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## **President's Message**

Another Convention has come and gone. It was a pleasure to be amongst such enthusiasm. The London Numismatic Society sure put everything into this year's show; even the weather was top notch.

A convention cannot be successful without good support and lots of helping hands. The executive and I have so many people to "THANK" for making this another great convention.

The LNS is indeed an organization of dedicated members and among some of the best exhibitors our convention has seen in a long time. This is what joining a coin club and supporting your hobby is all about, (team work and knowledge). We couldn't have done this without all of you.

A "SPECIAL THANKS" to the Four Points Sheraton and its great staff, all Advertisers, Dealers, Delegates, Security, club members, Hoare's Auction and staff, Dream Vacation ticket sellers and buyers.

The Awards Banquet drew 67 guests, Bob Usher being the guest speaker kept our interest up with the colourful history of the Covent Garden Market and the city of London.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** to our award winners for 2007 Hubert Grimminck (Toby), Rick Craig & Larry Walker. All of these men are dedicated and give freely in all endeavors of numismatics.

I was surprised & honoured to receive the Fellow Award.

**ELECTIONS:** Area Directors old and new I wish to thank all for assisting us in making all 33 clubs flourish in Ontario and help to keep this great hobby thriving.

President: The membership has afforded me the opportunity to sit for another two years I'll do my best.

**Dream Vacation Winners** listed on page 70.

Most important to our convention are the ladies who work the hospitality suite and the front desk. "THANKS" hardly seems enough, but if not for you we would only have half a show. "JOB WELL DONE!"

President Tom

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**In Memoriam:**

Bruce Brace 1932-2007 a noted Canadian Numismatist and Collector.

Bruce was one of the founders of the Hamilton Coin Club later co/founder of the Chedoke Numismatic Society. He & his wife Dorte lived in Ancaster, Ont.

He was a Governor of the J.D. Ferguson Historical Research Society for many years.

Bruce also was founder of the Classical Medieval Numismatic Society.

Memberships included: C.N.A since 1950

- A.N.A. over 50 years
- Life member of the O.N.A.
- Royal Numismatic Society
- Canadian Numismatic Research Society

He Published numerous articles of a numismatic nature.

Bruce and Dorte shared the love of numismatics and competed at many a show across Canada. He will be greatly missed.

**MEMBERSHIP**

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

- |      |                                     |
|------|-------------------------------------|
| 1930 | Dorothy Hoskins, Port Dover Ontario |
| 1931 | Fred Simmons, Minden, Ontario       |
| 1932 | Carol Simmons, Minden, Ontario      |
| 1933 | Lorne Barnes, London, Ontario       |
| 1934 | Randy Ash, Wainwright, Alta         |

**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.

- |       |                               |
|-------|-------------------------------|
| 1921  | Gerald Kominek, Woodstock     |
| J1922 | Steven Saltzberry, La Salette |
| J1923 | Ryan Woods, Waterloo          |
| 1924  | Ken Cameron, London           |
| 1925  | Gary Fedora, Georgetown       |
| J1926 | Johnathan Alter, Toronto      |
| 1927  | Wayne M. Irwin, Windsor       |
| J1928 | Alicia Gurr, Brantford        |
| 1929  | Patrick Burns, Stratford      |

Yours truly, Bruce H. Raszmann  
O.N.A. Treas. & Membership Chairman

**F.Y.I.**

What you do is more impressive  
than anything you might say!

ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION  
TREASURER'S REPORT  
FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2006 TO DECEMBER 31, 2006

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Petty Cash @ Jan. 1, 2006	\$ 30.43	
Bank Balance @ Jan. 1, 2006	\$2881.65	
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	\$2912.08	\$2912.08

RECEIPTS

Memberships (Regular, Junior & Club)	\$4343.00	
O.N.A. Convention Draw	\$1753.34	
Club Ticket Rebate	\$ 56.00	
Premium U.S.A. Money	\$ 6.43	
2006 O.N.A. Convention	\$2388.90	
Interest on Certificates	\$ 157.43	
Matured Wait & See Certificate	\$7000.00	
Matured Premium Rate Certificate	\$4000.00	
Transfer From Contingency Acct	\$ 890.00	
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	\$20595.10	\$20595.10

EXPENSES

O.N.A. Publication "ONTARIO NUMISMATIST"	\$5384.10	
Postage	\$ 42.63	
Office Supplies	\$ 30.81	
P.O. Box Rental & G.S.T.	\$ 117.70	
Safety Deposit Box Rental & G.S.T.	\$ 131.08	
Telephone	\$ 16.56	
Photocopying	\$ 31.26	
Expenses For Projects Within The O.N.A.	\$2122.76	
2006 Convention Table Covers	\$ 371.50	
O.N.A. Archives (2006 & 2007)	\$ 135.00	
Library Books	\$ 160.00	
C.N.A. Dues (2006 & 2007)	\$ 70.00	
Allstate Cases	\$ 200.00	
Trailer	\$1532.28	
Transfer To Life Membership	\$ 500.00	
Transfer To Insee Acct (2006) Subsidy	\$ 580.20	
Guaranteed Investment Certificate	\$4000.00	
Money Market G.I.C.	\$3000.00	
Premium Rate Certificate	\$4000.00	
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	\$22425.88	\$22425.88

Excess Receipts Over Expenses \$-1830.78

Petty Cash @ December 31, 2006	\$ 46.33	
Bank Balance @ December 31, 2006	\$ 1034.97	
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	\$ 1081.30	\$1081.30

GENERAL ACCOUNT - BANK RECONCILIATION

Bank Ledger Sheet Balance @ December 31, 2006	\$ 1034.97
Outstanding Cheques	\$ NIL
Bank Statement Balance @ December 31, 2006	\$ 1034.97

GENERAL ACCOUNT ASSETS

Guaranteed Investment Certificate	\$4000.00
Money Market G.I.C.	\$3000.00
Premium Rate Certificate	\$4000.00

ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION  
 TREASURER'S REPORT  
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CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT

Bank Balance @ January 1, 2006 \$1262.72

RECEIPTS

Interest Guaranteed Investment Certificates	\$1135.75	
Matured Guaranteed Investment Certificate	\$5000.00	
	\$6135.75	\$6135.75

EXPENSES

Guaranteed Investment Certificate	\$6500.00	
Transferred General Account	\$ 890.00	
	\$7390.00	\$7390.00

Excess Receipts Over Expenses \$-1254.25

Bank Balance @ December 31, 2006 \$ 8.47

CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT ASSETS

Guaranteed Investment Certificates \$34000.00

INSURANCE ACCOUNT

Bank Balance @ January 1, 2006 \$ 79.01

RECEIPTS

1 (2006) Club Premium @ \$110.00	\$ 110.00	
1 (2006) Additional Named Insured	\$ 10.00	
Interest on Certificate	\$ 74.70	
Matured Wait & See Certificate	\$4375.00	
(2006) Subsidy from General Account	\$ 580.20	
27 (2007) Club Premiums @ \$90.00	\$2430.00	
1 (2007) Additional Named Insured	\$ 10.00	
	\$7589.90	\$7589.90

EXPENSES

Insurance Premium (Nov 1/2006 - Nov 1/2007)	\$3040.20	
Postage, Photocopies	\$ 38.42	
Money Market G.I.C'S	\$3700.00	
	\$6778.62	\$6778.62

Excess Receipts Over Expenses \$ 811.28

Bank Balance @ December 31, 2006 \$ 890.29

INSURANCE ACCOUNT ASSETS

Money Market G.I.C.	\$1850.00
Money Market G.I.C.	\$1850.00

ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION  
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CASH ASSET SUMMARY @ DECEMBER 31, 2006

Cash & Bank Balance - General Account	\$ 1081.30	
Guaranteed & Money Market G.I.C's - General Acct	\$ 7000.00	
Premium Rate Certificate - General Account	\$ 4000.00	
Bank Balance - Contingency Account	\$ 8.47	
Guaranteed Investment Certificates - Contingency	\$ 34000.00	
Bank Balance - Insurance Account	\$ 890.29	
Money Market G.I.C's - Insurance Account	\$ 3700.00	
	\$50680.06	\$50680.06
 Cash Assets (2005)		 \$52128.81
Decrease In Cash Assets		\$-1448.75

LIFE MEMBERSHIP ACCOUNT

Bank Balance @ January 1, 2006 \$328.31

RECEIPTS

Membership	\$ 450.00	
Interest Guaranteed Investment Certificates	\$ 580.47	
Matured Guaranteed Investment Certificate	\$ 6000.00	
Transfer From General Account	\$ 500.00	
	\$7530.47	\$7530.47

EXPENSES

Guaranteed Investment Certificate	\$6000.00	
58 Membership Dues (2006) @ \$15.00	\$ 870.00	
	\$6870.00	\$6870.00

Excess Receipts Over Expenses \$660.47

Bank Balance @ December 31, 2006 \$988.78

LIFE MEMBERSHIP ASSETS

Guaranteed Investment Certificates \$9700.00

The Bank Accounts are maintained at  
 the T.D. Canada Trust, Belmont Branch  
 Kitchener, Ontario

Treasurer Bruce A. Raszmann

## Upcoming Shows

### **BRANTFORD - June 10**

46TH Annual Coin Show, Woodman Community Centre, 491 Grey St. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission, free parking. 35 dealers at 65 tables. Displays of Canadian coins, tokens, paper money, trade dollars, CTC coupons. Sponsor/Affiliate: Brantford Numismatic Society. For more information, contact Brantford Numismatic Society, PO Box 28071 North Park Plaza, Brantford, ON N3R 7K5 or Ed Anstett, 519-759-3688, edanstett@rogers.com

### **TORONTO - June 16-17**

UKRAINPEX 2007, Ukrainian Canadian Art Foundation, 2118-A Bloor Street West. Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days. There will be no admission fee, but donations to support the exhibition are always appreciated. Competitive and non-competitive exhibits in all areas of Ukraine collectibles, bourse, free appraisals. Sponsor/Affiliate: Ukrainian Collectibles Society (Toronto) in conjunction with the international Ukrainian Philatelic and Numismatic Society (UPNS). For more information, contact W. Sokoluk, ucs.to@hotmail.com. Web site: <http://www.upns.org/ukrainpex.htm>

### **OSHAWA - October 13**

Durham Coin-A-Rama, Five Points Mall, 285 Taunton Road 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 905-725-1352 or papman@idirect.com.

### **GUELPH - October 20**

South Wellington and Waterloo Coin Societies, Colonel John McCrae Legion, 919 York Rd. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Displays, free parking, accessible, buy-sell-trade, over 50 tables. For more information, contact Lowell Weirstra 519-824-6534.

## **IN MEMORIAM**

**FRANK FESCO (1919 - 2007)**



On January 8, 2007 The City of Ottawa Coin Club lost its honorary member, Frank Sorensen (Fesco) who passed away at the age of 87. Frank was a veteran, a poet and a numismatist. He was wholeheartedly dedicated to the Ottawa Club. A fellow of the Canadian Numismatic Research Society he was known in Canada as an expert in identifying Asian coins. According to a friend and dealer Frank "amassed one of the largest, most diverse, most beautifully organized collections of world coinage." The City of Ottawa Coin Club and our hobby has lost a true numismatist.

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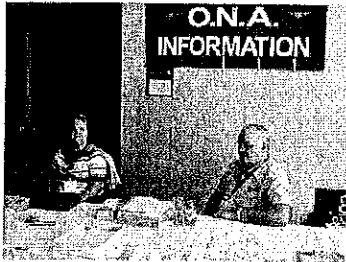
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**Ted Bailey: C.N.A. LM.#346, O.N.A. LM. #57, C.P.M.S. #1072**

# 45th Annual O.N.A. Convention 2007

By Rick Johnson, Editor

Congratulations to Tom Rogers and the London Numismatic Society for organizing and implementing another successful convention. The event was held at the Four Points Sheraton on Wellington Rd. South in the Forest City (London, Ont). In addition to the traditional reception on Friday night there was an auction conducted by Jeffrey Hoare Auctions Inc. featuring coins from the Lloyd T. Smith collection.



Lillian Esler and Bouce Baseman at the registration and information table.

I arrived at Hotel just before 10:00 am, Saturday morning and was greeted at the registration desk by the smiling faces of Lillian Esler and Bruce Raszmann. I picked up my registration kit and proceeded to the hospitality suite to inspect the goodies in my kit. There I was greeted by more smiling faces of the volunteers pictured in this article. After going through the many treasures in my kit I headed for the bourse floor.

Hospitality Suite Volunteers  
L-R Sandy Craig, Doris Buth, Betsy Grimminck and Bettylou Hume



On the way I encountered president Tom and Area 7 Director David Bawcutt who paused long enough to have their picture taken. The Bourse floor was busy when I arrived but I still managed to find a couple of junk boxes to rummage through. I also spent quite a bit of time examining the many exhibits at the back of the room. This was unquestionably the best set of exhibits I had encountered in 10 years of convention attendance.



David Bawcutt (Area 7 Director) and O.N.A. President Tom Rogers Pause For A Photo

At noon the O.N.A. annual meeting began. This was election year and Tom Rogers once again agreed to be president.



Busy Bourse Floor On Saturday Morning

At 2:00 pm, the London Numismatic Society held an educational seminar on Western Fair Medals. This was a well prepared and informative session. The society used the proceeds from hosting this convention to purchase a power point presentation system. A great investment that I recommend other clubs take a look at.

Some of the many exhibits on display



Graham Esler, V.P. of the L.N.S. was the master of ceremonies for the annual banquet that featured keynote speaker, Bob Usher, manager of the Covent Garden Market which is featured on the reverse of this year's convention medals. The award of merit went to Hubert Grimminck while Rick Craig, Larry Walker and Tom Rogers received fellow of the O.N.A. awards.



Many of the Delegates at the annual meeting



Hubert Grimminck, Award Of Merit Winner, Tom Roger, Rick Craig and Larry Walker, Fellow of the ONA Winners



Banquet Head Table with Keynote Speaker, Bob Usher, Manager Of London's Historic Covent Market Garden

This was an extremely enjoyable convention for me and I look forward to next year in Sudbury.

April 21, 2007

### O.N.A. 2007 General Meeting

I have completed my 2<sup>nd</sup> year as the O.N.A. area 7 director. There are 5 coin clubs in the Toronto area.

There has been some interest in our area about hosting an upcoming O.N.A. Convention. Oshawa voted against it but they are still talking about it at North York. It comes down to getting enough volunteers to run the convention. Most clubs lack involvement and input from their members.

An important thing the O.N.A. did this year was to bring the O.N.A. website up to date. I received 3 inquires this year by e mail. One wanted information on the Toronto Coin Club, one wanted information on selling British coins and the last person wanted to know if there was any coin stores in Oshawa. I replied to all and I got a chance to attend the Toronto Coin Club meeting this month at Metro Hall. I showed them our library list, our VCR list and told them about our new trailer.

Most clubs are trying to increase their junior membership by starting their meetings earlier but it is a slow process. The Albert Kasman Fund also helps.

Thanks

David Bawcutt

### Scarborough Coin Club

- Founded in December 1976
- Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month at Cedarbrook Community Centre at 7:30 p.m. (No meetings during July and August)
- We have just over 50 members
- We produce a wood for our Coin Show and an anniversary wood each year
- We have one Coin Show each year in early November
- We issue a newsletter for each meeting
- We try to encourage junior member, each meeting they can take a few coins from a bag of coins to add to their collection.

Submitted by

David Bawcutt

Scarborough Coin Club Delegate to the general O.N.A. meeting

# DREAM VACATION

2007

Lottery Results

Ticket Sales by Clubs

Clubs	Books Sold
Brantford Numismatic Society.....	10
Cambridge Coin Club.....	12
Canadian Tire Coupon Collectors.....	1
City of Ottawa Coin Club.....	6
Champlain Coin Club.....	4
Georgian Bay Coin & Stamp Club.....	6
Essex County Coin Club.....	--
Ingersoll Coin Club.....	54
Kent Coin Club.....	1
Kingston Coin & Currency Club.....	2
Lakeshore Coin Club.....	--
Lake Superior Coin Club.....	2
London Numismatic Society.....	28
Mississauga-Etobicoke Coin, Stamp & Collectibles.....	1
Niagara Falls Coin Club.....	22
Nickel Belt Coin Club.....	35
North York Coin Club.....	6
Ontario Numismatic Association.....	32
Oshawa & District Coin Club.....	16
Peterborough Numismatic Society.....	4
Sarnia Coin Club.....	2
Scarborough Coin Club.....	8
South Wellington Coin Society.....	13
St. Thomas Numismatic Association.....	11
Stratford Coin Club.....	35
Tillsonburg Coin Club.....	18
Timmins Coin Club.....	1
Waterloo Coin Society.....	73
Watford Coin Club.....	5
Windsor Coin Club.....	64
Woodstock Coin Club.....	16
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Total Book Sales.....	488

ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION  
DREAM VACATION  
2007  
DRAW WINNERS

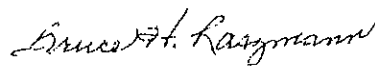
FIRST PRIZE – DREAM VACATION DRAW WINNER  
TOM BILINSKY – NEW HAMBURG, ONTARIO  
SELLERS PRIZE – (\$100.00 Cash) – TOM BILINSKY

SECOND PRIZE – \$100 GOLD COIN  
THOMAS MASTERS – LONDON, ONTARIO

FIVE CONSOLATION PRIZES – 2007 O'CANADA SETS  
BETTY FREEMAN – WOODSTOCK, ONTARIO  
JIM HALL – CORUNNA, ONTARIO  
RUTHANN COBER – GORRIE, ONTARIO  
RUTH ELLIS – WOODSTOCK, ONTARIO  
LUCILLE COLSON – THORNHILL, ONTARIO

The ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION would like to thank all those who sold tickets or purchased them. Your support enables us to carry out our many programmes.

Thank you



Bruce H. Raszmann.  
Draw Chairman

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## Member Clubs in Ontario

First Tuesday	London Numismatic Society Midland Coin Club
First Wednesday	Mississauga - Etobicoke Coin, Stamp & Collectibles Club South Wellington Coin Society Scarborough Coin Club Sarnia Coin Club
First Thursday	Champlain Coin Club (Orillia)
Second Sunday	Oshawa & District Coin Club
Second Monday	St Thomas Numismatic Society Windsor Coin Club
Second Tuesday	Waterloo Coin Society Pembroke Coin Club Wasaga Beach Coin Club
Second Wednesday	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
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	Georgian Bay Coin & Stamp Club North York Coin Club
Last Sunday	Polish - Canadian Coin & Stamp Club "Troyak" (Mississauga)
Clubs Not Listed:	Nipissing Coin Club, Polish Canadian - Markham.



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## ARTIST NEVER MADE A MINT ON HIS BANKNOTE DESIGNS

by Alan Hustak, The Montreal Gazette

*British-born graphic artist retired to Canada, whose currency he illustrated in the 1970s*

Sunday, April 29, 2007

**Leslie Sawyer had designs on a lot of money. But he never became rich.**

The British-born graphic artist responsible for the Scenes of Canada series of Canadian banknotes that were issued in the 1970s, died April 15 of congestive heart failure in the Lakeshore General Hospital.

He was 86.

He also designed postage stamps for the United Nations and for several countries, including New Zealand, Jamaica and Gibraltar.

"There wasn't anything he couldn't draw, but he was one of the least materialistic people," his daughter Barbara said.

"Money didn't mean anything to him. When he didn't have anything to do he would sit around and doodle a design or paint a miniature. But selling his artwork commercially didn't really interest him."

Leslie Clarence Sawyer, a gardener's son, was born Jan. 6, 1921, in Epsom, England, and grew up in Sutton, Surrey.

As a child, he displayed a natural talent for drawing and at 14 dropped out of school to apprentice as a commercial artist.

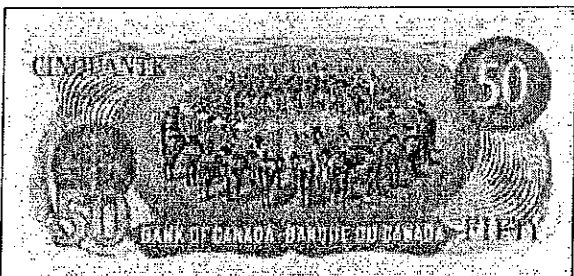
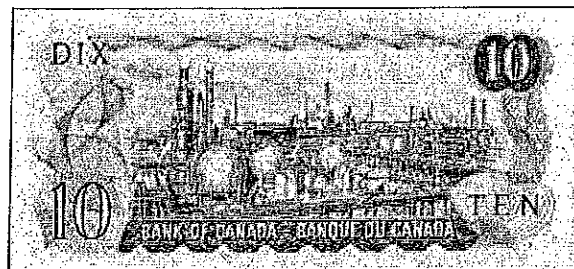
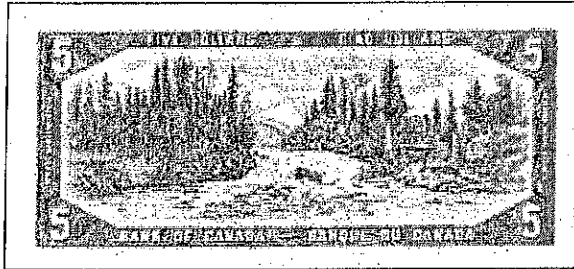
At 19, he joined the Royal Air Force and during the Second World War served with 112 Squadron as ground crew in the North African Campaign painting the shark's faces on Tomahawk aircraft.

When the war ended, he went to work in London as a designer for the De La Rue Company Ltd., described as the world's largest security printer, which began printing currency for the British Treasury in 1914.

As a house artist, he was responsible for the design on the back of the \$5 bill in the 1954 series of Canadian currency that

introduced the queen's portrait on Canadian money for the first time.

In the 1970s, he designed the series of Canadian banknotes that featured multi-coloured security tints to the basic hues of the bank notes.



They featured oil refineries in Sarnia, Ont., on the back of the \$10 bill, a view of Moraine Lake in Alberta on the \$20 and the RCMP musical ride on the \$50.

Because he was employed as a staff artist, he wasn't given credit for any of the money or stamps he designed. His name doesn't appear on any of the bills.

Sawyer also excelled at painting miniature portraits on ivory.

In 1976, a portrait of Prince Charles done on a piano key was accepted by the queen for her collection. In 1981, he became a member of the Royal Society of Miniature Painters Sculptors & Gravers.

After he retired, Sawyer and his wife emigrated to Canada in 1984 to be with their eldest daughter.

Here, he did one of his few commercial works, a sketch of the Baie d'Urfe city hall that was sold as a print in 1988.

"He didn't often sell his art or his miniatures," his other daughter, Valerie, observed.

"He figured that he was getting paid a salary for doing his hobby, and that was it.

"He didn't recognize that he was especially gifted. Once he finished a design, he took no further interest in it. He was such an unassuming man. He'd finish one thing, then go on to the next project."

Sawyer returned to England in 1996, but came back to Canada for good four years ago.

He enjoyed woodworking and snooker.

The funeral was April 20 in the Lakeside Heights Baptist Church in Pointe Claire.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Rose Mary Bye, whom he met before the war when they worked together at an advertising agency, and their two daughters, Valerie and Barbara.

### More News and Views



We all know about the recent release of the new Presidential \$1 coins south of the border and some of the problems they've had minting them. There were reports of a number of coins being found missing the edge lettering which were being sold on E-Bay for a hefty sum of \$600 until it was realized that they were more plentiful than first believed. Legitimate errors are now selling in the \$50- \$60 range but that hasn't stopped some individuals from creating their own errors. Before you shell out for an error coin reportedly with out the edge lettering, be sure that the weight and diameter are correct. Reports have gone out of Washington coins being intentionally filled down to remove the lettering. Official measurements are: 8.1 grams with a diameter of 26.5 mm. For the remainder of the year we can look forward to 3 more 'Dead President Dollars'. I've included a picture of the John Adams \$ which will be released on May 18<sup>th</sup>. Thomas Jefferson and James Madison will enter circulation August 17<sup>th</sup> and November 16<sup>th</sup>. It remains to be seen whether our American friends will actually make use of the new coins or just hoard them. They're still attached to their paper \$. A search on the internet will quickly bring up some pages on the Presidential Dollars with actual pictures of coins detailing some of the common methods used to remove the lettering. Amazing what one will do to make a few bucks off unsuspecting collectors!

Last month some of us had the pleasure of joining in on South Wellington Coin Society's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations. Each of the past presidents, Paul Johnson, Tom Rogers, myself and a few others got to say a few words. We are very fortunate to have 2 great clubs in this area and WCS has done a good job of modelling what works best for some of the younger ones. Speaking of SWCS, I understand that their recent show was a success and we will have more info for you at the May meeting. Stay tuned.

Hopefully many of our members took the time out to support the O.N.A. show in London a few weeks back. Bruce was kept busy selling draw tickets and looking after the registration. You will find a summary of the ticket sales by club, including the prize winners in this bulletin. Waterloo Coin Society lead the way in ticket sales this year and our own Tom Bilinsky sold himself the grand prize ticket! We're not sure if he's packed his bags yet or if he took the cash option, but it took a little convincing from Bruce that he had actually won. Our Treasurer is not known for having a snappy sense of humour, so it's nice to know he can have a little fun on the job once in awhile! I know a few that had the opportunity to take part in a few educational seminars and I'm looking forward to hearing back from them and we will give them some time to share with the rest of us on what they learned

Recently I took part in a 'brick hunt' and was fortunate to find about 6 insert notes and 1 radar. The inserts in question had already been confirmed according to set procedures, so there wasn't much else to do but set them aside. Basically a shrink wrapped brick is opened and the individual bundles of 100 are very carefully checked one by one. In the case of my 1<sup>st</sup> bundle of AON \$5s, 00 & 01 were missing with it starting at 02. The next 2 banknotes were AOK inserts and the following one was numbered 03. All of this information and the front and back plate numbers are recorded. The note before and after, including the inserts are set aside. Once the entire bundle has been carefully checked for inserts, then it is quickly looked over again for any printing errors & out of sequence #s. The remaining bills are re-banded with other banknotes taking the place of the ones which were removed from the bundle. Although time consuming and profitable, there's no guarantee that one would find even 1 insert or radar in a brick. With enough luck you might be able to make enough from the sale of a few inserts to cover ordering and returning the brick of 1000.

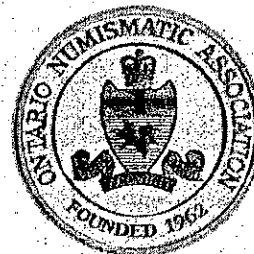
## 2007 O.N.A. CONVENTION MEDAL

Struck by the Great Canadian Mint in Edmonton, Alberta the reverse features the historic Convent Garden Market in London, Ontario. The reverse also reads "45th

Annual O.N.A. Convention April 20-22 2007 London Numismatic Society."

The Obverse contains the words "Ontario Numismatic Association founded in 1962" and contains the Association's Coat-of-Arms."

The medal is 38 mm with 100 struck in copper for the registration kits, 40 struck in brass and 45 struck in .999 silver.

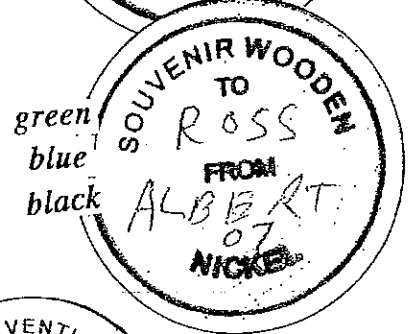
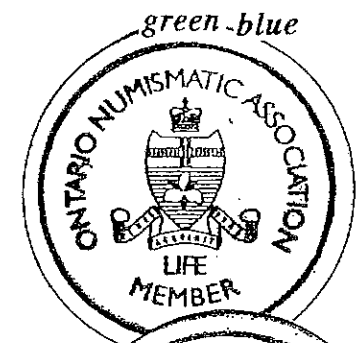
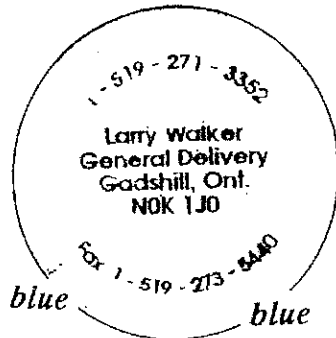
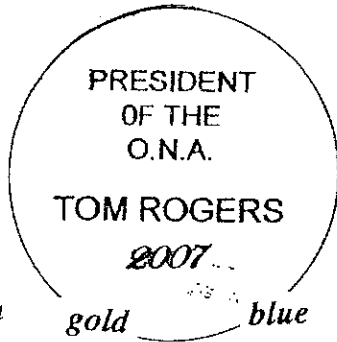


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**ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION 'WOODS' ISSUED:**

Shown here are the *eleven* personal souvenir woods that were issued at the recent O.N.A. convention in London, Ontario. Colours are indicated with the obverse on the left and reverse on the right. Half of Dave Gillespie's woods are multi/blue and half are black/blue. Larry White's wood can be obtained for a SASE with \$.63 in U.S. postage. I'm assuming that all others can be obtained for a similar SASE (self-addressed stamped envelope).



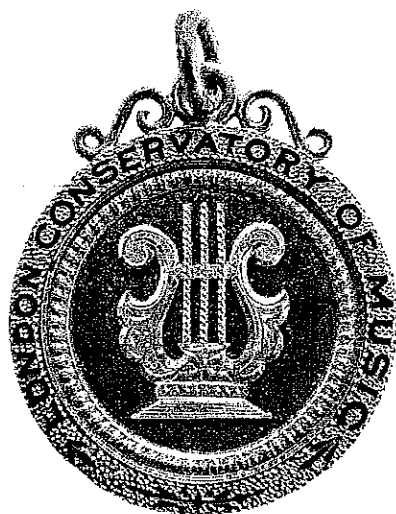
## The London Conservatory of Music

Ted Leitch

The London Conservatory of Music was established in 1891 by William Caven Barron at 374 Dundas Street. Prior to 1891 the Dundas Street address was the home of Dr. Charles Greenwood and when he died in 1886 his wife Frances Josephine Moore returned to music for her livelihood. Her Dundas Street residence became her studio.

William Caven Barron, principal of London Conservatory of Music and Elocution, was born in 1864, in St. Mary's, Ontario. He was educated at the Collegiate Institute in London, and at the age of seventeen he went to Boston, Massachusetts to study music for two years. When he returned to London he was appointed professor of music at Hellmuth College. In 1888 he went to Leipzig, Germany for two years to further his music education. He returned to London and married Miss Ella A. Leonard, the daughter of Senator Elijah Leonard. In 1891 he established the London Conservatory of Music where he was principal until 1910. The Conservatory offered instruction in piano, organ, voice, orchestral and band instruments.

In 1911 F. L. Willgoose became principal and under his leadership the Conservatory became affiliated with the University of Western Ontario. In 1921 the Conservatory moved to 354-356 Dundas Street where it remained for two years before moving to 476 Richmond Street. The London Conservatory of Music and School of Elocution closed in 1927.



# RCM expands Coinstar program

## Canada is melting coins recovered through machines

By Jeff Starck  
*COIN WORLD Staff*

Royal Canadian Mint officials announced Dec. 18 that the RCM is expanding its initiative with Coinstar to recycle Canadian coins.

Those coins are feeding an "alloy recovery program" that is pulling most of the pre-2001 coins from circulation to be melted and replaced with new coins.

The RCM is replacing older coinage made of copper-nickel and pure nickel (denominations of 5 cents to 50 cents) and copper-plated zinc (cents) with new coinage composed of steel plated with multiple, alternating layers of copper and nickel. The new composition was tested beginning in 1999, and then introduced into regular production from 2000 to 2002, with the dates of testing and introduction of regular production differing by the denomination.

The RCM has placed 15 partner kiosks in the Ottawa region since November, bringing the total number of machines in the initia-

tive to more than 200. Most of those, about 150, are in the Toronto area, with the remainder scattered throughout Ontario.

The RCM is using, at least partially, the coin-recycling program through Coinstar to bring older coins out from their hiding places in coffee cans, mugs, piggy banks and other containers and into the recovery program pipeline. Coinstar places coin counting/redemption machines in various retail outlets like grocery stores. Individuals can bring their coinage, feed it into the Coinstar machines and be reimbursed for the face value of the coins less a 9.8 percent service fee (in Canada).

The RCM initially notified collectors of the recovery program, which was introduced in 2003, in its 2004 annual report, released in late April 2005. But new details about how the program is operating emerged in the 2005 annual report. "Under this program all coins minted prior [to] 2001 are melted and the alloy recovered sent for sale to a metal dealer," the 2004 report reads. "The coins are

replaced with newly minted multi-ply coins."

The program generated \$8 million in revenue in 2004, earning \$5.4 million profit. In 2005, the program generated \$11.2 million in revenue; Royal Canadian Mint officials have not released figures detailing the amount of profit on that revenue. The 2006 report will likely be released in April 2007.

In the 2004 annual report, RCM officials note the recycling program is tied to the alloy recovery program. That RCM report cites a project with a third party that seeks to encourage Canadians to recycle coins that have been taken out of circulation. (The 2005 annual report reveals that third party to be Coinstar.)

The 2004 annual report says: "Under the project, the Mint will reclaim older coins and re-release newer coins into the distribution cycle. The program gives the Mint better control over the inventory of coins in the Canadian market while reducing the need to produce new coins."

In the 2005 annual report, RCM

officials further detailed the recycling program, which to that point was limited to 150 coin-counting machines in Toronto and southern Ontario. It was expected to expand to Montreal this year, according to the report, but RCM officials said Dec. 22, "They are still exploring other regions (so nothing to confirm yet in Montreal in 2006) and have nothing new to announce at this time."

The scope of the recycling program is large: In 2005, the machines collected 150 million coins, an average of 1 million coins per machine, the RCM said; 68 percent (102 million) of those were 1-cent coins (RCM officials

did not provide a further breakdown by denomination for the recycling program).

The recycling program is just one part of the alloy recovery program, but RCM officials have never explained to *Coin World* how the alloy recovery program operated before the agreement with Coinstar. Nor has the RCM provided details about exactly what date the alloy recovery program was started, how many coins have been recovered (total and by denomination) or how the logistics work.

For more information, visit [www.coinstarinc.ca](http://www.coinstarinc.ca) or the RCM Web site, [www.mint.ca](http://www.mint.ca). **CW**



**ALL CANADIAN COINS** prior to 2001, like this 1992 25-cent coin honoring Ontario, are being melted. The Royal Canadian Mint is replacing them in circulation with coins in new compositions, like the 2006 25-cent piece spotlighting breast cancer awareness.

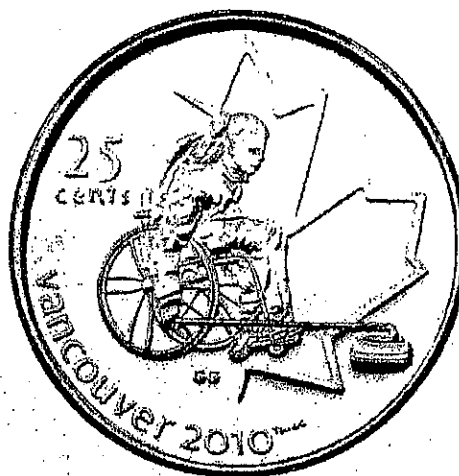
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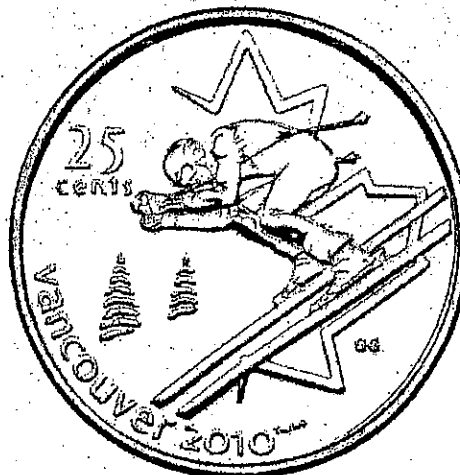
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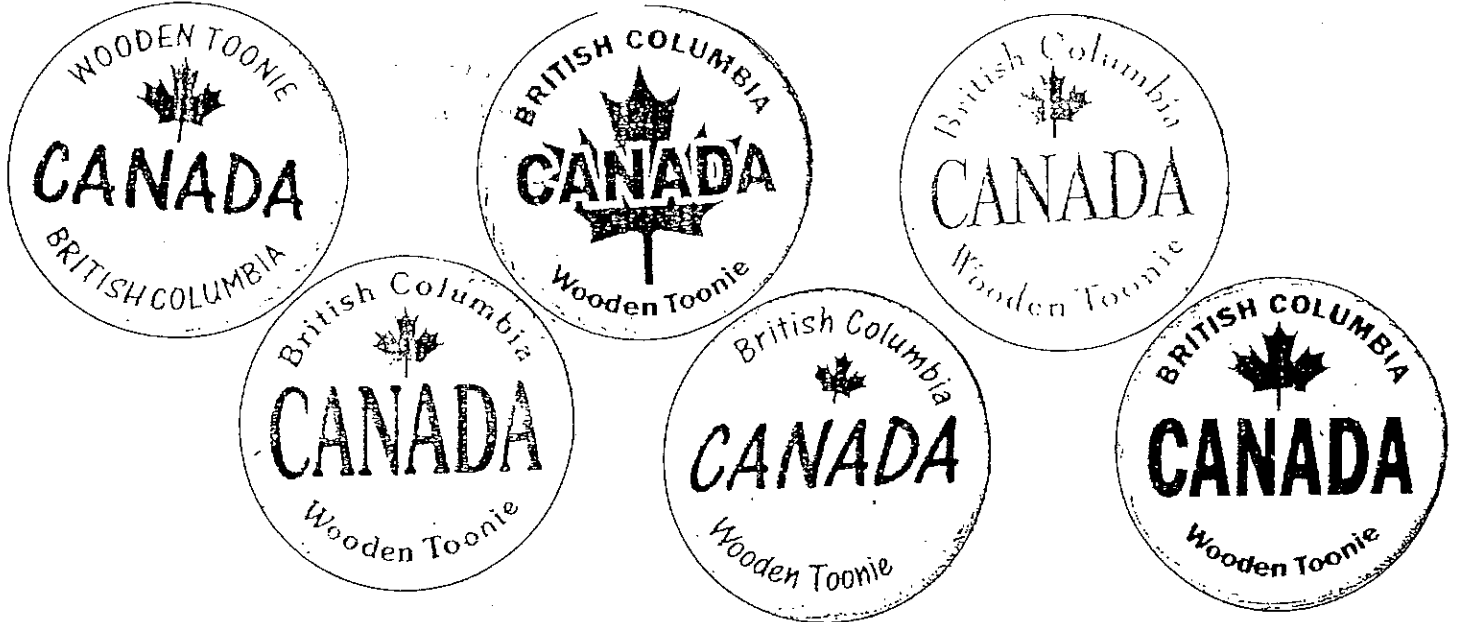


*Alpine Skiing, October 24, 2007*

**SUMMERLAND, B.C., ANNIVERSARY WOOD** -by David Phillips

This new wood was made last fall (2006), by CAWMC member, *Jim Smith*. The wood was commissioned by Buzz Smith (brother of Jim) for two reasons: -to promote Summerland's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of its founding and -to assist his brother's wood-making business.

The wood has the "100 YEARS SUMMERLAND 2006" reverse shown here at the right. The obverse, however, has **six different varieties** (all six shown below) on the first 300 of these woods made. It is not known how many of each variety was made. Each wood is 45mm in diameter and 5mm thick. Ink is black both sides. They were a very popular item and the 300 were soon given away, by the Smith family.



A second 300 were made, with the *same reverse*, but *all with a new obverse* 'The Ideal Souvenir for BC'. It was felt that this new obverse should give some credit to 'Jim's Wooden Coin Co.', and to note the source of the wood or type of wood used to make this token. B.C. has experienced many problems with its forests.

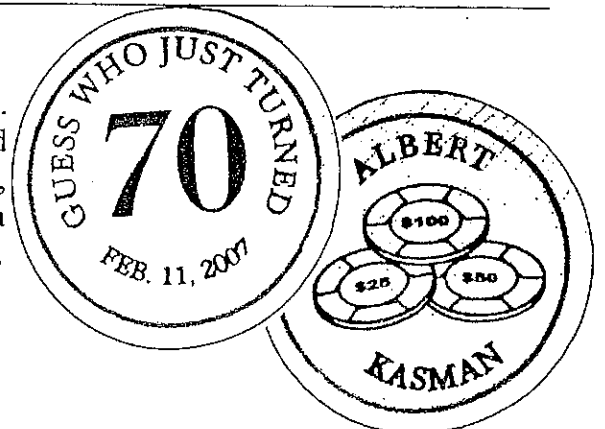
At the urging of friends, and reflecting their own views, the Smiths decided to 'sell' this second issue for \$2.00 each with all proceeds being donated to help cover the training costs of a local Summerland Olympic athlete, Kristi Richards (see [www.kristiski.com](http://www.kristiski.com) for details of Kristi's field of expertise).

Again, this wood was a great success, with most all now gone. For those interested in trying to obtain one of these woods you might try e-mailing Buzz Smith ([buzzsmith@shaw.ca](mailto:buzzsmith@shaw.ca)), to ask if they are still available. Minimum cost would be \$2.00 plus some postage and handling.



**ALBERT KASMAN BIRTHDAY WOOD:**

Albert recently issued this 'wood' to recognize his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday. The wood was made by Norm Belsten. Albert convinced Carolyn and Dave Gillespie to put some colour on both sides of the wood. Colour, then, is multi both sides. I'm sure it can be obtained from Albert for a SASE. Albert's address is Box 58022 RPO 3089 Dufferin St. Toronto, ON Can., M6B 3C8.



## How to Dispose of Numismatic Estate Property

by Alexander W. Driega

Even though I no longer actively collect and display, I still get email enquiries from Olympic collectors who are disposing of their collections or from executors who are in the process of disposing an estate that includes this kind of material. I thought it would be helpful to review some general points in disposing of numismatic estate property.

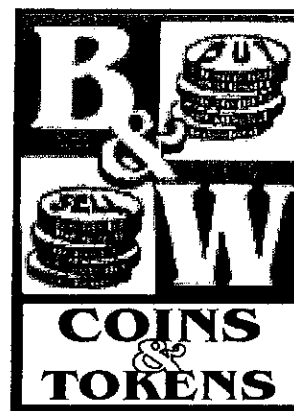
Normally these items are found among the personal effects of the deceased – but not always. If the property consists of a small collection of old coins in a can or small container, chances are these were kept for sentimental reasons and there is little likelihood there will be others. If, however, the pieces are choice specimens, there may be other items tucked away in a safe-deposit box or other storage areas. The executor of an estate should check banking institutions where accounts were maintained to determine if there is safe-deposit in the name of the deceased. If not specified in the will, it's a good idea to check all financial institutions where banking was done. Simply send a written enquiry and a copy of the death certificate to the banks concerned. Sometimes checking bank statements for payment of safe-deposit charges will provide a clue and shorten the tracking process.

Apart from income tax reasons, it's important to make an inventory and detailed descriptions of any numismatic items found. This will help when the decision is made as to how to distribute or liquidate this kind of property. Depending on the extent of the collection, and if a will does not bequeath it to a specified individual(s), an heir or heirs may wish to receive a part of, or all numismatic items as part of a general distribution. In this instance it would be prudent to have items evaluated so there is fairness in the division of the estate. Often it is advisable to wait before obtaining an evaluation as it can be expensive. Sometimes an appraisal may not even be necessary.

In liquidating assets, care should be taken in the selecting the method of sale. Generally the auction method seems to be the preferred route as it provides a competitive forum and offers assurance that the knock-down price will be fair. For a small collection that does not justify the auction method, there are always coin dealers who may be prepared to quote an offer. It is wise to get several quotes

before deciding. One can always check numismatic papers and publications that will give you a pretty good idea about coin values. Take a moment to understand why there is sometimes a significant difference between trend or catalogue value and the offer you might get from a dealer. Solicit offers from several sources to ensure you are getting a fair quote for the estate goods.

Executors should give careful consideration to any sentimental value attached to numismatic items. Ask yourself why the coins or medals were kept. Did they belong to the family? Who owned them originally? Where did they come from? Make a record of your findings so it can be passed on to heirs or relatives. Knowing the sentimental value helps make the decision process on the ultimate disposition, a bit easier.



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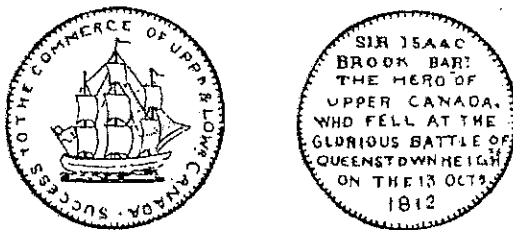
1813

Ken Cameron

Three colonial tokens were struck in memory of General Sir Isaac Brock who fell at the Battle of Queenston Heights, October 13, 1812, in the defense of Upper Canada from an invading American force.

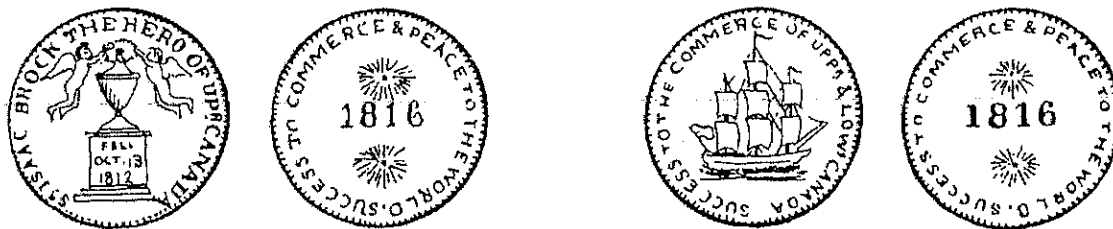
The extreme light weight of these tokens, 4.5 to 5.5 grams, would seem to indicate that the issue of these tokens had a more devious underlying reason than patriotic fervor. The tokens are identified by Breton numbers 723 - 725.

Isaac Brock was born in 1769 and purchased his commission as an ensign in the British Army in 1785. He was quickly promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel before being sent to Canada in 1802. Once in Canada he assumed command of the British forces in Upper Canada and was again promoted to the rank of Major-General in 1811. Early in the War, Brock, with a combined British and Indian force took Detroit, however, a short time later, on October 13, 1812 Brock was killed by an Ohio sharpshooter while defending Queenston against an unsuccessful American invasion.



*Breton 723*

The first token of this series while dated 1812, is believed to have first appeared in 1813. The obverse legend bears a lengthy tribute to Brock outlining his death, however, his name is spelled incorrectly as "Brook".



*Breton 724*

*Breton 725*

The second token (B.724) issued dated 1816, also in tribute to Brock, is found with numerous obverse die varities which would seem to indicate a rather large striking.

The third token of the series is actually a combination of the reverse of Br. 723 with the worn obverse die of Br. 724. This token is considerably scarcer than the previous two indicating that the dies probably did not last long.