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President's Message

As we slide into the fall "Numismatic Season", as I like to call it, I have visited every coin show I can, and am encouraged by lots of new faces young and old. What a refreshing change from the same old regulars. We surely need new collectors to help the hobby thrive. Please encourage the long time club members to invite the younger or new collectors to your local coin club meetings.

The ONA will be holding elections of officers at the April 2007 Convention. I hope we can see some new faces with good ideas come forward to join our executive. Let's keep supporting all levels of the hobby. It is a two year term and change along with good ideas will be of interest to not only the ONA but your local coin club also.

This being the last issue of the year I need to touch on a few subjects. As president I need to thank all members who wrote and published articles in their local club bulletin, then passed them on to the editor of the numismatist for all to read and enjoy. Without you we wouldn't have the knowledge or the variety that appears. Keep them coming.

"Renewal time for year 2007 ONA Membership is due.

"THANKS" to Albert Kasman our 2006 junior membership was an over whelming success. Any junior 18 and under receives their first year membership free. "All club presidents" don't forget your coin club insurance is now due.

The London Numismatic Society "HOST" of the 2007 Convention is working extremely hard to assure that all convention goers have a lot to look forward too.

Visit the ONA web site for info on upcoming shows and membership, convention registration forms and hotel reservations at www.ontario-numismatic.org

As the year is coming to an end I take this opportunity to wish all the members, executives, their families and the clubs for all the help in promoting the O.N.A. THANKS

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all
Tom Rogers

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MEMBERSHIP

The applications for membership which appeared in the September/October issue of the Ontario Numismatist have been accepted. We welcome the new members.

- 1898 Larry White, Liberty Centre, Ohio
- 1899 Neil Macaulay, Aylmer
- J1900 Xavier Allard, Dunnville
- J1901 Jessica Knueppel, Cliffwood Beach, N.J.
- J1902 Kevin Okkerse, Brantford
- J1903 Kate Salter, Unionville
- J1904 Colin Jackson, Newmarket
- J1905 Kaleigh Hine, Toronto

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

The following applications for membership have been received. If there are no objections, they will be accepted into O.N.A. membership and their acceptance published in the next bulletin.

- J1906 Edward Ford, Loretto
- J1907 Felicia Massey, Whitby
- J1908 Daniel Palacio, London

Yours truly

Bruce H. Raszmann

O.N.A. Treas. & Membership Chairman

DREAM VACATION DRAW TICKETS

Each year in conjunction with the Annual Convention in April, the ONA has a Draw for a vacation. Enclosed with this Bulletin please find a book of tickets which we ask that you sell (or purchase for yourself) and return the proceeds and ticket stubs to the ONA or bring them to the convention. Please note that we have not included a book of tickets with the bulletins mailed to junior members.

Sincerely,

Bruce Raszmann

O.N.A. Treasurer

WANTED

Hello,

I am wondering if any of your members have any old issues of a Neil Carmichael periodical that used to put out. A comic version of "The History Of Funny Money." They used to sell them at his coin shop at Bloor and Yonge in downtown Toronto in the early sixties. I'd give anything to thumb through them again. Please pass the word around that I'm looking.

Jeff Korda

jkorda@sympatico.ca

Upcoming Shows

SCARBOROUGH - November 11

The Scarborough Coin Club - 10th Annual Coin Show at Cedarbrook Community Centre, 91 Eastpark Blvd. Scarborough, Ontario from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free admission. Refreshments available. We are not at the location where our club meets. Tables still available, contact Dick Dunn at email cpms@idirect.com or P.O. Box 562, Pickering ON L1V 2R7

WINDSOR - November 12

Windsor Coin Club Annual Fall Show, Caboto Club, 2175 Parent Avenue. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission of \$1 includes draws for hourly door prizes and grand prize. Juniors admitted free. Lots of free parking. Sponsor/Affiliate: Windsor Coin Club. For more information, please contact Margaret Clarke, 519-735-0727, mclarke@wincom.net

CAMBRIDGE - November 18-19

TLC Show, Feature Inns, 700 Hespeler Rd. Hours: Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission - adults \$4; seniors and students \$2. Free parking. Draw for gold coin. New hotel, new location. For more information, contact Linda Robinson, 519-680-0213 linda_ann@rogers.com or Tom Kennedy, 519-271-8825.

NIAGARA FALLS - November 25

Coin-A-Rama! Our Lady of Peace Hall at 6944 Stanley Avenue, Niagara Falls. Free Parking, \$2.00 Admission. Free Gold Draw. 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Bourse Info: N.I.C.F. (905) 356-5006

OSHAWA - February 17, 2007

Durham Coin-A-Rama, 5 Points Mall, 285 Taunton Rd. East. Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free dealer, public and membership Draws. Free Admission. Celebrating 45 years in numismatics. Sponsor/Affiliate: Oshawa and District Coin Club. For more information, contact Sharon Maclean at 905-728-1352 or papman@indirect.com

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CAMBRIDGE - March 17, 2007

16th Annual Cambridge Coin Show, Cambridge Newfoundland Club, 1500 Dunbar Road, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm - 51 tables - Free Admission. Door Prizes & Displays. Buy - Sell - Trade Coins. Evaluate your coins. Directions: From 401, take Hwy 24 (Hespler Rd.) South to Dunbar Rd. (3 km - 8 traffic lights) & turn left, 2nd Building RH. For more information, contact: Vince Nevidon (519) 622-6625 or Wolfe Derle at wolfe1937@hotmail.com

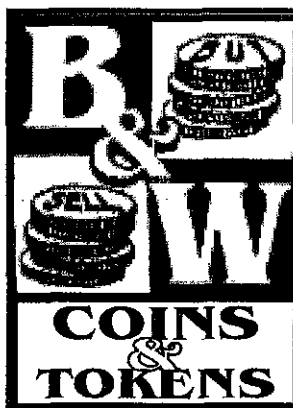
Obituary

McINTYRE, Lewis Joseph "Lew" Veteran WWII On Sunday, October 22, 2006, Lew McIntyre, age 86. Loving husband of the late Marie (Jo) McIntyre. Dear father of Barry (Irene). Proud grandfather of Julie, Kevin and Catherine. Brother of Shirley and Angus. Fondly remembered by many nieces and nephews.

From the Editor

This bulletin completes my second full year as editor of the Numismatist. As in the past I appreciate to many to many fine articles I receive and the club bulletins that provide insight into the of our hobby at the local level. I look forward to the next year. We hope to come up with an e-mail version of the bulletin in conjunction with our new webmaster, Robb MacPherson. Have a great Christmas and Happy New Year.

Sincerely,
Richard Johnson



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Second Sunday	Oshawa & District Coin Club
Second Monday	St Thomas Numismatic Society Windsor Coin Club
Second Tuesday	Waterloo Coin Society Pembroke Coin Club
Second Wednesday	Wasaga Beach Coin Club Peterborough Numismatic Society Leamington & District Coin Club
Second Thursday	Woodstock Coin Club Lake Superior Coin Club
Second Sunday	Timmins Coin Club
Third Sunday	Watford Coin Club Brantford Numismatic Society St Catharines Coin Club Nickel Belt Coin Club (Sudbury)
Third Monday	Ingersoll Coin Club Toronto Coin Club
Third Tuesday	Tillsonburg Coin Club Alliston Coin Club
Third Wednesday	Stratford Coin Club Kent Coin Club (Chatham) Niagara Falls Coin Club
Fourth Monday	Cambridge Coin Club City Of Ottawa Coin Club
Fourth Tuesday	Collingwood - Georgian Bay Coin & Stamp Club North York Coin Club

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Nomination Committee Report

As required by the ONA's Constitution and By-Laws, the President has made a call for nominations of elected officers and has appointed me, Len Trakalo, Chairman, with Paul Petch and Tom Rogers as members 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 March 31, 2007.
- 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/clubs 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 March/April 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 the end of March, 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.
- 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.

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

- Area 1a - Essex County including Windsor and Leamington
- Area 1b - Lambton & Kent Counties incl. Watford, Chatham, Sarnia & St. Thomas
- Area 2 - London, Woodstock, Ingersoll & Tillsonburg
- Area 3 - Niagara Region incl. St. Catharines
- Area 4 - Brantford, Cambridge, Waterloo & South Wellington
- Area 5 - Stratford to Collingwood
- Area 6 - Midland, Orillia, Collingwood, Wasaga Beach
- Area 7 - Toronto incl. Mississauga, Scarborough, North York & Oshawa
- Area 8 - Kingston Area
- Area 9 - Ottawa & Pembroke
- Area 10 - North Bay & Sudbury
- Area 11 - Thunder Bay

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 delegate's 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 on 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.

We are also accepting nominations via e-mail at ltrakalo@sympatico.ca with the stipulation that anyone that you propose must have give you verbal confirmation that they are willing to accept the nomination

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

Len Trakalo - Chairman

Paul Petch & Tom Rogers - Members ONA Nominations Committee

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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR 2007

O.N.A. Award of Merit and Fellow of the O.N.A.

The Ontario Numismatic Association bestows two distinct awards annually to recognize numismatists who have made contributions towards the advancement of numismatics, either throughout Ontario or at the local club level. These awards are the O.N.A. "Award of Merit" and the "Fellow of the O.N.A." The announcement of recipients occurs at the annual O.N.A. banquet. The awards are in the form of a silver medal, a suitably inscribed certificate, an engraved metallic name badge and a complimentary seat at the O.N.A. banquet.

The O.N.A. Awards Committee is now calling for nominations for the "Award of Merit" and the "Fellow of the O.N.A." Award. You are invited to submit the name(s) of residents of Ontario you consider worthy of being recognized with the "Award of Merit" who have significantly contributed to the success of the O.N.A. and numismatics in the Province of Ontario. You may also nominate any O.N.A. member as a "Fellow of the O.N.A."

Please be sure to include a full summary of the nominees' numismatic achievements and contributions to ensure that the O.N.A. Awards Committee is fully apprised of your nominees' activities. The simple suggestion of a name does not represent a nomination.

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

- 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.
- local community work: organizing a numismatic displays in libraries, malls or other public locations; other examples relating to the promotion of numismatics.
- numismatic education: writing, research; published articles and/or books; exhibiting at coin shows, mall promotions or other events; list achievements.
- 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.
- any other achievements or contributions to numismatics in Ontario, as well as listing achievements nationally and internationally.

The O.N.A. Awards Committee, charged with the responsibility of selecting recipients from the nominations, consists of four well-known numismatists who have previously received the Award of Merit and the President of the O.N.A.. It is the responsibility of this Committee to select from the nominees the individual who should receive the Award of Merit, and a maximum of 3 "Fellow of the O.N.A." recipients.

Written submissions should be mailed to: Paul R. Petch, Chairman, O.N.A. Awards Committee, 128 Silverstone Drive, Toronto, ON M9V 3G7, or by e-mail to p.petch@rogers.com. Nominations must be in the committee's hands by March 16, 2007.

Paul Petch,
Chairman, Awards Committee

Courtesy of the Timmins Coin Club

Perth Issues Holey Dollar & Dump for 2006 FIFA World Cup

The Australian Perth Mint is proud to announce that FIFA has asked it to participate in a multi-national commemorative coin program celebrating the 2006 World Cup, which will be staged in Germany between 9 June and 9 July.

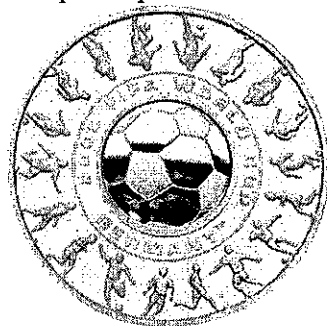
The Perth Mint's FIFA World Cup Holey Dollar & Dump is based on Australia's first lawful coinage. In 1812, Governor Macquarie arranged for the centres of 40,000 'pieces of eight' to be punched out, thereby creating historic Holey Dollar & Dump coins for the cash-strapped colony.

The new coin set is struck from 1oz of 99.9% pure silver in proof quality. Both the outer 'Holey Dollar' and the inner 'Dump' are issued as legal tender under the Australian *Currency Act 1965*.

The reverse of the Holey Dollar features a border of soccer players with the inscription 2006 FIFA WORLD CUP GERMANY™. The Dump or central plug depicts a soccer ball.

The obverse of the Holey Dollar depicts the Ian Rank-Broadley effigy of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and its monetary denomination. The obverse of the Dump also depicts Ian Rank-Broadley's effigy of the Queen and its separate monetary denomination.

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By Scott E. Douglas

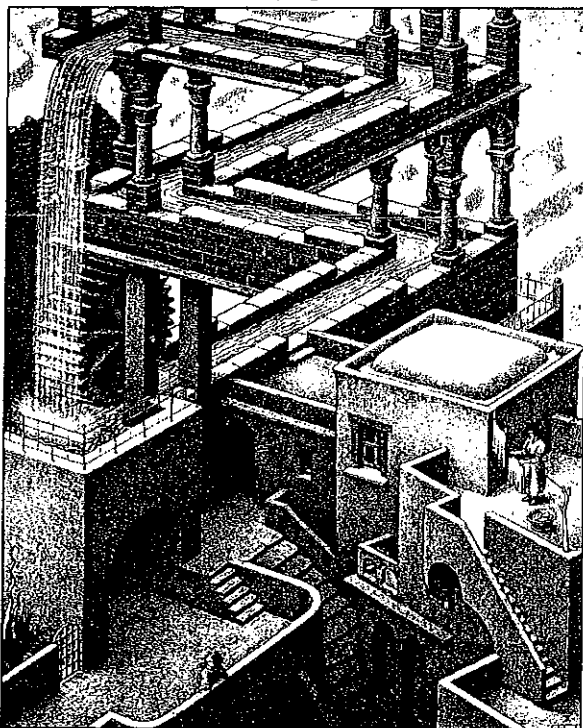
.....that any serious numismatist will point out that it is essential to coin, token and medal collecting (as well as paper money) to have a few books at your disposal in order to advance your knowledge as to the reason that shiny little metallic object came to be? In fact the word 'Numismatist' in itself suggests an applied science to extracting all that may be known about a particular object of fancy and writing it down. To simply collect without reason is to be considered 'amassing'.

While we all may fall under the heading of amassers at some time or other where our coins and tokens are concerned, we must take extreme care when 'amassing' information. It is a researcher's duty not only to record his findings correctly but any opinions or assumptions should be accompanied by words such as 'in my opinion', 'likely' or 'possibly' so as not to confuse the reader and future generations that these observations are indeed 'carved in stone' so to speak. A great deal of harm can evolve from assumptions presented as fact and if gone unchecked may set numismatics itself back many years.

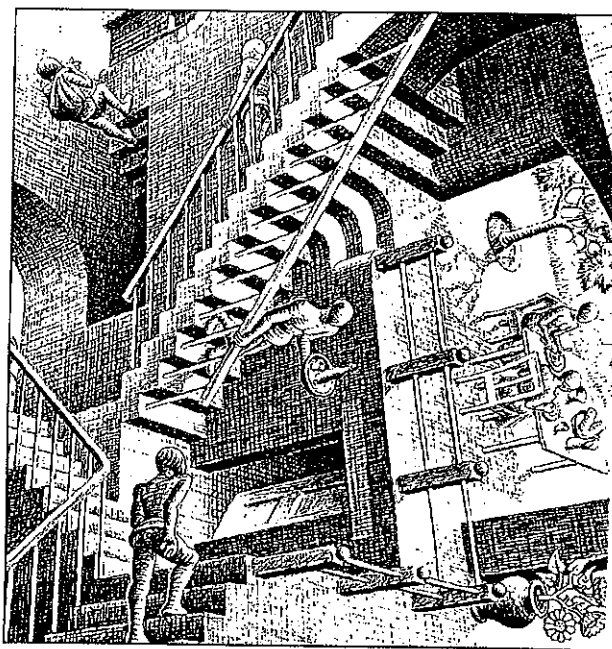
A researcher must take great pains to present any facts uncovered in the truest possible light and with utmost accuracy.

An article or research paper is more attractive when presented in an interesting and readable fashion; however, one must take care not to stray to the edge of fiction.

Following these simple thoughts will allow you, the collector, to become a true numismatist and will give enjoyment much greater than that of monetary gain or an 'amassed' binder collection on a shelf!



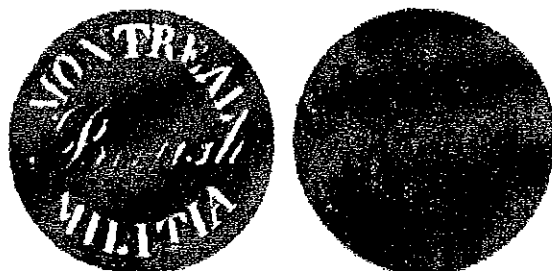
Waterfall (detail), 1961. Lithograph, 15 x 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.



Relativity (detail), 1953. Lithograph, 10 $\frac{3}{8}$ x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.

MILITIA BUTTON MONEY

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During Canada's early period and its shortage of official coinage, citizens resorted to various substitutes such as foreign coins and tokens, playing cards, other paper 'promises to pay', as well as flattened militia buttons. These brass flattened buttons approximated the size of British halfpennies and circulated at these values. These militia buttons were used during the late 1700s until around 1830 when the Bank tokens became prevalent. The Montreal British Militia was formed in Montreal for the War of 1812 and their buttons are perhaps the most common, but others such as those from the 25th and 69th Regiments are also known, as well as some from the Montreal Fire Brigade.

The flattened buttons appear from time to time in auction catalogues and retail somewhere around \$100. - \$150.

The only recorded reference of these flattened buttons in Canadian numismatic literature known to the writer, is in Robert W. McLachlan's 1886 "A Descriptive Catalogue of COINS, TOKENS AND MEDALS Issued in or Relating to the Dominion of Canada and Newfoundland". He lists the Montreal British Militia as # XXV, and gives this description:

"Obv. MONTREAL / BRITISH / MILITIA occupying the whole field in sunken letters. Rev. Plain. Brass. Size 29m, R3.

Although specimens of the above are occasionally met with in circulation, they are simply buttons, hastily struck for the raw levies that were raised for the defence of Canada during the war of 1812. On the termination of the war these buttons were divested of their shanks and circulated as change among a people accepting anything as money that had the proper shape and size."

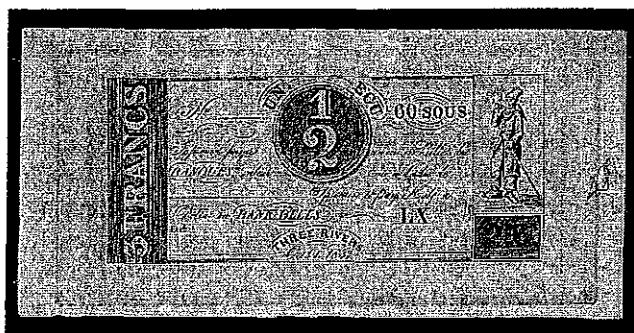
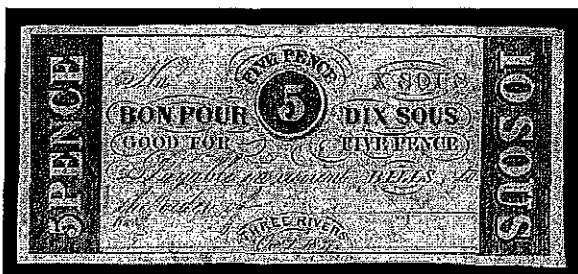
Another interesting example of our early "coinage".

FROM THE VAULTS OF THE NATIONAL CURRENCY COLLECTION...

HART'S BANK – Three Rivers, Lower Canada (1835-1847) by David Bergeron

Moses Hart, a respected entrepreneur in Three Rivers, Québec, opened Hart's Bank as a private venture in 1835, when his application for a charter was denied. Hart's Bank operated in times of great political and economic turmoil, but managed to overcome the crises that claimed many victims in the world of finance. Hart's good reputation within the

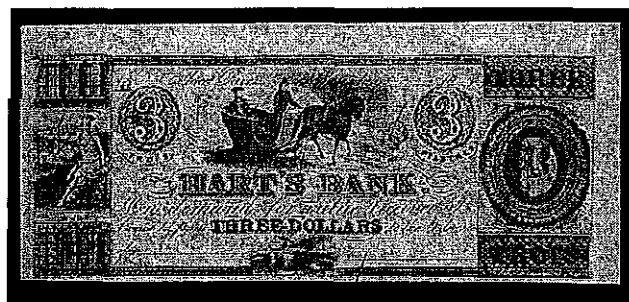
community meant that his notes were widely accepted. He never had to suspend specie payment, especially during the financial crisis of 1837, and he never faced bankruptcy. The Hart's Bank remained opened until Hart's death in 1847, after which business dealings were suspended permanently.



Scrip Issue of 1837

Hart was a staunch supporter of Louis-Joseph Papineau, and his notes circulated widely among French-Canadians. Notes in denominations of 5, 10, and 20 pence, and 2 shillings, 6 pence (10, 20, 40, and 60 sous) were printed by Adolphus Bourne, a Montréal engraver and

printer. The design and style of the notes merchants' scrip rather than bank notes. Actual surviving examples of Hart's Bank notes are unknown, and it is believed that they were all redeemed. The examples here are modern impressions taken from the original copper printing plates.



Dollar Issue of 1838

A second series of notes in \$1, \$3, and \$5 denominations was issued in 1838. Like the first notes, they bore the imprint "Bourne." All three denominations contain more or less the same graphic elements, only in different

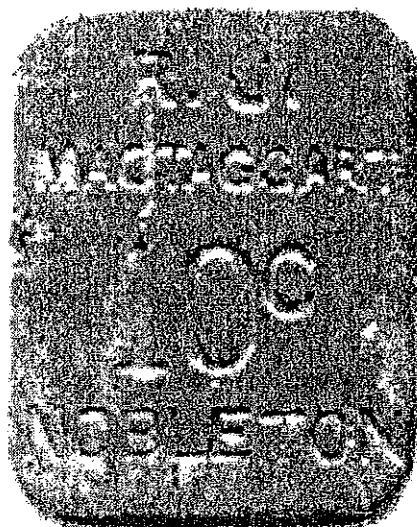
positions. The notes are larger and match the dimensions of notes issued by other banks.

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**R. J. MACTAGGART
NOBLETON, ONTARIO**

NEWLY ATTRIBUTED ONTARIO TRADE TOKEN

By - Len Buth



actual token- aluminum, 22 x 28 mm, incused, uniface

An interesting aluminum and rectangular token, which is quite unlike any other known Ontario trade token, has recently come into the writers possession. Given its characteristics it was at first thought that this could not be a Nobleton, Ontario token. Some research indicated two towns in North America with the name Nobleton..... one in Florida, USA and the other in King Township, County of York, Ontario. The book "Florida Trade Tokens" by C.R. Clark [1980] did not list this token. Additional research lead to a Canadian book by the Nobleton Women's Institute, published in 1976 entitled "Nobleton Heritage 1800 - 1976". This book has indeed confirmed the token's link to Nobleton, Ontario.

Robert James Mactaggart was the son of Hugh and Janet Mactaggart. Date of R.J. Mactaggart's birth has not been established, but in or about 1906 he married Viola Ham. In 1915 he bought The General Store in Nobleton from J.W. Larkin. The building housing the store was built in 1870 by Chas. Hambly. The store also accommodated the town's Post Office. In 1919 R.J. Mactaggart sold the store [to Harold Pringle] and farmed in the Nobleton area until his death in 1956.

Accordingly, this token was in use in the Nobleton, Ontario area sometime between 1915 and 1919. The 10c denomination is the only one known at this time.

The Commemoratives of Pierre de Coubertin, Renovator of the Modern Olympic Games

by Alexander William Driega

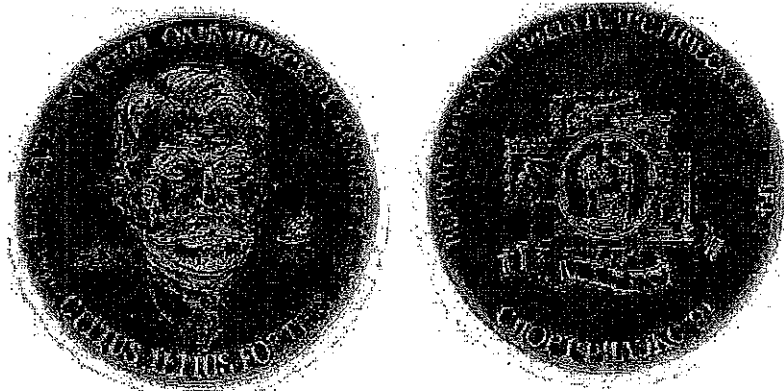
If you were to ask 100 people: "Who revived the ancient Olympic Games?" probably more than 75 percent would have no idea and others may say "...some Frenchman by the name of Coubertin ...I think."

Who was Pierre de Coubertin? Where did he come from, and why was he held in such high regard by the media and sports world at large? Much has already been written about him, so suffice to say he was born in Paris (1863–1937) to a noble and wealthy family of Italian descent. He was known as a pedagogue, visionary, humanist, diplomat and sociologist, among other things. His most accomplished legacy to mankind has been to revive the Olympic Spirit and the Games in 1896. In so doing, he gave humanity a powerful motive for union and harmony.

As a long standing numismatist and International Exhibitor, my objective has been to capture the history of the Olympic Games on coins and medals from Antiquity (480 B.C.) to present. In attending many exhibitions at Olympic, IOC and sport-sponsored events around the world, I frequently mention to viewers the name of Pierre de Coubertin. When I noticed a quizzical expression on some

viewers faces, I quickly explain who this gentleman was and what part he played in renovating the Games. It was not until after I became a member of the Pierre de Coubertin International Committee that I realized my presentations did not provide an effective link between the ancient and modern Olympics nor did it pay homage to the man who revived them. With patience and research I assembled a collection of items that featured his effigy. My objective was quite simple – any coin, medal, plaque or pin featuring his portrait was a candidate for the display which was strategically positioned between the ancient and modern items.

There are about 27 items in this topical collection. I am sure there are others that I am not aware of. This grouping has never failed to capture the attention of viewers, be they participants or spectators. I hope it gives some incentive to beginners and/or seasoned collectors of Olympic memorabilia to put together a similar grouping in their collection. This will not only help keep the Olympic Movement alive and well, but will also pay tribute to our Canadian Olympians.



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FROM THE VAULTS OF THE NATIONAL CURRENCY COLLECTION...

The “Pretended” Bank of Upper Canada – Kingston, Upper Canada (1819-1822)



You may have heard of a phantom bank, or a wildcat bank. But have you ever heard of a pretended bank? The so-called pretended Bank of Upper Canada was the province's first banking institution opened in Kingston in 1819. Kingston merchants petitioned for a bank in 1817, to which a bill was drafted and sent to King George III for royal assent. It took over two years for word to come from England, by which time, though, the Bank of Upper Canada bill had expired and was voided for non-use.

While some of the Kingston petitioners re-applied to government for a charter, others decided that they could no longer wait for royal assent, and decided to proceed with the creation of the Bank of Upper Canada. Articles of Association were drafted in 1818, subscription books to purchase shares in the company were opened, and a board of directors was elected. The Bank of Upper Canada operated as a private firm without a charter. Notes in denominations of \$1, \$2, \$5 and \$10 were printed by the Graphic Company of Albany New York. The fact that the bank operated without a charter did not seem to pose a problem at first, but when cracks in the bank's operations began to appear, strong criticisms were made against the institution and it was soon declared “illegal.”

In 1822, internal conflicts between the bank's president, Benjamin Whitney, and some of the directors led to the demise of the bank. At first the bank attempted to settle its own affairs, however government intervention caused the issue to drag on for many years. In fact, the private Bank of Upper Canada never really settled its affairs; the legislation surrounding the bank hanging in political limbo.

It was the “legitimate” Bank of Upper Canada (incorporated in 1821 and established at York) that gave the Kingston firm the moniker “pretended” Bank. This term was later used in the government legislation intended to settle the affairs of the bank. The private Bank of Upper Canada became pejoratively known as the “pretended” Bank because it operated without a charter and was not incorporated. The real Bank of Upper Canada adopted the name to distinguish itself as a reputable company against the questionable and reprehensible activities of the pretended bank. So the private Bank of Upper Canada really did exist, but because of its unchartered status, it was not recognized by government and eventually the bank fell into obscurity.

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