hollingshead, Jelena Jenko, Tim Martin and Lucas Porter, all attending Paisley Road School in grades 1 through 6, set up exhibits. They were assisted by student Matthew Fleck now attending grade 8 at King George School and Jelena Jenko attending grade 7 at Mitchell Woods School.

Secondly, these same exhibitors have been invited to set up their displays at the coin show hosted by the Paisley Road School Coin Club and two other area clubs on November 5. By the time you receive and read this, the Coin Show co-hosted by this club along with the Waterloo Coin Society and the South Wellington Coin Society will be history. But I bet my editor's fee that the young numismatists from the Paisley Road School Coin Club will have more than carried their load, not only in setting up their exhibits but also assisting in other ways.

Year 2000-dated Millennium quarters are being offered at the school's library for 25 cents each, thanks to ONA member Chris Boyer. The club had an unusual program planned at their November 6 meeting, featuring signatures on paper money. For example, Walter Gretzky's signature on a \$2 note and Robert Munsch's on a \$5 note. Everyone that attended the meeting received a free coin and there were plenty of draw prizes.

Incidentally, numerous groups and people have donated material for give-aways and draw prizes at the Paisley Road School Coin Club meetings, including the Royal Canadian Mint and Charlton Press. If you have something to contribute, send it to Chris Boyer, Paisley Road Coin Club, c/o Paisley Road School Library, 406 Paisley Road, Guelph, ON N1H 2R3.



The London Numismatic Society featured write-ups, in two back-to-back issues, on Philippine Guerrilla Currency, as well as a number of other articles.

A design has been proposed for the club's 50th anniversary medal. A recent bulletin also published a detailed write-up on the CNA Convention by club member Ross Blakey.

A recent meeting featured a "Member's Night." We stated in previous ONA Numismatists that club members usually support this type of a program and they prove most interesting with a great variety of items that members bring out, especially if members supplement it with a short presentation on the items.

The bulletin also mentioned that one of their members, Keith Hilton, has opened a new shop for coins and collectibles in the Village Hall Centre on Bridge Street in Port Stanley. Any ONA member that passes through is invited to look in on Keith to see what he has available.

The ONA Editor and others that have the opportunity to review their bulletin are always impressed with the research of the articles that are published, as well as the detailed report on what went on at their meetings.

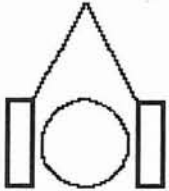
## **TILLSONBURG COIN CLUB**

The Tillsonburg Coin Club reported a successful Coin Show at the Tillsonburg Community Centre, with over 30 bourse tables, draw tickets, displays, penny draw and a snack counter being visited by people.

# LOCAL COIN CLUB NEWS - CONTINUED



Congratulations to the Toronto Coin Club on achieving 50 years of continuous membership in the Canadian Numismatic Association. I remember the club fondly, having been their President and Editor in the 1970s. The first coin club meeting I even attended was the Toronto Coin Club when it met at the prestigious Royal York Hotel in downtown Toronto (I was invited to attend by the late Louis Graham). It was the first club I joined. It was the first club that invited me to be a member of their Executive.



Congratulations are also extended to the City of Ottawa Coin Club who has achieved a similar feat of 50 years continuous membership in the CNA.

The Toronto and Ottawa coin clubs were the only two so honored. Since the CNA was founded in 1950, these two clubs obviously became members right at the beginning. (Eight individual people also qualified for their specially framed 50 year CNA certificate and a 50 year CNA Anniversary pin.



The October meeting of the Stratford Coin Club marked the 40th anniversary of the club. They served punch at the beginning of the evening, followed by coffee and cake during the break. Their guest of honor for the evening was Ed Anstett who was the first president of the club. As well, other guests were in attendance who contributed to the success of the club over the years.

The club's October bulletin published the Minutes of the founding meeting held on October 3, 1960, which certainly makes it obvious why Ed Anstett was their guest of honor 40 years later. His comments at that founding meeting reads like he wrote the book on what should transpire at meetings that clubs still follow today.

"A meeting was held in the Optimist Hall, Water St., Stratford to inquire if there were enough interested coin collectors to form a club. Mr. Ed Anstett was in the Chair. He spoke of the benefits of forming a Numismatic Society in Stratford where there are quite a number of people who collect coins. Auctions could be held which would help members to complete their collections or they could sell their duplicates. Also, members would be able to exchange coins if they wished. There would be coin displays and also guest speakers. Mr. Anstett suggested if a coin club was formed, the members may like to have a library of coin books and catalogues which help members to check prices of their coins. Also, a bulletin could be issued to each member monthly containing any material for auction, new members, guest speakers and other interesting information."

Following a vote of confidence in forming a club, Ed Anstett was nominated for President. A draw was held for a 1925 5-cent piece donated by...you guessed it...Ed Anstett. A display of some of his coins was shown by...would you like another guess...Ed Anstett. Nineteen people joined the club, including one person who was blind, for a fee of \$2.00. To help defray expenses, any member who has coins auctioned off must pay 10% commission, another idea that is still being followed today.

The September meeting welcomed 5 new members who attended from Waterloo, Niagara Falls and Woodstock, as well as 2 from Stratford. When is the last time your club had even 1 or 2 new members joining at a meeting, never mind 5?

The club's upcoming November meeting will be held on November 20, one week later than usual due to municipal elections. Their guest speaker will be John Parker with a presentation on military medals.

By the time you read this, the Stratford Coin Club's 38th annual coin show will have come and gone. It was held at the Kiwanis Community Centre on Sunday, October 29. As is usual for this club, the bourse was sold out and dozens of prizes were won in the Penny Draw. They also held their usual Silent Auction and the volunteer ladies were kept busy at the lunch counter serving chilly, sandwiches, donuts and refreshments.

We also notice that their Editor, Rick Johnson, picked up some material from the ONA Numismatist. As we have said before, if any editor finds something of interest in this publication, they are welcome to copy it. In all fairness to the ONA, the source should be acknowledged.

LOCAL COIN CLUB NEWS - CONTINUED

**WOODSTOCK  
COIN CLUB**

The Woodstock Coin Club complimented their Show Committee at their October meeting for all the hard work they did for the club's September 10 show. The committee consisted of Tom Rogers, Harry Spice, John Yull, Leverne Smith and Jim Watson.



**INGERSOLL COIN CLUB**

The October meeting of the Ingersoll Coin Club featured a showing of a video from the ONA lending library on the \$2.00 coin entitled "Change that Counts." Their meetings always have a well-rounded program, including speakers or audio visuals, buying and selling, coffee break, draws, auction and plenty of fun and fellowship....

The November meeting will feature another ONA video, "World War II Currency." As well, there will be a 31-lot auction of a wide variety of material that is listed in the bulletin.

The Club's president, Tom Rogers, informed members that the ONA Convention for 2002 will be held at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel in London, Ontario, which will be hosted by the Ingersoll Coin Club. "This is a very large endeavor for this club, but I feel we have a very excellent membership that will work very hard to achieve and make this a large success," stated the President.



Having attended many meetings of the North York Coin Club over the years, we know from experience that the NYCC always has good member participation. For example, for their September 26 meeting, members were invited to bring along British North American coins, medals and paper money that depicted master ships. Len Keuzig brought along a series of mainly American medals and tokens. Paul Petch had 2 colonial tokens and 2 books dealing with early

Canadian tokens, a number of which contained ships. Brian See displayed 2 Collingwood Coin Club wooden nickels. Norm Belsten had four items including a large wooden dime printed "In Cod We Trust," a 1996 CNA wood and a ship printed on a piece of wood taken from the Bluenose II. Rick Craig always carries a pocket piece and the current one happens to be a masted colonial token. Marvin Kay showed a coin featuring a junk with mast and sails. May Bunnett donated a book and a coin to the auction pertaining to the S.S. Beaver, a ship of the Hudson Bay Company.

The October meeting featured Del Newbigging of Toronto speaking on "The Art Medal in Canada." He has the distinction of serving as Co-Delegate for Canada, along with Dora de Pedery-Hunt, to the FIDEM International Congress held in Germany from September 18 to 24. He is also a co-founder of a new organization called the Canadian Association of Medallic Sculptors. The meeting also featured an auction consisting of a great variety of material for all numismatic collecting tastes: casino tokens, exhibition tokens, transportation tokens, fantasy notes, cheque stubs, wooden nickels, hotel tokens, commemorative medals, polymer notes and more.

There is some great news for collectors of coin club medals or ONA Convention medals that may have missed out on obtaining the ONA 2000 Convention medal hosted by the NYCC. A small quantity of copper medals continue to be available to ONA members at the original price of \$10, plus \$2 shipping. Please send orders, along with full payment of \$12 each, to ONA 2000 Medals, c/o North York Coin Club, P.O. Box 58508 Corner Plaza P.O., 197 Sheppard Avenue East, North York, ON, M2N 6R7. It should be noted that this is a limited time offer exclusively to ONA members, so take advantage of it immediately or miss out! You will find an illustration of the medal in the ad on page 168

**LAKESHORE  
COIN CLUB**

The Lakeshore Coin Club of Pointe Claire, P.Q., our out-of-the-Province member club, sets up a display at Stewart Hall on the fourth Sunday of each month, as a way of thanking them for making space available for their meetings. Sounds like a great idea that other clubs should consider doing. The club received a 25-year membership certificate from the CNA at the recent CNA Convention in Ottawa.

The bulletin also states: "The membership rates remain the same but the need for paying them early has increased." That applies to a lot of clubs located in smaller centers that have limited membership but have to withstand the expenses of meeting location and bulletin distribution.

# LOCAL COIN CLUB NEWS - CONTINUED



The Thistletown Coin & Stamp Club has been meeting on the second Tuesday of each month (except July & August) at the Martin Grove United Church in the old Thistletown part of Rexdale, one of the areas of the new Greater Toronto Area. Ever since we can remember, Bob Porter has been its President and Treasurer.

It has had its faithful attendees, both those that were seen at other coin club meetings as well as different faces. Most by far were coin collectors, very few that collected stamps. The programs were, therefore, centered around coins for the majority of the time. A number of changes are in the works for this club over the next little while - see next two write-ups.



The Mississauga Coin Club has met at a number of different locations since its founding in 1963, both in public buildings and in private company boardrooms. Their latest location, thanks to a member of the club that works at Re/Max making special arrangements, was at the Re/Max real estate office in Mississauga on the first Tuesday of each month (except July & August). That is all about to change!

Effective immediately, the Thistletown Coin & Stamp Club and the Mississauga Coin Club are merging. Their new name will be the Mississauga-Etobicoke Coin, Stamp and Collectibles Club. They will be meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at the Martin Grove United Church in Rexdale in the Greater Toronto Area.

A different chairperson will be appointed for each meeting. He/she will be responsible for planning the program, inviting speakers or arranging for the acquisition of audio visual programs, acquiring draw prizes, arranging for refreshments, arranging auction material...in other words, acting like a President for the meeting. Their November meeting consisted of an interesting program on metal detection, presented by a stamp collector, one of the members of the former Thistletown Coin & Stamp Club.

We encourage ONA members to check out this new combined club. Copy this info to your schedule in the "must do" category: The Mississauga-Etobicoke Coin, Stamp and Collectibles Club meets the first Tuesday of each month (except July & August) at the Martin Grove United Church, Martin Grove & Mercury Streets (north of Hwy. 407), Rexdale. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., with meetings starting at 8:00 p.m.

If you want further information, give Bob Porter a call at (416) 741-2156.



The South Wellington Coin Society is working on the design of their next coin club medal (we cannot think of any other club in Ontario that issues their own medals other than those issued for ONA or CNA Conventions). This will be their third one and is said to have "a global view into the year 2001" for its design. If the first two are any indication, it will also be sold out as soon as it is released. Bob Zmija, a tool and die maker for most of his life, will be unveiling the design shortly. He not only designed the club's logo which also forms the obverse of the club's medals, but also the reverses on the two previous medals. No doubt he will again make up a beautiful full-colour certificate that is presented to all purchasers of the silver medals attesting to the fact that a very limited number exist.

Chris Boyer was their speaker at the November 1 meeting, speaking on the RCMP. They also had a 20-lot auction of which 18 featured Canadian silver dollars of 18 different years.

Note the new logo that the club has adopted (above). It now spells out the club's full name around a double circle, with their old logo in the center. Previously, their logo showed initials only (illustrated at right).



We notice a marked change of the SWCS bulletin since their new editor, Gord Parker, took over a few months ago. He is doing an excellent job including the things that matter to members: good information on last and upcoming meetings, articles, great layout, publishing of upcoming auction lists.

# LOCAL COIN CLUB NEWS CONTINUED



The Oshawa Coin Club, one of the few clubs that meets in the afternoons (namely on the 2nd Sunday of the month starting at 2:00 p.m.), featured a speaker on "Safes and Vaults to Store Collections" at their September meeting.

Their coin show in the Pickering Towne Centre, billed as "Durham Coin 2000," featured dealers offering coins, tokens, paper money and more, but also promoted the hobby to mall employees and their customers.

Earl MacLean, Oshawa's treasurer, reports that meeting dates have been confirmed for upcoming meetings with the community centre where they meet (we know from a few coin clubs that meet at public places that it sometimes is a problem getting the community centres to confirm dates more than a few months in advance).

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The Nickel Belt Coin Club is the other club that we know that meets in the afternoons, on the 3rd Sunday of the month starting at 2:00 p.m., at the Knox Presbyterian Church in Sudbury.

In a recent bulletin, their editor mentioned the following: "Listed in the trends is the 1974 double yoke nickel dollar at the amazing price of \$100.00. I would like to challenge any member to explain what this is all about. At the CNA in Ottawa I had a bunch of nickel dollars to get rid of and a sharp eyed dealer gave me \$30 for a 1985 extra yoke dollar and I am still trying to get a sensible explanation." Any ONA member that cares to write an article on this will have it published in the ONA Numismatist. The bulletin also published a lengthy list of material that will be auctioned off at the following meeting, consisting of 65 lots.

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The Waterloo Coin Society featured ONA member Don Robb at their September meeting, speaking on Shinplasters. His presentation included slides of the different issues, including signatures and letter types. The door draw included three shinplasters that Don donated, while the auction also included a number of shinplasters. A fundraising was conducted for the benefit of the ONA, to enable it to continue to publish up to 36 pages per issue.

ONA member Roger Fox was the speaker at the WCS's October meeting, covering the United States One Dollar issue of 1995, the Robert Reuben series. He displayed his collection of over 220 notes (not a misprint - it was over 220 different notes), including various prefixes, test notes, replacements, etc. In a pre-meeting release, Paul Petch, 1st Vice-President of the ONA, described the presentation as "completely fascinating and well worth a long drive to catch the presentation!" The club's editor, Robb McPherson, brought along some 2000 Oktoberfest trade dollars to the meeting for anyone who may not have picked one up yet. A 40-lot auction was also held, including Canadian coins and paper money, P.L. sets, cents of N.B. and P.E.I., medals, tokens, club medals and Oktoberfest tokens.

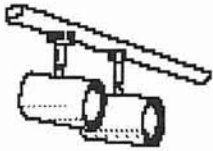
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I would like to take this opportunity to thank Canada Post for the free delivery of numerous bulletins that clubs send to the ONA Editor. Well, sort of.

There was a program on CFRB Radio, Canada's most listened-to radio station, about the legality of re-using postage stamps that have not been cancelled. The commentators position, which the greatest majority of callers supported, was that if a stamp is not cancelled, it can be reused. After all, if you have a stamp, how does anyone know if it was ever processed through the mails? I could have accidentally gotten some stamps wet and it therefore no longer had glue on the back.

So, clubs, just keep putting on the postage. Incidentally, I will be donating a pile of stamps to the ONA that have arrived here uncanceled. Rather than expecting Bruce Raszmann, our Treasurer, to use glue on each one, I will switch them for brand new fully-glued stamps. This will certainly help towards the extra cost of putting out 36-page bulletins which I am committed to underwrite if we cannot get donations.

Incidentally, the club bulletin whose stamps hardly ever get cancelled is the Waterloo Coin Society. Or do what



# SPOTLIGHT ON TORONTO MEDALS

## TORONTO BASEBALL CLUB MEDALS

By Barry Uman (ONA Member #1278)



*Toronto Ferry Company  
Pass 2 (incused numbers)  
L.Solman / Mgr.Dir.  
Season 1923*

*Toronto Baseball Club  
Pass 2  
L.Solman / Pres.  
Season 1926*

One of the most unusual Canadian tokens is the two Toronto baseball club tokens listed as Atwood-Coffee No. 999 A & B dated 1923 and 1926. It was 1859 when baseball was first played in Toronto. The name of the first team was the "Canadian Pioneers." They practised on the University grounds.

In 1876, an attempt was made to establish a professional baseball league called the "Canadian Professional Baseball League," with teams from Toronto (Clippers), London, Guelph, Port Hope, Markham and Kingston. It folded after only one season but teams from London and Guelph joined a new league called the "International Association," comprising teams from both Canada and the U.S.A.

In 1885, some local businessmen decided to organize a new Toronto baseball club and they offered 500 shares at \$10 each which at the time was quite a sum of money. They played their first season on the Rosedale lacrosse field where they won 24 out of 44 games. The total receipts were \$8,500 versus an expense of \$4,231 in players' salaries.

When the new International League was founded, Toronto became a founding member. The team later became a farm team of the New York Yankees. The team played baseball from 1886 to 1967 except for the years 1891 to 1895. The name of the team was the "Toronto Maple Leafs," but it probably used other names in the early years. The team declared bankruptcy in 1967 due to lack of fan support.

During the 76 years as a member of the International League, the club played baseball at many different fields, e.g. Sunlight Park, Hanlan's Point Stadium (later rebuilt and renamed Maple Leaf Stadium on Toronto Island), Canadian National Exhibition grounds (Diamond Park) and on Bathurst Street/Lakeshore Blvd. at another Maple Leaf Stadium.

The team played at Hanlan's Point on Toronto Island just opposite the City of Toronto on Lake Ontario from 1897 to 1925. The first ferries operated from 1833 and continue today. At one time, the baseball club owned a ferry boat(s) and the 1923 token would have been used on it. The name of the operator was the "Toronto Ferry Company." It is unknown how many ferry boats and for what period of time they operated. During the most popular baseball period, there were 12 ferryboats utilized to shuttle the fans across the bay to Toronto Island. One of the most famous boats was the "Trillium," which was built in 1910 and restored in 1973-76. In 1926, the team played at a new location at the foot of Bathurst Street on reclaimed land. The 1926 token may not have been used as a ferry pass since the club moved to the mainland location but it might have been used as a transit pass instead. In 1927, the "Toronto Transit Commission" took over the operation of the ferry boats.

The two baseball tokens are one of the most desirable of all Canadian transportation tokens since they represent both a transit pass and an unusual baseball token. The status of these tokens is further enhanced because this baseball club was the predecessor to the "Toronto Blue Jays Baseball Club," which won two consecutive World Series titles.

Both tokens are composed of bronze, round, with a diameter of 39mm for the 1923 token and 45mm for the 1926 token. The 1923 token has incused numbers on the reverse but this is absent from the 1926 token.

Both tokens picture a large maple leaf with the signature of "L. Solman," first as managing director then as president.

### References:

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Toronto Sketches 3 "The Way We Were" by Mike Filey; 1994 Dundurn Press, Toronto*

# C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S



To ONA members James E. Charlton and Jerry Remick, on their 50 years of CNA membership. They received their specially framed 50 year CNA certificate and a 50 year CNA anniversary pin at the recent CNA Convention in Ottawa. They join only 6 others to receive this distinction, namely George Gray, Leslie Hill, David Moore, Charles Taylor, Allan Townshead and Kenneth Bressett.

To both the Toronto Coin Club and the City of Ottawa Coin Club who also received the distinction of being members of the CNA for 50 years.

To ONA member Paul Petch, General Chairman of the 1999 ONA Convention and his Committee, who not only did a fantastic job to show everyone attending a good time, but also for bringing in a profit that has been described at the last ONA Executive meeting as "fantastic." It has to be remembered that any plans and any resulting profit is the result of a tremendous amount of volunteer work by a few individuals.

To ONA Member Chuck Moore, for again being selected by the Bank of Canada to conduct a special auction of phenomenal material in the Bank's vaults. Chuck has done numerous ONA auctions and has always received praise for both his material and the auction catalogues. Details on the Bank of Canada Auction appear on page 164 of this issue.

To ONA members Ken Wilmot and Bruce Raszmann, for accepting the appointment of Co-Chairmen of the Nominating Committee for the upcoming elections for the ONA Executive.

To ONA members Ken Wilmot, Chris Boyer, Paul Petch and Bruce Raszmann, for accepting appointments to serve on the organizing committee for the 2001 ONA Convention scheduled for Guelph.

To ONA member Ray Desjardins, for being appointed the Chairman of the 2000 Poppy Campaign for the Bells Corners Branch #593. He is also the branch's 2nd Vice-President and Public Relations officer, as well as Chairman of the Poppy Trust Fund Committee (which holds all money raised in public trust to use for the benefit of the community).

To ONA Life Member Sean Isaacs, for starting up his own coin business. Other than selling a wide variety of numismatic material, he also does coin and banknote appraisals and consulting and purchasing collections. He can be contacted at (613) 591-8617 or e-mail: Sean Isaacs@hotmail.com .

To Paul Fiocca and his crew, for putting on another successful TICF. We note that after not using the abbreviation "TICF" for a while, it is being used in advertising and write-ups again. Although originally it stood for "Toronto International Coin Fair," it was changed to "The International Coin Fair" when it moved to Niagara Falls, St. Catharines and, for the last show, Oakville.

To ONA member Chuck Moore, for having obtained the rights to the same TICF show to run the auction.

To ONA member Barry McIntyre, assisted by ONA member Sean Isaacs, on the fantastic job they did in creating the CNA 2000 Souvenir Program Booklet from scratch. Now that people have had an opportunity to review it (following the hectic Convention), people are beginning to appreciate the tremendous number of hours it would have taken to put the artwork for the booklet together.

To Brian Smith, on a successful Torex just concluded, the first under his full control.

To ONA members Chuck Moore and Michael Walsh, for being appointed official auctioneers by Brian Smith, new owner of Torex. They will alternate auctions, with the upcoming February auction being handled by Walsh, the June auction by Moore, October auction by Walsh, etc.

To all the active ONA members who are causing this column to spill over onto a second page for the first time ever. Province-by-province, region-by-region, on the basis of memberships in local clubs, the size of provincial organizations, the people involved in the CNA...however you judge it...ONA members are Number One!

## C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S - C O N T I N U E D

To ONA member Serge Laramee, for receiving the auction rights from the CNA for their 2001 Convention scheduled for Quebec City.

To ONA member Chuck Moore, for being elected President of the Canadian Association of Numismatic Dealers (CAND).

To ONA life member Rick Simpson, for being elected CAND's Vice President.

To ONA member Ron Zelk, for accepting the appointment from Tom Kennedy, CNA President, as Chairman of Coin Month Canada. Congratulations also to ONA member Bill Waychison, who did a tremendous job over the past number of years handling the same portfolio.

## C O N D O L E N C E S



To the family of Elmer Workman, on his recent passing. Elmer served as Area Director of the ONA for many, many years, as well as its Head Judge before ill health forced him to curtail his travel plans and relinquish the title to another ONA member, Bob Porter.

## A P P E A L F O R I N F O R M A T I O N

We would be pleased to publish personal milestones and congratulatory messages about ONA members, but we need your help. If you wish us to report something happening in your life, let us know. If you know something is happening in another collector's life, let the Editor know. We promise not to reveal who we heard it from...no matter how much they bribe me!

# COIN-A-RAMA

## NOVEMBER 25, 2000

*Coins, Tokens, Jewellery, Paper Money, Medals & More....*

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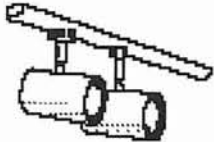
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# SPOTLIGHT ON ONTARIO TOKENS

The following information is gleaned from the September 2000 "The Canadian Token," quarterly publication of the Canadian Association of Token Collectors (CATC) or from information written by Jerome Remick for Canadian Coin News or CATC.

## LONDON'S TWO DOLLAR 2000 TOKEN A SUCCESS



The Advance London commemorative medallion has been a solid success with the London community and more than 3,000 have been purchased since the program was launched in early Spring.

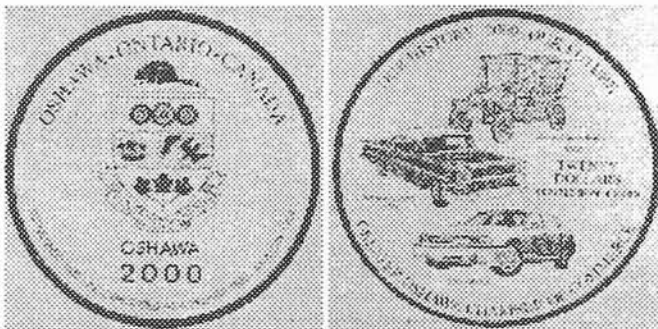
The banking community has offered strong support in the distribution and sales of the medallions and they are now available for purchase at all area branches of the Toronto Dominion Bank, Canada Trust, Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce and also the Province of Ontario Savings.

This medallion is the first in a series to feature London's parks and the coin that is now in distribution honors Springbank Park with a maple leaf on the flip side. The objective of the medallion program is to remind Londoners of their inheritance of the parks that add so much to our quality of life and to help build community pride in the forest city. The medallions serve a tangible way to advance the spirit of our great community each and every day. At only \$2.00 per coin, it is an easy way to spread the message and promote the cultural and economic vitality of London.

The growing enthusiasm at the Advance London meetings has resulted in many new initiatives and programs and fostered growth in both the business and arts community. They are focussing on the many individuals and programs that have made Advance London a dynamic organization for those interested in making London a premiere destination to live, work and visit.

Unless you live in the London area, the simplest way of obtaining this medal is from ONA member Ray Desjardins, well-known and respected trade dollar supplier. You can contact him for availability and pricing at Eligi Consultants, P.O. Box 11447, Station "H", Nepean, Ont. K2H 7V1. He can also be reached at (613) 823-3844, fax (613) 825-3092 or e-mail: ray@eligi.ca

## OSHAWA ISSUES 2000 \$20 TRADE TOKEN



The Greater Oshawa Chamber of Commerce has commemorated nearly a century of manufacturing automobiles and the return of the Chevrolet Impala to Oshawa on a 2000 \$20 gold plated brass trade token.

The obverse side shows line drawings of a 1908 McLaughlin Buick at the top, a 1958 Chevrolet Impala in the centre and a 2000 Chevrolet Impala at the bottom. The name of each car and its year is inscribed beside it.

The City of Oshawa crest covers the reverse side.

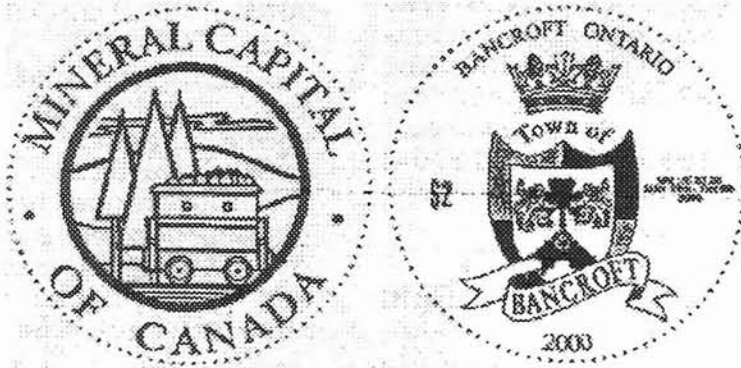
Lawrence Medalllic Art, struck 1,000 pieces on 38 mm milled edge, gold plated brass blanks.

Oshawa has a population of 142,000, about a third of which is employed by General Motors of Canada, whose Canadian headquarters are based in Oshawa.

The Oshawa token is available for \$25.50 each post-paid from Ray Desjardins at Elilgi Consultants.

# S P O T L I G H T   O N   M E D A L S - C O N T

## BANCROFT ISSUES 2000 \$2 TOKEN



and 70 in antiqued copper.

These tokens are available from the Bancroft Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 539, Bancroft, On. K0L 1C0 postpaid at \$3.00 each for the nickel-bonded steel, \$9.00 each for the gold plated, \$8.00 for the antiqued silver plated and \$7.00 for the antiqued copper plated. Add taxes to all prices, as well as \$3.00 per order for postage.

## ST. THOMAS ISSUES 2000 \$2 TOKEN



33mm milled-edge blanks in nickel bonded steel and 100 each in gold plate, antiqued silver plate and antiqued copper plate.

The tokens are available from Jim Quinn, P O Box 291, Miramichi, N.B. postpaid as follows: NBS at \$3.50, gold plated at \$12.00, antiqued silver plated at \$10.00 and antiqued copper plated at \$9.00. A few back issues for 1996 through 1999 are also still available

The "On track" 1996-2000 tokens on a cardboard holder in vinyl envelope is available from KGB Coins and Collectibles, Village Hall Centre, 302 Bridge St., Unit #2, P.O. Box 7, Port Stanley, Ont. N5L 1J4. KGB's telephone number is (519) 782-7676

## WAWA ISSUES 2000 \$5 TOKEN

The Rotary Club of Wawa has issued a 2000 dated "Goose 5 Bucks" on 38mm milled-edge nickel-silver blanks, to commemorate the new millennium and peace in the new millennium.

The obverse side features a dove flying to the left with an alive branch in its beak. The reverse side as in previous years show the 30 foot sculpture of a Canada goose.

Serge Pelletier designed the token, while Eligi Consultants Inc. supervised the making of the token. 2,500 nickel-silver pieces and 200 commercial bronze pieces were struck on 38mm milled-edge blanks. They are available for \$6.50 for the nickel-silver and \$16.50 for the commercial bronze pieces, postpaid, plus taxes, from Eligi Consultants, P.O. Box 11447, Station "H", Nepean, ON K2H 7V1.

The Bancroft & District Chamber of Commerce has issued a \$2 municipal trade token, dated 2000, to celebrate the millennium and the new coat of arms for the recently amalgamated Town of Bancroft.

The reverse side of the token shows the logo of the Bancroft and District Chamber of Commerce.

Lawrence Medallie Art struck 20,000 tokens on 33mm nickel bonded steel blanks and from this quantity plated 70 in gold, 70 in antiqued silver

"On Track" has issued the 2000 \$2 municipal trade token for their home city of St. Thomas, commemorates the City's railway heritage.

The obverse side of the token shows a side view of the CP208 steam locomotive with its fuel car behind.

The reverse side of the token shows a side view of the General Motors state-of-the art 4000 HP diesel locomotive.

Lawrence Medallie Art struck 7,200 pieces on

# S P O T L I G H T O N M E D A L S - C O N T

## VAUGHAN ISSUES 2000 \$2 COMMEMORATIVE MEDAL



The City of Vaughan has issued a 2000 medal to commemorate their 159th anniversary this year.

The obverse side shows the City's coat of arms.

The reverse side of the medal shows a frontal view of Vellore Hall with a large leaf tree towering above the back of the building.

The Antrium group of Pickering, Ontario designed the medal.

Lawrence Medallic Art struck 10,000 tokens on 33 mm nickel bonded steel blanks.

The NBS medal is available at \$4.00 postpaid from The Antrium Group Inc., 126 Second St., Pickering, Ont. L1V 6S7. Their phone number is (905) 509-3096. They can also be reached toll-free at (800) 834-2443.

## KITCHENER-WATERLOO ISSUES 2000 TOKEN



Kitchener-Waterloo Inc. has issued the 2000 K-W Oktoberfest municipal \$2.00 token which marks the annual Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest that took place October 6 to 14.

The obverse side of the token shows Onkel Hans sitting in front of an old Conestoga covered wagon.

The reverse side shows a portrait Walter P. Zellers (1890-1957) President and founder of Zellers Inc.

Lawrence Medallic Art struck 25,000 tokens on

33mm nickel bonded steel blanks and 26 in pure silver with a proof-like finish and 0.55 ounces of silver.

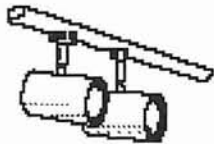
The 2000 tokens are available as follows: NBS at \$3.00 and pure silver at \$33.00. They can be ordered from K-W Oktoberfest Inc., P.O. Box 1053, Kitchener, Ont. NAG 4G1. Their phone number is (519) 570-4267. They can also be reached toll-free at (888) 294-4267.

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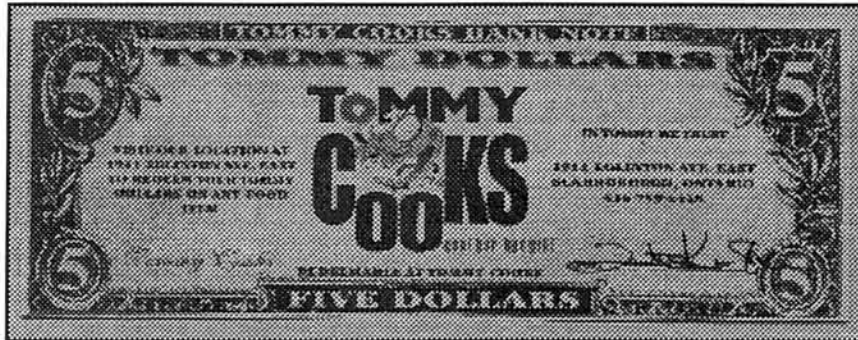
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# SPOTLIGHT ON TRADE DOLLARS

## TOMMY COOKS ISSUES TRADE NOTES

By John Regitko (ONA Life Member #LM083)



On October 11, my wife and I decided to try out a restaurant called Toomy Cooks, located on Eglinton Avenue near Victoria Park Ave. in the Greater Toronto Area of Scarborough. We had visited this same location many times over the years when it was known as Boy on a Doulphin. We were surprised to see the same owner (first name of Tommy, hence the name Tommy Cooks) and the same management staff. The menu had also changed completely, offering a wide variety of fare.

During our visit for dinner, their Manager, whom we had known for many years, called at our table to offer us two \$5 "Tommy Dollars" to use during our next visit. Apparently, they have just been printed by a local printer and will be

used originally as a bonus for existing customers, later as a promotional item as a percentage of the total food consumption...just like Canadian Tire coupons.

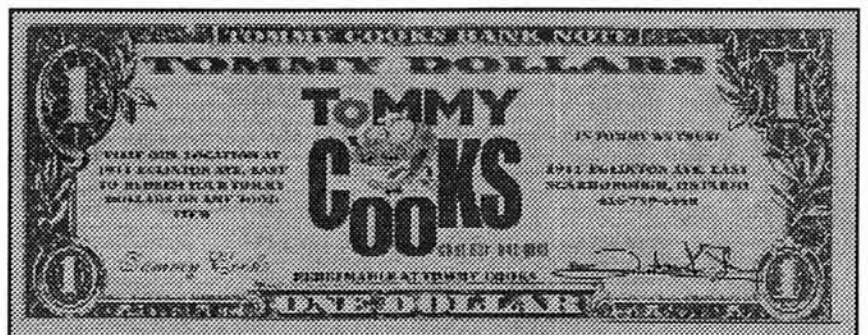
When I asked him some pertinent questions that any collector would want to know, such as quantity printed (3,000), the name of the printer (a local print shop) and other denominations printed (\$1 Tommy dollars in a quantity of 3,000), I also asked him to part with a few \$1 coupons that I assured him would never be spent as long as they are in the hands of a collector like myself.

Two signatures appear on the notes. "Tommy Cooks" is pre-printed on the left front, while the right front is individually signed by Steve Kereakou, Irene Kaye or other management personnel.



*Is it a lobster? A squid? It's whatever you want it to be!*

If you visit Tommy Cooks, tell them you saw it in the ONA Numismatist and they will no doubt give you one of the notes for your collection.



# T H E R O Y A L C A N A D I A N M I N T

*Striking Impressions of the Royal Canadian Mint - Part 4*



## THE HEART OF THE MINT: THE PRESSES

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All the Mints in the world, at one time, used finger-feed presses. Basically, this meant that blanks were fed into the minting press down a chute and mechanical fingers would take the blanks, one at a time, and feed it into the retaining collar that has the obverse die above it and the reverse die underneath.

After it was struck, similar mechanical "fingers" would take the piece away and eject it out the other end of the minting press into a bucket. These mechanical fingers were not too fast. As a matter of fact, in the relative speed of things, they were downright slow.

If two blanks fed in, the fingers could accommodate it. If no blank fed, it just went empty to the striking chamber. Thick blanks, thin blanks, clipped blanks, it didn't matter. The machine was that good it would accept almost anything that was fed into it.

Then there was the ejection mechanism. If a struck coin "rode" up on the finger mechanism and therefore stayed behind, it could always catch it on the next pass. In the meantime, the already struck coin might get struck again, either fully or partially overlapping the dies, therefore, producing what error collectors call a full brockage or a partial brockage, respectively.

The inspectors sitting at conveyor belts were supposed to catch the errors, remove them when they passed by and throw them into the reject bucket for melting. It was hoped they wouldn't miss many errors and that there were also not too many passing by all at once because the belt didn't slow down.

It was these kinds of presses that kept the collector of errors supplied from a never ending stream of discoveries in rolls or bags of coins obtained from the various financial institutions. If you knew somebody at the financial institutions' head offices in the department where they did the automatic counting and rolling, you were well supplied (I should know. I happened to know someone that knew someone.....). The counting machines used to jam with thick, oversize or bent coins, or leave the clips behind.

However, when the Winnipeg Mint opened its doors for business, things changed and many of the errors disappeared. True, there were better quality checks and balances and some new machinery in the blanking and inspection stages, but the main culprit was the change made in the minting press. The Mint had obtained new presses!

On the feeders on the new press, there is a system whereby thin blanks will fall through, thick blanks jam. Either way, the operator must physically do something to get the machine started again. Because the new press is a very unforgiving machine, if no blank is fed, it stops. If fed a thin blank, a thick blank, or two blanks at once are fed, it stops. A probe also "reads" the blanks and if it does not have the right conditions within certain tight tolerances, it stops the press within two coins of striking.

The new press also eliminates errors because the mechanical finger-feed mechanism has been replaced by a 12-coin feeder that looks like the cylinder of a Smith & Wesson. But instead of holding 6 bullets, it holds 12 blanks. As it rotates, one of these slots, with a blank in it, rests right over the cavity of the collar die and directly between the upper and lower dies. The blank is struck, and the same cylinder hole transports it out of the striking chamber into the ejection chute. That means that the machine will stop the wrong blank/no blank chamber 2/12th of the cylinder from turning out bad coins.

The press strikes coins at the rate of 300 per minute. If the wrong blank/no blank chamber stops after two rotations, that means that the press shuts itself down in 2/300th of a minute.

And that's not all! The sides of the chambers of the 12-coin feeder are designed so that blanks can no longer jump out of their slot easily and cause overlapping in the striking chamber to create brockages.

# T H E R O Y A L C A N A D I A N M I N T - C O N T I N U E D

Clashed dies used to be very common in the 1960s. Although the clashing could occur anywhere, numismatics knew them mostly as "hanging 2s" or "hanging 3s," etc., referring to a digit of the date that appeared to be held in place by an S-shaped line like a hook.

You certainly don't see many clips, brockages or any clashed die coins in the past number of years, do you?

Clashed dies are almost impossible to find now. The press is programmed to allow the dies to only come together to a point. So they cannot clash unless a lot of things break down all at once.

"In 1979, errors were reduced pretty dramatically," confirms a former well-placed employee of the Mint involved with the manufacturing operations in both Ottawa and Winnipeg.

"If poor material was missed by the Mint inspection, and the armored car services spotted it in their wrapping machines, an arrangement is made to return it to the Mint for undamaged coins.

"Most of that kind of fuzzy stuff came from Ottawa because of the equipment, because of the way we were doing things," added the former employee. "Today, we do all the circulating coins in Winnipeg with very high speed equipment - very sophisticated injection mechanisms all over the place.

"It has all resulted in a lack of opportunity to find something odd in circulation coins. Now, it doesn't say that there is not something odd happening. In over 1 billion coins produced for Canada each year, give or take a few, and between 500 million and over 1 billion we produce for other countries, something will still get out on occasion."

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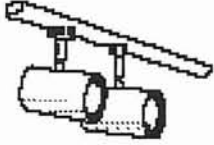
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# SPOTLIGHT ON AUCTIONS

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One of the items of Lot 190 in the Moore Numismatic Auction from The Bank of Canada. Note serial number, "SPECIMEN" imprinting and set serial number in lower right corner.

Friend-of-the-hobby Charles Moore of Moore Numismatic Auctions, Inc. has scheduled a fantastic auction for November 18 at the Four Seasons Toronto Hotel that will feature over 10,000 notes in 465 lots.

We cannot begin to describe here the phenomenal offering of items contained in the catalogue. The fact that material comes to the auction courtesy of the Bank of Canada, including specimen notes, low serial number notes, and scarce replacement notes, should

convince anyone interested in Canadian paper money that they should check out the offerings since some of the material may not see the light of day again for a long, long time. The bank notes and specimens, the property of the Bank of Canada, have remained in its vaults since the years of issue. People who have not expressed an interest in Canadian paper money up to now might wish to consider acquiring a few of these historic pieces, since this offering is the Bank of Canada's entire inventory of specimen and low serial notes from 1986 - 1991 issues that will ever be made available. Most might never come on the market, especially at the original hammer price. Those that might become available could command considerable higher pricing.

The auction lots will be on view at the Four Seasons Toronto Hotel on Nov. 16 (Thursday) and Nov. 17 (Friday) from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and on Nov. 18 (Saturday) from 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

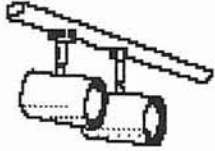
The Four Seasons Toronto Hotel, which was also the site of last year's historic Bank of Canada auction sale (also conducted by Moore Numismatic Auctions), is located adjacent to the Royal Ontario Museum, in the heart of Toronto, at the corner of Bloor Street and Avenue Road.

An illustrated catalogue is available for \$25.00 (which includes prices realized after the sale) from Moore Numismatic Auctions, Inc., 2100 Bloor St. W., #6297, Toronto, Ont. M6S 5A5. Their telephone number is (416) 968-2812. Chuck's e-mail address is moorecoins@Aol.Com .

A Limited Edition hard-bound copy of the auction catalogue is also being produced for the Auction Sale II. It is limited to 50 copies and is available while quantities last for \$75.00.



Balance of Lot #190, a specimen set of the 1986-1991 issues. All have serial No. 0000000. The specimen set illustrated here is number 0134. All specimens grade crisp UNC. (\$2,000 estimated value). One of 465 lots.



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ROYAL CANADIAN MINT

As published earlier in the *Canadian Coin News*, Nestle Canada and the Royal Canadian Mint issued a 1999-dated Millennium twenty-five cent coin set with a special Nestle token. It is now confirmed that the company is offering 2000-dated sets with a Nestle token. The latter will be of interest to Millennium coin collectors as well as variety collectors seeking to have a complete set of the commemorative coinage.

The oval-shaped set is nearly identical to the current set being offered by the Royal Canadian Mint, with the exception of the token and package labeling. The token itself bears the legend "Nestle" and "2000" as well as the corporate logo, that of a bird feeding two chicks in a nest. The coin board itself has the word "Nestle" and the corporate logo beneath the Millennium token.

In what may be an effort to boost sluggish sales of these items, Nestle Canada is offering the sets at a \$10 savings over the regular issue price of \$24.95. In this post-millennial period, the "hype" over commemorative coinage seems to have subsided somewhat, and this is perhaps indicated by the reduced price of the sets. The 1999 issue was completely sold out by November of last year. The current set is being offered in unlimited quantities, accompanied by 3 UPC codes from any Nestle product per set, or 7 UPC codes from Nestle single chocolate bars or frozen novelties, per set. Provincial taxes, GST and shipping fees are applied in addition to the \$14.95 price tag per set, open only to residents of Canada.

The shipping fees are as follows for coin set: one set, \$4; two to three sets, \$5; four to eight sets, \$7; and nine or more sets, \$12. To order the Nestle 2000 Souvenir Set, clearly print name, address, age and telephone number along with the UPC codes per set as indicated above. Include a cheque or money order payable to "Nestle 2000 Souvenir Set Offer" for \$14.95 per set, including provincial taxes, GST, and the shipping charge as above, and mail to: Nestle life is...best together, P.O. Box 12021, 661 Millidge Avenue, Saint John, NB E2L 5E7. Delivery takes six to eight weeks, and orders are accepted before December 30, 2000. The toll-free number for Nestle Canada is 1-888-3NESTLE (363-7853).

Given that the first set, dated 1999, was a sell out and a second run was requested by Nestle, the 2000 set might be a scarce item in the future.



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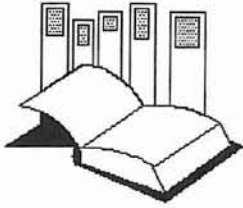
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## BOOK REVIEWS

*Eligi Consultants Issues Catalogue on Ontario Trade Tokens*

### CATALOGUE ON MUNICIPAL TOKENS OF ONTARIO

*by Jerry Remick (ONA Member #1239)*

The first edition of "The Standard Catalogue of Canadian Municipal Trade Tokens, Volume 4 - Ontario" by Serge Pelletier was released some time ago and has proven a valuable tool for token collectors and other numismatists that are interested in building a rounded numismatic library. Its author has certainly put a great deal of time into researching Canadian Municipal tokens for this book.



This is the second of six volumes which will replace Serge Pelletier's previous one-volume catalogue on Canadian municipal trade tokens & notes, published in 1993. The other 4 volumes will be published in the near future.

The 118-page 8-1/2" x 11" catalogue is spirally bound and has a plastic coated card cover which is covered with colored photos of various Ontario municipal trade tokens. The pages are laser printed to give sharp photos of the tokens. More than 350 tokens issued by 128 Ontario municipalities, listed alphabetically, are catalogued and illustrated, which include all currently known Ontario municipal trade tokens.

The book contains background information on each municipality, events, people and items commemorated. Realistic up-to-date values are also included, as are actual size photographs of all tokens and enlarged photographs showing details of varieties, detailed mintage figures for all metals, technical data and statistics, special notes on restrikes, helpful hints for easy identification, a built-in check list, a detailed index of municipalities whose tokens are catalogued and an index of catalogue numbers. Photos of previously unreported patterns and varieties are included.

The following technical statics are given for each token: expiration date, catalogue number, mint, metal, mintage, a valuation in uncirculation condition, designer, diameter, edge, weight and actual size photos of each type token. There is a 20-page introductory section.

The book is available postpaid for \$22 from the publisher, Eligi Consultants, P.O. Box 11447, Station "H" Nepean, ON K2H 7V1. Ray Desjardins can also be reached by telephone and fax at (613) 823-3844. They accept Visa and Master Card.

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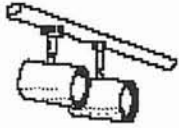
### “THE TRIAL OF THE PYX”

This film was originally produced by Charltons on 16mm film. Copies were loaned to local coin clubs and collectors for showing at meetings of Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, service clubs and other groups. It presented an overview of coin club meetings and encouraged people to consider coming out to meetings.

The ONA wishes to borrow a copy so that it can be reproduced on VCR tape. Copies would then be made available for loan to ONA-member clubs and individuals that wish to show it to groups in their area. We would provide the person that loans us their copy for duplication their very own complimentary copy in VCR format. As well, all shipping costs will be reimbursed.

If you have a copy of the film, please contact the ONA Club Services Chairman:

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# SPOTLIGHT ON CANADIAN TIRE COUPONS

## CTC COLLECTOR'S CLUB CELEBRATES 10TH ANNIVERSARY

*The following are excerpts from an article by ONA member Roger Fox, president of the Canadian Tire Coupon Collectors Club (CTCCC), published in the October 31, 2000 issue of Canadian Coin News*



One of the largest and most active Canadian specialty collecting clubs is celebrating their 10th Anniversary! It's been a very busy year for the club, according to Roger Fox and CTCCC's current President. They have had five meetings so far, including four 10th Anniversary parties as well as a big BBQ and pool party celebration held in conjunction with the recent CNA Convention in Ottawa.

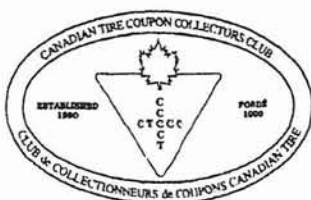
"We have come a long way in 10 years, and the collector interest in Canadian Tire "money," catalogues, die-cast bank trucks and corporate memorabilia continues to grow! We continue to grow too and boast an active membership of 320," says Roger Fox.

Current ONA President Mike Hollingshead hosted the first meeting on September 30, 1990 at the Toronto International Coin Fair, where over 70 enthusiastic collectors jammed a small room in the Triumph Hotel at Keele and Highway 401 in Toronto to talk about coupons. It is interesting to note that at the ONA Convention this year, the CTCCC held it's Toronto Anniversary Party in the same hotel, 10 years later.

In 1990, Canadian Tire Coupons had been out in circulation for over 32 years and were actively being collected by many people, but no real medium to bring these collectors together. The interest shown by ONA members Mike Hollingshead, Ross Irwin and Don Robb, resulted in the formation of the club.

Mike Hollingshead, the founder, also became the first president of the club. He was also editor of the early newsletters sending his English drafts to Ghislaine Memme of Laval, P.Q. for translation into French, and by the third newsletter in 1991, the club was offering all members a newsletter in either official language, which is still in place today. Mike remained President until 1996.

There were 186 charter members who signed up before April 30, 1991. All members, whether charter or not, received a unique membership card resembling the first series gas-bar coupons of 1958, with the club membership number being the serial number. These cards were designed by Roger Fox, and printed on card stock in colour. As all membership cards were signed by the club treasurer and president, they have had some signature changes as the executive has changed, just like the coupons themselves.

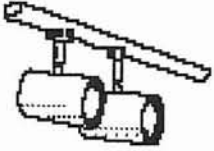


Since the club was using the CTC logo for club cards, and to this point without permission, they decided to design their own logo. ONA member Jerome Fourre came up with an oval design in which both the English and French name of the club went around the edge of the oval. In the centre was a triangle and stylized maple leaf. The English and French initials of their name were then put inside the triangle to form a cross. However, this brought the first objection from Canadian Tire in 1997. Current

president, Roger Fox, met with CTC executives, and over the next year worked with them in developing a five-year, royalty free license agreement to enable the club use of the Canadian Tire triangle logo. This was truly a momentous event for the club, as this was the first major sign of 'acceptance' of the club by Canadian Tire. Since the signing of the License Agreement, they now use the CTC triangle on their newsletters, club stationery and members' business cards.

Although Mike Hollingshead wrote the first three newsletters, Jerome Fourre has been the club editor since February 1992. Each issue contains information on new issues and discoveries submitted by various members from across Canada. As well, their large semi-annual mail auction and quarterly mail/floor auctions are listed. Free Classified ads from members are also included.

*For further information on CTCCC, ONA members can go to their web page, under the umbrella of Numismatic Network Canada, at [www.nunetcan.net/ctccc.htm](http://www.nunetcan.net/ctccc.htm).*



# SPOTLIGHT ON CANADIAN TIRE MONEY

## POLICE FUNDRAISING A HUGE SUCCESS

By John Regitko (ONA Life Member #LM083)



A recent issue of News & Views, official publication of The Metropolitan Toronto Police Association, featured a photo on the front cover of a police officer carrying a huge pile of Canadian Tire Money.

The caption reads "PC Dave Armstrong, #3300, of 53 Division, almost disappearing behind armloads of Canadian Tire Money! The money, generously donated by shoppers, was used to purchase toys and gifts for needy children."

Judging from the bundles in the photograph, donors must have cleaned out every drawer, wallet or car glove compartment. With CTC coupons having been issued for the past 42 years or so, imagine the rare old notes, special serial numbers, replacement notes and errors that must be included!

I wonder, did any ONA members...Don Robb, Mike Hollingshead, Roger Fox or others...have an opportunity to go through them?

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