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President's Message

I started putting this message together on the first day of summer. Summer is usually the slow season for most hobbies, but many coin clubs continue their meetings through the summer months and there is certainly no bigger event than the R.C.N.A. convention coming up July 14 through 17 in Saint John, New Brunswick this year.

It was a very enjoyable and worthwhile show that the Brantford Numismatic Society hosted on June 13. Besides having the time to visit a few dealers and greet some old collecting friends, the O.N.A. once again this year held an executive meeting during the event. I thank Brantford for their kindness in accommodating the O.N.A. and urge all the members to visit our web site at www.ontario-numismatic.org and sign in to the member section to view some great pictures from the show under "Members Photo Album."

A final financial report from the Kingston convention was presented by Treasurer Bruce Raszmann, following which Convention Chairman Sandy Lipin received a cheque representing the Kingston Numismatic Association's share of the profits. Bruce noted the profit shared between the O.N.A. and the host club was down compared to previous years, the reason being much higher hotel costs, increased medal costs and lower draw ticket sales. These factors being a concern, it was none-the-less an enjoyable, successful and memorable convention overall.

Len Trakalo, in his capacity as Audio/Visual Chairman, commented that interest continues to run high on the updated version of the London Numismatic Society's DVD with its varied numismatic educational content in PowerPoint format. Len reports that the PowerPoint bug is catching on with other clubs that are creating their own programs. He is now accepting this new material from all clubs willing to share and is in the process of building a whole new DVD of additional topics. Please contact Len directly to find out about preparing the text to go with the PowerPoint file so it is "share ready." Credit will of course be given to the clubs and individuals for all material submitted.

The O.N.A. Area 3 Director, Todd Hume, confirms all is set to go for a special numismatic show being planned for the Niagara region. Perhaps you have noticed the "Count Your Pennies Exhibit" at the Balls Falls Conservation Area, Jordan, in the Coming Events listings. The Currency Museum in Ottawa and members of the Niagara Falls Coin Club are responsible for the exhibit scheduled to run from July 14 through until September 20. It is a special feature that is included with standard admission. This would be an outstanding destination for a summer day trip for a majority of our O.N.A. members, easily accessible from QEW exit 57. Check out all the details in Coming Events

These O.N.A. Executive meetings are always a busy time. I remind all members that they are welcome to attend as an observer. You may contact me directly or your local area director for information on where and when the next meeting will be held.

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As I mentioned in my opening comments, here comes the R.C.N.A. annual convention! On your behalf I submitted an ad from the O.N.A. for the convention souvenir program with greetings and best wishes for a great convention from all the local Ontario coin clubs. Many O.N.A. members will be there, some flying, others like Carolyne-Marie and myself taking a couple of days to drive down.

No matter what your personal plans from summer, I do hope it's a good one filled with warm days, fine health and relaxing times because, like the old expression goes, *Deep summer is when laziness finds respectability.*



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Dear Richard

Membership

The applications for membership that appeared in the May-June issue of the Ontario Numismatist have been accepted.

We welcome

C129 Regina Coin Club
2022 Tina Osovitch, Temperance, MI.,
2023 Kevin Simmons, Aurora, Ont.,
2024 Carole Simmons, Aurora, Ont.,

The following applications have been received.

2025 Nick Cowan, Toronto, Ont.,
2026 Robert Daigneau, Cornwall, Ont.,

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Coming Events

JULY 14 - SEPT. 20, 2010, Jordan, ON

Count Your Pennies Exhibit, Ball's Falls Conservation Area, 3292 Sixth Ave. This exhibit is from the Currency Museum in Ottawa with currency on loan from the Niagara Falls Coin Club and its members. It is located in the temporary gallery at the Centre for Conservation at Ball's Falls Conservation Area. The building is open 9-4 daily with an admission rate for the entire conservation area, including this building. The rate is Adults \$5.50, Senior/Student: \$4, Carload \$15. Sponsor/Affiliate: Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority & Niagara Falls Coin Club. For more information contact Andrea Wilson, 905-562-5235. Website: <http://npca.ca>.

AUG. 29, 2010, Woodstock, ON

Woodstock Coin Club's 20th Annual Coin Show, Woodstock Community Complex, 381 Finkle St. Hours: 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Admission \$1, kids free, free parking, hourly door prizes. Sponsor/Affiliate: Woodstock Coin Club. For more information contact Tom Rogers, telephone 519-451-2316, email trogers@sympatico.ca.

AUG. 8, 2010, Paris, ON

SWON, Special Events Building 139 Silver St. (Fairgrounds). Hours 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., admission \$2 (includes ticket on gold coin draw, more than 55 tables of coins, paper money, jewelry, nostalgia items, and more, food and drink available. Buy, sell, trade, and appraise. Sponsor/Affiliate: Ted's Collectables Inc. For more information contact Ted Bailey, telephone 1-866-747-2646, email tedscollectables@bellnet.ca.

SEPT. 11 - 12, 2010, Hamilton, ON

TL Coin Show, Sheraton Hotel, 116 King St. W. Hours: Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission adults \$4, seniors/students \$2, young collectors 12 and under free. Draw for gold coin. For information contact Linda Robinson, telephone 289-235-9288, email lindarobinson@cogeco.ca, or Tom Kennedy, telephone 519-271-8825. Website: <http://www.tlcoinshow.com>.

SEPT. 19, 2010, London, ON

London Numismatic Society 18th Annual Coin Show, Ramada Inn, 817 Exeter Rd. [off Hwy. 401]. Hours 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission \$2, children free, free parking, displays, dealers in coins, medals, notes and tokens. Draws for RCM products. Sponsor/Affiliate: London Numismatic Society. For more information contact Len Buth, 519-641-4353, or lbuth@webmanager.on.ca.

SEPT. 26, 2010, Brampton, ON

Brampton Coin Show, Century Gardens Recreation Centre, 340 Vodden Road East. Buy, sell, trade and appraise at over 40 tables of dealers, featuring coins, medals, tokens, paper money, trade dollars, militaria. Children's table. Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission: \$3, under 14 free. Free parking. Sponsor/Affiliate: B&W Coins & Tokens and the Brampton Rotary Club. For more information, contact B&W Coins & Tokens, Willard Burton, 905-450-2870, email b_and_w@sympatico.ca.

OCT. 16, 2010, Oshawa, ON

Durham Coin-A-Rama, Five Points Mall, 285 Taunton Rd. E. Free dealer, public, and membership draws, free admission. Featuring paper, coins, tokens, medals and many other items. Sponsor/Affiliate: Oshawa and District Coin Club. For more information, contact: Sharon, telephone (905) 728-1352, email: papman@bell.net.

OCT. 17, 2010, Mt. Elgin, ON

48th Annual Tillsonburg Coin Show, Mt. Elgin Community Centre, Hwy. 19. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., More than 25 dealer tables, buy, sell, trade and evaluate, lunch available, admission one loonie. Sponsor/Affiliate: Tillsonburg Coin Club. For more information contact Ralph Harrison, 36 Kamps Cres., Tillsonburg, ON N4G4Z3, telephone 519-842-8790, email rohar@sympatico.ca.

OCT. 23 - 24, 2010, Toronto, ON

Torex - Canada's National Coin Show, Hilton Toronto Airport Hotel, 5975 Airport Rd. Featuring Canada's Finest Dealers. Hours: Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission \$6. Under 16 Free. Official Auctioneer: The Canadian Numismatic Company, Marc Verret & Eric Pacquet. The Hilton hotel is located directly across from Toronto's Pearson International Airport. Sponsor/Affiliate: . For more information, call (416) 705-5348. Website: <http://www.torex.net>.

OCT. 24, 2010, Stratford, ON

Stratford Coin Club's 50th Anniversary Show, Army Navy Air Force Hall, 151 Lorne Ave. East. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: \$2 adults, 16 and under free. Buy, sell coins, paper money, tokens. Lunch is available. Sponsor/Affiliate: Stratford Coin Club. For more information, contact Larry Walker, telephone 519-271-3352, email lswalker@cyg.net.

OCT. 30, 2010, Guelph, ON

South Wellington Coin Society Fall Show, Colonel John McCrea Legion 919 York Rd. Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., 50 dealer tables, free parking, fully accessible, large display area, hot meals, free gold coin draw, and selling half dollars for 49 cents. Sponsor/Affiliate: South Wellington Coin Society. For more information contact Lowell Wierstra, 8 Smart St Guelph ON, 519-824-6534, email ljwierstra@sympatico.ca.

NOV. 6, 2010, Scarborough, ON

Scarborough Coin Club Invites you to their 14th Annual Coin Show. Location: Ceadarbrook Community Centre, 91 Eastpark Blvd. Scarborough, Ontario. 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. Coins, paper money, tokens, medals, club table, etc. Free admission and draws. Refreshments available. We are at the location where our club meets. Tables still available, contact Dick Dunn at e-mail cpms@idirect.com or P.O. Box 562, Pickering, ON L1V 2R7.

NOV. 13 - 14, 2010, Cambridge, ON

TL Coin Show, Cambridge Hotel & Conference Centre, 700 Hespeler Road. Hours Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sun. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission adults \$4, seniors/students \$2, young collectors 12 and under free. Draw for gold coin. Sponsor/Affiliate: TL Coin Show. For information contact Linda Robinson, telephone 289-235-9288, email lindarobinson@cogeco.ca, or Tom Kennedy, telephone 519-271-8825. Website: <http://www.tlcoinshow.com>.

APRIL 1 - 3, 2011, Kingston, ON

EONS Coin and Stamp Show, Days Inn Convention Centre, 33 Benson St. (exit off 401, Division St.). Hours: Fri. 2 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Sat. 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Sun. 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission: \$4 per day, early admittance on Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., \$20 good for the weekend. Coins, stamps, medals, paper money, rare items. Sponsor/Affiliate: Ted's Collectables. For more information contact Ted's Collectables, 281A Grand River St. N., Paris, ON N3L 2N9, telephone 1-866-747-COIN (2646), email tedscollectables@bellnet.ca.

APRIL 9 - 10, 2011, Hamilton, ON

TL Coin Show, Sheraton Hotel, 116 King St. W. Hours: Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: \$4, seniors/students \$2, young collectors 12 and under free. For more information contact Linda Robinson, telephone 289-235-9288, email lindarobinson@cogeco.ca, or Tom Kennedy 519-271-8825. Website: <http://www.tlcoinshow.com>.

MAY 13 - 15, 2011, London, ON

Ontario Numismatic Association 49th Annual Convention, Four Points by Sheraton, 1150 Wellington Road South N6E 1M3. Fri., 2 p.m. set-up, bourse open to registrants at 4 p.m.; bourse open to public 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sat. and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sun.; 56 bourse tables, daily admission \$3; Jeffrey Hoare Auctions is operating a numismatic auction Fri. May 13 at 6 p.m. Sponsor/Affiliate: Ontario Numismatic Association and Ingersoll Coin Club celebrating its 50th anniversary. For more information contact Tom Rogers telephone 519-451-2316, e-mail trogers@sympatico.ca for bourse tables. Website: <http://www.ontario-numismatic.org>.

Festive Strawberry & Pizza Socials submitted by Judy Blackman



Ingersoll Coin Club held their Annual Strawberry Social on June 21st. In addition to this festive occasion they also had a special cake on hand to recognize **Ida Masters** who turned 90 in May, and her husband **Tom** (ICC Past President / Assistant Editor) who turned 90 in June, along with **Roy and Mary Kruger** who celebrated their 58th Wedding Anniversary. ICC President **Tom Rogers** was on hand to welcome guests of the **Thames Valley Children's Centre**.

[These pictures are courtesy of Peter Becker]

◀◀Figure 1: Tom & Ida Masters



June 16th was the **Stratford Coin Club** Annual Strawberry Social with a special theme whereby members brought in their treasured antiques and collectibles (whether numismatic-related or not) for evaluation of age and general current market value. There were some very interesting items presented which made for a fun evening complete with fresh strawberry punch, strawberries and shortcake with whipped cream (and seconds for anybody who wanted more), and door prizes.

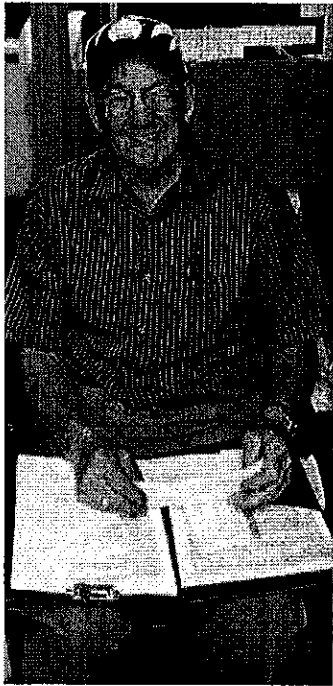
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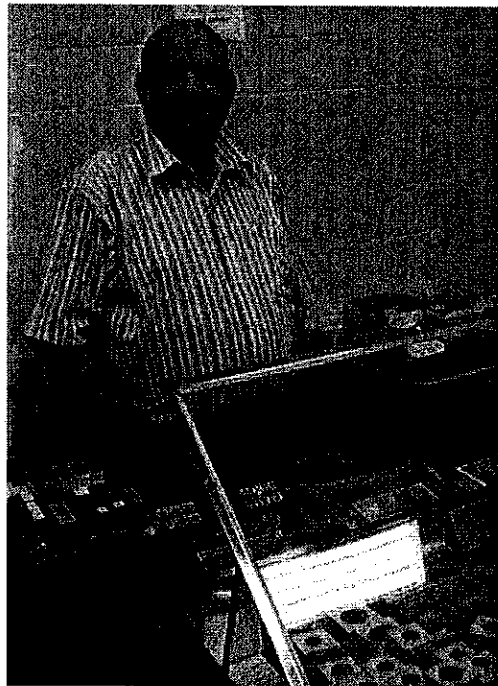
South Wellington Coin Society had a great turn out for their Annual Pizza Party membership meeting in June. Members also enjoyed a **London Coin Society** Presentation. In the past, the Annual Pizza Party has been a kind of tradition that marked the break before summer. However, this year the volunteer members on our Executive are inviting everyone to come out to meetings over the summer! That's right! **SWCS** will be holding meetings on both Wednesday, July 7, 2010 and Wednesday, August 4, 2010. These two meetings will cancel out **SWCS** meetings in January and February of 2011! At a recent **SWCS** executive meeting it was decided that due to inclement weather road conditions, **SWCS** would now be meeting from March to December, and have no meeting in the months of January or February.

Brantford Coin Show - June 13, 2010

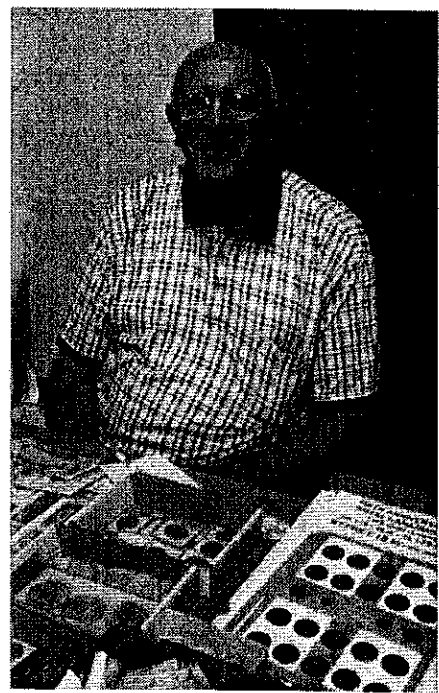
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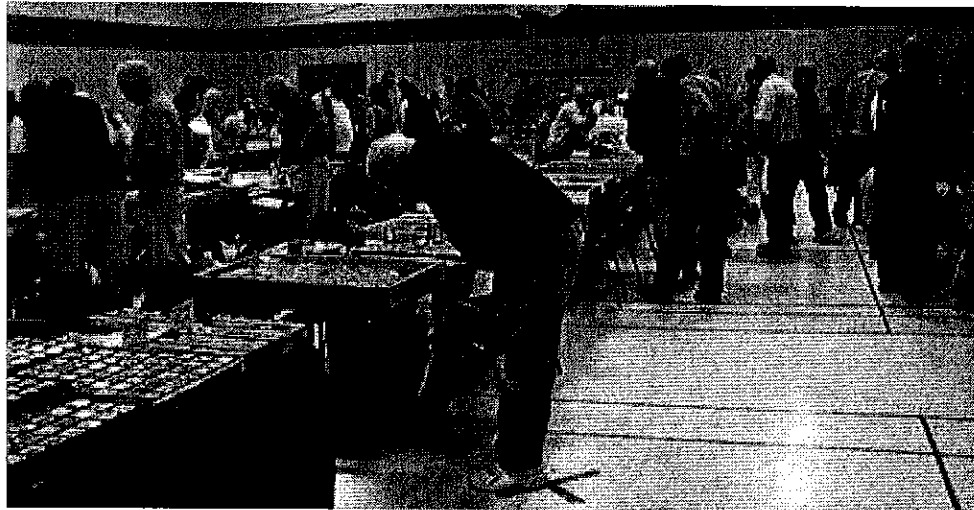
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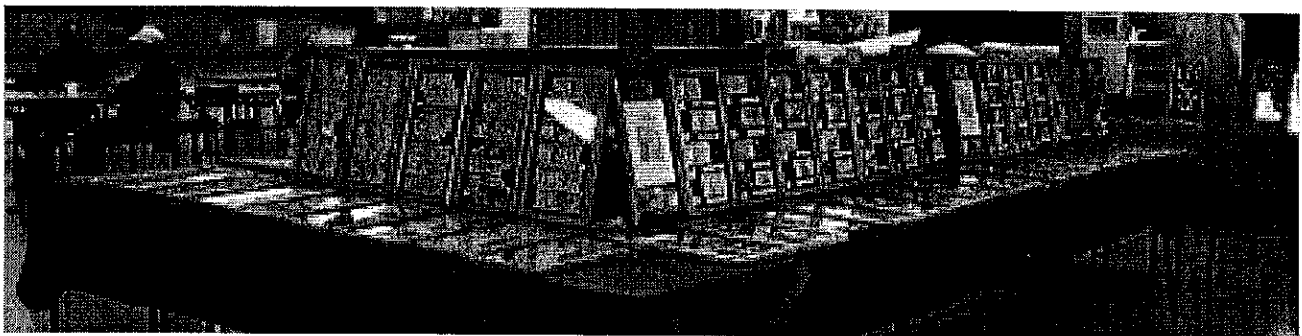
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John Regitko also ready
for business



Busy bourse floor



Some of the many displays provided by Toby Grimminck

"CHOSEN CHILDREN"

By Fred Freeman

As you might have guessed by the above title, I am referring to adopted children, and using the current name which of course is far more compassionate. When we were brought up in a small town in Northern Ontario during the Depression, we kids looked down on "adopted" kids as being not as good as the rest of us. Thank goodness this attitude of society is now largely a thing of the past. And it is poetic justice that we now have a "chosen daughter" and our oldest son has raised several "chosen" children, four of which are black. And to top it off, one of our grandsons has recently "chosen" a lovely little boy. Betty and I, love them all dearly and are very proud of how life has unfolded for us and our family.



Here is our story. We arrived in Woodstock in 1965, intending to stay a year and then move back to our home in St. Catharine's. After a few months in Woodstock, we liked it so much that the decision was made to have Norm Potter build us a permanent home here. We already had two boys and decided to adopt a baby girl. The C.A.S interviewed us separately and both indicated that a blond baby girl was our choice. Several months later we were told that in a nearby city, there was a baby girl that met our wishes. This was 1967 and the men teachers at College Ave Secondary School were wearing beards in honour of Canada's Centennial year. The local Children's Aid called ahead to say that the potential father had a beard but that he was an acceptable parent. In fact, the CASS teachers obtained the permission of the Woodstock Board of Education to grow beards for that occasion. How times have changed!

Our chosen daughter grew up here, went to Waterloo University to become a Civil Engineer and a mother to two boys. One day when she was in her early twenties she asked our permission to seek out her biological birth mother. If she had asked this as a teenager we would have been hurt, but as a grownup, it was okay with us. Just by luck, there was one reference in the adoption papers to her birth mother and she was called. They met at a neutral place for the first meeting. It has been a most successful re-union. She now has two greatly surprised younger birth brothers. Betty and I have met her birth mother and brothers and everything has worked out wonderfully for all concerned. All of us are the best of friends and feel that this is a success story for adoption, or should I say for "chosen" children. Incidentally, our chosen daughter has just been elected as the President Elect with the Professional Engineers of Ontario. After 80 plus years, she will be only the fourth woman president of that former largely male society.

Our oldest son became a Baptist minister in Orillia and was asked to adopt a black baby boy. Later he adopted three more black baby girls and ended up with a total of eight children. They are now all mostly grown up with university or college educations and Betty and I are proud to be their grandparents. The old prejudices against black persons has rapidly faded away in modern day Canada. When we visited them in Orillia, we usually would bring the whole family out for supper in Barrie. At first we wondered how other people would view our black and white family, but there never was any sign of prejudice. How attitudes have changed in the last few years.

One time our son Bill had them all out for supper and when he went to pay the bill, the cashier said it was already paid. Apparently an older couple was so impressed with their well behaved black and white family that they paid the tab and quietly departed. A kind gesture like this would be unheard of in our younger days.

Profile of William "Bill" Waychison submitted by Judy Blackman

William "Bill" Waychison was born and raised in Montreal and has two brothers, Mark and Peter. Both Bill and his younger brother Mark are professional geologists and graduates of McGill University, Montreal. Bill met his future wife France (nee Duranleau) while both were working in Gaspé, Québec. They married in 1977 in Montreal and have since lived in various mining communities in the Abitibi from Val d'Or, Québec to Marathon, Ontario. Two sons, Michael and Gabriel, were born to the couple while they lived in Rouyn-Noranda during the 1980's. The family moved to Ontario during the Hemlo gold rush in 1984 and relocated to Timmins in late 1986.

Figure 1 (1973) *Namiscau, an abandoned Cree Nation Reserve along Rupert's River in the Baie James region of Northern Quebec, served as base camp for geological mapping for the Ministère des Richesses Naturelles du Québec in 1973. The picture is somewhat humorous and reflects the motto France and Bill adapted for their family years later, Laissez le bon temps rouler. [Let the good times roll].*



Bill is a professional geologist (P.Geol.) registered with the Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta (APEGGA), Association of Professional Geoscientists of Ontario (APGO) and the *Northwest Territories and Nunavut Association of Professional Engineers & Geoscientists (NAPEG)*. He earned a B.Sc. in geology and a M.Sc. Applied (1975) specializing in Mineral Exploration from McGill University, Montreal. He has managed offices and mineral exploration programs for major gold mining companies and since 1992 has operated a geological consulting business.

Bill also owns and manages Galerie Inuit Plus, a family owned Inuit art gallery with local and internet sales (www.inuitplus.com) which he established during 1995. The company specializes in Inuit (Eskimo) art sales including original stone sculptures and limited-edition prints and drawings by established Inuit artists from Canada's arctic regions. Their eldest son, Michael, developed the company's dynamic database driven web site when he was only 16 years old. He later graduated from the University of Toronto with a B.Sc. in Computer Sciences. Michael has since worked for major computer companies in the Silicon Valley region of California and currently lives in San Francisco. Their youngest son, Gabriel, attends an engineering program at Ryerson University in Toronto.

Bill's interest in numismatics was sparked in the early 1960's when he received an 1853-O USA (Orleans mint marked) half-dime with double arrows. That coin started his collecting but his retained interest in numismatics is directly attributable to a copy of the 1964 Charlton Standard Catalogue of Canadian Coins, Tokens and Paper Money which he purchased from the Spier's store in Montreal (in 1963). "As a student I could not afford most of the coins in the catalogue even at their then low price. I had been collecting slowly for a few years but it was the book and the

GEOLOGY AND PRINCIPAL MINERALS OF ONTARIO

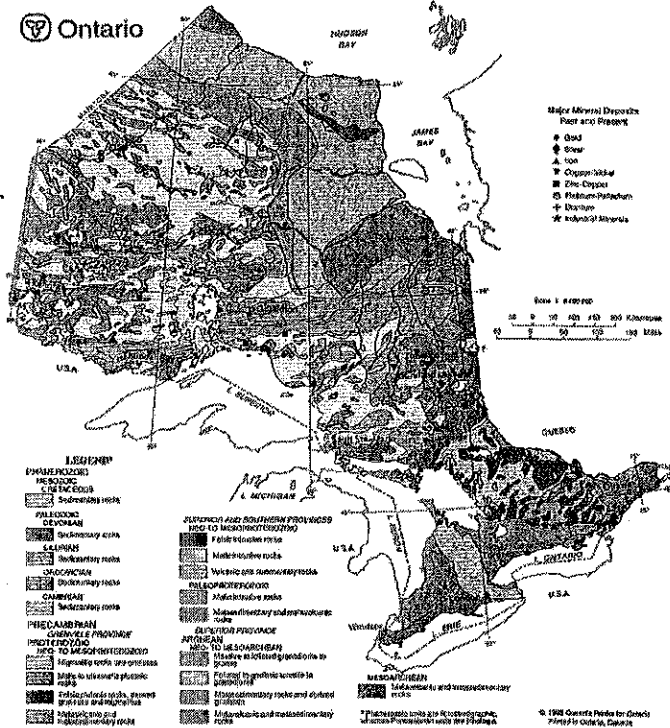


Figure 2 Geological map of Ontario indicating the principal mineral areas within the Province

images which were always available that maintained and fuelled my interest. I still have that old worn Whitman 1964 catalogue. It is falling apart but still has a place on my shelf. It lies not far from the hard bound, special edition Standard Catalogue that Bill Cross put together in 1988. I was very pleased to have Jim Charlton personally autograph my copy of that publication."



Figure 3 (1971) *Horwood Lake 100km West of Timmins, Geological Mapping for Ontario Department of Mines*

Bill has been involved with the Timmins Coin Club since it was revived in the late 1980's. Since 1990 he has edited their Newsletter and produced 73 issues through to the end of 2008. In 1992 the Timmins Coin Club Newsletter was named the ONA Bulletin of the Year. Bill is a life member and a Fellow of the Royal Canadian Numismatic Association (1992) and the Ontario Numismatic Association and a Fellow and Past President of the Canadian Numismatic Research Society (CNRS). He also is a member of the Société Numismatique de Québec and in 1991 was named an "Ambassadeur" for "promotion of numismatics outside of Québec in active collaboration with the activities of the SNQ". He acted as chairperson for Coin Month Canada (1996-1999), a national program of the RCNA designed to promote numismatics throughout Canada. With the assistance of Claude Bernard, Vice-Chair of Coin Month Canada, and persons like Jeff Fournier, Yvon Marquis and Ken Prophet, the program produced a successful issue of medals and three issues of \$2 souvenir notes over a four year period. Success of this program can be measured in that the items produced were well received by the collecting community and actually generated proceeds for the RCNA! Each souvenir issue also strived to convey knowledge by celebrating important Canadian numismatic events such as the 10th anniversary of the "Loon dollar", the 140th anniversary of decimal coinage in the Canada, and the 150th anniversary of the first Canadian numismatic publication. These issues also carried "themes" such as "*Coin collecting is a family affair*", "*Touch the stories of yesteryear*" and "*Buy the book before the coin*". The real value of these souvenirs and success of Coin Month was that their coverage in articles in hobby publications such as the CN Journal, Canadian Coin News, and Coin World, etc., promoted greater awareness of the values of our hobby and encouraged others to take on active roles in celebrating numismatics.

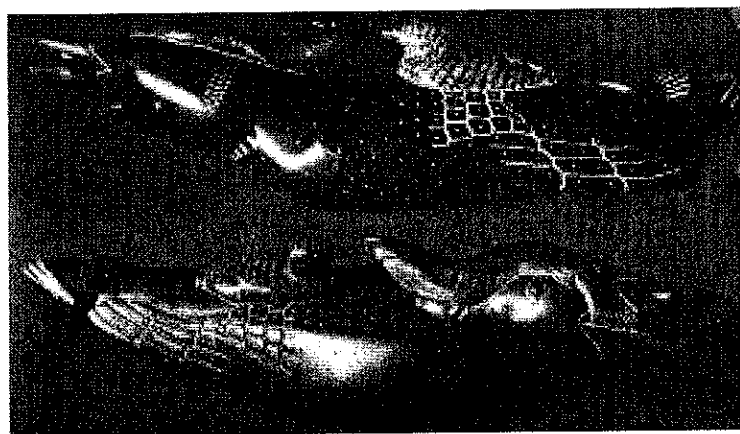


Figure 4 *Inuit stone sculpture of mother loon feeding young chick (Jimmy Iqaluq, Sanikiluaq, Nunavut)*

Bill is a recipient of the ONA Award of Merit (2005), and serves both as ONA Director for Northeastern Ontario and as ONA Awards Chair. Bill has served as Club Services Chairperson for the RCNA since 2003 and currently serves as their First Vice-President. His numismatic interests include Canadian medals, art nouveaux/art deco medallic art, mining exonomia, and merchant and gas bar trade notes. As part of the educational seminar at the 2001 CNA

convention hosted by the SNQ, Bill presented a paper on the numismatic issues of Québec city's oldest grocery store, Épicerie J.A. Moisan. The presentation was timely in that it was the 130th anniversary of the store and although these issues have received wide circulation, and have been collected by many persons, they were never previously presented at the RCNA. More recently, at the 2007 RCNA AGM he gave a presentation titled "*Development of a Canadian Identity in Medallion Art*" for the Medallion Art Society of Canada. On this presentation Bill noted that "*It was a very interesting and enlightening exercise, and I would encourage all collectors to share their passion and hobby interests with others*".

A few years ago when the finances of the Timmins Club permitted and personal commitments did not allow time for regular issue of the club newsletter, Bill was able to have the club provide complimentary membership in the ONA for a few years to all members of the Timmins Coin Club. This allowed for regular receipt of the Ontario Numismatist and increased local awareness of the ONA.

On June 17th, 2007 on the occasion of the (Sudbury) Nickel Belt Coin Club's 600th meeting, Bill presented the following paper "*My Interests in Coin Collecting*".

"Thank you for inviting me to speak at this special occasion marking the Nickel Belt Coin Club's 600th meeting. I congratulate your club on achieving this milestone and extend best wishes from both the ONA and CNA. Your club is obviously doing a number of things correctly and you should all be very proud of your achievements.

I wish to speak to you about my personal experiences within our hobby and tell you of how certain things, events, experiences, and people have had a profound positive impact upon me.

My initial experiences with coins as a hobby dates to when I was about 8-10 years old and my father decided to give to my brother and me, two 5-cent silver pieces that he had for some time. Being the eldest, I was given first choice. I had never seen silver 1/2 dimes and found them of great interest. One of the coins was a Newfoundland 5-cent silver piece. In the late 1950's, one could still occasionally find Victorian coins in circulation, although not as silver 5-cent pieces and certainly not from Newfoundland.

The second piece was an American silver 1/2 dime. The design was totally different from anything I had previously seen and it was also older, much older. It was a New Orleans 1853 1/2 dime with arrows! Guess which one I picked!? Little did I know at the time that my 1853 1/2 dime was and would remain a common coin while the Newfoundland coin that my brother obtained, was much more valuable, even at that time. More importantly, obtaining the silver 1/2 dime prompted me to learn more about which coins were available. Collecting for the next couple of years was an on-off proposition and saw us save generally older coins from circulation.

By the early 1960's things had changed. I was a young teenager and would often go to downtown Montreal with my brother. Here we discovered various coin shops and a new publication, *Canadian Coin News*. We would walk from one store to the other and do a lot of window shopping. The walk rather than taking a bus between locations also saved us a bit of change which my brother recently reminded me, we would redirect to our collecting interests.



Figure 5 *St. Catherine Street Montreal downtown*

One of the shops was Spier's on St. Catherine Street in Montreal. We often would window shop at his store and gaze at the rows of coins in his showcase window. On one occasion, Mr. Spier, who was an elderly gentleman, came outside and called us in, promising not to bite us! He was right as it was much better on the inside - we could actually see the silver 5-cent coins with great clarity. This was the first of numerous visits to the Spier store and we often had interesting conversations about coins and grading with the owner. It seemed that he was happy to see us as he did liven



up when we came to visit.

It was at the Spier store in 1963 that I purchased my first *Charlton Standard Coin Catalogue*. I had learned through my visits to the coin shops, that things are not always as they appear, and that the 1853 American ½ dime was not as valuable as I had previously thought. I needed a book on coins.

I still have that heavily used book and date my start of coin collecting to its acquisition. I am certain if I had not purchased it then, I would not be standing before you this day.

Spier's was also where I first saw an example of the elusive Canadian 1936 dot cent. Real or not, there it was. Mr Spier told us all about the coin. I recall asking him one time if I could hold the coin. I told him that holding it, probably would be the closest to my ever owning the rare piece. With some reservations he passed me the holder with the coin. My brother still says it was days thereafter before I would shut up about the incident.

Both the book purchase and the mentoring offered to me during these visits have had a strong positive influence on the depth of my future collecting interests. I learned that knowledge was THE KEY and that books were but one source. I also learned that sharing your knowledge was a lot of fun and one of the best ways to learn and enjoy the hobby. I only regret that I did not join a coin club when I was a kid. I would have made many more coin friends a lot sooner.

A few years ago I came across an interesting item that I just had to add to my collection of coin books. It is a heavily damaged copy of a 1962 Charlton's Standard Catalogue of Canadian Coins. It is an important piece for me because of its nostalgic story. Little did I know at the time of my visits to Spier's that a year or two earlier he had been robbed. This I learned from the book which has several heavy punch marks that have ripped through both the cover and text. On the inner cover, below the store stamp, is the hand written message 'Unhappy Souvenir of Robbery of Labour Day 1961. This catalogue was used by the crooks for leverage in forcing the safe open. (signed) Philip Spier'. This book remains one of my favourite library items.

With time however, the one person who inspired me to collect and do what I do today was Jérôme H. Remick III. I first communicated with him via post during the mid to late 1960's and eventually met him in 1972. He too was a geologist and my brother, also a geologist, worked with him during the summer of 1973. I worked on a nearby crew in northern Quebec that summer and we would occasionally speak a bit over the single sideband radio we used for communications between our camp location and our main camp and other crews. Jerry was an avid writer of numismatic articles and correspondence, and we maintained contact over the years. In recent years when time did not permit me to write back to him, I would call him every month or two.

Jerry encouraged me to maintain my interest in

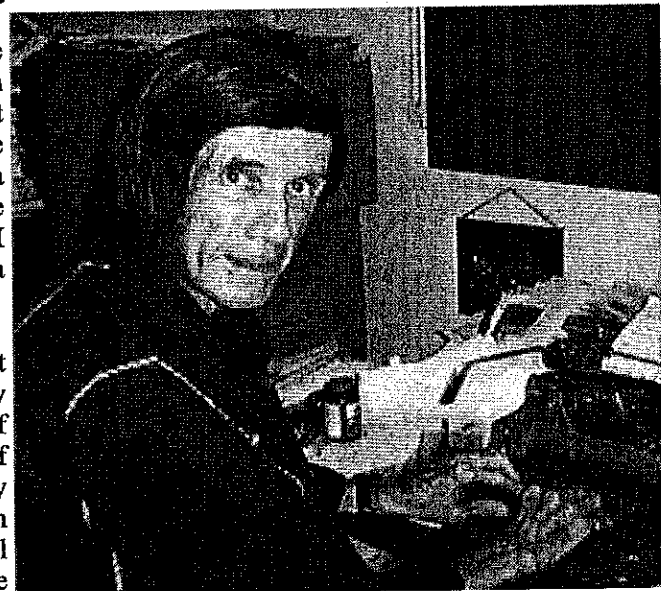


Figure 6 Jérôme H Remick typing a coin article on his Olympia de Luxe Typewriter.



Figure 7 France & Bill Waychison at the RCM 2008 Reception

numismatics by expanding my collecting to include both medals and topical items related to my employment. He also encouraged me to research and write about things I collect and to share my hobby with others. Most importantly, he made it very clear that over time, I will learn that it is not the coin or note that I acquire that is important, but rather the people I meet, and the friends that I make, that will leave me my most favourable impressions. In this respect, it is he who also encouraged me to join the Canadian Numismatic Association and several other groups, and to get more involved with the people in the hobby. I lost one of my best friends in 2005 when Jerry passed away but am pleased to say that I have made several new friends since.

I encourage you all to buy the book if you have not already done so and to get involved with the hobby by joining coin clubs and attending their meetings and conventions. Your presence here this day confirms that you already know that there is great benefit in being part of a local club. Joining the O.N.A., C.N.A. or Canadian Paper Money Society, and attending their conventions, is your next step to expand your interests and growing with our hobby. You will find you will be making better and more informed purchases, but you will also enjoy the pleasure of sharing your interests with informed and like people.

My wife, France, is very understanding of my hobby interests. She also becomes involved in the hobby by proofing and translating into French those articles I write for the C.N.A. She also looks forward to attending the coin conventions that we attend, as she also has made a number of good friends at these events."

Bill's geological career has focussed on mineral exploration, and in particular, the search for gold deposits since 1977. During the past two years, he has managed drill programs in a search for gold in iron formations in the Northwest Territories.

The Homestake Mine in South Dakota is the best example of this type of gold deposit and has produced over 39.8 million ounces gold and 9 million ounces of silver during its history from 1878 through to 2001. Those who have seen the HBO television mini-series, Deadwood, which is the story of the Homestake Mine, may understand some of the risk, adventure, and thrill associated with the quest for gold. Although times have changed and the search for gold is more technically advanced, the excitement associated with finding gold or a new gold zone is still very real and strong today.

We are proud to have Bill as a friend, and a stronger promoter of the numismatic hobby. We thank both Bill and his wife France, for their selfless contribution over the years to numismatic events, educational forums, and numismatic publications.

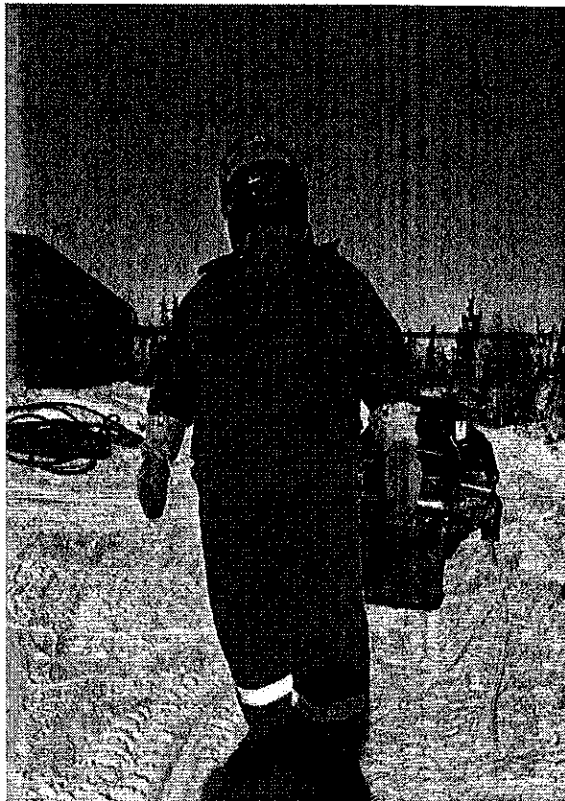



Figure 8 Bill returning from a drill (March 2010) at Damoti Lake in the NWT. Damoti is located 200km north of Yellowknife.





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NEW WOOD TOKEN FROM HILLSBURGH, ONTARIO

For those of us who collect 'wooden tokens', often the discovery of a new one, in our own back yard, is initiated with information from someone much farther away. Such is the case with this new wooden token from Hillsburgh, Ontario. After being informed of the existence of this token by CAWMC member Russ Brown of Richmond Hill, Ontario, whose daughter acquired one for him, it was necessary to seek out this new find very close to home.

As it turns out, both myself and fellow collector Dave Gillespie, who also lives nearby, made separate trips to this relatively new business in Hillsburgh. The business, which just opened up early last fall, has chosen 'wooden tokens' as one means to advertise their business. They have been distributing them at local home and trade shows, around the area, to help them get the message out.

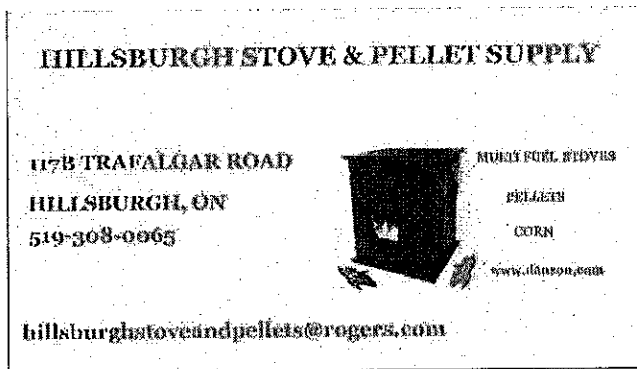
While visiting the business, I spoke to the very gracious and helpful Barbara Grisdale, in the front office, who indicated that they chose "wood" tokens over plastic because of their concern for the environment. Wood tokens seemed more environmentally friendly to them. The business had one thousand tokens made, ordered through a site found on the internet.

Both Dave Gillespie and I, in our separate visits, were able to acquire the wood, as well as a few extras, for our collections. I was also given an environmentally friendly pen, apparently made from corn starch. Inscribed on the pen is Hillsburgh Stove & Pellet Supply 519-308-0065 Your source For "GREEN HEAT".

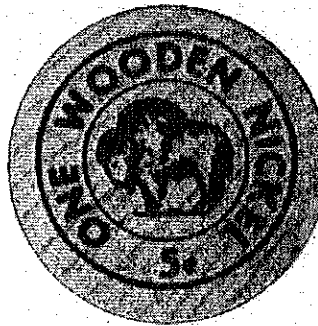
The wood, shown here, is the regular 1 1/2 inch diameter and is printed in green ink on both sides. Also shown here is the 'business card' for the business.

On Dave's visit, Earl Peavoy, business owner, confirmed that this new family business venture into wood stoves, pellets and corn, got fired up last fall and that they could be contacted for business through their e-mail address.

As indicated above, we have a few extra woods and they will be available at our annual C.A.W.M.C. Breakfast and General Meeting in July, in Saint John, New Brunswick.



by Ross Kingdon and Dave Gillespie



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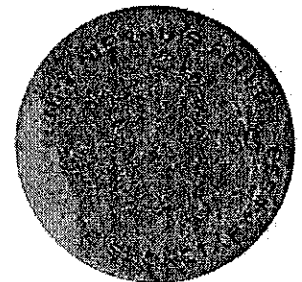
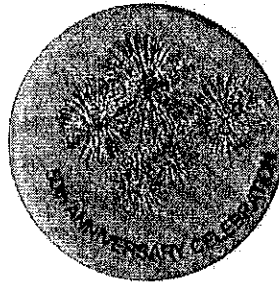


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WOODS TO CELEBRATE THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NORTH YORK COIN CLUB IN TORONTO ONTARIO



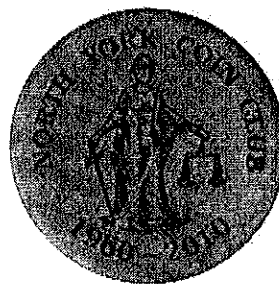
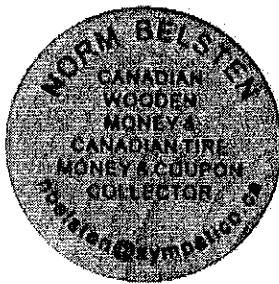
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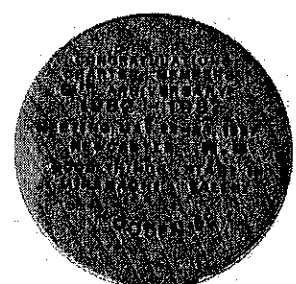
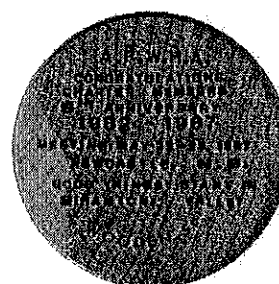
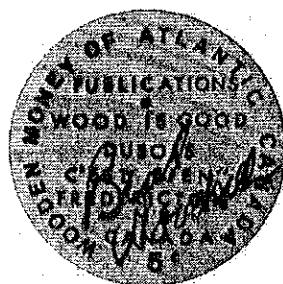
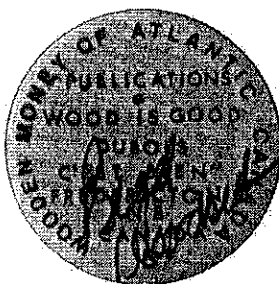
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IDENTIFYING WOOD ERRORS

Some errors are easy to identify while others are difficult to find. The two woods below show some samples of each.



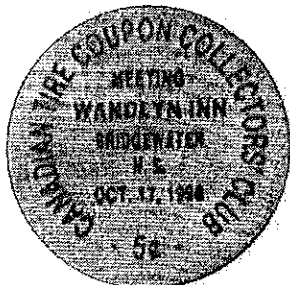
The first wood is hard to see and the error in the word Fredericton the O is a C and was corrected to an O with red ink. The second wood had the word Fredericton spelled correctly. Because the wood was hot stamped the correct O is shiny while with the corrected C where filled in is dull. The third wood is correct with A.P.W.M.A. at the top the error has no A.P.W.M.A. at the top.

Courtesy of Timber Talk

At the Ontario Numismatic Association Convention in Kingston Ontario I displayed the following woods that were all Canadian Tire related. I also stated that there were a total of 16 different but there are actually 17 different as shown.



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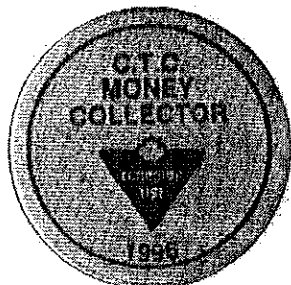
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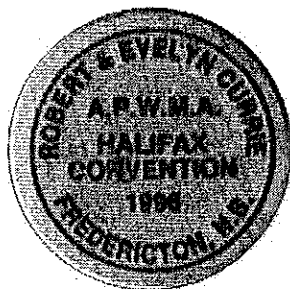
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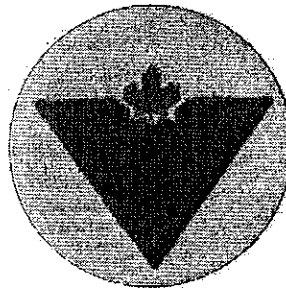
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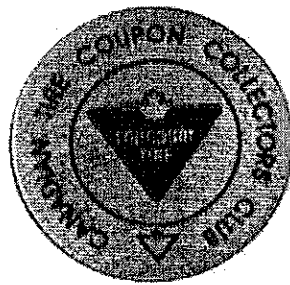


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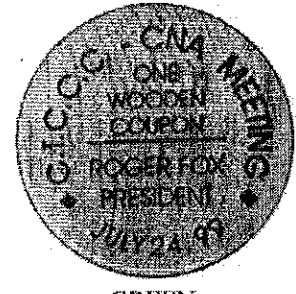
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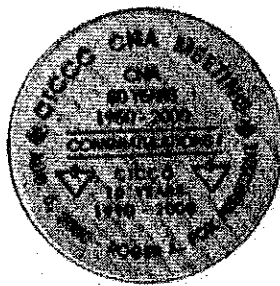
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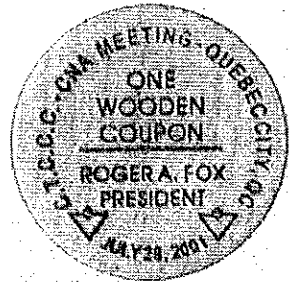
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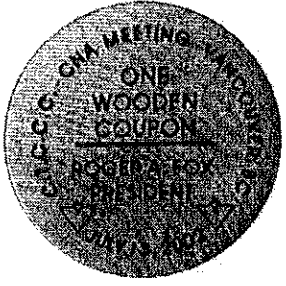
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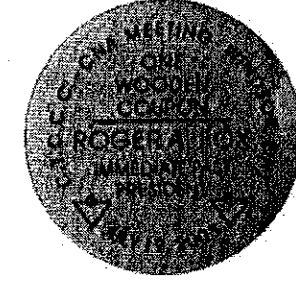
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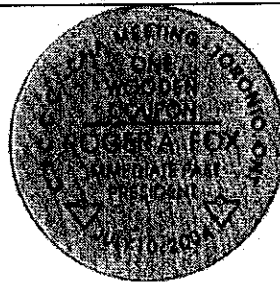
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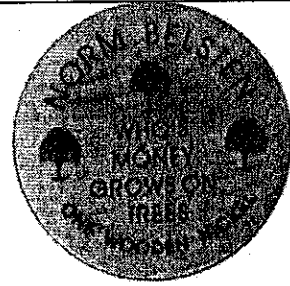
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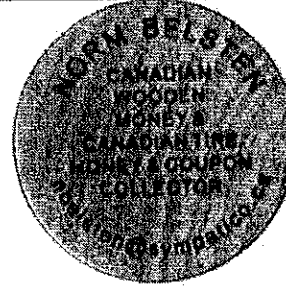
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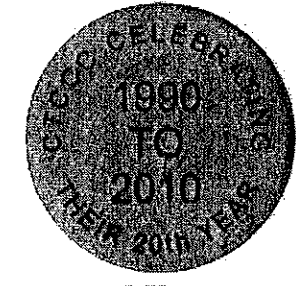
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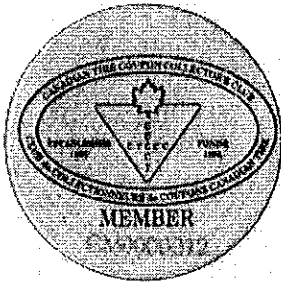
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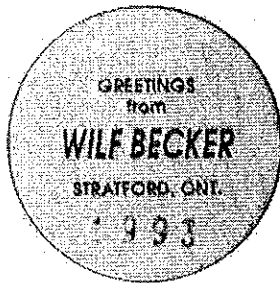
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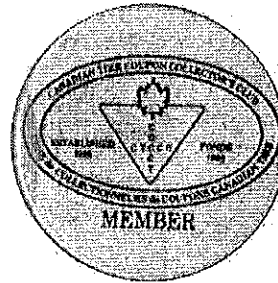
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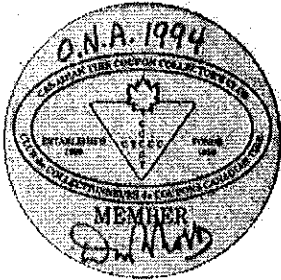
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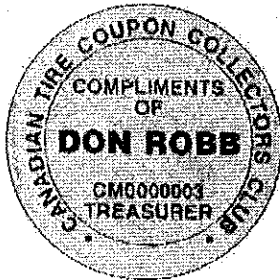
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Blue Black



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The first three woods are 45mm in diameter.

The last one is 38mm diameter

There are 18 different Canadian Tire associated woods

NEW OLD WOOD

Bob Brown sent me photo copies of some woods to identify, some were US, some were listed and this one was not listed. It is from Port Perry ON. They were a promotional/advertising piece by a women's clothing store in Port Perry called the "Pink Dot" which was owned by Miriam Price from the mid-1970s to mid-1980s. Western Weekend was an annual summer festival in the town, which usually took place the first weekend in August for many years. It was later re-named "Festival Days" and it ran until the early 2000s. The wooden nickel had no monetary value - it was simply a vehicle for advertising both the Western Weekend event and the Pink Dot clothing store. The wood is over stamped with a red # 74 which could be the year. Miriam still lives in Port Perry and recalls the woods but has no woods left. The woods is printed in black both sides with a red #74, and 38mm in diameter.



Above information supplied by "Peter Hvidsten" of Port Perry ON. Thanks Peter.

Norm Belsten LM C45

Courtesy of the North York Coin Club

EVERY COIN TELLS A STORY

BY BARB PACHOLIK, THE REGINA-LEADER POST



Photograph by: Bryon Schlosser, Leader-Post

Smalley's oldest coin, a large bronze piece depicting the Greek god Zeus, was issued under Ptolemy II Philadelphos, who ruled Egypt 285-246 B.C.

Tails — it's an open-winged eagle.

Heads — it's Zeus.

The Greek god is looking a bit green around the edges, but the copper coin has held up pretty well considering it's the oldest in the collection. Back in the days when money might have read, "in gods we trust" (long before the Americans coined the phrase), the ancient coin was issued under Ptolemy II Philadelphos, King of Egypt between 285 and 246 B.C.

Digging a little deeper into the treasure reveals Leopold "the Hogmouth," the Holy Roman emperor best known for an unfortunate jaw line, on a coin from 1664. There are also pieces recalling the reign of other mighty Romans — Emperors Tetricus, Magnentius, Constantius II, Probus and Septimius Severus — ruling from 193 to 211, the first North African to head the Roman Empire.

"Think of modern history. How many years did it take the United States to get a president that appeared to be of North African descent — 200 years? I draw that parallel. It's just amazing to me," says Jim Smalley. Amazing — it's a word that comes up quite often when you spend a bit of time with Smalley, his coin collection and his equally impressive memory for history.

While many collectors long for such rarities as a 1936 Canadian dot penny — which recently sold for \$400,000 at a U.S. auction — Smalley's tastes aren't nearly as expensive. His focus is as unique as his coins. "I collect the oddball stuff," he says.

By "oddball" he means a collection that includes ancient and medieval coins, early Roman Empire, those from the British Empire (places like Australia, British Honduras and Belize), wartime occupation, and from what he calls "dead countries" — that no longer exist — as well as obscure places, like Iceland and Tasmania. There are even oddities among his oddballs — like the token of Ghandi with the slogan "Superman."

While a pocketful of loose change is a nuisance to many people, a collection of coins in Smalley's hands is like a trip back in time. With each piece, Smalley adds his two cents — anecdotes, historical details and lore to enhance that travelling experience.

A halfpenny from 1821 becomes a history lesson on Napoleon's exile to St. Helena, the same Atlantic island where a Zulu warrior chief had once been sent.

A small silver coin with a ship and the word "Ant" conjures up memories of high school classes on Shakespeare's Julius Caesar. The "Ant" is for Antony — Caesar's right-hand man Mark Antony. "To take his troops (to battle), Mark Antony went to Cleopatra and said 'I need some money, I need silver.' And that's a piece of Cleopatra's silver, to pay Mark Antony's troops."

A nice sixpence recalls the Tudors, and King Edward VI's brief reign after the death of his father, Henry VIII. What Smalley really wants is a reasonably priced Bloody Mary — the nickname given to Queen Mary, Henry VIII's daughter by his first wife.

Like a proud father opening up his wallet to show off pictures of his children, Smalley holds up one of the most artistic and beautiful pieces in his collection. The bronze medallion has the raised impression of a young woman, ribbons flowing from her hair. "You won't believe it under glass," says Smalley excitedly. "What's so unusual about it is you would not know who it was. There's no writing. There's not even an engraver's initial."

However, Smalley's pretty confident it depicts Napoleon Bonaparte's second wife Marie Louise because of the two medals that accompanied it — one showing the church in Strasbourg, France, where Napoleon married his Austrian bride by proxy in 1810, and the other of Napoleon and Marie Louise, whom Smalley believes is the same as the woman on the bronze disc.



Jim Smalley, Regina collector with a healthy collecting philosophy

"I consider this very enigmatic," says Smalley, explaining that he has been unable to find any information on the medallion — a sort of billboard of its day, announcing Napoleon's marriage. "Being a research journalist, it amazes me," says Smalley, a veteran of three decades in broadcasting who's best known these days for his noon-hour call-in show at CKRM.

When Smalley went on vacation two years ago, the coin lover carried with him some unusual cargo. "I lunded in London and my bag was heavy. It was 10 kilos. You're allowed to carry around luggage that's 10 kilos. My bag was 10 kilos of coins." It was filled with British coins he had been saving up for 15 years. He and his wife spent nothing but those coins during the six days they were in London. "I could not believe how patient and kind the British were (as he counted out the 50- and 20-pence coins)," he adds.

Smalley's passion for coin collecting was forged as a young boy growing up in Comins, in the province's southeast corner, in the 1960s. He took an interest in a friend's collection, then started his own at the age of eight when his mother bought him a brand new, shiny silver dollar.

From that moment on, no visit to nearby Weyburn was complete without a stop by a corner store that also handled coins and books. "Very quickly that became my store," says Smalley. "I'd buy little treasures there, little pieces of Canadian coins."

The hobby was put on the backburner as the boy grew to a man, but a move to Regina in 1975 rekindled the interest and local dealers got him hooked on first foreign and then ancient coins, beginning with a little jar filled with about seven or eight pieces. Smalley spent hours researching their origin.

Courtesy of the North York Coin Club

"I've always been a history nut — just loved it. It's an easy subject for me. Dates and numbers stick in my head. I have a head for useless facts and figures, always have."

Indeed, when he was on a European vacation and found himself in the Roman colosseum, he was able to help the tour guide struggling for the names of Roman emperors. Smalley can name the first 12 to 15 in order.

For Smalley, the value of each coin in his collection isn't the price it might fetch — which often isn't a whole lot — but its historical worth and importance.

"I can show you coins in here that are far scarcer than a Canadian penny from 1925 and yet they don't even command near the price of a 1925 penny." It's an issue of supply and demand — and the demand for a rare Canadian penny far outweighs that for ancient Roman coins. "The demand for that Canadian penny to fill those little blue books, those little binders, is huge. Everybody wants to fill it," adds Smalley.

When he sells a piece, it's not to get rich, but rather to feed his hobby and a collection that fills more than 19 thick, heavy binders.

"There's some that I don't get. And there's some I pay more than they're worth, and those ones I don't talk about usually," he says, chuckling.

The attraction for Smalley is the "thrill of the hunt" as he searches for some pretty unusual stuff, like an elusive British Honduras five-cent piece from 1894.

"I've been hunting for 25 years. It's the first issue. And it shouldn't be any harder (to find) than the dime I got 20 years ago, but it is. I just can't seem to find one in Regina."

Somehow, others that should be more elusive have ended up among Smalley's treasures.

"This is one of my prized possessions," he says, holding up a coin he picked up in B.C. while on a summer vacation. "I owned it for a week before I knew what it was." He recognized the head as that of Antonius Pius, but it was in such rough shape he couldn't make out most of the letters. XVIII — signifying his 18th year of reign — is visible. "Not a lot of emperors actually lasted much more than five, 10 years. Most of them were murdered, killed, or just died of old age. You never got to be an emperor until you were old." The reverse side of the coin shows a woman reclining. Smalley spent hours searching the Internet and pouring over catalogues trying to sort out exactly what he had — and finally solved the mystery.

"These were only struck for one year, in 155 AD," he says. The well-worn letters on the coin would spell out BRITANNIA — one of the earliest times the word would appear on a coin. "Most of these turned up in a wishing well on Hadrian's Wall."

None of the coins had been discovered anywhere but Britain — until one found its way into Smalley's hands.

How the coins end up in Smalley's collection can be just as intriguing as the coins themselves.

A Regina's home renovation project yielded Smalley's temple tokens from India after they, along with some rupees, were found in the home's wall.

Some of his more interesting pieces come from what Smalley refers to as "serviceman's hordes." Smalley recalls looking through a bunch of foreign bank notes that someone had deposited at a local coin store. He suspects they were once the cache of a Second World War veteran.

"I'm looking at this man's whole tour through Europe. I can see it. There are bank notes of France. So, he was in France at D-Day, because these are notes that were issued for D-Day. I can follow that he went through the North African campaign; because there's bank notes of Tunisia, and Algeria . . . There are occupation Italian notes. This was very fascinating to see where this man had been through these notes."

One of Smalley's ancient Roman coins has a similar history. The face is of Domitian, who ruled from 81 to 96 AD. The coin once belonged to a soldier, who was part of the Italian campaign in the Second World War —



A uniface medal with a high bronze relief bust of Napoleon's wife, Marie Louise, is the most artistic and beautiful piece in Jim Smalley's collection.

and Smalley is off on another history lesson. Going up the boot of Italy, the Allied soldiers had to get past the Germans in a huge monastery from the 12th century. The man was among those troops. "Who knows where he got this coin?" says Smalley.

Like much of the money that jingles in pockets on any given day, Smalley will never know the journey travelled by most of the pieces in his collection — but he muses about it often.

"I owned this piece for 20 years before I even knew what it was. I thought it was a fake," he says, holding up a coin with the name, L. Scribonius Libo, who issued the coin only for one year in 62 B.C. Smalley's version has four tiny spots on it, as if it was melted.

"I feel it was likely a piece of jewellery for centuries. And then someone took it out and then it found its way into the coin dealer in Saskatoon. He had no idea what it was and threw it in a box for me to buy. And so I find that fascinating," says Smalley.

While an avid collector, Smalley prefers picking up coins from local dealers or at shops he visits on holidays rather than shopping online. "It's more fun waiting to find it locally, and I've got enough pieces that I just research on the Internet."

It also reduces the risk of picking up something he doesn't want — a fake. "There's modern forgeries coming out of China that are really scary. You have to be very, very careful."

In a society where video games, iPods, and Wiis rule the day, is coin collecting doomed to become as rare as some of the sought-after pieces?

The heyday of coin collecting was the 1960s, but Smalley is convinced the hobby still has value, and he has seen recent converts.

"To me, it's surprising how many young kids are interested in collecting coins," says Smalley, vice-president of the Regina Coin Club, which has some 100 members and offers a "coin hawks" program for youngsters. The club's annual spring and fall shows draw upwards of 500 people.

"When I go to these coin shows twice a year, I see younger people taking up for some of the older members," says Smalley.

The ardent collector is banking on those future generations, ensuring that the only relics of the past are the coins they collect.

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HELLENISTIC COINS FOUND IN MANBEJ AREA IN NORTHERN SYRIA

BY H. SABBAGH/MAZEN, SYRIAN ARAB NEWS AGENCY, MARCH 1, 2010

Aleppo, northern Syria (SANA) – A collection of Hellenistic coins dating back to the era of Alexander the Great were found near Najm Castle in the Manbej area in Aleppo governorate.

The coins were found by a local man as he was preparing his land for construction, uncovering a bronze box that contained around 250 coins. He promptly delivered the coins to the authorities who in turn delivered them to Aleppo Department of Archeology and Museum.

Director of archeological excavations at Aleppo Department of Archeology and Museum Yousef Kanjo said the box contained two groups of silver



More than 250 Hellenistic coins were discovered by a Syrian man two weeks ago in the Manbej area as he was digging a plot of land he owns to build a house on it, said Yousef Kanjo, head of the archaeological excavation department in Aleppo.



(AP Photo/SANA) (Ho - AP)

In this photo released by the Syrian official news agency (SANA) on Tuesday, March 2, 2010, Hellenistic coins dating back to the era of Alexander the Great are seen after they were discovered in northern Syria.

Hellenistic coins: 137 tetradrachma (four drachmas) coins and 115 drachma coins.

One side of the tetradrachma coins depicts Alexander the Great, while the other side depicts the Greek god Zeus sitting on a throne with an eagle on his outstretched right arm. 34 of these coins bear the inscription "King Alexander" in Greek, while 81 coins bear the inscription "Alexander" and 22 coins bear "King Phillip."

The drachma coins bear the same images as the tetradrachma, with "Alexander" inscribed on 100 of them and "Philip" on 15 of them.

THE CHINESE WERE WAY AHEAD OF US

BY BUTTONWOOD, THE ECONOMIST, FEBRUARY 23, 2010

CHINA is well known for its many technological innovations through history, but not for its financial ones. But reading Glyn Davies's *History of Money: From Ancient Times to the Present Day*, I was struck by the fact that the emperor Hien Tsung, who ruled from 806-821 CE, developed paper money to overcome a copper shortage. Marco Polo describes how the Grand Khan of the Mongols also used paper money, remarking that "All his majesty's armies are paid with this currency, which is to them of the same value as if it were gold or silver."

It did not last. By 1448 CE, Ming notes nominally worth 1,000 in cash were actually trading for three. That was one of the last references to paper money trading at all. The Chinese switched to silver, a conviction that

lasted into the 20th century.

Meanwhile, in the west, the early printing machines developed by Gutenberg were also adapted for monetary purposes. As Davies remarks "It is a further irony of monetary history that not long after China finally abandoned its paper currency; European banks began increasingly to issue paper money notes about which they had first learned from the writings of travellers like Marco Polo."

Of course, nowadays, the Chinese are very adapt at making money. I had another chat with Richard Duncan today, whose new book *The Corruption of Capitalism* has just been published. His argument is that

- a) the Chinese run, in good years, a quarter of a trillion dollar trade surplus with the US
- b) Chinese exporters sell those dollars to the

central bank which inflate reserves and that the effect is both to inflate the Chinese money supply and to fund the US trade deficit on the cheap.

Other central banks have followed similar policies. As a result, global foreign exchange reserves, which first hit \$1 trillion in the early 1990s, are now almost \$7 trillion. This credit bubble has inflated asset prices and will lead to a bust.

However long this system lasts, one suspects it will fall far short of the 600 years achieved by the last Chinese paper money experiment.

http://www.economist.com/blogs/buttonwood/2010/02/china_paper_money_and_west

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Courtesy of the North York Coin Club

IBNS SELECTS BERMUDA MONETARY AUTHORITY 2 DOLLARS NOTE

The International Bank Note Society (IBNS) has issued a press release announcing that the Bermuda's \$2 note, issued as part of an entirely new series in 2009, is the 2010 Bank Note of the Year. Members may recall that the new series was presented over a year ago in the April 2009 issue of *The Bulletin*.

Each year the IBNS recognizes an exceptional banknote issued in the previous year and, from nine very impressive nominations issued in 2009, the Bermuda \$2 note was a clear winner.

The award-winning note portrays the Bermuda Bluebird (*Sialia sialis*) on the front and the Dockyard Clock Tower and Statue of Neptune on the back. As with all notes in the new Bermuda series, the head of HM Queen Elizabeth II appears in a reduced format on the front of the note, the portrait being a mirror of the Machin Head design, which appears on the postage stamps of the Royal Mail.

The members of the IBNS Board, who chose the winning note, considered the Bermuda \$2 note an example of the most attractive elements which create interest among the ever-widening community of banknote collectors and those who take an interest in the development of paper

money. They said the combination of colours were appealing and blended well throughout all components of the design. Additionally, the range of items depicted on the note were attractively presented and allowed the eye to linger and to search for natural and historical design elements that were not immediately apparent.

One of the factors recommending the note to the judges was an interesting array of security features, despite its low face value. These include an Optiks™ embedded metallic thread, with an aperture on the front depicting the island; a Hibiscus watermark

on the top section on the front; the Cornerstone™—a watermark feature on the four corners of the note enhancing the durability of the banknote; and, on the back, the Gemini™ feature portraying a compass which fluoresces in two colours under UV light.

Manufactured by De La Rue and released as part of a new series by the Bermuda Monetary Authority in February 2009, the series was the first major re-design of Bermudian banknotes for 40 years. The object of the series was to present depictions of Bermuda, with the series reflecting the natural beauty of the flora and fauna of the island on one side and the island's architectural heritage on the other.

Working from a detailed brief from the Bermuda Monetary Authority, the initial concept designs for the series were created by Gene Bothwick, one of De La Rue's long-serving designers, who retired in 2007 after 23 years of service. These concepts were then developed for production by the De La Rue banknote Preliminaries Department with input and guidance from the Monetary Authority.

The IBNS congratulates the Bermuda Monetary Authority and De La Rue on an exceptional banknote.



THE CHINESE WERE WAY AHEAD OF US (CONTINUED) ...

Comments from Readers:

One might note, too, that not only was the earliest proper writing (Sumerian) for accounting purposes but the earliest 'writing' of any kind was ~1000 years earlier and was on 'tallies' (apparently representing so many sheep etc).

Although not formally 'money' these were in some respects more advanced than Western money was until relatively recently. So a gold coin, say, had its value in the gold, with the coin just defining the quantity, whereas a clay tally has no intrinsic value and is thus more like paper money.

All money of any kind depends upon the conduct of those who control it. Even commodity money, unless we return to assaying and weighing out at the time of purchase. But that's barter, and not money at all.

It shows how much history has accelerated... The Ming fiat money system seems to have persisted for at least 500 years. In the U.S., we switched to a pure fiat system in 1971, and it appears perhaps that system won't make it 50 years. Or maybe 100 years if you date our funny money scheme back to 1913 and the creation of the Federal Reserve.

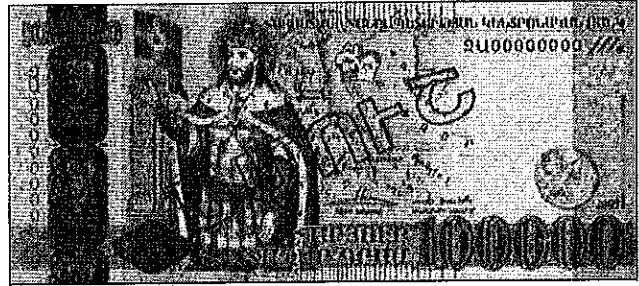
It seem hardly a meaningful comparison of paper money of 600CE with today's USD. The currency back then were circulated in the entire country, down to every province and every individual, whereas today's USD, while used for international trade, is not used by any country other than the US in domestic trade, a collapse in the USD would not directly affect domestic trade like 1448CE.

Moreover nations can print their own currency, while provinces could not. In the even of a USD collapse, countries today, if they so decide, could choose to base their exchange rate on another currency, and it is possible to bypass the US for trading between, say, China and Europe, whereas in then 1400s trade between provinces could not maintain stability because the only alternative was direct bartering, which is infeasible on any large scale.

So this time around, what won't last might not be paper money itself but the USD as the reserve currency. Money supply does not alter the fundamental availability of wealth, only its distribution and production, the desirable quality of a currency is therefore not its form but its stability

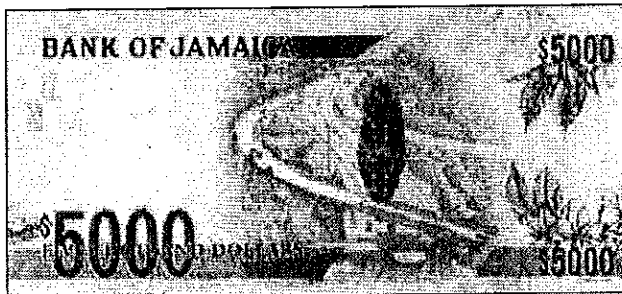
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IBNS 2010 BANKNOTE OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS



Botswana's 200-Pula Note

Armenia's 100,000-Dram Note

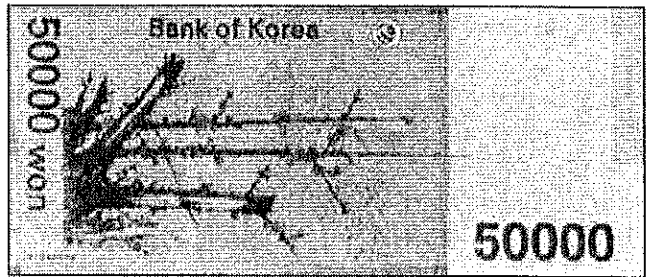


Jamaica's 5000-dollar note

Scotland's Ten-Pound Note
(Clydesdale Bank)

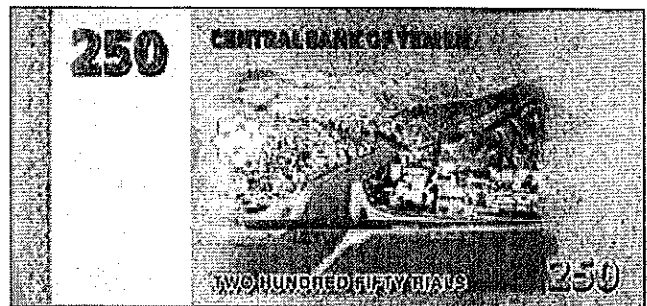
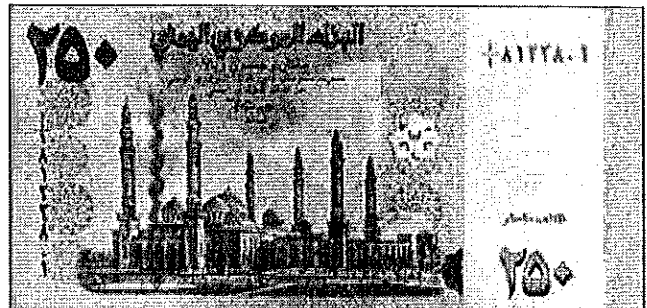
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IBNS 2010 BANKNOTE OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS



Kyrgyzstan's 5,000-Som Note

South Korea's 50,000-Won Note



Mexico's 100-Peso Note

Yemen's 250-Rial Note

NEED INFO AND LOCATION FOR THE FOLLOWING WOODS



This wood issued in different colours blue/blue, purple/purple, green/green red/red, black/black, 38mm in diameter

Misc-001 to 004



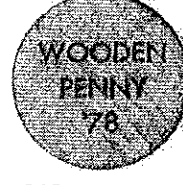
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Misc-007



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Misc-010



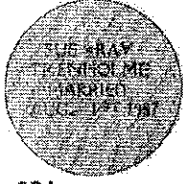
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Misc-012



This wood is blue/blue 38mm dia.

Misc-014



This wood is silver/blue 38mm dia.

Misc-021



Made for the movie the wood is red/red 38mm dia.

Misc-024



Wood is red/red 38mm dia.

Misc-025



50th Anniversary wood gold/gold 45mm dia.

Misc-026



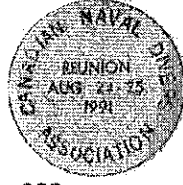
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Misc-028



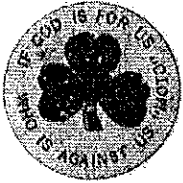
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Misc-032



This wood is black/black 38mm dia.

Misc-039



This wood is green/green 38mm dia.

Misc-040

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