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AUSTRALIA'S NEW DECIMAL COINAGE

by David Ashe

Australia will soon issue their first decimal coinage, and collectors throughout the numismatic world undoubtedly will acquire a set.

However, the new reverse designs are of interest to any numismatist; and the designs are as follows:

50 Cents

The Australian Coat-of-Arms, which is supported by the kangaroo and the emu. The kangaroo is Australia's biggest marsupial, and one or other of the species are found in every part of the Continent; the doe, which can be four or five feet tall, gives birth to a "joey" which is only an inch or so long, and which completes its development in its mother's pouch. The emu is the second largest bird in the world -- only the ostrich is bigger; before pushed back by settlement, the emu ranged all over Australia; the male bird incubates the eggs and takes care of the chickens when they hatch.

20 Cents

The platypus is one of the only two egg-laying mammals (the other is the echidna) and is found in the rivers and creeks of the Eastern side of the Continent; it is about the same size as the echidna and has webbed feet and rich short fur; it swims with the skill and dash of a seal.

10 Cents

The lyrebird on the 10-cent is the male of the species as it appears when dancing and singing, with its magnificent tail expanded and thrown forward over its head; it is a famous mimic; it is about the size of a pleasant, and inhabits dense damp forests from Southern Queensland to Victoria.

5 Cents

The echidna or spiny ant-eater is Australia's other egg-layer which suckles its young; like the hedgehog, it

depends on its spines for protection, and rolls up into a tight ball when frightened; it is about 18 inches long and thrives in every part of Australia. A related species is found in New Guinea.

2 Cent

The frilled lizard is found only in the tropical north of Australia; it grows to about three feet in length --- most of it tail; it is harmless but when cornered it presents a gaping hissing mouth in the middle of its brightly-coloured neck frill.

1 Cent

The feather-tail glider is the smallest of Australia's gliding marsupials and glides by means of membranes along its sides; it is strictly nocturnal and is quite common in the forests of Eastern Australia; one of its bush nicknames --- the "flying mouse" --- gives an idea of its size.

CLUB NEWS

WATERLOO COIN SOCIETY have resumed regular monthly meetings after closing for the summer months. The September meeting featured an O. N. A. Audio-Visual set, "Odd and Curious" by Percy Elgie. Also ... Trading and Auction on a "Cent". Any cent could be brought in and either traded or auctioned. The last meeting before the holidays was a General Discussion meeting with many new and interesting ideas and suggestions coming from the audience.

ST. CATHARINES COIN CLUB held a Club Members' Coin Auction in September which proved very interesting. Victor Snell gave a report on the C. N. A. convention held in Montreal, in August, and displayed a complete collection of C. N. A. convention medals, programmes and other material in connection with the convention. Fred Barley displayed wooden nickels and proof sets of the World were displayed by a junior member.

OAKVILLE COIN CLUB had Mr. J. J. Pittman as guest speaker at the September meeting. Mr. Pittman's talk was followed by a question period from the members and guests.

TORONTO COIN CLUB September bulletin featured a very interesting article by Mr. H. A. Craig, "THE HOME BANK OF CANADA and THE FENIAN RAID MONUMENT". The article was inspired by a \$10 bill of the Home Bank of Canada which was on display in the ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION'S booth at the 1965 Canadian National Exhibition. Claudia Pelkey, O. N. A. Editor, spoke to the T. C. C. at the September meeting on, "Odd and Curious Medium of Exchange in Africa" ... namely Kenya.

HAMILTON COIN CLUB held their October meeting one week later due to Thanksgiving. Pat Palmer spoke on store cards of Ontario, and Charles Fincher exhibited some of his English material.

SARNIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY held another "Coin Quiz" at the September meeting which was designed by Jim Moore. Members went home knowing a great deal more about dates, kings,

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queens and coins in general. The society have changed their meeting location to the Imperial Oil Credit Union Bldg., Chippewa St.

INGERSOLL COIN CLUB has twenty-four members ang guests out to the September meeting to hear guest speaker, Percy Elgie, on "Rare Coins and Currency". Mr. Elgie displayed items to illustrate his talk, such as the Waitangi crown, a Dominion of Canada 1924 \$5 Queen Mary banknote and a \$4 Soo Locks note.

ST. THOMAS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION have announced a change in meeting night. Starting with the October meeting, the club will meet the second Tuesday of each month. The speaker at this meeting will be Mr. Clarence Miedema.

CHAMPLAIN COIN CLUB is devising means to encourage their members to attend, books of reserved tickets are being sold for P. L. sets of Canadian coins. The club's news bulletin states two ways to gain knowledge of your coins: 1. Join a club, attend the meetings and ask questions. 2. Subscribe to some numismatic publications.

LONDON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY has 56 members and guests out to the September meeting. Percy Elgie gave a report on the August C. N. A. convention and the O. N. A. exhibition booth at the C. N. E. Graham Esler set up a very fine display of Civil War tokens and fractional currency. Alex Sweeton gave an interesting talk on "United States Civil War Coins and Currency".

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LAST CALL...LAST CALL

NOVEMBER 30, 1965, IS THE LAST DATE ON WHICH YOU CAN ORDER YOUR 1965 ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION MEDALS.

Get those requests in to the Ontario Numismatic Association,
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IMPORTANT NOTICE!!!

There will be a \$2 Service Charge on all orders for O. N. A. display cases.

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SOMETHING NEW

O. N. A. "Lapel Pins" (size 5/8) in Sterling silver either button back or safety catch are now available to members at \$2.75 each. Please specify which type when ordering. Make your orders payable to: Ontario Numismatic Association, P. O. Box 33, Waterloo, Ont.

All O. N. A. members renewing before DECEMBER 31st, 1965, may have the privilege of purchasing these pins at the reduced rate of \$2.50.

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NEW MEMBERS

Applications published in the October issue of the Ontario Numismatist have now been accepted. The following applications have been received. If no written objections are received, their acceptance will be acknowledged in the December issue of the Ontario Numismatist.

507. Charles Goldsbie, 139 Dunblaine Ave., Toronto 12, Ont.
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509. Cyril Goldsbie, 139 Dunblaine Ave., Toronto 12, Ont.
510. Ernest Dooley, 54 Bedford Park Ave., Toronto 12, Ont.
511. Stephen Perchaluk, Bridge Street, Hastings, Ont.
512. Ray G. Fleau, 200 Bond St. E., Oshawa, Ont.
513. Richard Allan Hazzard, 22 Topham Road, East York, Ont.
514. Peter H. Duchesne, 50 Harcourt St., Port Hope, Ont.
515. John Regitko, Jr., 29 Spruce St., Toronto 2, Ont.
516. Ron J. Dickinson, 263 Clinton St., Toronto 4, Ont.

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COMING EVENTS

- November 14 Huron County Coin Club Show, Elm Haven Motor Hotel, Clinton, Ontario.
November 20 Oshawa and District One Day Show, Auto Workers Credit Union Hall,
322 King Street West, Oshawa, Ontario. Admission 25 cents. Bourse
Chairman: Mr. D. Martin, Box 212, Oshawa, Ontario. Auctions held at
3:00 p. m. and 7:30 p. m.
April 29, 30, ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION 4th Annual Convention, Cleary Auditorium,
May 1 Windsor, Ontario. General Chairman: Paul Landry, 14200 St. Marys
St., Detroit 27, Michigan, U. S. A. Bourse Chairman: Gordon Pomeroy,
264 Kennedy Pl., Windsor, Ont.

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KITCHENER COIN CLUB 2nd ANNUAL SHOW

Mr. Wm. English, founding President of the Waterloo Coin Society and First Vice-president of the Ontario Numismatic Association addressed 75 guests following the dinner at the Kitchener Coin Club's second annual show. Mr. English spoke on oddities, errors and type coins. There were 50 competitive entries at the show. The best-of-show winner was Percy Elgie, Thamesford, Ontario. Winners by categories (first, second, third consecutively where they apply) were: Canadian Decimal: Mrs. Wm. English, Waterloo; Percy Elgie and Peter Schoss, Woodstock. Paper money: Alan McNabb, Ingersoll. Foreign: George Timm, Kitchener; Albert Fuller, Kitchener (second and third). Commonwealth: Percy Elgie. Tokens and Medals: John Regitko, Toronto (first and second), and Donald Flick, Oakville. Gold: Louis Dandeno, London; Ont., and Peter Schoss. Junior: Theodore Turanski (Victor Montag Trophy), Kitchener; Anne Querin, Kitchener, and Sherry English, Waterloo. Novice: Mrs. Jean Simms (President's Trophy), Kitchener, and Anthony Dinspel, Kitchener.

LONDON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY 14th ANNUAL BANQUET

William N. Clarke, General Chairman of the L. N. S. 14th Annual Banquet, chaired another successful numismatic event. Sam Smith, Display Chairman gathered 54 displays. Awards of trophies in the competitive display categories went to: Canadian Decimal - Mrs. Shirley English, Waterloo; British Commonwealth - Percy Elgie, Thamesford; World Coins - Louis Dandeno, London; World Tokens - Percy Elgie; World Currency - Alan McNab, Ingersoll; Miscellaneous - Charles Mitchener, St. Thomas; and BEST IN SHOW - Percy

Elgie. Mr. William English, numismatic columnist for Canada Coin News and First Vice-president of the Ontario Numismatic Association, was Guest Speaker at the Banquet and presented an interesting and exhaustive survey of the subject, "Coin Varieties". The 1965 William N. Clarke Award of Merit was presented to Sam Smith for his outstanding contributions to the London Numismatic Society.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS (Continued)

ARTICLE VIII - Meetings

- Section 1 - The ultimate authority in Association matters shall be a properly convened General Meeting. This will usually be the Annual General Meeting held at the time of the annual Convention. In cases of extreme importance a Special General Meeting may be called by the President. Notice of such meeting shall be published in the Official Publication of the Association at least one month prior to such meeting.
- Section 2 - In the period between General Meetings, the executive shall have full power to act for the Association in accordance with the terms of the Constitution.
- Section 3 - A quorum at any General Meeting shall be at least half of the Executive and ten other regular or life members, all present in person.
- Section 4 - The executive shall meet prior to all General Meetings and at such other times called for by the President.
- Section 5 - A quorum at any Executive meeting shall be five members of the Executive present in person.

ARTICLE IX - Conventions

- Section 1 - The Association may meet in convention once every year, at such time and place as may be decided upon by the Executive. The time and place thereof shall be announced by the President in at least three issues of the Official Publication prior to said convention.
- Section 2 - Applications for the privilege of sponsoring a convention may be made by any Corporate Member or group of Regular Members. Such application shall be sent to the President at least one year in advance and should clearly state what facilities are available in that locality, the number of persons available to work out and handle the details of the convention, and the assurance that proper financial backing can be provided to run such a convention. A tentative programme should accompany the application and preference should be given to the applicant that incorporates in the convention programme the useful exchange of numismatic information through lectures or discussion groups.
- Section 3 - In the event that no applications are received for the privilege of sponsoring a convention in any particular year, or if the circumstances should warrant it, the convention may be held under the sponsorship of a committee appointed by the President for that purpose.
- Section 4 - The privilege of sponsoring a convention will be assigned by the Executive. The sponsoring organization shall assume all responsibility for the successful operation of the convention subject to guidance from the O. N. A. Convention Committee. Any financial arrangements shall be at the discretion of the Executive and the sponsors.

Section 5 - The selection of an auctioneer to conduct the auction at the annual convention shall be the prerogative of the Executive.

ARTICLE X - Amendments to the Constitution

Section 1 - The Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present at any General Meeting. Proposed changes shall be submitted to the Executive in writing at least 120 days before such meeting and shall be circulated to all members at least thirty days before the date of such meeting.

ARTICLE XI - By-Laws

Section 1 - The Executive is empowered to enact or amend, within the terms of this Constitution, such By-laws as it may deem advisable. Such By-laws should be subject to the approval of a majority vote of the members at the next general meeting.

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R. W. Irwin

The editor has sent a cry for help and always being one to help a fair lady in distress I have responded with my fighting pen. It is a bit dull as many readers will testify.

Lewis Carroll of Alice in Wonderland fame wrote "The time has come," the Walrus said, "To talk of many things: This is all that comes to mind but seems appropriate for this particular article. Now as one Walrus to another we gather a great many interesting facts or sidelights on the hobby of collecting coins from various sources. The bulk of these are of small value by themselves and probably lend themselves to filler material in newspapers. I have decided to unload my pile here if the editor agrees.

Now the fact that there were 41 different banks in Canada in 1886 is not an earth shattering piece of news and I don't know why I have hearded it this long. But then, there are not that many today. In this Province the legislature of 1796 passed an "Act for the Better Regulation of certain Coins current in the Province". This gem stated the punishment for tendering "a counterfeit, knowingly", of any of the gold or silver coins of Great Britain, Portugal, the United States, Spain or France was to suffer one year's imprisonment, and be set in and upon the pillory for the space of one hour, in some conspicuous place, and upon a second conviction, he should be adjudged guilty of felony without benefit of clergy." I think this should be brought to the attention of some dealers so they may be thankful we live in an enlightened age.

You have heard the expression "I don't care a rap." Did you know a rap was a small coin of little value in England? I didn't either but that is what the book says. I wonder what coin it could be, the expression dates from the 12th century.

A few facts I couldn't squeeze into my article on gold a few issues ago are rather political in nature but of interest to numismatists. The gold standard was adopted in Canada in 1853 and you will remember we issued gold coins for three years, 1912-14. They were not acceptable to the public and the Lindsay Post of September 26, 1913 under the heading Canadian Coin Drug on Market with byline Ottawa states "The demand for Canadian gold coins has almost reached the vanishing point. When the first issue was made considerable sums were placed in circulation. It gradually fell off,

however, and at present time there is scarcely any in circulation." The gold for these coins came from the Dr. Reddick Larder Lake Gold Mines Ltd.

In August, 1914 the war broke out and there were runs on the banks for gold for hoarding, these were the forefathers of our present brand of coin collectors. On August 3, 1914 an Order-in-Council suspended the gold convertibility of the Dominion notes. Now you see why gold coins weren't minted in 1915 and on. This unfortunate state of affairs for coin collectors remained until July 1, 1926 when you could get gold bullion again, however, by 1929 there was a de facto suspension of the gold standard which was formalized in October 1931.

I also noted on a scrap of paper the rather useless but intriguing state of the Toronto Market on June 6, 1867. I wonder why I selected that day? Anyway, on the money market gold was at 137; silver was buying at a $4\frac{3}{4}$ and selling at a 4 per cent discount. Greenbacks were being bought at $72\frac{1}{4}$ and were being sold at $73\frac{1}{2}$ cents per dollar. The American economy was not as strong in those days, as a matter of fact we had five to seven million in U. S. Coins which was three to four million more than we wanted. The defunct Bank of Upper Canada bills were being bought at 50 cents per dollar. What would you pay today?

Most people remember Henry the Eighth for his wives, he is still remembered on some present day coins. He was a political rebel, not theological, against the Roman Church. In his youth he was a champion of orthodoxy and wrote a book in defense of the seven sacraments against Luther. In recognition for this service Pope Leo X granted him in 1521 the title of "Defender of the Faith", thus putting him on an equal footing with the "Catholic" king of Spain, and the "Most Christian" king of France. After his break with Pope Paul III the Pope revoked the title but in 1544 Henry obtained an Act of his own Parliament conferring the title on him. It appears as FID.DEF or F. D. on our coins of today. At least it's on the British pennies.

Hint for persons with more time than myself. The British House of Commons Paper 601 of 1848 contains an Account of all Gold, Silver and Copper Monies of the Realm, Coined at the Royal Mint, from the 1st. day of January 1816 to the 31 day of December 1847 specifying, the weight, number, value, etc. A continuation of this listing is to be found in Papers 2 of 1854, 516 of 1864 and 262 of 1870. The Annual Report of the Mint takes over from here. Start digging and writing. This first Paper states that the object of "marking" a coin is to raise an edge to protect the impression from wear. The milling was to prevent counterfeiting.

I am sure I could find a few more goodies on the shelf but my fingers (two) are tired. How about someone else housecleaning for Claudia.

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!!! MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME AGAIN !!!

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A diademed head on a coin is one surmounted by a headband, fillet or crown, as an emblem of royalty or supreme authority.

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Charles I of England, the Earl of Pembroke, Queen Christine of Sweden, and Louis XIV of France were ardent collectors of their day.

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