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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Ontario Numismatic Association is proud of the fine work of Vince Doran, 1967 Chairman of the O. N. A. - Canadian National Exhibition Coin Exhibit. I would personally like to thank every exhibitor for the fine displays of numismatic material; every collector that gave freely of his time to man the exhibit; and all who helped to publicize, set up, and dismantle the show.

I do not know of any other coin exhibit that reaches the non-collecting public with down-to-earth basic information.

A very sincere "THANK YOU" to Vince Doran; his committee, and all who participated.

Bill English.

EX LIBRIS

by Hazel Munro

The O. N. A. Library is somewhat analogous to certain exhibits in many museums. The collection has been assembled, catalogued, and then for lack of a suitable central place to display it, has been shelved. Like the museum exhibit, the library is available on request, but we extend the service even further, and will mail to you any book that we have available.

Ancient coinage has a universal appeal, perhaps because it is a tangible link with a shadowy and often mysterious past, and this month's excerpt is taken from Commander R. P. Mack's "The Coinage of Ancient Britain" published and donated by Spink and Son, Ltd., London.

"Introduction - Before embarking on the subject of the coinage of the Ancient Britons it might be of interest briefly to review the earliest forms of monetary system that existed in this country and to form some idea as to how a coinage first came here.

Iron currency bars were in all probability the first normal form of currency in south and west Britain during the latter part of the Early Iron Age. These bars somewhat resemble unfinished swords and were beaten

out of iron, softened by heat, to a fixed weight. At the slightly wider end there is a roughly made handle and they are generally about thirty inches long although smaller currency bars of quarter size are also known. They have been found, mostly in hoards, in the south and west. In southeast Britain at about the same time there was a current form of cast bronze and tin coinage of a very crude nature. This coinage was eventually superseded by a gold coinage which came over from Gaul with the Belgic settlers but it is probable that the currency bars remained in circulation in the south-west until late in the first century B. C.

The earliest British gold coins have their main origin in the gold staters of Philip II of Macedon which were struck about the middle of the 4th century B. C. This type has the laureate head of Apollo on the obverse and on the reverse a charioteer in a biga with the name of Philip beneath. There is some controversy as to how this coin which is known as the "Philippus," found its way into central Gaul. One view is that it came in slow stages by way of the Danube and through Switzerland. It is likely that the use of coinage was carried gradually westward by tribes who had been introduced to it by Greek traders and who migrated at intervals of a generation or so as the natural resources of the occupied land became used up and the tribe moved on in search of more virgin soil. In this way it might well take a coin-using tribe a century or two to reach Gaul from the lower reaches of the Danube. It seems probable that the copyists of the Philippus were in Switzerland towards the end of the third century B. C. and reached Gaul at the middle of the second century B. C., initiating a gold coinage in the central regions, where the least degraded Gaulish copies of the Philippus are found.

Another theory suggested by Brook is that the Philippus came to Gaul via Rome. In the early part of the second century B. C. an immense number of gold staters came to Rome as spoils of war and tribute money paid by the treasury of Macedon, and Brooke suggests that the Romans used the gold Philippus as their own currency and that it was Roman diplomacy, not Greek trade that carried it to Gaul.

There are arguments in favour of both these theories but this book is intended to deal with the coinage of Britain as opposed to the continent and it is therefore unnecessary to discuss here the merits of one theory against the other and it must be left to the student to reach his own conclusions. Suffice it to say that the Philippus reached Gaul about the middle of the second century B. C. where it was copied to form a Gaulish coinage. Between the years 150-125 B. C. a group of tribes called the Belgae immigrated into northern Gaul and there struck coins in imitation of the Philippus. Later the Belgae made two expeditions into south and east Britain conveying the art of a struck coinage across the channel. The first of these invasions was about 75 B. C. or shortly afterwards and the second about the middle of the first Century B. C.

To be concluded
in the Oct. Bulletin

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NEW MEMBERS

Applications published in the July 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 October issue of the Ontario Numismatist.

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A HELPING HAND

Canadian Numismatic Variety Collectors Association
Project Brenda.

203 University Ave.,
Kingston, Ontario,
Canada.

Dear Friend:

In response to many queries about Project Brenda, the following information is imparted to all interested persons, in anticipation of their support in this worthwhile project.

Early in 1966, Member Jack Wallace had occasion to hear about 16 year old Brenda Villeneuve who was confined to St. Mary's on the Lake Hospital in Kingston. This young lady, it was learned, had been a semi-paralytic bed patient for the past seven years. Wallace paid an informal call, and during his visit also learned that someone had given Brenda a few foreign coins which had captured her interest. Additional coins and a coin book were provided, and with a little encouragement Brenda became an avid collector within a very short time. Brenda's days are now just a little brighter, and filled with interest, since her introduction to the world of numismatics.

The success of the above endeavour, when brought to the attention of the members of CNVCA, prompted them to approve a program proposed, and to be directed by Member Wallace who would attempt, wherever possible, to create and foster an interest in coin collecting among invalid and crippled children whose names would be submitted to him by members of CNVCA. The program as outlined below, to be known as "PROJECT BRENDA."

Members (and other interested persons) are asked to donate minor Foreign coins; duplicates; coin books; supplies, such items to be placed in a central pool and distributed to members of PROJECT BRENDA. Birthday and Yuletide greetings would also be

mailed on behalf of the members of CNVCA.

When nominating a person for P. B. it is important that you include the following information; Date of birth; Sex; Education; nature of illness or handicap; collecting interest if any; and any other information that might be of assistance when corresponding with these young people.

DOMATIONS AND NOMINATIONS FOR P. B.

Address all correspondence, etc. to:

R. R. Morse,
P. O. Box 91, Station H,
Danforth Avenue,
Toronto, Ontario,
Canada.

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Jack Wallace,
203 University Avenue,
Kingston, Ontario,
Canada.

NOTE: Recommended to any O. N. A. members
who would be interested.

Ye Editor.

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CLUB ACTIVITIES

From the scarcity of Club news items, it appears that most clubs close down for the summer months - however we are happy to pass on the items we have had as they have come in ---

WINDSOR COIN CLUB - The members of the Windsor Coin Club enjoyed a good meeting with 25 members present on August 21st. The high light of the evening was a talk given by Mrs. Carl Querbach on "COLLECTING U. S. HALF DOLLARS" Mrs. Querbach had done a tremendous amount of research on the subject. She described the meaning of both sides of the various commemorative halves and why they were minted. The show is coming along as we hoped and of the 17 tables available, there are only 3 left. There is every indication that this show will be the best ever. We hope that we have some exhibits from outside our club to compete with the club members' exhibits.

OSHAWA COIN CLUB - Meets Fourth Sunday every month, United Steelworkers Hall,
125 Albert Street, Oshawa, 2:00 p. m.

The Club has been invited by the executive of the CENTRAL COIN CLUB to hold the next meeting at the Westbury Hotel on September 24th, 1967, where our guest speaker will be the well-known John J. Pittman.

RICHMOND HILL COIN CLUB - Meets Third Tuesday every month, Legion Court, 47 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill, 7:30 p. m.

At the August meeting Bob Shillingsworth was elected Vice-President to replace Ron Paget who resigned owing to the pressure of two jobs.

CANADIAN NUMISMATIC VARIETY COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION - The C.N.V.C.A. will have a table at the Central Coin Show at the Westbury Hotel on September 23, 24, 1967, and extend a cordial invitation to all members of the O. N. A. to stop at our table for a chat on the latest news of errors and varieties.

CENTRAL COIN CLUB - Meets every Monday night, Y. H. C. A., 40 College Streets, Toronto, Ontario.

On Monday evening September 4, 1967 a number of O. N. A. members and Central Coin Club members trekked over to the C. N. E. grounds to help take down the nearly 60 cases exhibit after a successful show during the "Ex" - full details from John Regitko in our October bulletin - congrats on a fine effort.

"Ye Ed"

Hundreds of Annual Coin Shows are sponsored by coin clubs throughout Canada and the United States every year. However, many "Firsts" are being planned by the executive of the Central Coin Show, sponsored by the Central Coin Club of the Central YMCA, 40 College St., Toronto, Canada (the club that meets every week), the "BIG SHOW" that will be held at the modern Westbury Hotel, 475 Yonge St., Toronto, on Saturday and Sunday, September 23 and 24, 1967.

In the past few years, fewer and fewer clubs are presented educational programs at their annual show. However, the Central Coin Show has a 100-seat room reserved for films, slides and live speakers on coin collecting. Highlights of the education program will be showings of the film "The Story of a Sculptor", dealing with the life and works of the late Emanuel Hahn, designer of many of Canada's coins and postage stamps, slide presentations of the Ontario Numismatic Association, and a number of internationally-known guest speakers.

One room, holding nothing but competitive displays from numismatists all over North America, will contain many top-notch displays and, in addition, arrangements have been made with the Westbury Hotel to allow displays to be set up in the Lobby of the Hotel so that non-collecting passers-by may view them and perhaps become interested in the hobby because of them.

A number of non-competitive displays will be presented by Banks. Some of these displays have never been shown before. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police have also been invited to set up a display of Counterfeit Paper Money, while national and provincial numismatic organizations have been allotted space for promoting their organizations.

A Sunday-morning breakfast will be held at the Hotel, where the Exhibit winners will be announced. Although other clubs award first prize trophies and ribbons and 2nd. and 3rd prize ribbons only, it has been Central's policy to award 2nd. and 3rd. prize trophies also and this Show will be no exception. The trophies, it is reported, are as large as or larger than trophies given out by other clubs.

All in all, the Central Coin Show promises to be one of Canada's numismatic highlights of the year.

John Regitko Jr.

ST. CATHARINES COIN CLUB - A picnic for St. Catharines Coin Club members and their families was held at Burgoyne Woods on Sunday, August 20, 1967. Between fifty and sixty attended and everyone seemed to have a good time. The weather while not hot, was warm enough for those who wished to take a dip in the Burgoyne Pool, and several people took advantage of the opportunity. A game of horseshoes was enjoyed by the men and several of the children took a hike through the surroundings woods.

After having eaten their picnic lunches, everyone gathered around for an hour of conversation; and as is so often the case with numismatists, the topics centred mainly on coin collecting. Everyone seemed to be looking forward to our first fall meeting which will be on Sunday, September 17.

Plans are progressing nicely for our Annual Banquet to be held on Saturday, October 14, in St. Barnabas Church, Queenston Street, St. Catharines. Our banquet last year was a

tremendous success and it is hoped that this year's will be even bigger and better. I would like to take this opportunity to personally invite all O. N. A. members to attend and bring along your displays. We hope to have a large bourse area in which to acquire the coins you need for your collection. Hope to see you all in St. Catharines on October 14, 1967.

Betty Lou Bellows

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COMING EVENTS

Please send your Club's banquet or convention news to the O. N. A. Editor, 57 Emmett Road, R. R. #4, St. Catharines, Ontario, at least two months in advance so we can help you publicize your event. (NOTE: From the last issue we need an extra month to correct all our mistakes. Sorry for any inconvenience due to our errors. Thank you for bearing with us until a new Editor was appointed).

- September 23 London Numismatic Society 16th Annual Banquet, Hotel London. Banquet ticket \$3.50. Guest speaker: John J. Pitman. Chairman Wm. N. Clarke, 167 Delaware St., London, Ontario.
- September 23, 24 Central Coin Show, Westbury Hotel, Toronto. The Toronto Coin Club and Oshawa Coin Club will hold their regular meetings. General Chairman: Mr. L. McNeil, Central Coin Club, Central Y. M. C. A., 40 College Street, Toronto.
- September 24 Norfolk Coin Club Centennial Coin Show and Banquet, Banquet ticket \$2.50. General Admission 25 cents. Guest speaker - Bill English. Contact Mrs. Elsie Fick, Box 309, Simcoe, Ont.
- September 30 Owen Sound 7th Annual Show, St. Georges Parish Hall, 4th Avenue East, Owen Sound - Banquet and Guest Speaker. General Admission 25 cents. Prizes will be awarded for displays as follows: 1. Junior - all material 2. Canadian 3. Centennial 4. Miscellaneous. A Best-of-Show award will also be made. Doors will open at noon and the show will end at 9:00 p. m. Dinner will start at 5:30 p. m. to 7:00 p. m. Guest Speaker will be Mr. Knetchel, anthropologist from Walkerton, Ont. The bourse will close during this speaker. Bourse tables will cost \$10.00 each include the dinner.
- October 1 Kitchener Coin Club 4th Annual Show, Walper Hotel, Kitchener, Ont. 10 a. m. to 6 p. m. Admission Free. Bourse - Mr. B. Weiss, 28 Locust Street, Kitchener, Ont.
- October 1 Blue Water Centennial Coin Show. 10 a. m. to 6 p. m. Village Inn Motel. General Chairman - Clarence McGee.
- October 14 Bay of Quinte Numismatic Association (Quinpex Jamboree) Combination Coins, Stamps and Mineral Clubs. 10 a. m. to 10 p. m. Belleville Armouries, Belleville, Ont. Gwen Sager, Box 125, Belleville, Ont.
- October 14 St. Catharines Coin Club Banquet, St. Barnabas Church, Queenst- Queenston St., St. Catharines, Ont. Banquet ticket \$3.00
- October 14, 15 Windsor Coin Show, Norton Palmer Hotel, Windsor. Bourse Chairman: Gordon Fomeroy, 264 Kennedy Place, Windsor, Ont.
- November 4 Transportation Ticket and Token Show. Central Y. M. C. A., Toronto. Dealing with streetcar, bus, subway, bridge, etc. Contact John Regitko, 29 Spruce Street, Toronto 2, Ont.

CLUB MEETINGS

- Brantford Coin Club - Second Sunday, 7:00 p. m., Hotel Kirby, Brantford
Central Coin Club - Every Monday, Central Y. M. C. A., 40 College St., Toronto
Huronian Numismatic Association - Third Thursday, Loyal True Blue Hall, Barrie
Ingersoll Coin Club - Third Monday, Ingersoll and District Memorial Centre
London Numismatic Society - First Tuesday, London Labour Hall, 133 Kent St., London.
Niagara Falls Coin Club - Third Wednesday
St. Catharines Coin Club - Third Sunday, Canadian Corps Hall, 17 Gale Cres., St. Catharines, Ont.
St. Thomas Coin Club - Second Tuesday, Grace United Church, St. Thomas
Sarnia Numismatic Society - First Wednesday, Chalet Motel, Sarnia
Tillsonburg Numismatic Society
Toronto Coin Club - Fourth Saturday, Royal York Hotel, Toronto
Waterloo Coin Society - Third Tuesday, Community Services Board, 40 Albert Street, Waterloo, Ontario
Woodstock Coin Club - Third Thursday, Old St. Pauls Parish Hall, Woodstock
Windsor Coin Club - Third Monday, Norton Palmer Hotel, Windsor, Ont.

SCRIBBLES FROM YOUR NEW EDITOR

Talk about getting one's feet wet -- whew! I'm soaked -- sweating that this my "first bulletin" will "pass muster" -- I've tried to remember everything "President Bill" passed on to me -- hope I haven't forgotten too much -- this I remember -- give Linda (our competent typist) plenty of material -- I also seem to remember that there is a time to speak - (I've done this) and a time to shut up -- I've shut up until October - see you all then BUT remember the "Editor" always has the last word.

Club Secretaries -- please send me your material early or you will miss the bulletin

Ye Olde Editor,

Pat Lambert.

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The English Florin is currently equivalent in Canadian funds to approximately what?

(Approx. 30 cents)

The As is (A. A U. S. coin with a mule on the reverse
B. An ancient Roman coin C. An ancient Greek coin,
D. A French token)

(B. Roman coin)

What is the Canadian coinage of 1911 noted for?

(Di Gratia omitted from obverse)