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President's Message

I trust you and your families had a joyous Christmas and a happy New Year. I know I did.

January is a good time to discuss club finances. All clubs have rent, liability insurance, and if they publish a newsletter the cost of that. I do hear of some clubs with low attendances or memberships struggling to keep afloat. I would like to give some suggestions and even help where I can.

Raising the yearly dues is the usual option, but some other ways are: SHARE THE WEALTH (50/50) where half goes back to the club, AUCTIONS EVERY MONTH - the coins are sold and 5% goes to the club, POP & COFFEE sold each month.

The ONA gives every club the opportunity to make some money on the dream vacation draw tickets. Now until the 2005 convention is over, every book sold by your club will receive a two-dollar rebate on every book sold. Our club got \$122.00 dollars back last year. Dutch Auctions work for some, a strawberry social once a year. I do hope some of my suggestions can help the club executives and members. Clubs can only survive if they have funds to carry on. Members can help by giving a little extra effort to all the suggestions I have made. Every club has something to offer everyone in the hobby, it's our responsibility as members to give something back in return.

"PS" Please look in your envelope of the Numismatist for your paid ONA membership card.

"NOTE" Club members please think about entering an exhibit at the convention in Sudbury, also nominating someone you might think worthy of the Fellow of the ONA and the Award of Merit. These forms are available in this newsletter.

Tom Rogers

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Membership Report

The applications for membership which appeared in the November/December issue of the Ontario Numismatist have been accepted. We welcome Paul Stevens, Thomas Stevens, and the Leamington & District Coin Club.

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

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1833 Frank E. Noble, Rockland, Ontario

C125 Franklin Coin Club, Kitchener, Ontario

Bruce Raszmann,
ONA Membership Chair

P.S. If you paid your 2005 dues prior to December 31, 2004 you will find your receipt & membership card in the same envelope that contained this newsletter.

Dream Vacation Draw Tickets

All members will receive a book of tickets with this bulletin (clubs received a supply as a separate mailing). We are hoping that you will sell the book of tickets (you get one free for each book you sell or you can purchase the book yourself and get the extra ticket for free also). If you are not attending the convention, be sure to mail your tickets back to Bruce Raszmann, ONA Treasurer, so that they are received before the start of the Convention. You do not have to be present to win. It would also be appreciated if any unsold tickets are returned so that they can be turned over to other sellers before the Convention, or sold at the Convention.

People's Choice Awards

While attending the ONA Convention please remember to view the exhibits and cast your vote for the exhibit you enjoy the most. The panel of exhibit judges will determine the Best of Show Award using the official ONA criteria. The People's Choice cannot be determined until the very end of the Convention when all of the votes are cast.

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Feb. 5, OSHAWA

Durham Coin 2005, 5 Points Mall, 285 Taunton Rd. E. Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Free admission, featuring coins, paper money, tokens and medals. Free dealer draw, member draw and public draw. Sponsor: Oshawa & District Coin Club. For more information, contact Sharon or Earl at (905) 728-1352 or email: papman@idirect.com.

Feb. 6, PARIS

SWON Show, Paris Fairgrounds, 139 Silver St. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission \$2. Ticket for a draw for a gold coin with paid admission. For more information, contact Ted's Collectibles Inc., (866) 747-COIN (2646), email teds.s.w.o.n.22@sympatico.ca.

Feb. 26-27, TORONTO

TOREX, Radisson Admiral Hotel, 249 Queen's Quay West, Admiral's Ballroom. Hours: Sat. 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Sun. 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Admission \$6. For more information contact Brian Smith at (416) 861-9523 or www.torex.net.

Mar. 19, CAMBRIDGE

The 14th Annual Cambridge Coin show, Cambridge Newfoundland Club, 1500 Dunbar Road, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Over 40 Tables, of Coins, Tokens, Paper Money, Trade Dollars, Militaria, CTC Coupons. Free Admission. Directions: From 401, take Hwy 24 (Hespeler Rd.) South to Dunbar Rd. (3 km - 8 traffic lights) & turn left, 2nd Building RH. For more information, contact: Wolfe at wolfed@sympatico.ca

Apr. 1-3, KINGSTON

EONS, Days Inn Convention Centre, 33 Benson St. Hours: Fri. 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Sat. 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Sun. 9:30 to 3:00 p.m. Auction Sat. 7:00 p.m. For more information, contact Ted's Collectibles Inc., (866) 747-COIN (2646), email teds.s.w.o.n.22@sympatico.ca.

Apr. 10, CHATHAM

CHATHAM COIN CLUB ANNUAL SHOW - Wheels Inn, Corner of #2 Highway & Keil Dr. Hours: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Apr. 16-17, SUDBURY

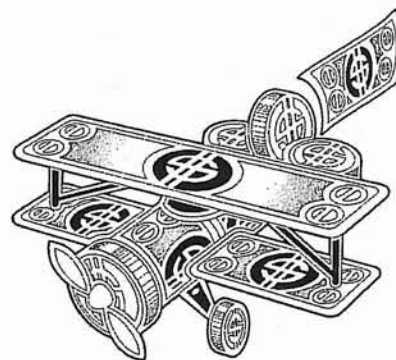
ONA 43rd Annual Convention, Ramada Inn, 85 Ste. Anne Rd. Rainbow Outlet Centre. Opens at 10:00 a.m. each day. Admission \$3. 45 bourse tables, auction April 16. Sponsor: ONA & Nickel Belt Coin Club.

Apr. 30 - May 1, NIAGARA FALLS

TLC Show, Ramada Suites, 7389 Lundy's Lane. Hours: Sat. 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Sun. 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission \$3, free parking. Auction by Rick Simpson (Sat. at 6:00 p.m.) For more information contact Lina Robinson (905) 309-5967, lindann@sympatico.ca or Tom Kennedy (519) 271-8825.

Oct. 1, OSHAWA

Coin-A-Rama 2005, 5 Points Mall, 285 Taunton Rd. E. Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Free admission, featuring coins, paper money, tokens and medals. Free dealer draw, member draw and public draw. Sponsor: Oshawa & District Coin Club. For more information, contact Sharon or Earl at (905) 728-1352 or email: papman@idirect.com.



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RCM Posts Record Sell Outs And Lower Mintages In 2004

The Royal Canadian Mint's new leadership led a massive turnaround project that generated sell outs of 21 collector products in 2004. The Mint also established new policies to enhance and protect the secondary market, such as a guarantee to melt any excess inventory after a 12 month selling period.

"Our commitment to driving value back into the hobby has been proven to be both timely and effective", said David C. Dingwall, President and C.E.O. of the Royal Canadian Mint. "With record sell outs, lower mintages and a guarantee to melt excess inventory, our 2004 products have jumped in value in the secondary market. These results confirm our continued intention to invest in our dealers and customers, and has served to strengthen our key partnerships within the retail marketplace."

The Mint's record sell out of 21 products in 2004 compares to 6 in 2003 and 3 in 2002. While the Mint increased its number of product offerings from 2003, the corporate sales philosophy ensured that the mintage of each product was consistently balanced between the commercial marketplace and its secondary value. In order to achieve this, mintages across the board decreased by 10% to 20%, depending on the product.

Collector sales were also bolstered by a strong circulation coin program, led by the *Poppy Coin*, the world's first coloured circulation coin, *Lucky Loonie*, Canada's adopted Olympic good

luck symbol, and the *Acadie Quarter*, celebrating the 400th anniversary of Canada's first French Settlement. Numismatically, D-Day commemoratives, Poppy collectibles and the Mint's coin and stamp sets were among the most popular sellouts.

On the business side, the Mint has standardized its dealer and distributor discount policy, strictly based upon purchase volume. The new policy will ensure that everyone is on the same level playing field and is consistent with best business practices in the private sector.

On August 16, 2004, the Mint implement a 12-month designated selling period for core or premium numismatic products. Any orders received prior to the conclusion of the 12 months will be filled, and any unsold products will be melted down. This new policy ensures that year-end stock will not be sold off at

a discount price, thereby increasing the number of coins in the secondary market and negatively impacting prices.

Corporately, the Mint executed the largest turnaround in its corporate history, announcing an estimated 2004 profit in excess of \$10 million CDN after a \$7.5 million dollar loss in 2003. Prior to 2004, the Mint experienced three years of consecutive losses (\$3.0 M in 2003, \$5.4 M in 2002 and \$1.8 M in 2002). Revenues were better than expected among all business lines, including Canadian Circulation, Foreign Circulation, Bullion & Refinery and Numismatic. (Story from www.mint.ca)

**DRIVING VALUE
INTO COIN COLLECTING**
The Mint's increased focus on customer needs leads to new policies, boosting secondary market.

Funnies

A little girl and her mother were out and about. The girl, out of the blue, asked her mother, "Mommy, How old are you?" The mother responded, "Honey, women don't talk about their age. You'll learn this as you get older.

"The girl then asked, "Mommy, how much do you weigh?"

Her mother responded again, "That's another thing women don't talk about. You'll learn this, too, as you grow up."

The girl still wanting to know about her mother, then fires off another question, "Mommy, Why did you and daddy get a divorce?"

The mother, a little annoyed by the questions, responded, "Honey, that is a subject that hurts me very much, and I don't want to talk about it now."

The little girl, frustrated, sulks until she is dropped off at a friend's house to play. She consults with her girlfriend about her and her mother's conversation. The girlfriend says, "All you have to do is sneak and look at your mother's driver's license. It's just a like a report card from school. It tells you everything."

Later, the little girl and her mother are out and about again. The little girl starts off with, "Mommy, Mommy, I know how old you are. I know how old you are. You're 32 years old."

The mother is very shocked. And I know how much you weigh. You weigh 130 pounds."

"Where did you learn that?"

The little girl says, "I just know.

And I know why you and daddy got a divorce.

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Club Reports

North York Coin Club - The December meeting was the 500th for this club. Congratulations!

Scarborough Coin Club - They had an interesting contest at their Christmas Party. Contestants were asked to bring a \$5, \$10 or \$20 note with special serial numbers. Prizes were awarded for the lowest serial number, the highest and with the most 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 & 0's. The notes were then auctioned at the meeting with the owners putting a reserve bid on them.

Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors - They put out a very informative bulletin. Membership is \$10/year & \$5/under 16 and can be mailed to: Mr. Al Munro, Box 2643, Stn. M, Calgary, AB, T2P3C1.

Ingersoll Coin Club - Their November election saw everyone returned with the exception of Andrew Sommers who was elected Secretary.

London Numismatic Society - They had a "Members Night" in December which involved members making short reports or show-and-tells on projects or acquisitions they wanted to share.

Kent Coin Club - December was their 415th meeting and Mr. Lou Wagner was elected President for the 41st time. Is this a record? They advised that they issued a 40th anniversary medal in 2003 in antique silver. Only 40 were issued and a few are still available at \$20 each plus postage. Please contact Lou Wagenaer at 27 Peter St. Chatham, ON N7M 5B2.

Waterloo Coin Society - December was their 500th meeting. The club's first President, Bill English was on hand to share some club history with members and guests.

The Canadian Tire Coupon Collectors - Membership is \$10/year. Their bulletin is published four times per year and contains a lot of good information. Contact Ghislaine Theroux - Memme at 1875 Raymond Ave., Laval QC H7S 1R3 or therouxg@videotron.ca

Nickel Belt Coin Club - The club is gearing up to host the 43rd ONA Convention in Sudbury on April 16 & 17. They want to see everybody so register soon. *Additional information is located in this bulletin.*

South Wellington Coin Society - Donated 21 Poppy Quarters where handed out to veterans and people who served at a Remembrance Dinner in Arthur, ON. Arthur is recognized as the "Most Patriotic Village in Canada".

Stratford Coin Club - In December they donated \$150 to local Christmas Food Drives.

Send your club newsletter and important news to the Ontario Numismatist c/o Rick Johnson at inside@primus.ca.

Bank Machine Dispenses Fake Money

Courtesy: The Collector

ATM in Canada spits out phony bills - a hardware store's promo "cash" instead of the real stuff. December 2, 2004 9:51 AM EST

Toronto (Reuters) - Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, already taking heat for accidentally faxing customers' financial information to a U.S. scrapyard, apologized on Wednesday after one of its machines dispensed fake money.

Instead of distributing C\$20 bills, the machine, located in New Brunswick, spat out colourful bills used as incentives at Canadian Tire Corp. hardware stores.

"The Canadian Tire money was contained within a bulk of currency, and it was apparently loaded into one of our bank machines," said CIBC spokesman Rob MacLeod.

The bank has refunded the money, issued apologies and started an investigation into how the incident, on Monday occurred, MacLeod said.

Last month CIBC was dealt a public relations disaster when it was revealed it mistakenly sent confidential information about hundreds of clients to Wade Peer, a scrapyard operator in West Virginia.

Peer, who received the faxes over a three-year period, is now suing the bank for negligence. CIBC has fired back with accusations that Peer violated Canadian privacy laws.

Courtesy of the London Numismatic Society

THE TERM BLACKSMITH REVISITED

J. Graham Esler.

In Ken Cameron's excellent presentation on the "Blacksmith" tokens he mentions R.W. McLachlan's famous story of the tippling Montreal blacksmith, who, whenever he felt the need to quench his thirst, hammered out some pieces on his anvil, as the origin of the term "Blacksmith!" to describe such crudely struck pieces.

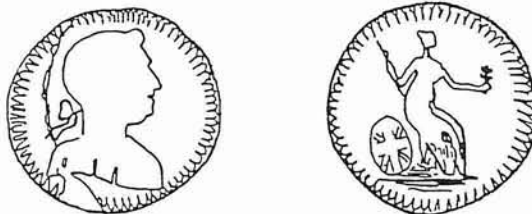
There is, however, another possible source for the designation "Blacksmith" for such pieces. John MacTaggart toured the Canadas from 1826 to 1828. On his return to England in 1829 he wrote of his experiences in a book entitled: Three Years in Canada: An Account of the Actual State of the Country in 1826-7-8, Comprehending Its Resources, Productions, Improvements and Capabilities; and Including Sketches of the State of Society, Advice to Emigrants &c.

In discussing the money which was available to conduct daily commerce he wrote:

Every sort of copper piece is a halfpenny. I have no less than 120 different kinds, the greatest part of them old copper coins of Britain, and merchant tokens (from) all over the world. If a lot of farthings be taken into a smithery, and receive a blow from a sledge hammer on an anvil, they will be excellent Canadian coppers or halfpennies.

(MacTaggart 1829: 321)

Some contemporary numismatists feel that this is the origin of the term "Blacksmith" coppers.



Canadian Blacksmith Token: obverse, bust of George II (?) faces right, cuirassed. Die break from shoulder to upper edge of flan reverse, seated figure of Britannia holding a spear in right hand, sprig in left. This obverse is also paired with the Rising Sun Tavern token discussed in Ken Cameron's paper "An Overview of Canadian Blacksmith Tokens" L.N.S. Bulletin pages 152 to 158, November 2004.

Courtesy of The Collector

SIGNATURE DOUBLING

by Lucien Levesque

To my surprise, while searching for known varieties in the S18 & S20 series, I found a new one. The signature is not broken but it is doubled or shadowed. The serial number of this coupon is 7525621574. The text on the back of the coupon is also doubled. A few days later, I found another

coupon with a similar variety but not as pronounced. This one's serial number is 7525537658. Let me know your serial numbers if you have found any similar to these. I will try to see if there is any type of pattern. Send them to my email: llev@videotron.ca



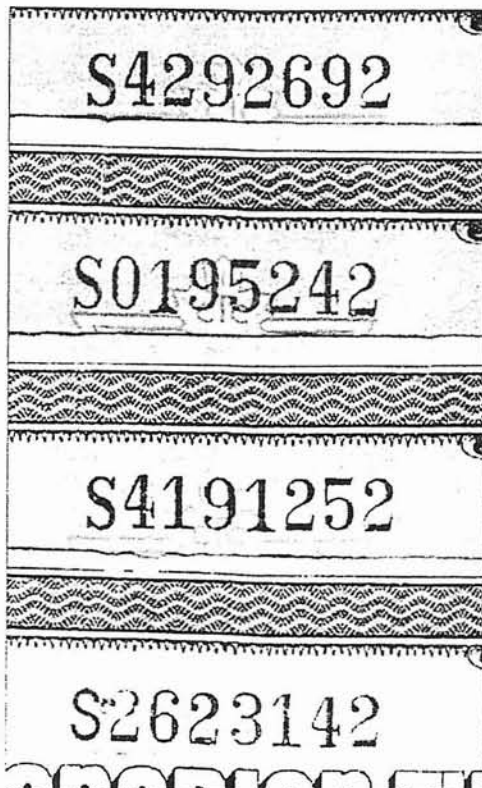
Cash bonus coupons are redeemable in merchandise only at Canadian Tire associate stores and only in association with consumer purchases of merchandise or service in the ordinary course of retail business.

HOLE IN TWO VARIETY

by Doug Adams

Golfers can have their hole-in-one, but we've now I've got a hole-in-two. I had this CTC8-A2-S coupon tucked away as a 'weirdo' as Jerome calls them. And then I found another, then another. Now I have 4. (3 A2's and an A)

Notice there's a small hole in the 2 in the serial number. So far the two is always in the final position in the serial - but I'll never say always. I'm still looking for other examples. Has anyone else seen this one?



Courtesy of The Collector

UNIQUE MULTIPLIER COUPON?

by Ross Kingdon

For what it's worth, here is a bit of multiplier coupon trivia noteworthy for the year 2004. For those of us who collect the weekly multiplier coupon, I believe that the one dated Sunday Feb. 29, 2004 is, so far, unique. Feb. 29th is, of course, a leap year date occurring only once every four years. Having checked my collection of multiplier coupons which only goes back to Sunday April 28 1985, I have concluded that all multiplier coupons are issued with a 'Sunday' date. If other collectors have coupons prior to this date they could check them out also, to confirm this.

If you check back a few years to see when Feb. 29th last fell on a Sunday, I believe you will discover that Sunday Feb. 29, 1976 would be the previous 'Sunday Leap Day'. To my knowledge, multiplier coupons were not being issued in 1976. They began somewhere in the early 1980's. This coupon, therefore, is the only one to date to have the leap

year date of Feb. 29th on it. The next one with a Feb. 29th date should occur in the year 2032. Will Canadian Tire still be issuing multiplier coupons in the year 2032? Some of us collectors should still be around to see. Many of us won't. Possibly 'Jake Hamilton' will be the one to inform the membership at that time.

I have checked out other dates on our calendar, at random, and they seem to turn over every six to eleven years whereas this 'Sunday Leap Day' turns over only every 28th year. I'm sure there are many, better mathematicians in our club who could do an even more thorough check on this.

I have only this one version of the Sunday Feb. 29, 2004 coupon. Were there other varieties of this coupon issued across the country? I'd be interested in knowing and getting them if there were. My e-mail address is rossk@headwaters.ca

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Mint offers sneak peek at new, improved nickels



Reuters

Hi, Tom: A fresh image of Thomas Jefferson will grace the heads side of the new nickels. Two new tails-side designs will feature an oceanfront and a bison.

WASHINGTON- Thomas Jefferson is getting a makeover, officials at the U.S. Mint said as they unveiled new nickel designs to be released in 2005.

Jefferson's image has not changed since the third president first appeared on the 5-cent piece in 1938. The new portrait has a larger image of Jefferson that zeroes in on his features.

The change is part of the Mint's program to commemorate the bicentennials of the Louisiana Purchase and the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Two new nickels were released in 2004, although Jefferson's image was not changed.

Jefferson's face-lift should bring a new interest to the coins, says Beth Deisher, editor of Coin World and Coin Values, publications for collectors. "When they see this, they are going to know something is different," she says.

Two more designs for the "tails" sides will also be released next year and were unveiled last October.

The first, set for release early next year, features a bison. The design harkens to the "Buffalo" or "Indian Head" nickels, which were produced from 1913 to 1938.

The second, scheduled for release in late summer, features an oceanfront, commemorating the end of Lewis and Clark's journey.

Courtesy of Oshawa & District Coin Club...Continued

Monticello, Jefferson's home, will return to the nickel's tail side in 2006, but the image may be redesigned.

The redesigned nickels follow in the path of the 10 year state quarter program, in which five new quarters are being released each year honoring the 50 states. In five years the quarters have led millions of Americans to take up coin collecting, making the U.S. Mint one of the few government agencies that makes more money than it spends.

"The quarters program has been enormously successful," say Douglas Mudd, curator of the Money Museum at the American Numismatic Association in Colorado Springs.

"There are people who have never thought about coins who are collecting them," he says. "The Mint is interested in sustaining" the momentum.

In addition to turning more people on to coin collecting, the changes have made longtime collectors, who were frustrated by the stagnancy of the nation's money designs, happy.

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(submitted and rearranged by D. Barnett-Ritcey)

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1989 - Caroling Child



1990 - Mary & Jesus



1991 - Nativity Scene



1992 - Santa Claus



1993 - Santa in a Roadster



1994 - Santa & Hot Air Balloon



1995 - Penguins on Parade



1996 - Santa & Bi-plane

ONA 2005

Convention Exhibits Welcomed

The Ontario Numismatic Association extends an invitation to collectors to exhibit at the upcoming 2005 ONA Convention in Sudbury.

The ONA Executive have determined the awards will be given as follows :

Best of Show - Coinage

First Runner up - Coinage

Second Runner up - Coinage

Best of Show - Paper Money

First Runner up - Paper Money

Second Runner up - Paper Money

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-Exhibits consist of one or two case displays.

-I do not have to be present when exhibit winners are announced at the Social Evening.

-If I am not present at the Social Evening to accept my award, I will receive it on the Sunday sometime prior to tear down. I understand that the following awards will be made.

Best of Show exhibitor will receive an engraved uniface sterling silver convention medal. Two Prizes given out.

The First runner-up will receive an engraved uniface gold plated convention medal. Two prizes given out.

The second runner-up will receive an engraved uniface nickel-silver convention medal. Two prizes given out.

-To enter a competitive display, I must be registered for the convention.

-Set-up is on Friday, April 15, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 16, 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

-I understand that teardown starts on Sunday, April 17, at 4:00 p.m.

I will supply my own display case and lock

I will require display cases and locks (inside measurements are 28-1/2" by 16-1/4")

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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

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

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

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

Please be sure to include:

1. A summary of numismatic achievements and contributions must be included with your nominations to assure that the O.N.A. Awards Committee is fully apprised of your nominees' contributions.
2. Nominees should be well-rounded in all phases of numismatics. The judging committee will review the following areas:
 - local coin club work: involvement with special events; executive positions held at the local club level & length of service; contributions to overall club success; give specific example of each.
 - local community work: organizing a numismatic displays in libraries, malls or other public locations; other examples relating to the promotion of numismatics.
 - numismatic education: writing, research; published articles and/or books; exhibiting at coin shows, mall promotions or other events; list achievements.
 - regional involvement: involvement with the hobby on a regional/national level; involvement with organizing coin conventions (list positions held); involvement with exhibiting and educational seminars at conventions.
 - any other achievements or contributions to numismatics in Ontario, as well as listing achievements nationally and internationally.

The O.N.A. Awards Committee, charged with the responsibility of selecting recipients from the nominations, consists of four well-known numismatists who have previously received the Award of Merit and the President of the O.N.A.. Currently, the Committee consists of Paul Petch (Chairman), Don Robb (Past-Chairman), Chris Boyer, Mike Hollingshead and Tom Rogers (O.N.A. President). It is the responsibility of this Committee to select from the nominees the individual who should receive the Award of Merit, and a maximum of 3 "Fellow of the O.N.A." recipients.

Written submissions, identifying the nominee and including the nominee's O.N.A. membership number and mailing address, should be mailed to: Paul R. Petch, Chairman, O.N.A. Awards Committee, 128 Silverstone Drive, Toronto, ON M9V 3G7, or by e-mail to p.petch@rogers.com. Nominations must be in the committee's hands by March 18, 2005.

2005 ONA CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

<u>QTY.</u>	<u>FUNCTION</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
—	Main Registration Includes Copper souvenir convention medal, admission to bourse, Program of events, Dream Vacation draw ticket, admission to Friday night reception, unlimited visits to the Hospitality Suite	\$25.00	_____
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—	Banquet (Saturday 6:30 p.m. cash bar: 7:00 p.m. dinner)..... Includes full-course dinner and a keynote speaker to be named later	\$25.00	_____
—	Dream Vacation Draw tickets (buy 5, get 1 free).....	\$2.00	_____
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<u>TOTAL</u> (please make cheques payable to the 2005 ONA Convention).....			\$ _____

NAME OF MAIN OR YOUNG NUMISMATIST REGISTRANT;

NAME OF SPOUSAL REGISTRANT (If applicable):

MAILING ADDRESS:

If you have been appointed as a Delegate by a club, name club:

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President's Message

It seems like just yesterday that I became President of the ONA but here it is two years later and time for another election. It is with a feeling of regret that I will be leaving the President's position, but also one of satisfaction. I feel the ONA is stronger with its many good and dedicated members. This convention will see the election of a new executive and board of directors. It is important for all members to make their wishes known through nominations and or voting at the convention.

Before closing I would like to suggest that you mark April 16 and April 17/05 on your calendar as the date for the next ONA Convention being held in the Radisson Hotel in Sudbury (formerly the Ramada Inn) This Convention will be hosted by the Nickel Belt Coin Club. I hope to see you there.

I want to remind every club to consider sending a delegate to this year's Convention in Sudbury. These delegates could bring back some good ideas from other clubs that attend. Don't forget to sell those Dream Vacation tickets. Clubs benefits from the proceeds as well as the O.N.A.

Registrations and medals are going very well as of this publication so register now and don't be shut out.

Registration and Exhibit forms are included in this Newsletter, so take a look and fill them in and enjoy what you will get from attending this Convention.

Tom Rogers
President

**Please send your Dream Vacation
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we can get them to Sudbury on time.
Thanks Bruce**

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Official Call for Nominations

As per the ONA Constitution and By-Laws, I am pleased to:

- appoint Len Trakalo as Chairman of the Nominations Committee. Members of his committee are Paul Petch and Tom Rogers.
- call for nominations for all elected positions outlined in the ONA Constitution and By-Laws.
- announce that the closing date for acceptance of nominations to be March 31, 2005.

Please send your nominations, along with a written letter of acceptance from nominee, to:

ONA Elections,
c/o Len Trakalo
11 Joysey St.
Brantford ON
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He may also be reached at (519) 756-5137 evenings and weekends or via email at : ltrakalo@sympatico.ca.

Tom Rogers
President

Membership Report

The applications for membership which appeared in the January/February issue of the Ontario Numismatist have been accepted. We welcome Gwen McDonald, Frank E. Noble and the Franklin Coin Club.

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

1834 Jack Labrie, Midland
1835 Gerry Albert, Sudbury
1836 Trevor Lynn, Ottawa

Bruce Raszmann,
ONA Membership Chair

People's Choice Awards

While attending the ONA Convention please remember to view the exhibits and cast your vote for the exhibit you enjoy the most. The panel of exhibit judges will determine the Best of Show Award using the official ONA criteria. The People's Choice cannot be determined until the very end of the Convention when all of the votes are cast.

From the Editor

My apologies for not publishing the call for nominations in the last bulletin. As a result we will not be able to publish the list of nominees prior to the convention.

In Memoriam

Our sympathies go out to the family of Earl Salterio who recently passed away.

UPCOMING SHOWS

Mar. 19, CAMBRIDGE

The 14th Annual Cambridge Coin show, Cambridge Newfoundland Club, 1500 Dunbar Road,. 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Over 40 Tables, of Coins, Tokens, Paper Money, Trade Dollars, Militaria, CTC Coupons. Free Admission. Directions: From 401, take Hwy 24 (Hespeler Rd.) South to Dunbar Rd. (3 km - 8 traffic lights) & turn left, 2nd Building RH. For more information, contact: Wolfe at wolfed@sympatico.ca

Apr. 1-3, KINGSTON

EONS, Days Inn Convention Centre, 33 Benson St. Hours: Fri. 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Sat. 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Sun. 9:30 to 3:00 p.m. Auction Sat. 7:00 p.m. For more information, contact Ted's Collectibles Inc., (866) 747-COIN (2646), email teds.s.w.o.n.22@sympatico.ca.

Apr. 10, CHATHAM

CHATHAM COIN CLUB ANNUAL SHOW - Wheels Inn, Corner of #2 Highway & Keil Dr. Hours: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Apr. 16-17, SUDBURY

ONA 43rd Annual Convention, Ramada Inn, 85 Ste. Anne Rd. Rainbow Outlet Centre. Opens at 10:00 a.m. each day. Admission \$3. 45 bourse tables, auction April 16. Sponsor: ONA & Nickel Belt Coin Club.

Apr. 30, AMHERSTBURG

Essex County Coin Club First Annual Show, White Woods Mall, 400 Sandwich St. S. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission, lots of free parking. For more information, contact Margaret Clarke (519) 735-0727, mclarke@wincom.net.

Apr. 30 - May 1, NIAGARA FALLS

TLC Show, Ramada Suites, 7389 Lundy's Lane. Hours: Sat. 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Sun. 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission \$3, free parking. Auction by Rick Simpson (Sat. at 6:00 p.m.) For more information contact Lina Robinson (905) 309-5967, lindann@sympatico.ca or Tom Kennedy (519) 271-8825.

May 1, WINDSOR

54th Annual Spring Show, Caboto Club, 2175 Parent Avenue. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. \$1 admission includes draws for hourly door prizes and a grand prize. Juniors admitted free. Lots of free parking. Sponsor/Affiliate: Windsor Coin Club. For more information, contact Margaret Clarke (519) 735-0727, mclarke@wincom.net.

May 14, PETERBOROUGH

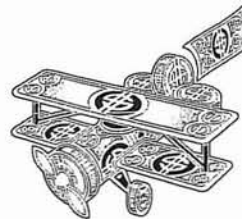
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May 20-22, HAMILTON

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Oct. 1, OSHAWA

Coin-A-Rama 2005, 5 Points Mall, 285 Taunton Rd. E. Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Free admission, featuring coins, paper money, tokens and medals. Free dealer draw, member draw and public draw. Sponsor: Oshawa & District Coin Club. For more information, contact Sharon or Earl at (905) 728-1352 or email: papman@idirect.com.



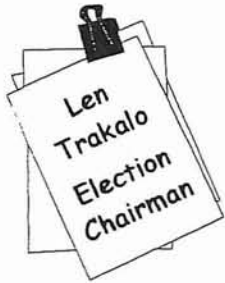
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Nomination Committee Report



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

- Nominations must be made in writing, signed by a member in good standing or by an officer of a member club that is in good standing, and sent to us. All nominations must be accompanied by a written acceptance from the nominee or a declaration signed by the nominators stating that the nominee shall stand for office if elected.
- Nominations shall close on March 31, 2005
- The elected officers of the Association shall be: the President, the First Vice-President, the Second Vice-President and the Regional Directors, and there shall be at least one director from each area. The areas served by the Directors are published on the following page.
- The duties of the elected officers shall be to conduct the affairs of the Association in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws. The duties are more specifically detailed in the By-Laws of the Association.
- The governing body of the Association shall be elected and appointed officers as well as the immediate Past-President and shall be known as the Executive. Each member of the Executive shall have full voting rights.
- The duties of the elected officers shall include, but are not limited to, the following: to appoint officers, bi-annually or at such other times as the offices may be vacant, to fill the following offices: Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Editor, Librarian, Archivist, and such offices as the Executive may deem advisable.
- Duties of the Executive shall include, but are not limited to, the following: to decide on the time and place for holding the General Meeting; to rule on the admission of applicants against whom objections have been raised; to rule on the disposition of formal charges brought against a member of the Association; to fix advertising rates for space in the official publication and set rules and regulations in connection therewith; to fix the compensation paid to any officers to whom such compensation is paid; to prescribe which elected and appointed officers shall be bonded and to fix the amounts thereof; to remove from office any elected or appointed officer who does not or cannot meet the requirements of the office; to carry on and direct the affairs of the Association generally.
- Any Life Member or Regular Member who has been in good standing for two years or longer shall be eligible to hold office in the Association. In the event that no eligible member is nominated to any position, the Executive shall have the authority to appoint any member in good standing by a majority vote of the Executive.
- No member shall be elected for or appointed to the office of President until he has served a full two-year term as an elected or appointed officer of the Executive.
- The names of the nominees will be published in the March/April issue of the ONA Numismatist.

Election Procedures if more than one person is nominated for any elected position:

- If more than one person is nominated for any position, the names of all nominees will be printed on official ballots and one ballot mailed to each member in good standing around the end of March, together with an envelope marked "Official Ballot" and an envelope addressed to the Chairman of the Election Committee.
- The unopened envelopes, containing the marked ballots, shall be taken by us to the Annual Convention where they shall be opened on the first day of the Convention, by the Chairman in the presence of at least one other member of the Committee and the ballots counted. In the event of a tie, the matter shall be reported to the President, who shall call for a vote from the floor of the Annual General Meeting to break the tie. The results of the election shall be announced by the Chairman of the Election Committee at the meeting.

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Nomination Committee Report - Continued

- Any office for which no nominations have been received shall be filled by the following procedure: nominations from the floor at the Annual General Meeting, then voted on at the meeting. If no nominations are received from the floor, they will be filled by the elected officers at a regular executive meeting.
- All elected officers shall assume their duties at the end of the General Meeting and shall hold office for two years.
- No member shall stand for election for more than one office.

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

Area 1 - Essex, Kent, Elgin, Lambton, Middlesex (includes Windsor, Chatham, Sarnia, St. Thomas)

Area 2 - Huron, Perth Oxford (includes Stratford, Ingersoll, Tillsonburg, Woodstock)

Area 3 - Niagara (includes Niagara Falls, St. Catharines, Welland)

Area 4 - Brant, Hamilton-Wentworth, Haldimand/Norfolk (includes Brantford, Hamilton)

Area 5 - Waterloo, Wellington, Halton, Dufferin (includes Waterloo, Guelph, Cambridge, South Wellington)

Area 6 - Bruce, Grey, Simcoe, Muskoka (includes Barrie, Orillia, Champlain)

Area 7 - Metro Toronto, Peel and York (includes Toronto, North York, Scarborough, Mississauga, Thistle-town, Oshawa)

Area 8 - Victoria, Durham, Peterborough, Northumberland (includes Peterborough, Kingston, Victoria-Simcoe)

Area 9 - All East of Hastings and Algonquin District (includes Ottawa, Pembroke, Pte. Claire, PQ)

Area 10 - All North of Muskoka, Haliburton, Hastings and Renfrew (includes Sudbury, Nipissing, Thunder Bay, Kirkland Lake)

In addition to any duties spelled out in the ONA Constitution and By-Laws for Area Directors, anyone that is approached to run as an Area Director should agree to the following objectives and conditions:

- Is available to attend ONA Executive meetings when they are held; that there is no ongoing commitment on Saturdays or Sundays that would preclude them from attending approximately 7 meetings a year.
- Attend meetings of clubs in his/her area, on a regular basis; attend local coin shows to promote the ONA.
- Agrees to submit reports to the President if they are unable to attend an Executive meeting.
- Is willing and able to dialogue with individuals and at club meetings about the benefits of belonging to the ONA; attempt to sign up new members; follow-up with delinquent members.
- Believes that membership in the ONA represents good "value" (psychological, fun & fellowship).
- Is able and willing to attend the ONA's annual convention and agrees to attend the annual general membership meeting, the club delegates meeting, the executive meeting and the banquet.
- Should also be willing to contribute, from time-to-time, "worthwhile" write-ups and original articles for publication in the ONA Numismatist.

A number of these points also apply to the 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents, who should also express a willingness to move up the ranks in future elections.

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

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

Len Trakalo - Chairman

Paul Petch & Tom Rogers - Members

ONA Nominations Committee

Sudbury and the 43rd Annual O.N.A. Convention Medal

The Ontario Numismatic Association's 43rd Annual Coin Convention to be held in Sudbury, April 15-17, 2005, will be the largest such event ever witnessed in Northern Ontario. The last such coin show, the 9th Annual O.N.A. Convention, was held 34 years ago on April 24-25 1971. It was a great success and was also hosted in Sudbury by the Nickel Belt Coin Club.

The O.N.A. Convention is being held at the Radisson Hotel (formerly Ramada Inn) in downtown Sudbury, located at 85 Ste. Anne Road, Rainbow Outlet Centre, Sudbury, Ontario (tel: 800-436-4449). For those unfamiliar with the area, the ride from downtown Toronto is 390 km which is actually a shorter distance to Sudbury than to Ottawa. Other facts that may surprise visitors are that 8.2 million trees have been planted in Sudbury since 1979, or that 19.2 percent or nearly one in five persons within Sudbury is employed by either government or the health care industry. This more than three times that of the mines.

Preparations for the O.N.A. 2005 Convention are well advanced with all dealer tables sold as are most of the registration kits. The silver medals with an issue of 30 will probably be sold out by convention time. Given both that this year's medal includes a train locomotive design and that nearly half of the registration kits were sold to residents of northern Ontario, there will be a strong after market demand for the medals in the rest of the country.

The 2005 Convention medal employs design elements of the logo of the Nickel Belt Coin Club as suggested by Gerry and Rolly Albert, long time members of the host club. The original club logo was officially adopted in January 1990. It was designed by the late Father Roger Lavoie, professor at Laurentian University, with design modifications by Jeff Fournier.



The central design of the convention medal illustrates a train locomotive in the foreground with a mining and metallurgical site in the background. Both the railroad and mines are founding industries of Sudbury. "Sudbury" and "Ontario" appear above the design while "April 15-17 2005/ Club/ Est. 1956" appears below. Within an outer ring at the top appears "43rd Annual O.N.A. Convention" with "Host Nickel Belt Coin Club" below. Two stylized maple leaves, bearing the letters "G" and "R", at the left and right, respectively, separate the text within the outer ring and reflect the medal design contributions of Gerry and Rolly Albert. The other side of the medal portrays the official logo of the O.N.A.

The Great Canadian Mint in Edmonton, Alberta struck the 2005 O.N.A. medals on 38mm diameter, smooth-edged planchets. Medals were struck in proof-like finish in brilliant copper (50 available only in the registration kits), 0.999 fine silver (in an issue of 30), and brilliant brass (in an issue of 40). The silver and brass medals are available to the public at a cost of \$35.00 and \$10.00, respectively.

The central motif used for the convention design is especially fitting as it was because of the CPR line coming through Sudbury that the first copper and nickel deposit, the Murray Mine, was exposed in a right-of-way railway cut through bedrock.

Even the name of the community is tied into the coming of the railroad. Originally established as a lumber community named Ste-Anne-des-Pins, the name changed when it became a railroad divisional site in 1883. The town was re-named Sudbury by CPR Superintendent of Construction, James Worthington, after his wife's birthplace in Suffolk, England. Sudbury was incorporated as a city in 1930.

Several stories exist as to who first uncovered the discovery outcropping with its marked reddish stain. Some would say it was the local Magistrate McNaughton, who in the fall of 1883 while exploring the area surrounding his home, become lost and discovered a rock exposure which he thought contained some copper. Others may suggest that CPR doctor, William H. Howey, who upon finding the lost McNaughton, co-discovered the showing as it was he who collected the initial samples and showed them to Dr. Alfred Selwyn, geologist and director of the Geological Survey of Canada. Selwyn had been working in the area because of the increased accessibility due to the coming of CPR. The importance of the showing, however, was dismissed and no further action was taken by Dr. Howey as the samples were reported to contain "worthless iron sulfides. There was copper in them, all right but not enough to be worth while. There might also be some nickel, but there was no market for nickel (at that time)."

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Club Reports

BRANTFORD NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Members can set up tables at their meetings to sell yard sale type household items as well as numismatic related materials.

CHAMPLAIN COIN CLUB (ORILLIA)

In February they had a "Hobby Night" where members got to show off "other" hobbies. In March they are having an OPP Officer in to discuss home security issues. The editor also publishes Internet addresses each month that are Numismatic related.

INGERSOLL COIN CLUB

The club is approaching the 100 member mark. They also contribute annually to the "Thames Valley Children's Treatment Centre". In 2004 they anted up \$500.00. Keep up the good work!

LONDON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

March will be their 650th meeting. Bill Clarke, the clubs editor, will be the guest speaker.

NICKEL BELT COIN CLUB

They are putting the finishing touches on plans for the ONA Convention on April 16 & 17. The club is looking forward to a great year and the executive is promising a few surprises. They have the longest auction list I've seen (66 items).

NORTH YORK COIN CLUB

The club is producing commemorative woods to reflect their 500th meeting in December, 2004 and their 45th anniversary in 2005. Congratulations!

Attention Club Presidents: Please do not forget to send us news and happenings from your club. We will gladly publish them here. Anything from Milestones, Achievements (club or member). Share the good news!

...ONA Convention

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A few weeks later it is reported that Tom Flanagan, a local blacksmith, rediscovered the small stained hill and re-sampled it. Unfortunately for him, he did not acquire title to the land even after it was subsequently blasted open to expose yet more mineralization during the emplacement of the railroad line. His sole reward is being commemorated with the discovery on an historical plaque along highway 544 near the Murray Mines.

Acquisition of title to the land was left to a syndicate of four men: John Loughrin, a contractor from Mattawa who supplied rail ties to the CPR; Thomas and William Murray, merchants from Pembroke; and, Henry Abbott of Brockville. All were involved in the area because of the CPR presence. On February 25 1884, the syndicate applied to purchase title to 310 acres, including the discovery showing, from the Ontario Department of Crown Lands. Within five years this property would become the Murray Mine which produced millions of dollars over the next 32 years. Numerous other world class deposits such as the Froot, Stobie and Levack

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THE CASHLESS SOCIETY A REALITY - A FALLACY OR IS IT GETTING NEARER

-by Len Buth

Over the past many years we have all heard and read about the coming of the "cashless society". While credit and debit cards have taken away the need to carry an abundance of cash, everyday need for hard cash payments does not appear to have diminished.

New and innovative payment methods do keep presenting themselves however - e.g.. Esso's "Speedpass" - a small 1" long x 1/4" round key chain gadget. The user simply has to point the end of the "Speedpass" to the gas pump reader [or in store at register for non-gas purchases] - no cards to swipe or numbers to remember, no buttons to push, or a receipt to sign - but payment is still charged to a credit card on file with Esso.

Another new innovation appeared in late 2003, in Toronto's downtown business district and commuter heavy Union Station. The writer read about this new product from Dexit Inc., in the July 19 - August 15, 2004 issue of Canadian Business magazine, page 29. This small key chain fob [pictured below] has an embedded rechargeable chip which can be pre-loaded with amounts to a limit of \$100.... and automatically decreases the remaining amount with each purchase made. Again, the "fob" is simply pointed at a retailer's terminal - no cash, no credit card, no signature, no monthly billing statement to pay, no codes to remember. A quick and easy way to pay for that morning coffee and muffin as you step off the train to go to your office. The fob does not eliminate the need for cash, but as Dexit's founder and CEO stated, " In a global society everything has gone electronic, it doesn't make sense to carry heavy coins in the pocket". With the weight and never ending accumulation of loonies and twonies in one's pant pocket or purse, the Dexit may just have a chance to serve a purpose? There is also a benefit to the retailer..... no cash register sales to input, no change to carry or make, no time consuming credit card swipes etc.

The Dexit does not really appear to represent "brand new" technology. While the writer was still in the employ of a major bank some 10 years ago, several of us were "guinea pigs" for a "smart card" being developed. It looked like a regular credit card, but it had a 3/4" round encrypted chip which we were able to load with various amounts and then use to pay for in-house parking and dining room purchases as with the Dexit, the amounts remaining available reduced with usage - and when low we could recharge.

Cashless society.... not yet.

Courtesy of the Nickel Belt Coin Club

REFLECTIONS OF A FORMER JUNIOR MEMBER

For many people, the holiday season is a nostalgic time of the year and I recently found myself reminiscing about my involvement with the Nickel Belt Coin Club (NBCC) of Sudbury. I would like to take the time to share some of these memories with you.

My family moved to Sudbury in July of 1964. I no longer remember how but I soon learned about the existence of the 1962 re-engraved five cent piece and managed to find one in my pocket change. Today, the Charlton Catalogue more accurately refers to this variety as "die doubling deterioration". In the winter of 1965, at the ripe old age of 14, I attended my first NBCC meeting which, at that time, was held in the basement of the Sudbury Public Library on MacKenzie Street. What a wonderful experience attending those meetings turned out to be. I was still feeling like a newcomer to the city but I was welcomed into the club by adults who always had the time to talk with and educate me. Often, on my walk back home, I would stop in at the Adie Apartments where Bob Allen's wife would fix me a cup of hot chocolate while I stared with fascination at Mr. Allen's large cent collection and his 1926 far 6 nickel. Many other times, I would walk with another member of the club to the corner of Pine and Ethelbert Streets; that member was Joe Ash (sorry for dating you Joe).

Over the years, the club moved locations many times (e.g., the President Hotel/Days Inn; Tom Davies Square, etc.) and I have been in and out of it for personal reasons. Some members are no longer with us (founding member Charles [Chuck] F. Martin, Bob Willey, Leo Villeneuve, Father Lavoie to name a few) but the club carries on. And it carries on because of the long-term dedication of senior members Jerry Albert, Roly Albert, and Joe Ash. My heart-felt thanks go out to these 3 individuals as well as to other past and present Executive members for their hard work over the years. Because of the NBCC, this former junior member had a place to go to one Sunday of each month where he could relax, enjoy the company of others with like interests, learn about and purchase coins, and feel important in the company of adults.

The challenge today seems to be how to attract new junior members so that we are not so top-heavy with adults. The question is how to convey the message to parents that numismatics has so much to offer young people compared to solitary activities like video games. Numismatic clubs afford opportunities to learn about history, to socialize, to organize oneself, to budget, and to increase self-confidence. Not bad given the token cost of a yearly membership. But we live in different times and parents are rightly concerned about the safety of their children compared to 40 years ago. Perhaps the time has come to establish a web-site for the NBCC to connect with younger members via the computer. However it is done, the future of the hobby and the viability of this club depends upon attracting new junior members.

Thanks for allowing me to take this walk down memory lane and to muse about possible future directions.

Alan McQuistin
January 9, 2005

Courtesy of Timber Talk

MY WOODEN NICKEL'S WORTH..... *by Lou Vesh*

The number of "trick-or-treaters" at our door dropped drastically this year, for reasons unknown. The weather was definitely not in their favour, but I suspect that the number of younger children in this area is dwindling. It's been a trend over the last few years, as families grow up and move on.

Still, I felt that a Hallowe'en wooden nickel was in order. This year's issue, shown at right, features the comic witch that I first used 4 years ago. I've now given her the name of "Gertie".

Her full nickname is "Guilford Gertie". I am quick to add that the name is not meant to associate with any person, living or dead.

Any such similarity is purely coincidental.

The jack-o-lantern has been enhanced with

some acrylic paints applied by brush. And what's

this, a red nose? Has she been imbibing? Maybe she stopped in at the local liquor store? Has it been 8 hours between the bottle and the throttle? Well, I shouldn't jump to such conclusions. After all, Rudolph has a red nose and flies too, but has never been considered a "beer deer". Cheers.



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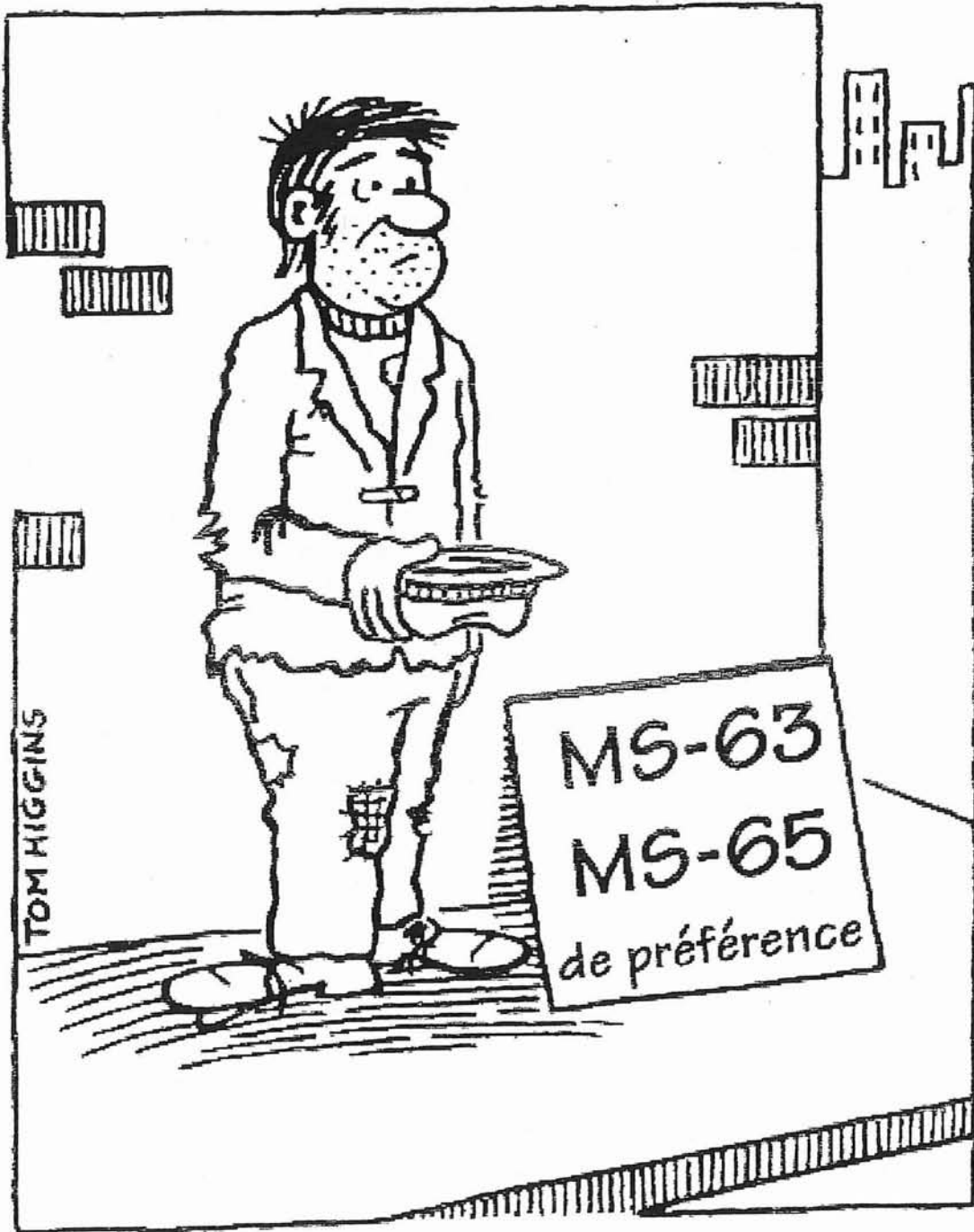
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Who is... François Rufiange, our new Club President?

I have been a serving Canadian Armed Forces officer for almost 28 years. I joined the military in 1977, graduated from Royal Military College (RMC) in 1982 with a mechanical engineering degree and then studied for another year to become an Aerospace Engineer. I am married and have two beautiful daughters.

During all my traveling, I always kept a few coins and bank notes here and there, but never thought much of them. I began to seriously collect coins and paper money in 1997 after I received for Christmas the beautiful *Snowbird* coin from my brother-in-law from the 20\$ Aviation series. I became a numismatist later when I began to study the fascinating Thomas Shingles 'Victory' 5-cent coin. I used that coin as the foundation for a scientific experiment on magnification at my daughter's school in June 2002. This experiment was so well received by the students that I decided the following September to start a numismatic club at our school. That experiment was also the topic of my first article published in *Canadian Coin News* in September 2002. Most of my work is done in French and I continue to write for the French organization that promotes numismatics for young French Canadians called 'Apprenp'tits Numismates' (<http://www.apprenptits.org/>).



We are a scout family and all enjoy very much nature. That is why the theme of my most fun coin collection is wildlife. My very favorite Canadian coin is the 1997 flying loon and international coin is the lion obverse on the Ethiopian coins. Wild life coins are by far the kid's most popular coins. The cubs also very much enjoyed decoding the Morse code on the Victory 5-cent coin!

For the past three years, I have also learned very much about coin photography. I had no choice because I needed pictures for all my presentations! This has become another hobby of mine!

Today, I support two numismatic clubs: every week for one hour at a primary school and every second week for two hours at a high school.

In closing, I enjoy very much buying, selling, studying coins, writing articles, but what I enjoy the most is talking about it! I have made great friends in the past few years and it is just a lot of fun to share stories!

Major François Rufiange, CD, P.Eng.

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Ten Steps for a Great Coin Club – Your Program Director’s View

by Steve Woodland

After reading “Ten Steps to Winning the Louise Graham Club of the Year Award” that appeared in the September 2004 issue of the CN Journal (Vol. 49, No. 7, pp 367-369), I got to thinking about how these points might apply to the City of Ottawa Coin Club. What follows are my personal thoughts on the “Ten Steps” Dan Gosling presented in his article and how we might use them to enhance our Club.

1. Improve Your Meeting Programs

The success of the COCC is highly dependent upon regular attendance at our monthly meeting. To achieve this, we need a program that is interesting, inclusive, and informative for all our members. We need enthusiastic speakers, appealing topics, enlightening activities, and lively discussions. All our members need to get involved and speak about their coin collecting interests, experiences, and passions. And we mustn’t ever hesitate to offer differing perspectives, state opposing views, or discuss provocative issues. It is this lively and interactive exchange of ideas that will draw us together and help each of us to get as much as we possibly can out of our hobby and the Club.

2. Remove Your Club’s Business Affairs from Your Regular Meetings

Yo! COCC Executive sit up and take note! We attend the meetings to enjoy the numismatic experience, not to listen to dry and boring nausea about the administration and management of the Club. Keeping that “stuff” to the Executive Meetings means we will take away a positive experience from our regular meeting each month (and it means the members of the Executive don’t have to listen to the dull stuff twice...ZZzzz). No need to say anymore on this point!

3. Increase Your Revenue

Our program depends on a steady stream of income to the Club. We must maintain a positive cash flow in order to fund the Club’s activities and keep us from withering on the vine. How do we do this? This is where we need ideas, initiative and input. We already have some traditions established: Annual Fees, Fall Club Auction, and monthly 50/50 draws, but we need some new ideas too! When was the last time we hosted the CNA or ONA convention and coin show? Have we ever had a corporate sponsor? How can we reduce our expenses? Can we write a book/publication and sell it to raise money? We are limited only by our imagination and our desire to succeed. Money makes the COCC world go round, but it is the effort and initiative of each individual that greases the gears and wheels. Let’s hear some ideas!

4. Separate the Business of Earning from What You Fund

This is an interesting one. Essentially, what it means is that the people who focus on raising the funds should not, if at all possible, be the same folks who are making the decisions on how the money is spent. In other words, the Executive should decide what program activities get funded, while a separate committee (that reports to the Executive, of course) is responsible to raise the necessary funds. By operating this way, we separate the business decision of what to fund from the emotional attachment to the money that develops from having to raise the funds. Gosling

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stated it quite well: "Your club's executive should decide what projects to support and what initiatives to finance. [The fund-raising committee]...should only focus on generating a fair and reasonable profit from its activities and not be concerned with how the profits are utilized."

5. Find a Recruiter

Continued growth will keep us from fading away, and the recruitment of new members is an essential ingredient to a healthy club. Not all of us have the knack for encouraging others to join the club, but those of us who do are vital to our Club's future. We need the skills and abilities of those individuals to keep new members walking through the door. Gosling suggests that a local coin dealer who is a member of the club might be the right person to do this job, as he or she would be motivated to encouraging people to become interested in numismatics. While I'll concede that a coin dealer is one possibility, I would prefer that our "recruiter" be someone in the club who is motivated for reasons other than personal profit. As a motivating factor, perhaps we could offer of some sort of incentive to those who recruit new members, say, exemption from next year's fees if you bring in three new members. Any other thoughts? Any volunteers for COCC Recruiter?

6. Develop Volunteers

Volunteers are the heart and soul of the Club; without them we will not survive. And I'm not just thinking about the folks who volunteer for the COCC Executive. We need people to set-up and teardown at each meeting, and we need volunteers as speakers, discussion leaders, and to share their experiences and knowledge with the rest of us. We also need people to develop ideas for Club activities, to contribute articles and items for the COCC Journal, to lead a recruiting drive, to coordinate fund raising, and to spread the word about our great Club. Volunteering will help each of us feel like we belong to the club, that we have made a contribution to the betterment of the club, and that our club is an extension of each of us. This sentiment of "belonging" or "ownership" or "vested interest" in the club is what we get out of our volunteer work. So let's get volunteering!

7. Expand Your Inner Circle of Volunteers

Encouraging members to volunteer for activities and take on responsibilities that are within the scope of their talents and interests will go a long way to drawing in those "fringe" members and forming a more cohesive Club. Anyone who collects has something to give back to the hobby and, if approached in the right way, will become an enthusiastic participant and organizer of Club activities. They will also feel closer to the "Inner Circle of movers and shakers" in the Club and, if all goes well, they will form the core of the next "Inner Circle" as they will be in a better position to move on to positions of greater responsibility within the Club's management structure.

8. Feed the Troops

As an Army guy, I like this one! Food and drink certainly do function as a catalyst to bring people together and get them talking. When I came to my first meeting in November, I was very pleased to see a spread of cheeses, crackers, and sandwiches. By staying around after the meeting and having something to eat, I was able to meet many of the Club members and talk with them about coin collecting in a very informal and relaxed setting. We need to do this more often,

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and Gosling offers several suggestions in his article. Our proposed program has a Holiday Gathering planned in December. Are there any other suggestions? Everything we do together doesn't have to focus completely on coin collecting. How about a breakfast meeting? Brunch at the Racetrack? Summer B-B-Q?

9. Acknowledge the "One"

Every club has its "key" people who go "above and beyond" to make the Club a success each year, and these people deserve to be recognized for their contributions. I was extremely pleased to see Johnnie Johnson recognized in the first issue of the CNA Bulletin for his work on our COCC Journal. Well done, Johnnie! We must always ensure those who contribute are thanked for their efforts. Such recognition can range from a simple "thank-you" and a pat on the back to a public presentation of an award. Not only is this the "right" thing to do, it may also encourage others to participate when they see the recognition their colleagues receive for their contributions. And of course, such acknowledgement should be embedded in the culture of our Club, not as an afterthought. So if we see someone "going that extra mile," let's make sure they get recognized for it!

10. Groom Your Replacement

Each of us can only do the things we do for the Club for so long. Fatigue, boredom, illness, age, and many other factors will eventually cause us to change what and how we contribute to the Club. We all need to be both Mentors and Students; Mentors who bring others along in what we are doing now, and Students who are learning to do something else that will both contribute to the Club and motivate us. My mother always told me that "A change is as good as a rest," so each of us should be prepared to change duties and responsibilities within the Club to prevent ourselves from becoming stale. We continually need "new blood" on our Executive and our committees, so start thinking now about how you might contribute to the Club in the future.

These are a few of the thoughts I had as I read Dan Gosling's article. I realize that these ideas are not the way each of us may see things within the Club, and I respect each individual's perspective. What I hoped to accomplish was to get each of us more interested in the Club, becoming more involved in establishing where we want to go and how to get there, and achieving that goal. Each of us is an essential part of the Club, and each of us can make an important contribution. What will you contribute?



ONA 2005

Convention Exhibits Welcomed

The Ontario Numismatic Association extends an invitation to collectors to exhibit at the upcoming 2005 ONA Convention in Sudbury.

The ONA Executive have determined the awards will be given as follows :

Best of Show - Coinage

First Runner up - Coinage

Second Runner up - Coinage

Best of Show - Paper Money

First Runner up - Paper Money

Second Runner up - Paper Money

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-Exhibits consist of one or two case displays.

-I do not have to be present when exhibit winners are announced at the Social Evening.

-If I am not present at the Social Evening to accept my award, I will receive it on the Sunday sometime prior to tear down. I understand that the following awards will be made.

Best of Show exhibitor will receive an engraved uniface sterling silver convention medal. Two Prizes given out.

The First runner-up will receive an engraved uniface gold plated convention medal. Two prizes given out.

The second runner-up will receive an engraved uniface nickel-silver convention medal. Two prizes given out.

-To enter a competitive display, I must be registered for the convention.

-Set-up is on Friday, April 15, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 16, 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

-I understand that teardown starts on Sunday, April 17, at 4:00 p.m.

I will supply my own display case and lock

I will require display cases and locks (inside measurements are 28-1/2" by 16-1/4")

I am attaching my deposit for \$15.00. I understand that this cheque (made payable to the ONA 2005 Convention) will not be cashed and will be returned to me upon set-up of my exhibit (however, it will be forfeited if I do not show up at the Convention and set up my exhibit).

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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

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

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

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

Please be sure to include:

1. A summary of numismatic achievements and contributions must be included with your nominations to assure that the O.N.A. Awards Committee is fully apprised of your nominees' contributions.
2. Nominees should be well-rounded in all phases of numismatics. The judging committee will review the following areas:
 - local coin club work: involvement with special events; executive positions held at the local club level & length of service; contributions to overall club success; give specific example of each.
 - local community work: organizing a numismatic displays in libraries, malls or other public locations; other examples relating to the promotion of numismatics.
 - numismatic education: writing, research; published articles and/or books; exhibiting at coin shows, mall promotions or other events; list achievements.
 - regional involvement: involvement with the hobby on a regional/national level; involvement with organizing coin conventions (list positions held); involvement with exhibiting and educational seminars at conventions.
 - any other achievements or contributions to numismatics in Ontario, as well as listing achievements nationally and internationally.

The O.N.A. Awards Committee, charged with the responsibility of selecting recipients from the nominations, consists of four well-known numismatists who have previously received the Award of Merit and the President of the O.N.A.. Currently, the Committee consists of Paul Petch (Chairman), Don Robb (Past-Chairman), Chris Boyer, Mike Hollingshead and Tom Rogers (O.N.A. President). It is the responsibility of this Committee to select from the nominees the individual who should receive the Award of Merit, and a maximum of 3 "Fellow of the O.N.A." recipients.

Written submissions, identifying the nominee and including the nominee's O.N.A. membership number and mailing address, should be mailed to: Paul R. Petch, Chairman, O.N.A. Awards Committee, 128 Silverstone Drive, Toronto, ON M9V 3G7, or by e-mail to p.petch@rogers.com. Nominations must be in the committee's hands by March 18, 2005.

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_____	Main Registration Includes Copper souvenir convention medal, admission to bourse, Program of events, Dream Vacation draw ticket, admission to Friday night reception, unlimited visits to the Hospitality Suite	\$25.00	_____
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President's Message

In this issue we are dealing mostly with happenings and events that took place at the 2005 O.N.A. Convention.

First I will inform you I was voted in by acclamation, I had told you in the last news letter I was stepping down do to health reasons, but no one else threw their hat in, so to speak and here I am. I will try and serve for the next two years (health permitting).

I would like to thank our three new area directors who joined our group; they are:

Area #6 Murray Smith Coldwater, Ont.

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WELCOME ABOARD!

Now for the best convention we have seen in a long time. The President and General Chairman Gerry Albert and the members of the NBCC, did an outstanding job. This club set so many records, all medals sold, the most registration in a long time.

Most of the members from the club attended the banquet, and I'm sure all were there both days. They gave 110% in setting up and helping the dealers. There were over 700 in attendance for the two days. The cheese and wine on Friday night went over very well with most of the dealers and registrants attending. I do know the dealers won't soon forget the 2005 Convention thanks to the good people in Sudbury and surrounding areas.

There was only one thing missing, that being Roland Albert. We know how hard he worked at making it a success. Get well soon and thank you from all of us in the O.N.A.

I give big thanks of appreciation to the dealers and the O.N.A. staff that keep the conventions running smoothly. I never tell them enough how much I need them, without you; there wouldn't be a convention.

Now on to the Awards: Award of Merit went to William Waychison from Timmins, for a lot of years of dedication not only to the O.N.A. but also to the C.N.A. keep up the good work. Fellow of the O.N.A. awards to Gerry and Roland Albert a most deserving pair if I have ever seen. Job well done Bill, Gerry and Rolly.

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President's Report Continued

Last but not least the banquet had its fair share of laughs. The master of ceremonies Bob Ross kept us well entertained I'm sure. Newfoundland misses him!

The O.N.A. would like to thank all those who sold or purchased Dream Vacation tickets. Your support enables us to carry out our many programs, and congratulations to all the winners this year.

The hospitality of the north won't go unnoticed; you are all invited down to London, Ont. next year to our 44th O.N.A. Convention hosted by the St Thomas Numismatic Association at the Best Western Lamplighter Inn. Again Thanks.

P.S. It has been brought to my attention that if I want help with the conventions it would be wise to put the head table first in the future.

Tom Rogers,
President

"A" NICKEL

If I had a nickel
I know what I would do
I'd scan it with a power glass
To get a better view.

I'd look for dates and die breaks
And dashes here and there
And look for tiny maple leaves
And "48"s so rare.

It isn't just the jingle
That fascinates me so
It's the numismatic lingo
Of dates, both high and low.

Then, when I've had it catalogued
All properly :::just so:::
I'd put it on the auction block
And watch the bidding go.

Submitted by
Lois Rogers

Membership Report

The applications for membership which appeared in the March/April issue of the Ontario Numismatist have been accepted. We welcome Jack Labrie, Gerry Albert and Trevor Lynn.

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

1837 Dave Marcella, Wingham
1838 Don Bradt, Ottawa
1839 Stephen P. Woodland, Osgoode
1840 Christine Guyatt-Woodland, Osgoode

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UPCOMING SHOWS

May 14, PETERBOROUGH

Peterborough Coin Club Show, Portage Place, 1154 Chemong Road. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call Colin at (705) 742-0114.

May 20-22, HAMILTON

TNS, Ramada Plaza Hotel, 150 King St. E. Dealer set-up Friday from 2 p.m. Show pass \$20. Public admittance Saturday and Sunday at 10 a.m. Adults \$4, seniors and young collectors \$2. Auctions by Jeffrey Hoare Auctions, Inc., Sat & Sun. Sponsor/Affiliate: The Canadian Association of Numismatic Dealers. For more information, contact Terry MacHugh at (905) 570-2434, fax (905) 318-1638 or email cand@cogeco.ca.

Oct. 1, OSHAWA

Coin-A-Rama 2005, 5 Points Mall, 285 Taunton Rd. E. Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Free admission, featuring coins, paper money, tokens and medals. Free dealer draw, member draw and public draw. Sponsor: Oshawa & District Coin Club. For more information, contact Sharon or Earl at (905) 728-1352 or email: papman@idirect.com.

Is your club holding a show?

If so, let us know. Send the details to inside@primus.ca, and we will gladly include it here.

From the Editor's Desk

In this issue we are featuring a short story by O.N.A. member James J. Antonio of Niagara Falls, Ontario. James had a story published in the C.N.A. Journal in 2003. His work entitled "Miss Daisy" is coin related and fictional. I feel it brings a nice change of pace to the usual bulletin content. Some feedback would be appreciated as he has offered to contribute other works in the future.

Also included in this issue is the O.N.A. 2004 Financial Statement. My thanks to the Nickel Belt Coin Club for hosting a terrific convention!

Rick Johnson,
Editor, Ontario Numismatist

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Also awarded at the convention were:

Individual Awards

Award of Merit - William Waychison

Fellow of the O.N.A. - Roland Albert

Fellow of the O.N.A. - Gerry Albert

Display Awards

Best of Show - Bruce Brace

First Runner-Up - Dorte Brace

Second Runner-Up - William Waychison

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Buyer Beware

Courtesy of Champlain Coin Club

During the last year, the editors of this newsletter have talked with many collectors and dealers about a growing problem with our hobby, that being counterfeit coins.

This is not a new numismatic topic. Dealing with forgeries was a common problem even for the ancient Greeks and Romans. Even in the short time period of Canadian numismatics, there have been forgeries. Some of the fake coins entered and were even welcomed into circulation in both Upper and Lower Canada. These coins, called "Blacksmith tokens" and "Bust and Harp" tokens, were widely used and competed with legitimate colonial coinage for about twenty years.

Collectors and dealers have seen a rise in counterfeits, especially in Asian coins, ancient and medieval coins and gold coins. The qualities of counterfeit coins ranges from very poor to outstanding.

What can the collector do to protect himself from forgeries?

- The best protection is knowledge. Remember the old adage of "buy the book before the coin."
- Purchase your coins from reputable dealers. Ask them about their return policies.
- Proceed with caution when purchasing coins on line or from the mail. Are the coins graded by a professional grading service, what are the return policies, etc.?
- Check with other collectors/club members before making a purchase.
- Carefully examine every coin that you might bid on at an auction. It is usually "buyer beware" at most auctions unless the auctioneer has a good return policy.

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2005

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

Thank you

Bruce H. Raszmann

Bruce H. Raszmann
Draw Chairman

D R E A M V A C A T I O N

2005
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Ticket Sales by Clubs

Clubs	Books Sold
Brantford Numismatic Society.....	8
Cambridge Coin Club.....	14
Canadian Tire Coupon Collectors Club.....	1
City of Ottawa Coin Club.....	8
Champlain Coin Club.....	4
Collingwood-Georgian Bay Coin & Stamp Club.....	10
Essex County Coin Club.....	2
Ingersoll Coin Club.....	56
Kent Coin Club.....	2
Kingston Coin & Currency Club.....	1
Lakeshore Coin Club.....	3
Lake Superior Coin Club.....	2
London Numismatic Society.....	3
Mississauga-Etobicoke Coin, Stamp & Collectibles....	1
Niagara Falls Coin Club.....	20
Nickel Belt Coin Club.....	71
Nipissing Coin Club.....	1
North York Coin Club.....	2
Ontario Numismatic Association.....	31
Oshawa & District Coin Club.....	12
Peterborough Numismatic Society.....	2
Sarnia Coin Club.....	2
Scarborough Coin Club.....	3
South Wellington Coin Society.....	7
St. Thomas Numismatic Association.....	5
Stratford Coin Club.....	41
Tillsonburg Coin Club.....	18
Waterloo Coin Society.....	64
Watford Coin Club.....	5
Windsor Coin Club.....	95
Woodstock Coin Club.....	17
Non O.N.A. Member Clubs	
Bancroft Coin Club.....	1
C A W M C.....	1
Total Book Sales.....	<u>513</u>

ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION
TREASURER'S REPORT
FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2004 TO DECEMBER 31, 2004

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Petty Cash @ Jan. 1, 2004	\$ 28.18	
Bank Balance @ Jan. 1, 2004	\$1533.49	

	\$1561.67	\$1561.67

RECEIPTS

Memberships (Regular, Junior & Club)	\$3950.00	
O.N.A. Convention Draw	\$1920.83	
Club Ticket Rebate	\$ 66.00	
Premium U.S.A. Money	\$ 2.88	
Donations Towards Ontario Numismatist	\$1475.00	
2004 O.N.A. Convention	\$2508.42	
Medals Sold	\$ 57.00	
Interest on Certificates	\$ 235.69	

	\$10215.82	\$10215.82

EXPENSES

O.N.A. Publication "ONTARIO NUMISMATIST"	\$6056.16	
Postage	\$ 26.52	
Office Supplies & Expenses	\$ 251.15	
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Safety Deposit Box Rental & G.S.T.	\$ 131.08	
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Honorariums	\$ 275.00	
Audio Visual	\$ -22.50	
Transfer To Life Membership	\$ 600.00	
Premium Rate Redeemable Certificate	\$4000.00	
Reduce 30 Day & Wait & See Certificates	\$-2500.00	

	\$9021.41	\$ 9021.41
Excess Receipts Over Expenses		\$1194.41

Petty Cash @ December 31, 2004	\$ 49.63	
Bank Balance @ December 31, 2004	\$ 2706.45	

	\$ 2756.08	\$2756.08

GENERAL ACCOUNT - BANK RECONCILIATION

Bank Ledger Sheet Balance @ December 31, 2004	\$2706.45
Outstanding Cheques	NIL
Bank Statement Balance @ December 31, 2004	\$2706.45

GENERAL ACCOUNT ASSETS

Wait & See Certificate	\$8500.00
Premium Rate Certificate	\$4000.00

ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION
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CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT

Bank Balance @ January 1, 2004 \$ 449.87

RECEIPTS

Interest Guaranteed Investment Certificates	\$ 888.85	
Matured Guaranteed Investment Certificates	\$17500.00	

	\$18388.85	\$18388.85

EXPENSES

Guaranteed Investment Certificates	\$18500.00	

	\$18500.00	\$18500.00

Excess Receipts Over Expenses \$-111.15

Bank Balance @ December 31, 2004 \$ 338.72

CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT ASSETS

Guaranteed Investment Certificates \$32500.00

INSURANCE ACCOUNT

Bank Balance @ January 1, 2004 \$1543.15

RECEIPTS

5 (2004) Club Premiums @ \$75.00	\$ 375.00	
27 (2005) Club Premiums @ \$90.00	\$2430.00	
Interest On Certificates	\$ 277.53	
Matured Guaranteed Investment Certificate	\$3800.00	
Cashed Wait & See Certificates →	\$5975.00	
↙(1000.00 & 4975.00)	-----	
	\$12857.53	\$12857.53

EXPENSES

Insurance Premium (Mar 1/2004-Nov 1/2004)	\$ 1782.00	
Postage, Photocopies & Telephone	\$ 44.34	
Insurance Premium (Nov 1/2004-Nov 1/2005)	\$ 3240.00	
Postage, Photocopies & Telephone	\$ 51.73	
Wait & See Certificates (4975.00 & 4200.00)	\$ 9175.00	

	\$14293.07	\$14293.07

Excess Receipts Over Expenses \$-1435.54

Bank Balance @ December 31, 2004 \$ 107.61

INSURANCE ACCOUNT ASSETS

Wait & See Certificate \$4200.00

ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION
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CASH ASSET SUMMARY @ DECEMBER 31, 2004

Cash & Bank Balance - General Account	\$ 2756.08	
Wait & See Certificate - General Account	\$ 8500.00	
Premium Rate Redeemable Cert - General Account	\$ 4000.00	
Bank Balance - Contingency Account	\$ 338.72	
Guaranteed Investment Certificates - Contingency	\$32500.00	
Bank Balance - Insurance Account	\$ 107.61	
Wait & See Certificate - Insurance Account	\$ 4200.00	
	\$52402.41	\$52402.41
Cash Assets (2003)		\$50854.69
Increase In Cash Assets		\$ 1547.72

LIFE MEMBERSHIP ACCOUNT

Bank Balance @ January 1, 2004 \$242.91

RECEIPTS

Interest Guaranteed Investment Certificates	\$ 329.45	
Matured Guaranteed Investment Certificate	\$1700.00	
Transfer From General Account	\$ 600.00	
	\$2629.45	\$2629.45

EXPENSES

Guaranteed Investment Certificate	\$1700.00	
59 Membership Dues (2004) @ \$15.00	\$ 885.00	
	\$2585.00	\$2585.00

Excess Receipts Over Expenses \$ 44.45

Bank Balance @ December 31, 2004 \$287.36

LIFE MEMBERSHIP ASSETS

Guaranteed Investment Certificates \$9700.00

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Theme Collections
Courtesy of Champlain Coin Club

World Coinage: Are you in the mood for a change of direction with your coin collection? Tired of the pennies, nickels, errors or tokens? Why not take a look at creating a "topical" or a "theme" collection?

Where do I look and what do I look for? Why not start with your own collection? I found the following easy themes: famous people, ships and animals. I have created a list of inexpensive yet interesting theme coins that are readily available from most dealers. Most of the coins listed below cost less than one dollar. Check out the dealer's dollar bins, treasure boxes, swap with friends or club members but get started with something new, fun and inexpensive!!!

Famous People

Queen Victoria, British penny, 1841-1902
King George V, British penny, 1902-1936
King George VI, British penny, 1937-1953
Queen Juliana, Netherlands, 1948-1980
President Kennedy, U.S. half dollar, starting at 1964
George Washington, U.S. quarter, starting at 1932
P. Von Hindenburg, Germany, 2 Reichspfennig, 1936-1939
Alexander the Great, Greece, 100 drachmas, 1990-1993
Terry Fox, Canada, one dollar, 2005



Animals

Buffalo, U.S. nickel
Rhino, India, 25 paise
Horse, Spain, 5 ptas
Lizard, Australia, 2 cents
Springbok, S. Africa, 1 rand
Bee, Norway, 10 ore
Dolphin, Italy, 5 lire
Rabbit, Ireland, 3 pence
Seahorse, Singapore, 10 cent

Ships

Bluenose, schooner, Canada, 10 cents
Sloop, Bahamas, 25 cents
Dhow, Kuwait, 10 fils
Man-o-War, P.E.I. token,
Phoenician War Galley, Lebanon, 5 piastres
Canoe, Canada, dollar
Viking longship, Isle of Man, 50 pence
Great Lakes freighter, Welland, ON, souvenir dollar
Dragon Boat, Thailand, 1 baht



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Did You Know That...
Courtesy of Oshawa & District Coin Club
By Bruce R. Watt

Georgian coins denominated in "tetri" bear reverse designs depicting Borjgali, or symbols of the sun.

The 1923 Monroe Doctrine Centennial half dollar bears portraits of James Monroe and John Quincy.

The Silver American Eagle is as much a U.S. coin as a Moran or Peace dollar.

The Monetary Authority of Singapore stopped issuing 1-cent coins, and \$1, \$20, \$25 and \$500 notes, but the currency remains legal tender.

Although being the key date to the Indian Head cent series, the 1877 cent has only the second lowest mintage.

The Cent and 3 Cent tokens produced in German silver by Dr. Lewis Feuchtwanger circulated freely during the 1836 to 1844 coin shortage.

Except for Benjamin Franklin and Susan B. Anthony, the persons whose images appear on regular issue U.S. coins have been U.S. presidents.

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Did You Know That...Continued
Courtesy of Oshawa & District Coin Club

The Bank of Uganda is surveying citizens about whether they want to replace 1,000 shilling bank notes with coins of the same denomination, according to a news report at www.allAfrica.com.

While the nationwide survey is under way, the bank will continue to issue the 1,000 shilling notes, releasing an upgraded version by the end of May. There will not be an immediate recall of the older notes.

This move follows upgrades to 5,000, 10,000 and 20,000 shilling notes. Most recently, 10,000 shilling notes dated 1995 or 1998 were recalled from circulation.

These notes, which ceased being legal tender at midnight, Dec 31, 2004, do not have a foil security stripe and bear the signature of the late Gov. Charles N. Kikonyogo.

Lithuania is on track to coin euros beginning in 2007, according to a news report at www.eubusiness.com. European Central Bank officials visited the Bank of Lithuania March 15 and 16 to gauge its readiness to strike euro coinage. The ECB officials gave a positive report, which means the bank can begin minting test euro coins this year, and euro coins in 2007.

The bank said in a press release at its Web site (www.ib.it) that it has already approved the plaster models for the national side of euro and euro cent coins. Those were approved Feb. 24 by the bank's board.

Vilnius sculptor Antanas Zukauskas design the models.

The first steel "wartime" Lincoln cents were struck during the week of Feb. 21 to 27, 1943.

Coins of Vespasian, the ruler who put Rome on track after Nero committed suicide, are "must haves" in any Roman Imperial Collection.

That there are more than \$754 Billion in coins and currency are currently in circulation in the United States of America.

MISS DAISY

a short story by

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Daisy had come to Venice for a specific reason, unlike the swarms of tourists she'd worked her way through en route to the Cà Del Dose Hotel. She envied them in a way, but business was business, nonetheless, and she was very good at what she did and well paid too. Her room was absolutely sumptuous and she was tired enough to appreciate its comfort and charm, especially after such a hard trip. The flight from London hadn't been the greatest with all the jarring and shaking from turbulence and then the rough ride across the choppy lagoon in that crowded boat had been enough to make her even a little cross. She looked into the heart-shaped mirror with its rosary edging of gold beads and managed a tight little smile. She'd travelled to a lot of places but never before to Venice. She giggled and shook her head in disbelief. Why, she'd gotten off the plane, gone into and out of Marco Polo airport, and jumped right into a boat! It was almost like a scene out of a James Bond movie!

The next morning she got a wake-up call in her room. She wasn't one to ever sleep in but she didn't want to take any chances on being late for their agreed upon time. This would be the coin deal of her career if she could pull it off and, not only would she make herself and the company plenty of money, she'd gain a measure of fame as well. She had a warm shower, got dressed in loose-fitting,

chocolate colored slacks and a beige blouse, and sat down in front of the mirror to do her hair. She had short blond hair, parted somewhat to the left of center, and she combed it out carefully so that the bottom swooped forward just under her ears in curlicues. She lightly put on some lipstick, normal red, and sat back to gather her thoughts. She was attractive in a 'cute' sort of way, with her narrow blue eyes and her tiny nose, and she took consolation in the fact that she was still single at thirty-three because of her unavailability and nothing else. She worked long hours and travelled a fair bit and well, there just wasn't much time for romance.

After a light breakfast in her room of mixed fruit, whole-wheat toast and coffee, she made a phone call to Mr. Domanico for confirmation and directions, and then went downstairs and scuttled outside to the 'riva', or quay, to hail a gondola. It was a lovely day, and she guessed it was already in the low seventies. She watched as a flock of pigeons cooed around a smattering of bread bits and seeds. It truly was a beautiful place and as she stood there with her microscope box and her purse, she tried to dismiss, for a moment at least, the work aspect of her trip here just to appreciate the setting. She took a deep breath and the air, with its bit of salty tang, reminded her of being by the sea. It was quiet too, despite the fact there were

a good number of people already about. Nobody, she could see, was in much of a hurry. She heard a church bell tolling off across the old buildings somewhere and, like bees, the buzz-buzz buzzing of small boats as they slipped hither and thither in the jade-colored water of the 'rios', or canals. Daisy was gazing fondly at the foam green of the sky, wondering what ever made it such a lovely color, when a voice, in very good English, called up to her from just below.

"You are waiting here for a gondola and I am here to take you wherever your heart desires."

Daisy came to her senses at once. She glanced down and saw in a newer gondola a handsome man in black pleated dress slacks and white shirt waiting to take her hand and help her into the boat. He had a scarlet sash around his waist that mimicked a belt and the end, fringed, fell casually halfway down his leg. He reminded her of a matador. He was tanned, but what caught her eye like a flash of lightning were his bright aquamarine eyes.

Letting herself down into the boat awkwardly while she held his hand, Daisy told him where she wanted to go. She was somewhat weak in the legs--and not from physical exhaustion--but she certainly wasn't lost for words.

"I could have walked," Daisy began, trying to sound unaffected by the presence of the handsome gondolier, "but I just had to ride in one of these gondolas. They look so re-

laxing and I might never get the chance again."

"It is spectacular!" the gondolier exclaimed. "You will not regret it, not even for one second."

As soon as Daisy was settled on the padded seat of the boat, she felt the craft moving slowly away from the 'riva'. She was glad in a way that she was facing forward and that the handsome gondolier was behind her. She could feel the hot blush in her face and she guessed it would now be about the color of his sash. She wondered whether or not he was married or had a girlfriend. He must have one or the other, she told herself, as good looking as he was. And though she didn't know for sure, she was disappointed anyhow.

Soon, they were cruising easily along the canal and the water, sounding like a kitten drawing milk from a saucer, lapped against the oak sides of the gondola.

"You are a very pretty woman," Daisy heard the gondolier say in his smooth, Italianized English. The remark had come as a bit of a surprise. "Your husband must be very happy. You should have brought him along with you."

Daisy corrected him right off. "I'm not married," she said, not bothering to turn around and trying to sound miffed. "And I'm here strictly on business."

"That is spectacular but not very right. Venice, it is for romance--for love. Where is there a better place?" She could tell he was a good talker. She didn't say anything.

"This man you are going to see, I know him well. Raphael has sold us many coins, my father and me, but strangely, numismatics is not his specialty. He is an art dealer and one of the very best. He has a thorough knowledge of the art world and he can tell at a glance if a painting is genuine or if it is not. He is spectacular for sure."

Daisy's ears had perked to attention when she heard the word 'coins'. "You are a coin collector? You and your father?"

"Sì, signorina....May I ask what is your name? Me, I am Ferdinando."

"What do you collect?" Daisy asked.

"I have sets of Soldi," Ferdinando said. "My father, he has gold Soldi which are very rare and expensive....But, you have not told me your name."

A boat ambulance suddenly appeared out of nowhere with red and white lights flashing, its siren blaring like a mad coyote; it sliced close by them leaving a frothy wake and waves that rushed over, rocking the gondola.

"My name is Daisy."

"It is the name of a flower. 'Margherita' is what we call it in Italian. That is spectacular!"

Daisy began to laugh quietly. "A margarita is a drink too." She turned halfway round on the bench, laying her arm along the back so she could catch a glimpse of him when she

spoke. "So, Ferdinando, what can you tell me about Raphael Domanico? Is he nice to deal with? I mean, does he give you a hard time when you're buying a coin and trying to get it for a better price?"

"He never changes his mind on the price," Ferdinando said, not entirely thinking about what he was saying but rather contemplating asking the pretty woman to meet him somewhere in the evening. "Once Raphael gives you a price, that's it. He will not budge. He is not easily fooled, that I can tell you."

At the Grand Canal, Daisy took a 'vaporetto', or water bus, to the Riva del Vin, near the Rialto Bridge and, with only a little searching, came upon Pinacoteca Domanico.

It was just a small shop all by itself at the bottom of an old salmon-colored building in a shady little alley. There was a small Phoenix palm in a terra cotta pot out front looking quite forlorn and forgotten. Daisy hesitated before going in. The shop seemed so dark and inhospitable, but she saw a light toward the back. She found it hard to believe that such a place could yield treasure. She was still thinking about Ferdinando, the gondolier, when she put her hand on the door to go in. She took a deep breath and braced herself for the encounter of her life.

Raphael Domanico turned on all the lights and the paintings on the maroon walls in their lovely frames came to

life like fresh new photographs. He stood waiting for the pretty woman, at the back in front of an old oak desk. He could easily appreciate the plain beauty of the woman walking confidently toward him and he was impressed.

"I have only been open for a few minutes," he told her at once, "and it is a compliment to have someone come early for an appointment....You are Daisy, are you not?"

"Yes, of course. And thank-you so much for having me here and for your interest in our auction company. We'll be able to market your coin far better than anyone, I can assure you." Daisy shook Mr. Domanico's hand, surprised that it was cool and clammy. She figured that maybe he was as nervous as she was. He reminded her of a sharp, successful, middle-aged businessman, with his fluffy dark hair combed back and all in place, the determined look on his face, his well-pressed black slacks and his sport shirt with its motley design of black and silver rectangles. She didn't miss the minuscule cell phone either that seemed to cling magically on the side of his waist. "I brought my microscope, Mr. Domanico. Authentication of this gold piece is going to be mandatory. I'm sure you understand."

"You can call me Raphael, please. There is no need for formality. Come. Sit down."

Daisy sat at the desk across from the art dealer. He offered her a cup of coffee, which she accepted but didn't

really want, and soon it came down to the business at hand.

For quite a while, longer than she should have, Daisy sat there peering at the gold piece in absolute awe, her blue eyes bugging out of her head like inflated sapphires. An 1822 United States five-dollar gold piece! And it was better than the last one that had sold for almost \$700,000! Wow!

"I took it to Milan, to a friend of mine," Raphael said, "and he confirmed that it was genuine. There should be no problem."

Daisy set the coin down carefully on the desk pad, sat back, and asked the art dealer how he had acquired the coin. After all, she couldn't help but be a little skeptical; there were only three known, two of them in the Smithsonian, the other being a choice very fine. So this one, almost uncirculated, would be the fourth.

"The whole story is intriguing," Raphael began, leaning forward. He adjusted his wire-rim glasses and looked at her unflinchingly, not blinking at all. "The half eagle, as you call them, came from the United States, from a man who lives in Kentucky. Lexington, to be exact. He is a breeder of racehorses and, I understand, one horse that he sold at a yearling sale there actually won a Grade 1 stakes race in New York. Anyway, he is very successful. He does not collect coins, I must tell you that. But he does

collect art. He prefers paintings by the masters and he can easily afford to buy them too.

"He accepted this 1822 half eagle as payment for a royally bred yearling and then, when he found out through an agent, that I had an unlisted Caravaggio for sale--well, that was it! He had to have it." Daisy felt a tickle in her throat but squelched the urge to cough. "I say 'unlisted' because the painting, a lovely piece of work entitled 'Cristo nell' orto' from about 1605, was believed to have been destroyed in Berlin in 1945 with the end of the 3rd reich.

"So, I took this coin here in trade along with an undisclosed amount of cash for the Caravaggio....I have doubts now. I mean, I believe I could have got more for the painting at auction but I turned it over very quickly. Really, it was just good business."

That evening, Daisy sat at an outdoor café in the Piazza San Marco with Ferdinando, the gondolier. She was gazing absentmindedly at the lovely pink sky when he called her back to reality.

"So, Raphael is going to phone you tomorrow morning?"

"He said he would, yes," Daisy replied, reflecting now on her day. "It would have been so nice to get an answer this morning. Now my whole night is up in the air."

"'Up in the air'? How do you mean?"

"I'll have it on my mind," Daisy explained. "It may worry me not knowing whether Mr. Domanico will let my company sell his coin."

"'Up in the air'!" Ferdinando laughed. He raised his fist to heaven. "That is a spectacular expression which I am going to remember."

In the background, a fine young band was playing an instrumental, mostly in strings, entitled Tanto mi trovo. It was somewhat of a Venetian love song and its lulling sounds lilted lazily across the patio like meandering little butterflies.

"Do you come here often?" Daisy asked, leaning forward and setting her arms on the table.

"Only with someone like you," Ferdinando told her with a smooth smile.

He was even more handsome in the evening, Daisy told herself. His eyes were like gems that could see through her and maybe even cast spells. The dimples on either side of his mouth were enough to make her swoon. She wanted to believe that she could find romance in a city like Venice, that she could just come upon it and that it would happen magically. But she was doubtful. She wondered how many other women Ferdinando had brought here for a drink under the tender Venetian sky while the band played on. She carried her suspicion over to the 1822 United States half

eagle she had examined that morning. It appeared to be real and she was certain it would be authenticated. Nonetheless, there was something about this whole business that was bothering her.

Just a moment after the slick waiter had set another strawberry daiquiri in front of her, Daisy was part of one of the most embarrassing scenes she could ever imagine. A woman--a very angry one--trounced up to where they were seated, stuck her hands on her hips, and glared at Ferdinando. She was quite beautiful, with lovely long curly hair, but her face was the color of a ripe tomato and her eyes were on fire. She asked Ferdinando what he thought he was doing there, and with her, meaning Daisy. Daisy felt like crawling under the table. The patio was packed and she'd never felt so centered out in all her life. She wanted to get up and leave but she stayed to witness the conclusion. The Italian beauty smacked the gondolier across his brown handsome face and stormed away across the patio like a thunderstorm.

Ferdinando, who was speechless for a moment, quickly gathered his wits and apologized. "I am so sorry, Daisy," he said. "It is her. She..."

But Daisy wouldn't let him finish. "Please," she said, "don't say another word. I understand. You don't have to explain. I think you ought to go home now. Hopefully,

she'll still be waiting for you."

On the plane back to the United States, Daisy sat there at 35,000 feet mulling over the deal she had made with Mr. Domanico. It was a coup to be sure. She had already called the director of sales for the auction firm and he was thrilled to say the least. He was going to begin the publicity at once. She swallowed a couple of times to relieve the bit of pressure in her ears and set her head against the back of the seat. She was tired but she couldn't sleep. With the thrum of the jet engines some of the passengers had dozed off. From the corner of her eye, she peered at the elderly woman beside her; she was snoring quietly, with her head tipped down and her glasses almost falling off her nose. As successful as the trip had been--romance aside-- Daisy still felt the turn of events was too good to be true. It was that Ferdinando, she told herself with a twisted little smile; he's made me feel insecure now about the sincerity of human nature.

The day before the auction company was to send Daisy with the 1822 United States half eagle to a third party to have it authenticated and graded, they got a phone call from Mr. Domanico in Venice, Italy. He wanted his coin back.

It turned out that the painting for which he'd taken the coin as part payment, Caravaggio's Cristo nell' orto, was a fake.

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President's Message

Numismatists have been termed: avid collectors, greedy speculators, mere accumulators, astute buyers, clever bargainers, imaginative collectors and also keen students. We are any of these things or all. Among numismatists we all can find examples of these types. Numismatics is coming of age, and numismatists are now expanding their interest. Everyone from age 6 to 96 enjoys the hobby.

I have visited 9 clubs in the past month and saw lots of enthusiasm in most but a couple are lacking participation and variety. Your club will only get better if the members come forward and contribute. I have seen this in a number of clubs lets keep the hobby thriving by giving just a little more. We will work with your club in showing how it can be improved just let me know.

In September when we all get back to our clubs, bring along a friend or a youth. Maybe try joining more than one coin club in your area. You always get different knowledge and enjoyment from each coin club. Most clubs and coin shows do take the summer off but that doesn't mean we forget our hobby.

The C.N.A convention being held in Calgary promises to be a worthwhile convention. For those going west don't forget to attend, July 20 to 23. I hope to see a few familiar faces out there. Happy Hunting.

Our executive meeting in Brantford was a very productive meeting. A lot of items were talked about with plenty of feedback from all present. Our new area directors were introduced at this time. I am looking forward in the next two years to working with all the area directors to promote the hobby for all ages.

As president I am pleased that the executive supported the Coins for Kids 101 course so this can start to show that we are working to get the younger people interested in the hobby of collecting coins.

In August there are three coin shows, one in the cottage country and two in southern Ontario. Do get out and support the clubs and organizers of these events. Enjoy the summer and hope to see you soon.

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Tom Rogers

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Membership Report

The applications for membership which appeared in the May/June issue of the Ontario Numismatist have been accepted. We welcome Dave Marcella, Don Brad Stephen P. Woodland and Christine Guyatt-Woodland.

The following application for membership has been received. If there are no objections, he will be accepted into ONA Membership and his acceptance published in the next bulletin.

1841 Tony Hine, Toronto

Bruce Raszmann,
ONA Membership Chair

Jokes

A big-city counterfeiter decided the best place to pass off his phony \$18 bills would be in some small, hick Texas town. So, he packed his bags and off he went. When he arrived in a small, hick Texas town, the counterfeiter entered a store and handed one of the bogus bills to the man behind the counter. "Can you change this for me, please?" he asked. The store clerk looked at the \$18 bill for a short time, then smiled and replied, "I reckon so, mister... do ya want two nines or three sixes?"

Submitted by Bill Cousins

WHAT IS THE AVERAGE AGE OF YOUR CLUB MEMBERS?

When one looks around a club meeting, not many people will challenge the fact that the average age of members must be in the 80s (so okay, we are exaggerating a little bit, by a year or two). As well, more and more people we know are getting married (actually, remarried) at a ripe old age.

As a public service, we are pleased to publish the following, which we recently received from one of our sources. Treat it as a joke if you wish, but we have a feeling some of you will take it very serious and rush right down to your local drug store to make the appropriate arrangements.

Jacob, age 92, and Rebecca, age 89, are all excited about their decision to get married. They go for a stroll to discuss the wedding and on the way they pass a drugstore. Jacob suggests they go in.

Jacob addresses the man behind the counter:

"Are you the owner?"

The pharmacist answers "Yes."

Jacob: "We're about to get married. Do you sell heart medication?"

Pharmacist: "Of course we do."

Jacob: "How about medicine for circulation?"

Pharmacist: "All kinds."

Jacob: "Medicine for rheumatism, scoliosis?"

Pharmacist: "Definitely."

Jacob: "How about Viagra?"

Pharmacist: "Of course."

Jacob: "Medicine for memory problems, arthritis, Jaundice?"

Pharmacist: "Yes, a large variety. The works."

Jacob: "What about vitamins, sleeping pills, Geritol, antidotes for Parkinson's disease?"

Pharmacist: "Absolutely."

Jacob: "You sell wheelchairs and walkers?"

Pharmacist: "All speeds and sizes."

Jacob says to the pharmacist: "We'd like to register here for our wedding gifts, please."

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UPCOMING SHOWS

Is your club holding a show? If so, let us know. Send the details to inside@primus.ca, and we will gladly include it here.

Aug. 7, PARIS

SWON Show, Paris Fairgrounds, 139 Silver St. Hours: 9 a.m. To 4:30 p.m. Admission \$2. Ticket for a draw for a gold coin with paid admission. For more information, contact Ted's Collectables Inc. (866) 747-COIN (2646) or email tedscollectables@bellnet.ca.

Aug. 13, COLLINGWOOD

Collingwood-Georgian Bay Coin & Stamp Club Show and Bourse, Leisure Time Club. Hours: 9a.m. To 3p.m. Parking and admission are free. Lots of room to roam with tables to search, trade and buy. Tokens, coins, paper money, stamps, postcards, sports cards, trade dollars, militaria, CTC coupons. Light refreshments will again be served. For more information please contact Bill Skinner at wskinner@bconnex.net or (705) 429-5669.

Aug. 28, WOODSTOCK

16th Annual Show, South Gate Centre, 191 Old Wellington St. S. Admission \$1, kids free. Sponsor: Woodstock Coin Club. For more information, contact Tom Rogers at (519) 451-2316.

Sept. 10-11, NIAGARA FALLS

T L Coin Show, Ramada Suites Hotel, 7389 Lundy's Lane. Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Both days. Admission \$3, seniors and students \$2. Children under 12 free. Free parking. For more information contact Linda Robinson (905) 309-5967 or email lindann@sympatico.ca.

Sept. 18, LONDON

London Numismatic Society Annual Coin Show, Ramada Inn, 817 Exeter Rd. (Hwy 401 at Wellington Rd.) Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission \$1, includes draws. For more information, contact Len Buth (519) 641-4353 or lbuth@webmanager.on.ca.

Sept. 23-25, HAMILTON

TNS, Ramada Plaza Hotel, 150 King St. E. Level P3. Dealer set-up Friday from 2p.m. Early bird admittance and show pass \$20. Public admittance Sat. & Sun at 10 a.m. Adults \$4, seniors and young collectors \$2. Auctions by Jeffrey Hoare Auctions, Inc. Numismatic auction on Sat., Militaria auction on Sun. For more information contact Terry MacHugh (905) 570-2434 or by email rscoins@cogeco.ca.

Oct. 1, OSHAWA

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Oct. 1, GUELPH

South Wellington & Waterloo Coin Societies Coin Show, Col. John McCrea Royal Canadian Legion, 919 York Rd. Hwy#7. Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Penny draw prizes, free parking, free admission. Coins, medals, tokens, banknotes, trade dollars. For more information, contact South Wellington Coin Society c/o Lowell Wierstra, 8 Smart Street, Guelph, ON.

Oct. 23, STRATFORD

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Oct. 29-30, TORONTO

TOREX, Radisson Admiral Hotel, 249 Queen's Quay W. Admiral's Ballroom. Hours: Sat. 10 am to 5 pm; Sun 10 - 3 pm. Admission \$6. Visit www.torex.net for details.

Nov. 5, SCARBOROUGH

9th Annual Scarborough Coin Club Show, Cedarbrook Community Centre, 91 Eastpark Blvd. Hours: 9 am to 3 pm. Free admission and hourly draws, refreshments available. For more information contact Dick Dunn at cpms@idirect.com.

Nov. 13, WINDSOR

Windsor Coin Club will hold its 54th Annual Fall Coin Show at the Caboto Club, 2175 Parent Avenue, Windsor. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission of \$1 includes draws for hourly door prizes and a grand prize. Juniors admitted free. Lots of free parking. For more information contact Margaret Clarke at (519) 735-0727, mclarke@wincom.net.



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News From Other Clubs

Compiled by Rick Johnson

1 - Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors. They give out a free wood with each bulletin to members. Contact Al Munro, Box 2643, Station Main, Calgary, AB, T2P 3C1 for membership application, \$10/year, \$5/year if under 16.

2 - St. Thomas Numismatic Association. Their June Bulletin expresses their enthusiasm at hosting the 2006 ONA Convention in London.

3 - Woodstock Coin Club held their election meeting in June. Along with serving ice cream & strawberries. We should be able to report the election results in the next bulletin.

4 - Nickel Belt Coin Club held their elections in May. President: Allan McQuiston, 1st VP: Bob Denton, 2nd VP: Harold Brown, Past President: Gerry Albert, Directors: Robert Ross & Annette Rioux, Secretary: Rolly Albert and Treasurer: Joe Ash. Congratulations to all!

5 - North York Coin Club nominated Terry O'Brien to be their delegate at the CNA Convention in Calgary. Club member George Fraser recently celebrated his 94th birthday. Congratulations to both!

6 - Ottawa Coin Club published in their June bulletin a list of all sources in the Ottawa area for acquiring Numismatic material. Also their bulletin is now available electronically, contact cocc@rogers.com.

7 - Ingersoll Coin Club is advising members to start saving their coin wrappers in anticipation of a new aspect of collecting emerging.

8 - The Classical & Medieval Numismatic Society welcomes submissions for publication in their quarterly journal. Contact oliver.hoover@sympatico.ca if you have any interest.

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Calgary Numismatic Society Hosts 55th Annual CNA Convention
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The Calgary Numismatic Society is pleased to host the 55th Anniversary Convention of The Canadian Numismatic Association. 2005 is the 100th Anniversary of the formation of the Province of Alberta and The Canadian Numismatic Association's 2005 Convention shares with the residents of Alberta in celebrating the 100th Anniversary by declaring its theme "Alberta 100 Years Proud: Come Celebrate Our Centennial".

The 2005 Convention Committee is pleased to offer several offsite tours which will allow the delegates to share in Alberta's and Calgary's rich historical, cultural and natural resources. The convention activities commence Wednesday morning with a bus tour of some of the scenic and historic highlights of the province's southern landscape. The tour will travel south of Calgary showing the participants a brief glimpse of some of Calgary's southern neighbours including High River, Nanton, with its numerous antique shops and its Lancaster bomber display, and Claresholm. The bus will not stop in any of these locations but will continue on to its first destination "Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump".

Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump is a World Heritage Site located approximately 2 hours south of Calgary. The interpretive centre at the site allows visitors to view one of the oldest, largest and best preserved buffalo jumps in North America. The five level site provides an excellent insight to the methods, procedures and actual site used by the native Americans for nearly 6,000 years. Lunch will be provided at the interpretive centre and will feature their famous delicious "Buffalo Stew".

The tour will then proceed through historic Fort McLeod, with its many historic buildings, to the south-west corner of the Province, where in this breathtaking part of the world, the majestic Rocky Mountains rise suddenly out of the rolling prairies. Amid the peaks are the beautiful lakes of Waterton Lakes National Park, carved out of the rock by ancient glaciers. Also located in the Park is the beautiful and historic Prince of Wales hotel. In the Park there will be a brief stop to enjoy the mountain air and the amenities of the town

The bus will then return to Calgary along scenic Highway 22X through the "Foothills" of Alberta and will pass by the Big Rock near Okotoks. The Big Rock is a glacial erratic (huge boulder) left behind following the retreat of the last ice age 10,000 years ago. The Big Rock is estimated to weigh 16,000 tons. Okotoks is named for the Blackfoot word "okatok," which means rock. The bus will arrive in Calgary around 6:00 PM leaving the delegates the whole evening to enjoy the restaurants and sights of Calgary.

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On Friday morning the spouses and delegates will be given a chance to share in Calgary's rich history by enjoying a tour of some of the gravesites of the famous or infamous residents in Calgary's Union Cemetery. The cemetery tour will be led by Don Sucha, a member of the Calgary Numismatic Society and an avid local history researcher. Among the gravesites that will be visited are: Thomas Kempster; one of the original inventors of the Mounted Police Musical Ride, who has his medals engraved on his tombstone; Col. James Macleod, the man who ordered the building of Fort Calgary and who gave Calgary its name; Harry Cooper, The Yorkshire Giant - a circus performer of immense height who passed away while performing in Calgary and whose grave remained unmarked for over 100years; George Clift King, the first Mountie to set foot on the site of Fort Calgary, and who became Mayor of Calgary following a scandal; and Sam Livingstone, Calgary's first white settler. The tour will then proceed to the restored turn of the 20th Century residence of Senator James Lougheed, grandfather of Alberta's former Premier, Peter Lougheed, for lunch and a tour of the restored residence. The residence was restored for the Province's centennial.

On Friday evening, delegates and guests are invited to The Nickle Arts Museum, located on the campus of the University of Calgary. The Nickle Arts Museum holds one of the most important numismatic collections in Canada. The museum opened in 1979 and is named in honour of its benefactors, Sam and Carl Nickle. Carl Nickle was a prominent Calgary coin collector, whose large collection comprises the core of the museum's numismatic holdings. The numismatic Curator, Geraldine Chimirri-Russell will give delegates and guests a private tour of the two major numismatic exhibitions, "Canadian Money" and "Money bridging Cultures," The latter exhibition is part of the International Council of Museums theme of "Museums Bridging Cultures", and features so-called primitive money, recently donated in honour of Jack Shinske. The cost includes a cocktail party with a no host bar available.

On Saturday, spouses and delegates will be given the opportunity to see some of the more famous sites of Calgary by participating in a bus tour in the afternoon. Some of the sites that will be encountered are the Calgary Tower, the Pengrowth Saddledome, Canada Olympic Park, the Calgary Zoo, and the University of Calgary featuring the Olympic Oval and The Nickle Arts Museum.



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UNCOVERING HITLER'S COUNTERFEITING SCHEME

(Part 2: The Search for Answers: Lake Toplitz, Austria*)

When *60 Minutes II* went to Lake Toplitz in the Austrian Alps last summer, it was looking for secrets the Nazis had dumped there in the final days of World War II. But if the wooden pieces the crew found were the remains of the Nazi project, the packing boxes had fallen apart and whatever was inside them was clearly in bad shape. It seemed Hitler's secret could be lost to history. But if the high technology was being defeated by Toplitz, there was something else that could bring a conclusion to Hitler's Lake.

The memory of 83-year-old Adolf Burger is as sharp today as it was during the Holocaust. He will never forget the moment when, as a Jewish prisoner, he was ordered to pack up the secret Nazi project. "All the boxes were numbered at that time... They were all numbered according to a protocol," he recalled.

He never dreamed he would see them again. Burger's eyes have seen a crime most of the world knows nothing about. It is a Holocaust story that he witnessed because he survived every step of the way. "I survived five concentration camps over a period of three years. We looked at death on a daily basis. You were never sure of your life," said Burger.

Early in 1942, Burger's life was a joy. He was living in his native Czechoslovakia, a printer by trade. And he had just married Gisella, his bride, whom he describes as "in love with life and full of hope." A few weeks after their marriage, the Gestapo came to the print shop. He was arrested the day before his 25th birthday. "I'll never forget that as long as I live. It was August 11, 1942." The newlyweds were prodded onto a livestock train and shipped to Auschwitz. "No one can imagine such a night," said Burger. "Sixty people and 60 suitcases in a livestock car. Then the train finally stopped.... The doors were opened and they shouted 'Everyone out, everyone out.'"

On the platform at Auschwitz, the young couple was separated. "She told me, 'Think about me every night at eight o'clock, and I will think about you,'" remembered Burger. "In this way, our thoughts will come together." He never saw her again.

Gisella Burger was murdered in the gas chambers. But the Nazis had something else in mind for her husband. His journey through the death camps was just beginning, because the Nazis needed him. Fifty-five years later, *60 Minutes II* brought him to the lake to help search for proof of his amazing story.

Looking at the video image relayed from the underwater vessel, Burger thought he recognized the markings on the remains of the boxes that were found. The evidence was in The Phantom's mechanical grasp. The crew brought up the one plank that could confirm the discovery of Nazi boxes. It was at the surface, seeing daylight for the first time in five decades - and then it slipped back into the water. Pilot Jeff Kowalishen tried to catch the evidence on the fly, but it vanished, just as the Nazis had intended.

Why the S.S. dropped the boxes in the lake was still a mystery. But if it was to get rid of them forever - it was working. Solving the mystery meant Oceaneering would have to take a much bigger risk. To get to the bottom of Toplitz and its secrets, a man would have to go down. Oceaneering called in the cavalry - a team of deep-ocean divers and their one-man submarine called a WASP. The WASP can dive to 2,000 feet, and the air inside is recycled. At least in theory, a diver can breathe in there for three days.

Ken Tyler made the first trip down 200 feet into the debris field and discovered paper that had been soaking in water for 55 years. "It's very, very fragile. It's falling to bits," said Tyler while underwater in the one-man submarine. Whatever it was, it was coming apart like confetti. It wasn't clear how much, if any, would make it to the surface. And if it did make it, would Burger recognize it?

As the first bundle of paper came up, it became clear what the diver had found. The notes were inscribed with the words "Bank of England." The boxes were full of cash, perhaps millions of dollars in counterfeit British pounds. But the discovery was only one piece of an incredible story. Burger recognized the fake notes because he printed them at the point of a gun in a concentration camp. "These are the ones I was printing. That's

unbelievable, 55 years later I see my own product," said Burger.

Shortly after his wife was murdered, Burger was ordered to the Auschwitz camp commandant, expecting to be sent to his death. "He stands up and says 'Mr. Burger, you are leaving here tomorrow. We need skilled workers like you in Berlin,'" recalled Burger. He wasn't the only one. Dozens of Jewish craftsmen were being picked out of death camps and sent to work on a secret project in Sauchsenhausen, a camp outside of Berlin. Burger's trade had saved his life.

When Burger arrived at the camp, he found himself with 140 other special prisoners, all of whom were artists in their fields. There were bookbinders, engravers and printers. They were escorted to two barracks that were sealed off from the rest of the camp behind barbed wire. The windows were painted over for absolute secrecy. Inside the two buildings, the men found the very latest printing equipment, a photo lab, everything they would need for what would become the greatest counterfeiting operation in history.

The project was part of a Nazi scheme to print money on a vast scale (the equivalent of \$4.5 billion), most of it in British pounds. Rabbi Marvin Hier is among the world's leading Holocaust scholars and an authority on Hitler's S.S. "This was a very serious undertaking that could cripple the Allies," said Hier. It was Hitler's secret weapon. The idea was to flood the world with bogus money to undermine the Allied currencies and, at the same time, help pay for the war. The closely guarded secret was supervised by Heinrich Himmler, head of Hitler's S.S. "You would imagine in 1943: They're defeated in Stalingrad. They're beginning to lose battles, the invincible Third Reich," said Hier. He speculates that "Himmler would inform the Fuhrer... 'Hey, not to worry, my Fuhrer. We've got a plan, and it'll be very soon now that we're gonna bankrupt... all these Western economies.'"

After perfecting the British pound, the prison print shop copied the American \$100 bill. By war's end, they were prepared to print \$1 million a day. According to Burger, "The first 200 bills were finished on Feb. 22, 1945. We were supposed to start printing the first million dollars the next day. But on that day, Feb. 23, there was an order from the Reich

Security's main office to stop work and dismantle the machinery. The Russians are 300 kilometers from Berlin."

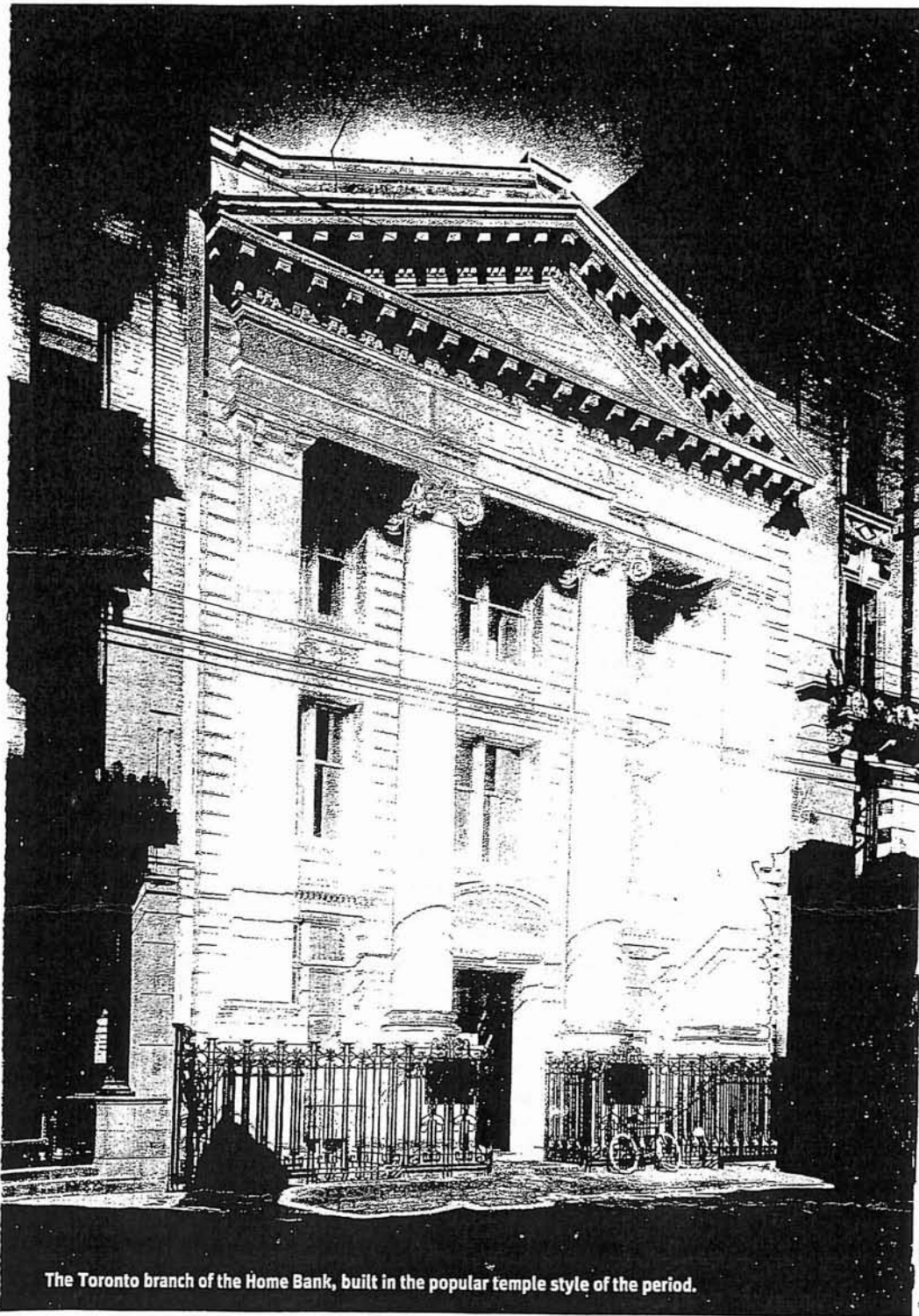
Before the dollars could roll off the press, the print shop was on the run. The end of the road for the Nazis and the counterfeit prisoners came at Ebensee, Austria, which was the very last concentration camp to be liberated. When Burger finally ran through the gate, a free man, he wanted only one thing - a camera. He took pictures because he was afraid no one would ever believe his story of death camps and economic sabotage.

The evidence of this incredible scheme was being brought back from 200 feet some 55 years later. The WASP team made 15 dives and logged 34 hours on the bottom of Lake Toplitz. *60 Minutes II* put the deteriorating notes into the hands of two world experts on paper conservation, Bernard Lebeau and Florence Hereenschmidt of the French company LP3. They initially doubted the notes could be saved.

Four months later, outside Paris, their work was unveiled. The pounds dried so well they could be separated. Even the fake watermarks could be seen. Hitler's bills were perfect. It turns out the Nazis used some of them to pay off spies and finance commando operations. They were in circulation from Europe to South America. There were so many that, by the end of the war, the Bank of England was forced to recall all its currency and redesign the pound. "If they had this counterfeiting operation fully organized in 1939 and early 1940, the results of World War II may have been quite different," said Hier.

Adolf Burger thinks the expedition to the bottom of Lake Toplitz was important to bring awareness to the atrocities committed by the Nazis: "Millions of people will see it again on TV, millions of people will see what the Nazis did... I know I've done a very small bit of work in order for the young to learn the truth." The money recovered from Hitler's counterfeiting print shop will soon be on display. The Simon Wiesenthal Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles is creating an exhibit around the artifacts from Hitler's lake.

*A CBS News documentary that aired on *60 Minutes II*, November 21, 2000. The article has been edited from its original content to fit this journal.



The Toronto branch of the Home Bank, built in the popular temple style of the period.

Eighty years ago, Ottawa took control of the business of banking. It was forced to. A great bank had collapsed and many Canadians were ruined.

The Bank That Went Bust

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by John Turley-Ewart

This is not a begging letter, Sir," wrote Mrs. Hill of Toronto's 45 Sackville Street in her brief note of August 22, 1923, to T.L. Church, her local Member of Parliament. It is "to ask you to try to get our money back, if it is humanly possible, for the poorer class at any rate." The "money,"—\$234.19 (roughly \$2,600 today)—was put aside, said the desperate woman, for the coming "winter's supply of clothing and coal" that she, her husband, and their two small children would surely need. She had "banked" most of their cash in May, for fear she would "lose it" at home.

Five days before pleading to Church for help, Mrs. Hill had been enjoying the warm, sleepy Friday afternoon in Toronto and had decided to deposit another \$40 in the small bank she had come to trust with her family's money. She did so at precisely 2:30 P.M. Her peace of mind, and that of roughly 60,000 other Home Bank depositors from Quebec to Fernie, British Columbia, was shattered thirty minutes later when the seventy-one-branch, Toronto-based Home Bank of Canada shut down. Much of Mrs. Hill's savings, and those of others, was gone.

With the Home Bank went an era when many had faith in the transparency of their banks, and national governments were keen to stay out of the business of banking. What followed saw many Canadians turn to government to underwrite their banks' honesty and politicians increasingly feel comfortable intervening in the business of banking in the name of the public good.

Acrimony spoiled the party when Parliament opened in November 1867. In October, the divide between Canada's first finance minister, Sir Alexander Galt, and his cabinet colleagues, including Prime Minister Sir John A. Macdonald, was laid bare. Galt wanted Ottawa to intervene and save failing banks, smooth over economic upheaval, rescue ruined depositors, protect debtors from having their loans called before they were due, and bail out bank investors as well as bank executives who exercised bad judgment using the public purse to finance the entire process. Galt had support in Ontario, but not where it counted, in Macdonald's cabinet, which rejected his pleas for an interventionist policy. After the pomp and ceremony of the opening day of Canada's first Parliament, Galt resigned. His failure to persuade Macdonald and others reflected the reality of the new government's troubled finances.

What to do about banking claimed Canada's second finance minister, Sir John Rose, a little less than two years later. Rose took to heart demands for a sound banking system, inspired in part by the 1866 failure of the Bank of Upper Canada, which left Ontario without a large bank capable of competing with the Montreal-based Bank of Montreal, the biggest North American bank in 1867.

Rose, a Montreal MP and friend of Macdonald's, pro-

posed legislation modelled on U.S. federal banking law. Though it made safety a priority, many businessmen, farmers, and bankers in Ontario and the Maritimes felt safety came at the expense of competition and access to bank credit needed to grow the new national economy. Like Galt before him, Rose failed to inspire cabinet confidence. Macdonald withdrew Rose's proposed legislation in May 1869, and shortly thereafter once again sought a finance minister who could deliver a blueprint for banking that would not threaten the stability of his government. Macdonald turned in the end to an old hand, Sir Francis Hincks, who, after a long political career in pre-Confederation Canada, had been absent from politics for a decade.

Hincks's solution was presented in the Bank Act, 1871, legislation that was promoted as the answer to demands for safety. It proved nothing of the kind. It did not even define a bad debt, which allowed imprudent bank managers to hide their losses.

While the Dominion government issued currency valued at \$4 or less, banks issued their own bank notes, the bulk of the country's currency, on the proviso that they not exceed the value of the bank's capital, which was to act as insurance to note holders if the bank failed. But Ottawa neither enforced this precaution nor required minimum reserves to keep a bank strong in bad times. Canada's banks would be entirely self-regulating despite the public perception that the government had put new safeguards in place—a perception created, for example, by monthly statements from the banks listing their assets and liabilities that were published by Canada's finance department. Neither Hincks nor Macdonald, however, wanted the government tangled up in regulating the banks and did not require the banks' submitted statements to be verified. Their accuracy was only ascertained, admitted a finance official years later, "after an investigation of the affairs of the Bank and in that case ... the guilty parties are generally out of reach before the false character of the return is discovered." Hincks's Act called on bankers to be transparent. Some lived up to the challenge, but a good many, including those who led the Home Bank, did not.

The Home Bank of Canada's roots reached back to 1854 when it operated as the Toronto Savings Bank, an institution launched by Catholic senator James Mason and promoted by priests to their largely working-class, Irish parishioners. In 1905 Mason obtained a federal bank charter and turned his provincial savings institution into a federal bank so that it could expand to other provinces. This allowed him to collect more deposits that he could convert into loans for stock, bond, and real-estate speculators who found fortune in the economic prosperity that lifted Canada's economy to new heights after 1896.

One of those speculators was the eccentric Sir Henry Pellatt, a millionaire mining and utilities promoter who was a friend of Mason's son, James Cooper Mason. Pellatt had met

Mason when he joined the Queens Own Rifles of Canada in the early 1890s, and had relied on the Masons to bankroll speculative land deals in Western Canada that made him rich. When the company became a bank, Pellatt had no intention of taking his hand out of the till, and the Masons, who controlled the bank, saw no reason to ask him to.

Six years later, in 1912, with an economy heading into recession, Pellatt owed the bank the astounding sum of \$4.5 million (or \$75 million today) and had just started building his Toronto vanity project, Casa Loma, which, when finished in 1914, cost an estimated \$3.5 million. Pellatt's loans were not being repaid; other very large and reckless loans made by Mason were equally unproductive. Together they compromised the Home Bank's liquidity.

Thus was the state of the Home Bank when the spectre of war shook world markets in the summer of 1914 and crippled the finances of Canada's Conservative government, led by Robert Borden. To bolster confidence in the banks, which had suffered runs on deposits in the days before war was declared on August 4, Canada's finance minister, Thomas White, in consultation with a small group of the country's senior and most trusted bankers, devised the Finance Act,

1914. The act departed from Macdonald's noninterventionist banking policy, essentially turning Canada's treasury into a central bank that would offer banks loans to tide them over during bad times. It also gave the government a mechanism to increase the supply of credit to the banks and, through them, to farmers and businesses, boosting the economy in the process. The Home Bank was one of the first to knock on Ottawa's door.

The Masons wanted \$450,000, but they needed to provide the government with appropriate collateral, something they did not have. The bank should have been closed immediately, but Canada was at war, its own finances were in bad shape, another bank, the Bank of Vancouver, had just failed to great public outcry, and for the sake of maintaining stability the finance minister hoped a loan combined with time would cure what ailed the Home Bank. In the end, it made it much worse.

Within a year White would regret his decision. The government loan to the bank had forced the senior Mason, who acted as the bank's general manager, to crack open the books ever so slightly to some Toronto Home Bank directors who wanted to know why the Home Bank was applying to Ottawa for a loan. One of those directors informed the Home Bank's Winnipeg branch manager, W.H. MacHaffie, that the bank was in "a most serious state of affairs." MacHaffie soon told the bank's three western directors, led by the president of the influential Grain Growers' Grain Company, Thomas Crerar, about the suspected problems.

Crerar saw the Home Bank as a welcome addition to the West and its credit-hungry farmers. The Grain Growers' Grain Company had benefited from that competition, obtaining needed loans from the Home Bank, yet Crerar wanted answers. In Toronto, he hit a wall of silence. Crerar responded by asking White to investigate.

Crerar's persistence drew the ire of Edmund Bristol, a Conservative MP from Toronto who was personally indebted to the bank for more than \$30,000. With his business partners, Charles Barnard, a Home Bank director and Montreal investment dealer, and W. Grant Morden, a Canadian-born British MP and deputy chairman of Canada Steamship Lines, Bristol had used influence to win a large deposit from Ontario's Conservative government, which was part of a larger scheme to obtain financing from the Home Bank for a railway in New Orleans. Bristol, not wanting his plans spoiled, hired private detectives in a vain attempt to discredit Crerar and the other two western directors. Crerar was clean, but Bristol had little to worry about. Mason made sure he received the financing he was after.

Nevertheless, White could not ignore Crerar's request and turned to his friend and trusted lawyer, Zebulon Lash, vice-president of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, who examined the state of the Home Bank. By 1916 he had found that three times the bank's capital was locked up in four large loans, including those to Pellatt, Bristol and his partners, and other Home Bank directors living in Toronto. Lash should have recommended the Home Bank be closed. Instead, he advised little more than cosmetic changes, asking that the seventy-three-year-old Mason be removed as general manager. He soon retired, only to be replaced by his equally incompetent son, James Cooper Mason.

While the self-dealing financiers in charge of the Home Bank were running the bank into the ground, Canadian banking itself was going through an important transformation that had started just before the war and that the war had accelerated. Canada's banking industry was consolidating. Unenterprising institutions were, with government approval, being merged with stronger competitors, making the country's banking system more stable in the process. One merger, the 1921 deal that



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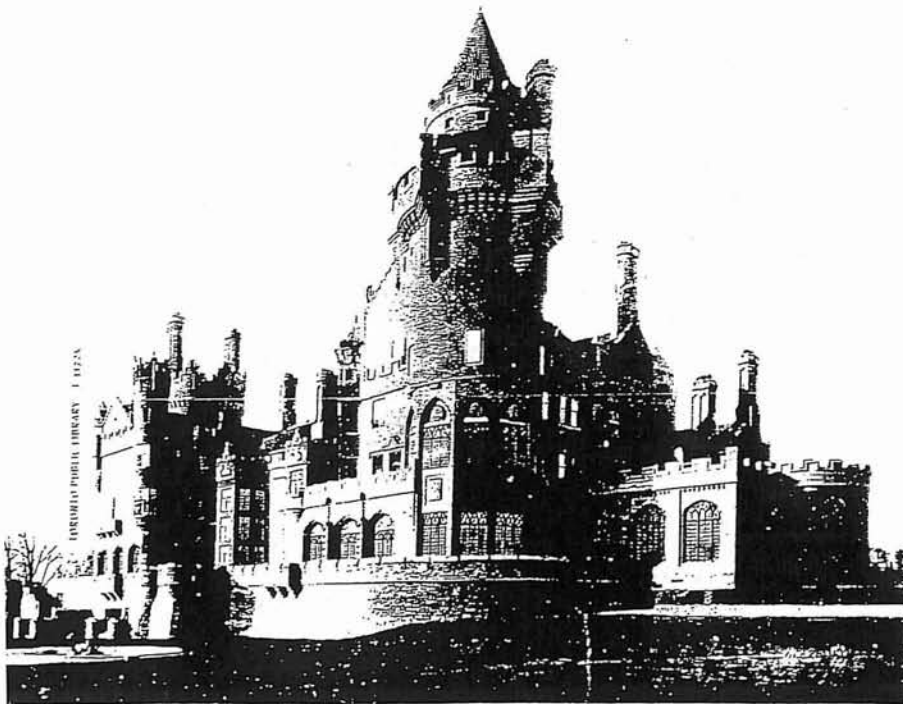
A hundred years ago, Canada had no central bank. Private banks, like the Home Bank of Canada, could license their own currency.

Sir Henry and Lady Pellatt (below, right), circa 1909. Kingston-born Pellatt (1859-1939) made his fortune in electricity, insurance, mining, transportation, and land speculation, and relied on his cronies at the Home Bank of Canada to bankroll his financial activities. Before the First World War, Pellatt owed the Home Bank \$4.5 million and had just begun construction of his eccentric \$3.5-million Toronto home, Casa Loma (below). The collapse of the Home Bank sent Pellatt into bankruptcy, forcing him to sell his beloved castle.

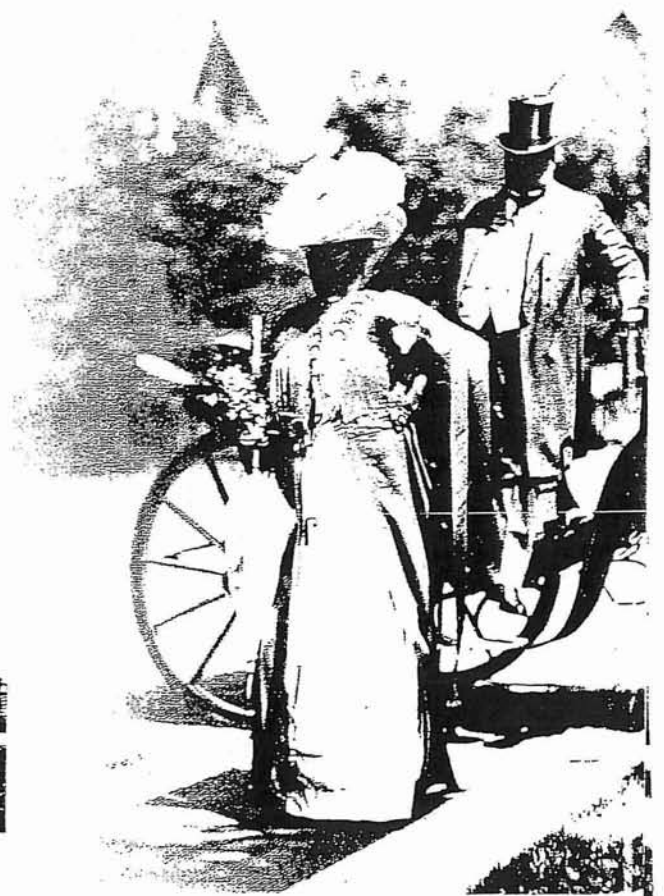
James Cooper Mason was the son of Senator James Mason, who in 1854 founded the Toronto Savings Bank, an institution directed largely to working-class Irish. It later became the Home Bank of Canada. Mason Jr.'s connection to Sir Henry Pellatt through a shared interest in the militia led in part to the ruinous financing that brought down the Home Bank in 1923.



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The Fernie, British Columbia, branch of the Home Bank of Canada after a fire in 1908. When the Home Bank, one of the busiest banks in Fernie, filed for bankruptcy in August 1923, many local businesses and organizations, including the City of Fernie, lost heavily.

joined two of the country's largest banks – Merchants Bank of Canada and the Bank of Montreal – ensured stability, but at the same time it chipped away at the faith Canadians had in their banks.

The merger was not one of equals. The 400-branch

Merchants Bank of Canada was badly mismanaged and faced \$8 million in losses, equal to nearly \$80 million today. The Merchants' shareholders saw a large portion of their capital wiped out. The Bank Act, 1871, fiddled with over the years but still largely intact, had proven inadequate to the task of protecting bank investors and customers. The only good news was that Merchants Bank was not too far gone for the Bank of Montreal to save.

The new Bank Act, designed to prevent another Merchants Bank fiasco, was introduced in March 1923 by Liberal finance minister William Stevens Fielding, the former Nova Scotia premier who had served as finance minister in Sir Wilfrid Laurier's governments from 1896 to 1911. Auditors from two different firms would now be required to report to each bank's chief executive and its board of directors suspect transactions and large loans, ensuring directors were far more accountable to shareholders. Moreover, to guard against conflicts of interest, a bank's external auditors were prohibited from taking retainers or other business

from their clients. The legislation was passed but was given little chance to show its true value before it was superceded by legislation that came on the heels of the Home Bank's collapse.

The fundamental change contained in the 1923 act concerned bank statements to Ottawa. Common accounting rules would now govern bank balance sheets. Market valuations, rather than future expectations, were to be enforced under threat of legal penalties. Most significant was the standard definition of a bad loan. Hincks's Bank Act had allowed bankers to use whatever definition they wanted for a bad loan. This would no longer suffice. The days when a loan could go unpaid for years and be reported in good standing were numbered.

On August 9, 1923, as the Home Bank's day of reckoning loomed, James Cooper Mason succumbed to a four-month battle with cancer. In his absence the new assistant general manager, A.E. Calvert, discovered a banking horror story. Calvert laid his findings before the bank's president, H.J. Daly, who scrambled with other officials to obtain a bailout from Ottawa barring a merger with another bank. Neither was possible. The Home Bank's bad loans had climbed to \$7 million. By August 17, the day Mrs. Hill made her last deposit, the scrambling was over. There was no hope for the Home Bank of Canada.

The money Mrs. Hill was to use to buy clothing and coal for the winter seems but a small loss compared to the hardship the Home Bank's failure caused many of its customers. In

Fernie, B.C., then a mining town where the Home Bank was the only bank in town, disabled miners lost a large share of their life savings needed to pay health-care costs. Committees of depositors were established across the West and in Ontario. Church groups took up the cause and looked to the Canadian Bankers Association to come up with the money from their members to repay the deposits belonging to the Home Bank's customers. They also turned to the federal government, demanding not only an investigation but compensation as well, arguing rightly that the government knew the precarious state the Home Bank was in years before and should have closed it then.

Canada's banks delivered the assistance they could, lending against what assets the Home Bank possessed so depositors could withdraw 25 cents on the dollar. The National Depositors Committee, which was established to press the case against the government for not protecting depositors, did not see its efforts rewarded till 1925, when government legislation used public money to pay Home Bank depositors another 35 cents on the dollar for deposits of up to \$500. No compensation was given for bank balances above \$500.

Criminal and civil charges were brought against a large number of Home Bank officials in December 1923, but to no avail. They were charged under the provisions of the bank act Hincks designed in 1871, which offered little satisfaction to the Mrs. Hills who were their victims.

At least one suicide (probably more), great hardship, and demands for political reform in Ottawa sprang out of the Home Bank's collapse. For the future of banking in Canada, it rang the death knell for the revised bank act Fielding had proposed in 1923 that would have given shareholders far more control over their banks than had been the case since Confederation. Shareholders' trust in bank directors, bank executives, and auditors paid to examine the books of banks had all

been badly damaged. The courts seemed incapable of holding those who had wronged depositors and investors to account. Government inspection, however, offered solace to voters that, should another Home Bank ever occur, at least politicians could be made to account for their failure to safeguard the interests of Canadians who relied on banks being safe places to do business.

The transparency called for by many in 1867 was enshrined in Fielding's original 1923 Bank Act. It came too late and was seen as too little by a great many Canadians when it did come into force. The Home Bank affair planted deep suspicions about the integrity of bankers and even the merits of capitalism. Shareholders and their auditors did not seem to be capable of guarding the public interest in Canadian banking. That role was taken over by the federal government, which created the Inspector General of Banks in 1924 to supervise banks. The decision ended once and for all Sir John A. Macdonald's five-decades-old policy that the business of banking was the business of bankers. In turn it gave rise to the face of banking today and the political predilection that banks are a public utility to be dictated to by politicians in the name of the public good.

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President's Message

Well members I do hope you had a long and enjoyable summer as I did. I attended the C.N.A. in Calgary, excellent show, met a lot of old friends and a few new ones too. The O.N.A. received a medal from the C.N.A. for donating funds and supporting the Canadian Coin Course 101 for the kids, which was produced by one of our own members, Fred Freeman with help from other C.N.A. members. Congratulations Fred from the O.N.A. executive and members, job well done.

I was over whelmed by the variety of the exhibits:

Tokens and Coins-Canadian Bank Notes-Foreign Coins& Notes-Exonumia-Replacement notes-Civil War errors-HBC Memorabilia. I am mentioning these displays as I would just love to see a cross selection like this at our O.N.A. Conventions at all times or maybe a quarter of them would do. Exhibits like these make a show worthwhile, and get you thinking about something else besides just coins and paper money to collect.

The Saskatchewan and Alberta quarters were launched there also. One of the RCM engravers of the Terry Fox dollar Alan Willen was present along with the artist of the Alberta quarter Michelle Grant. It is always interesting to see how the coins are designed and made.

Attending conventions you will come away with more knowledge, great ideas, but most of all new friends. C.N.A. and the Calgary Numismatic Association you showed us what numismatics and collecting are all about. Show well done.

I am going to try and get to as many club meetings as possible, for I do have some door prizes, which I obtained in my travels this summer.

Don't forget the O.N.A. convention next year will be in London, hosted by the St Thomas Numismatic Association. Please plan to attend and bring a friend for we are planning a good auction and exciting bourse, along with a larger exhibit with the help of our members.

NOTICE

Make sure your club keeps in mind the insurance for next year is coming due in November. We will try and keep it the same as last year. "I say we will try".

Tom Rogers

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Membership Report

The application for membership which appeared in the July/August issue of the Ontario Numismatist has been accepted. We welcome Tony Hine.

The following application for membership has been received. If there are no objections, he will be accepted into ONA Membership and his acceptance published in the next bulletin.

1842 Carl Ziegler, Little Current.

Bruce Raszmann,
ONA Membership Chair

Club Reports

Champlain Coin Club (Orillia) - This club hosted the local Scout Troop in April. What a great way to share information to a group of young potential coin collectors.

St. Thomas Numismatic Association - Has agreed to host the 2006 O.N.A. Convention to be held at the Best Western Lamplighter Hotel in London, Ontario on April 21, 22 & 23, 2006.

Woodstock Coin Club - Advises that well known Collector and Club Member, Jack Griffin, turned 91 on April 1st.

Oshawa & District Coin Club & The Stratford Coin Club - Both are celebrating their 45th year in 2005!

Funnies

Doctor - "How is the boy who swallowed the Silver Dollar?"

Nurse - "No change yet Doctor."

News Flash...Mint Employees on strike to make less money.

Coin Dealer - "You can have this roll of George V cents for \$5.00."

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Sept. 18, LONDON

London Numismatic Society Annual Coin Show, Ramada Inn, 817 Exeter Rd. (Hwy 401 & Wellington Rd.) Hours: 9:30 to 4:30 p.m. Admission is \$1, includes draws. Sponsor: London Numismatic Society. For more information contact Len Buth (519) 641-4353 or lbuth@webmanager.on.ca.

Sept. 23-25, HAMILTON

TNS, Ramada Place Hotel, 150 King St. E., Level P3. Dealer set-up Friday from 2:00 p.m. Early bird admittance and show pass \$20. Public admittance Sat. & Sun. At 10:00 a.m., Adults \$4, seniors and young collectors \$2. Auctions by Jeffery Hoare Auctions, Inc. Numismatic auction on Sat., Militaria

auction Sun. For more information contact Terry MacHugh at (905) 570-2434, rscoins@cogeco.ca.

Sept. 25, LEAMINGTON

First Annual Coin Show, Real Canadian Superstore, Community Room, 201 Talbot St. E. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free parking and admission. Sponsor: Essex County Coin Club. For more information contact M. Clarke at (519) 735-0727, mclarke@wincom.net.

Oct. 1, GUELPH

South Wellington & Waterloo Coin Societies Coin Show, Col. John McCrea Royal Canadian Legion, 919 York Rd. Hwy#7. Hours: 9:30 to 4:30 p.m. Penny draw prizes, free parking, free admission. Coins, medals, tokens, banknotes, trade dollars. For more information, contact SWCS c/o Lowell Wierstra, 8 Smart St., Guelph, ON.

Oct. 1, OSHAWA

Coin-A-Rama 2005, 5 Points Mall, 285 Taunton Rd. E. Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Free admission, featuring coins, paper money, tokens and medals. Free dealer draw, member draw and public draw. Sponsor: Oshawa & District Coin Club. For more information, contact Sharon or Earl at (905) 728-1352 or email: papman@idirect.com.

Oct. 2, TILLSONBURG

43rd Annual Tilsonburg Coin Show, Mt. Elgin Community Centre, Highway #19 (south off 401). Hours: 9:30 to 4:30 p.m. Free admission. Sponsor: Tillsonburg Coin Club. For more information, contact Wayne MacFarlane at (519) 842-6666.

Oct. 23, STRATFORD

Stratford Coin Club, Festival Inn, 1144 Ontario St. Hours: 10:00 to 4:00 p.m. Admission \$2. Penny draw. Sponsor: Stratford Coin Club. For more information contact Larry Walker, (519) 271-3352.

Oct. 29-30, TORONTO

Torex, Radisson Admiral Hotel, 249 Queen's Quay West, Admiral's Ballroom. Hours: Sat. 10 to 5 p.m., Sun. 10 to 3 p.m.. Admission \$6. For more information, contact Brian Smith at (416) 861-9523 or visit www.torex.net.

Nov. 26, NIAGARA FALLS

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No small change for coin

City artist designs centennial quarter

By SARAH KENNEDY
Calgary Sun

It's not easy for an artist to work on a canvas only two centimetres wide, but Michelle Grant's commemorative 25-cent coin design has really paid off.

The Calgarian was chosen from four different artists all vying to have their design mark the province's centennial on the back of a quarter.

The fact Grant's design was chosen by average Canadians — the first time the Royal Canadian Mint has allowed the public to participate in the selection of a coin design — means even more to her.

"Now I know how Canadian Idols feel," she said, laughing. "Average Canadians were drawn to the design and I find that very reassuring."

Entitled *Big Sky Country*, the coin features an oil derrick with cattle grazing at its base under Alberta's big sky. It encompasses all that Grant believes represents the province.

"I asked myself what depicts Alberta and then I tried to include all the elements," she said.

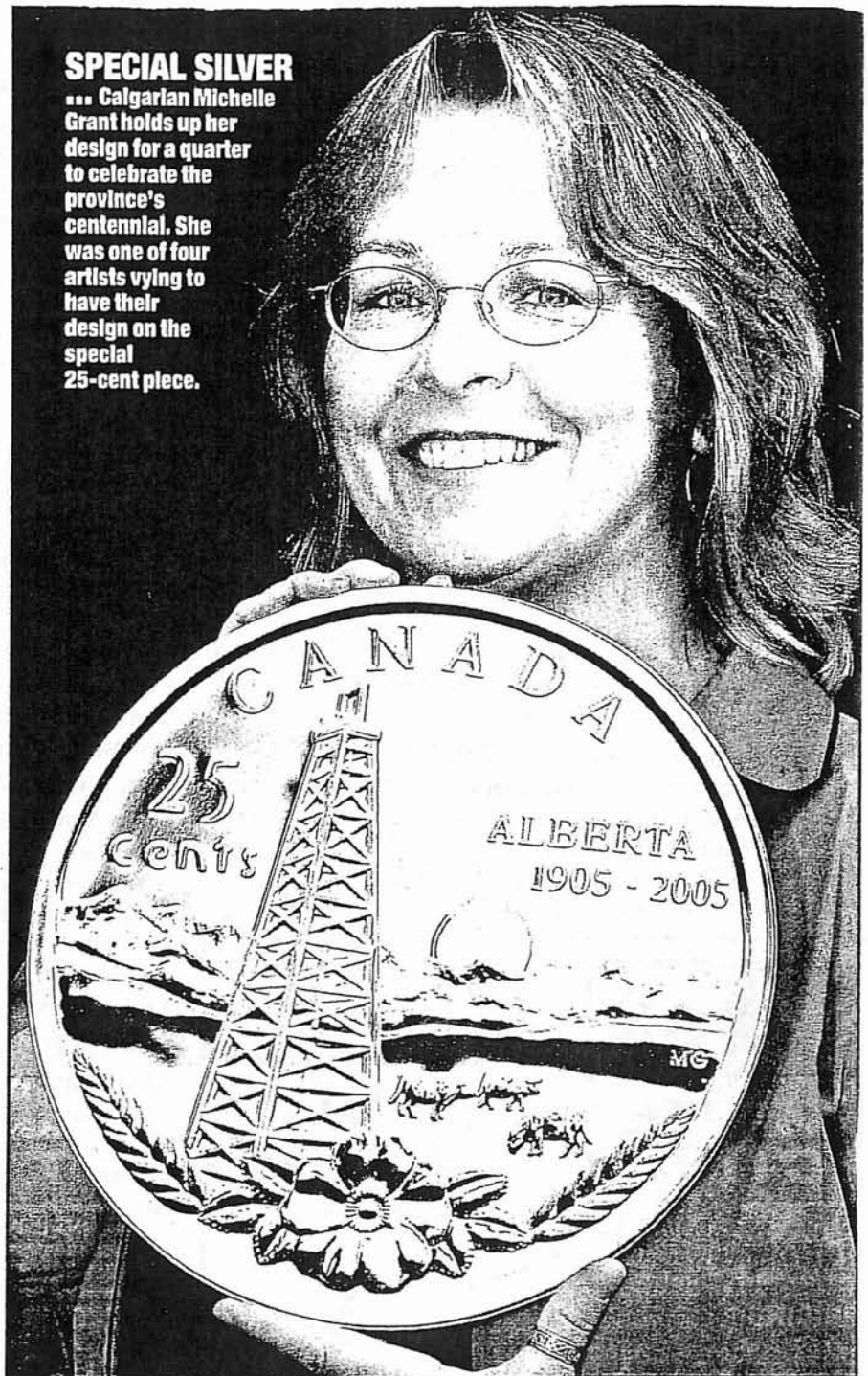
It's a daunting task when you're working with the diameter of a quarter, Grant added.

Those too curious to wait for the coin to pop up in their change can pick them up at any one of the 210 Credit Union branches in Alberta.

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SPECIAL SILVER

... Calgarian Michelle Grant holds up her design for a quarter to celebrate the province's centennial. She was one of four artists vying to have their design on the special 25-cent piece.



— AL CHAREST, Calgary Sun



The new commemorative circulation coin celebrating the 100th anniversary of Saskatchewan joining Confederation.

Internet Security

By Steve Woodland, COCC Programme Director

My talk on *The Impact of Computers and the Internet on Coin Collecting* at the last meeting of the COCC generated a lot of discussion, much of it related to *eBay* and Internet security. Since we plan to have a discussion on *eBay* and other auction sites sometime in the future, I will try and answer some questions and clarify some issues with respect to Internet security. There are three rules to security:

First, the cardinal rule: **YOU** are responsible for security on your computer. It is not the vendor, the manufacturer, your Internet Service Provider (ISP), your email service or anyone else; only the person you see when you look in the mirror. Corollary: If you think someone else is responsible, re-read this rule.

Second rule: Security is an ongoing issue, so be vigilant at all times. It is not a one-time fix that you can implement and forget. You have to stay on top of it continuously to minimize the risk to your computer, your programmes, your data and your reputation. Run your security programmes (see below) frequently and watch your computer to see if it is doing things it shouldn't be doing. Read the fine print when you install downloaded programmes. Delete junkmail immediately without reading it, and never reply using the "unsubscribe" function in junkmail.

Third rule (good things always come in threes!): Always keep your software UP-TO-DATE! Go to the manufacturer's website periodically and check for updates, run the programme's "update" function, or implement the programme's "automatic update" feature. This includes your operating system and all your software programmes, not just the ones mentioned below.

As I mentioned last meeting, there are several things we can do to minimize the security risks to our computer. Here are a few pointers:

Backup Your Data: Keep copies of your critical data on DVD, CD-ROM, tape or floppy, do your backups regularly, and store them off-site. In our hobby, critical data could include your collection inventory, your contacts list, your research, electronic reference material, records of club activity, club nominal rolls, etc. You are the one who must define "critical." Remember, if you can't afford to lose it: Backup!

Use a FireWall: A FireWall puts up a barrier between your computer and the Internet so that you can control what electronic information flows between your computer and the Internet. It can also control which programmes have access to the Internet from your computer. They come in the form of hardware devices or software programmes. For most of us a software FireWall installed on the computer is sufficient. My recommendation is the free programme *ZoneAlarm* (download at <find.pcworld.com/46222>). It is simple, easy to install and effective. Other free software FireWalls include: *Kerio Personal FireWall* <find.pcworld.com/46212>; *Outpost Firewall* <find.pcworld.com/46216>; and *Sygate Personal Firewall* <find.pcworld.com/46220>.

Use Anti-Virus Software: This protects your computer from being infected by viruses, worms and Trojan horses (all of them bad news!). And if you do get infected somehow, it can help you clean up the mess. The recommendation here is get the best you can afford, but watch out for the cost of update services! I use *McAfee AntiVirus* and have never had a problem. Free programmes include *Avast 4 Home Edition* <find.pcworld.com/46229> and *AVG Antivirus* <find.pcworld.com/46224>.

Use Anti-SpyWare Software. These programmes prevent “AdWare” (annoying pop-up ads) and “SpyWare” (programmes that secretly load onto your computer while you are online and then send information about you, your data, your programmes, and your web-surfing habits back to the “spy”). Not only are they annoying and a security risk, they often slow down your computer and your web-surfing. I use two free programmes, *SpyBot Search and Destroy* <find.pcworld.com/46230> and *Ad-Aware SE Personal Edition* <find.pcworld.com/46229> to protect my computer from both SpyWare and AdWare respectively. Other free programmes include: *HiJack This* <find.pcworld.com/46238> and *Spyware Blaster* <find.pcworld.com/46234>.

Use a Better Browser. Most of us use *Microsoft Internet Explorer* when we browse the web. This programme is notorious for its security flaws. I recommend a free alternative that is great: *Mozilla FireFox* <find.pcworld.com/45706>. It is faster, more flexible, and less vulnerable to attack by hackers. What more can you ask for from a freebie?

Get Another Email Programme. Again, most of us use one of *Microsoft's* two e-mail programmes: *Outlook* and *Outlook Express*, both of which are prone to security attacks. A great (and free!) email programme is *Mozilla Thunderbird* <find.pcworld.com/47106>. It is speedy, easy to use and flexible. Another good freebie is *Qualcomm Eudora* <find.pcworld.com/47110>. An alternative solution is to use a free online email service like *HotMail* or *Yahoo*. Let them deal with all the junk & hackers first! This allows you to screen all your email through the online service and then only forward the ones you want on your own PC to your personal email.

These are just a few suggestions to improve the security of your computer when using the Internet. I hope you find them useful. Feel free to pass them on to your friends so that they can be protected too. If you have any questions, just see me at one of the club meetings.

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825-3092, Email: bonavita@eligi.ca, at the price indicated in parentheses. S&H is extra. Canadian resident must add the applicable taxes.

In 1819, a young Scotsman named David Shepherd started to build a sawmill on his 200-acre lot. When his efforts where in vain, he sold his land claim, in 1821, to an American named Boyce, from Brockville (Ontario). Boyce's son-in-law, Daniel Shipman, built a crude log house and finished the sawmill and built, in 1822, a gristmill. Known as Shepherd's Falls, the area's population grew quickly and eventually came to be known as Shipman's Mills. Shepherd's Falls, Shipman's Mills, Ramsayville, Victoria, Victoriaville, Waterford... Choosing a name for the town became a long and controversial affair. When the decision was made to call it Waterford, the residents were informed by the Post Office Department that it could not be used as some other community had already taken it. Finally, in desperation, the name Almonte was chosen, after Mexican general Juan Almonte. On September 25, 1880, Almonte was incorporated as a town. Following new provincial legislation, the Town of Almonte was amalgamated with the Townships of Ramsay and Pakenham on January 1, 1998 to form the new town of Mississippi Mills (as Almonte sits on the Mississippi River).

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CONVENIENCE OF TRADE (PRIVATE NOTE, FERGUS, U.C.)
(submitted by R. Irwin)

The following article represents a tale of local numismatic finds from the Wellington area!

The unknown trade paper, 112 mm x 60 mm, has been acquired by the Wellington County Museum and Archive. It is a very early note for the time.

The note is uniface, on white paper now somewhat soiled. Note the Grecian type border. No merchant is identified, other than "at our Store". The value of the coupon is rather high at "1s 3d". The coupon is dated "183_" with a blank for the issuer to pen in the final digit. The coupon was printed by C.A. Worrall, at Dundas.



C. A. Worrall, Pr. Dundas.

My thoughts on the coupon. Upper Canada existed from 1792 to 1842 although many post office hand stamps used the "U.C." designation into the 1860's.

The first storekeeper and postmaster in Fergus was Thomas Young who opened up in 1835. Young left about 1837 but the store continued. The coupon was probably issued between May 1837 and November 1839 during the suspension of specie payments by the banks in Lower and Upper Canada. The coupon is an unissued remainder.

Convention ramblings from my diary...

By Murray Smith, O.N.A. Area Director

Friday, April 15, 2005

1:00 p.m. What a beautiful day for a drive to Sudbury. The O.N.A. map was really easy to follow, light traffic and pleasant conversation all the way.

4:00 p.m. The hotel is bright, spotless and we were greeted with enthusiasm! We even had help at the doors with volunteers from the Sudbury club. Great security and warm greetings.

8:00 p.m. Off to the "Hospitality Room" where we met the O.N.A. executive, dealers and many other collectors. They made us feel right at home! We even got some tips on what to look for on the bourse tomorrow. The volunteers have done a great job with the refreshments too. Time for bed, the bourse opens tomorrow!!!!

Saturday, April 16

8:00 a.m. Up early after a good, quiet sleep. Went down to the registration table and picked up our name tags, lots of Sudbury souvenirs and the beautiful convention medal.

10:00 a.m. The bourse opened on time with lots of people lined up waiting to find that special coin. There are dealers from Ontario, Quebec, U.S.A., local dealers and many other numismatic related people here. What a great selection of people and merchandise! I couldn't believe it when I saw more of the Nickel Belt Club volunteers giving out snacks, refreshments and sandwiches to the dealers, at no charge! That shows class!!!!

12:00 a.m. After a quick stop for a sandwich at the Hospitality Room, I headed back to the O.N.A. conference room. Tom Rogers ran an informative and interesting meeting for everyone that attended. Elections, discussions and the appointment of a new director for Area 6 were the highlights.

1:45 p.m. Back to the bourse and then to the Hospitality Room for a quick coffee. I met a group of token collectors there and we headed down to the meeting.

2:00 p.m. Settled into the Token Collectors meeting, met some more collectors and discussed a variety of topics.

2:45 p.m. Headed back to the bourse but went to see the displays that other collectors have brought in to the convention. Canadian Tire money, Byzantine and Roman displays, Trade dollars, medals and Canadian silver dollar collections were the highlights. It's nice to see what other collectors are doing with their research and materials.

Back to the bourse where I had some tough decisions to make but I finally settled on a few upgrades to my collection. The dealers were always willing to take the time to discuss a coin and make a good deal.

I noticed that some dealers and the C.N.A. had specific merchandise available only for young collectors. It is a super way to start a new generation of coin collectors.

6:30 p.m. We head down to the banquet facility and meet with some new friends. Naturally, the talk is about coins, the convention and the friendliness of the Sudbury Club members and the community. We all hope that another convention or coin show will come back here soon.

7:00 p.m. What a banquet! The meal is buffet style with a wonderful selection. We have been entertained by a unique Master of Ceremonies with non-stop stories, jokes and Newfoundland "quips and quotes". Over coffee and dessert we listen to the key speaker.

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His personal stories and anecdotes leave a lasting impression and gives everyone a lot to think about.

The evening closes with the presentation of medals for the volunteers, O.N.A. achievements, door prizes and more chuckles from the Master of Ceremonies. This banquet has been a great success and everyone has had a terrific evening. Good friends, good food, good entertainment and lots of coin talk. What else could you want?

Sunday, April 17

9:00 a.m. Another good night but I have to get up early to get to the O.N.A. executive meeting. Discussions about finances, internet auctions, future dates and responsibilities are all dealt with. Everyone present agrees that the Nickel Belt Club has done an outstanding job with this convention.

10:00 a.m. Back to the bourse and guess what? I had overlooked one or two of the display cases (or maybe the dealer re-filled it before the crowd came in). It is busy again and the dealers seem to be quite happy about the arrangements, the collectors, the free refreshments and the always present security guards.

1:30 p.m. We have packed up, loaded the car and said our good-byes to both new and old acquaintances. It is time to head south but we just have to make a quick round of the bourse before we go. Yes, we find two small filler coins for our collection. The trip home is filled with a sense of joy. We're glad we made the effort to come to Sudbury for the convention. The organizers should be very proud of their work. Now, I just have to find the calendar and fill in the dates for next year's O.N.A. convention. I wonder if they take reservations a year in advance?

Thanks O.N.A.

Thanks Nickel Belt Coin Club

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A Memorial Medal for Jérôme H. Remick

By Yvon Marquis

Thanks to the collaboration and generosity of Alan Trammell of Pressed Metal Products, Vancouver, a great looking die has been cut at no charge to commemorate the memory of the late Jérôme H. Remick III. This die can be used free of charge by those interested in having a personalized medal struck to rend a tribute to Jerry. Jerry was a well known Canadian numismatist who passed away March 2005.

The die shows Jérôme's portrait in the center flanked by symbols representing the beginning and the end of life and the dates 1928 and 2005 respectively below each. JÉRÔME H. REMICK, III appears above the design with a fleur-de-lys at left and a maple leaf at right. Below the portrait is the Latin expression IN MEMORIAM centered between two symbols representing the transmitted heritage, and with words NUMISMATIST to the left and NUMISMATE to the right. The latter highlights the fact that Jerry used both languages, English and French, on a daily basis as a geologist and a numismatist.

According to his last wishes, Jérôme requested that donations be made to an organization instead of sending flowers, etc. This inspired the present project by which, those who wish to participate would strike a number of personalized medals employing the memorial die, retain a few for personal use, and donate the remainder to Les Apprenp'tits Numismates (Apprentice Numismatists) as a fund raiser. This numismatic organization was dear to Jerry, and works to promote numismatics among juniors in several Canadian provinces.



Les Apprenp'tits Numismates will offer the personalized memorial medals in appreciation for a donation with the funds used to create the Jérôme Remick Bourse. Proceeds from the bourse will be awarded as an annual prize to a winning young student of a literary contest organized by Les Apprenp'tits. The contest would be open to any youth attending a Canadian school. Students would submit their text to Les Apprenp'tits Numismates in either English or French.

The purpose of this literary contest is not to compete with other numismatic literary awards but rather make students aware that there is more to currency than a medium of exchange. To achieve this goal and to open the contest to as wide an audience as possible, students would prepare a text that need not be numismatic but rather would be inspired by the theme and imagery of a coin or note. A three person Award Committee organized by Les Apprenp'tits Numismates would judge the submissions. An independent three person Management Committee would manage the bourse and develop future fund raisers as required.

If you already have a personalized die with Pressed Metal Products or if you plan to order one, we invite you to be part of this Jérôme Remick's memorial project. Those interested in obtaining the medals from Les Apprenp'tits should be able to do so during the fall of 2005. Details regarding the list of issuers and the process to obtain them will be available at that time.

For additional details regarding the preparation of a personalized die or to obtain the cost of producing personalized medals, one may visit the Pressed Metal Products web site at www.pressedmetal.net or contact Alan Trammell at alan@pressedmetal.net or tel: 866-922-5500. For any additional information regarding Les Apprenp'tits Numismates, one may visit their web site at www.apprenptits.org or contact info@apprenptits.org.

Two True Stories...

Last month, Tim Crebase of Methuen, Massachusetts, hit the jackpot in his backyard. Tim and a friend were trying to dig up a small tree when they found a box stuffed with cash and gold and silver certificates, some more than a century old. They found a 60 cm. wide box with nine rusted cans that contained 1,800 bills. The old stash included more than 900 \$1 bills, 200 \$2 bills, and 300 \$20 bills dated from 1899 to 1929.

Could it be someone's life savings that they buried for safekeeping or is it the loot from some turn-of-the-century crime? It doesn't matter to Tim because the local police have charged him with theft and fraud. Apparently, the stash of bills was found in an old home that the pair were helping to renovate.

A man from a small town near Orillia drove to a farm to pay for a piece of equipment. He noticed a few boxes of books outside the house. After inquiring about them, he was told they were going to the local dump. The farmer was glad to get rid of the books because it saved him a trip to the dump.

The new book owner got a pleasant surprise when he discovered the books contained many 1954 twenty, fifty and one hundred-dollar bills, all in uncirculated condition.

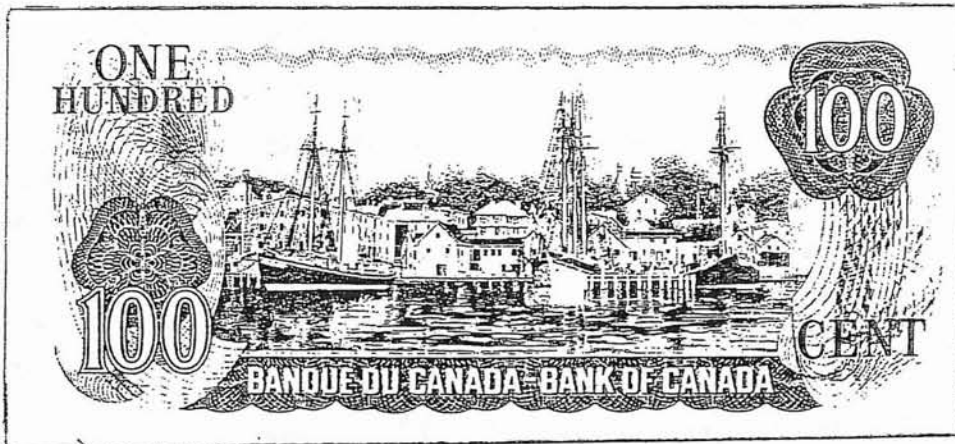
Who knows what other treasures are in someone's library or attic!

Lunenburg Waterfront in Jeopardy! Courtesy of the Oshawa & District Coin Club

One of the most scenic and colourful sights in Nova Scotia is in danger of disappearing. The historic Lunenburg waterfront, which appears on the 1975 hundred dollar bill, has been put up for sale by Clearwater Seafoods. The property consisting of 24 buildings and 8 wharves and covering 8 acres has been listed on the real estate market for \$9,625,000.

The Town of Lunenburg, founded in 1753, has been designated both as a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a National Historic Site, based chiefly on the charm of its waterfront. The waterfront with its restaurants, fisheries museum and specialty shops is one of the main tourist attractions on Nova Scotia's South Shore.

The Lunenburg Heritage Foundation is endeavouring to raise the necessary funds to buy and preserve the property. If they fail the scenic waterfront could become just a wonderful memory and a picture on an old Canadian hundred dollar bill.



Tracing The History of the Yap Stone In The National Currency Collection by David Bergeron Courtesy of the Ottawa Coin Club

The stone money of Yap Island remains to this day one of the most fascinating and unusual forms of money ever to be used. Stone discs, known to local islanders as "fei," ranging in size from a few inches to over eight feet in diameter were quarried and transported imported from Palau Island located several hundred miles away. The stones were used as a form of cash settlement among families, and as a store of wealth. The value of the stone was based on quality and size. Quality was measured through colour, cleanliness and shape. As for size, the larger the stone, the greater the value, for it was more difficult to transport the larger stones, some which weighed over three tons.

Undoubtedly, stone money was made and transported by primitive means. Theories differ on how the Yapese islanders gained permission to quarry the aragonite stone from the distant island. One theory claims that visitors placed themselves in the servitude of the king for a period of time to earn a stone of the size they desired. Other claims state that visitors paid a fee that was owed to the island's chief. It is believed that David O'Keefe, an Irish-American adventurer who found himself stranded on the island in the 1870s, took advantage of the Yapese reverence for the stone discs, bought a Chinese junk and brought in the larger stones, which were traded for copra (dried kernels of coconut). Of course, as the means of acquiring the large stones became easier, their values significantly decreased.

As seen in photographs of travelers to the island, Yap stones were proudly displayed in front of families' homes. The stones were exchanged in transactions, however many of them were too large to move and thus remained undisturbed in their original locations. It was unnecessary for the owner of the fei to have it in his own possession. Legend portends that a stone

that sank to the bottom of the sea during a storm continued to be used in transactions. Witness testimonies affirmed the existence of the stone and natives continued to recognize and respect the wealth of the stone's owner since it was lost through no fault of his own.

There was definite interest among collectors to acquire the odd and curious form of money. In the late 1960s, the Micronesian government sought to protect the heritage of the Yap stones and banned the export of all stones from the island.

The proposal and the acquisition of the Yap stone located in the garden court of the main office of the Bank of Canada in Ottawa are well documented. In 1975, the Bank of Canada acquired what is the largest Yap stone to be located outside the island. The idea of purchasing the stone came as a result of the construction of the large garden court following the erection of the two glass towers that flank the original concrete building. An artistic centerpiece was requested to complete the exotic look of the garden. Major Sheldon Carroll, then curator of the National Currency Collection, proposed that the Bank acquire a Yap stone to act as that centerpiece. He felt that the stone would tie in nicely with the Bank's numismatic collection and the Currency Museum, whose plans for construction were well underway. The Secretary and Deputy Governor of the Bank were keenly interested in the proposal and supported Major Carroll's effort to acquire a stone.

The Yap stone was originally offered to the Bank from a coin collector in Florida. Major Carroll had been in close contact with the collector and expressed the Bank's interest in acquiring the stone. Discouraged with paying the high storage fees and anxious to find a home for the stone, the American collector accepted to sell it. The Bank took advantage of the opportunity to purchase the stone and sent Major Carroll to Florida to

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inspect it. On his recommendations, arrangements were made to acquire the stone and have it shipped to Ottawa. The Yap stone was delivered in March 1975 without any problems. It was kept in storage until it found its permanent home among the tropical plants in the garden court. Today, the Yap stone remains the focal point of the garden court and remains one of the greatest treasures of the National Currency Collection.

In early 2002, for the first time in over the 25 years, the Yap stone was moved

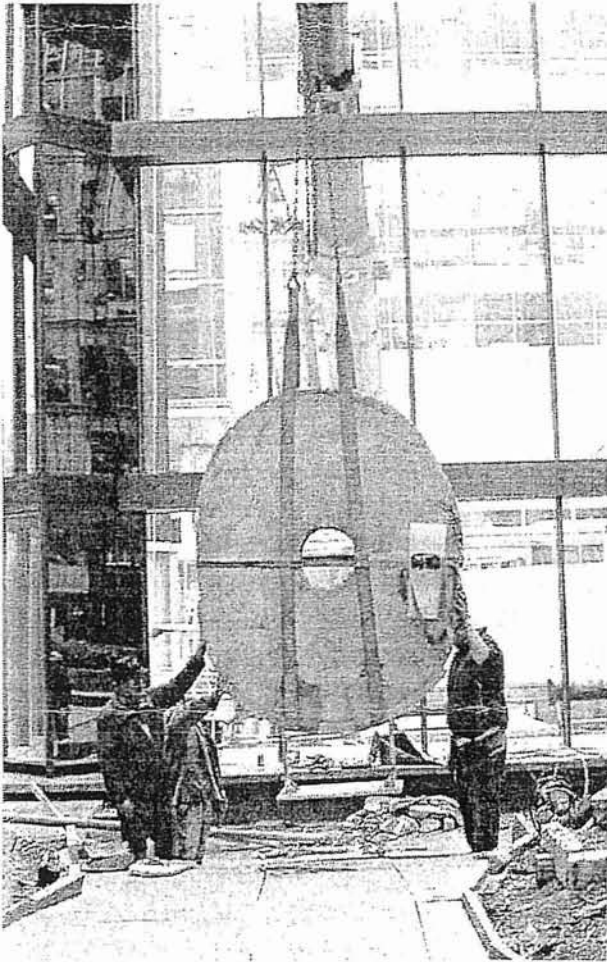
to carry out renovations in the garden court. The mount in which the stone rested was refurbished and for the first time ever, the stone was accurately weighed: 3,968.32 pounds.

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Moving the Yap Stone. The boom of the crane was threaded through a window pane in the side of the building to hoist the 4,000 pound stone. (April 4 2002)



The Yap stone in its natural environment.

Green Bananas

a story by James Antonio

It languished for years in amongst all the other dusty, old, and mismatched items in a small store called David's Curiosity Shoppe on Congress St., E. in Detroit, Michigan. David Houseman liked to do little more than sit in the window of the store gazing vacantly out at the traffic or the trickle of people shuffling on by, very few of whom ever came in. He liked it this way, good and quiet, and always managed to pay his bills despite the chronic lack of business. It was the ideal situation for him and he was perfectly happy. Why, all he had to do was lift his cumbersome body out of the armchair several times a day and make one or two sales, or buy a piece of the past for a pittance, and the bills would get paid. He was 46 and still lived with his mother and father in a little run-down house with green siding and a crumpled TV antenna not three blocks away from the store. Never did he walk to work, if work it could be called, not even on the nicest Michigan day. He took the bus instead and, for a few of his mother's homemade cookies or a piece of cake now and then, he managed to get the driver to drop him off right at the door.

David Houseman, despite his shiftless ways, was nonetheless a very knowledgeable fellow when it came to antiques or any other knickknack from the past. He liked to read in the evenings in a sunken corner of the sofa while nibbling on just about anything and slurping soft drinks like a thirsty bear. He had black hair, long and stringy, and it always fell down over his forehead into his big blue eyes. Despite his unappealing looks, his horn-rimmed glasses, and his eternal shadow of a beard that lingered like a long dark night, he was very smart, worldly so and bookish too, and, with very few exceptions, remembered everything he read, or saw, or heard, or touched. And even smelled.

People liked to hang around David's Curiosity Shoppe, the ones that had nothing better to do, and it wasn't unusual for a person to pop in and stand there blabbering away like some mad puppet for an hour or two. David didn't mind intrusions at all, and he was a good listener. Usually, the chitchat got going with the weather and then maybe sports and gradually progressed on to antiques and collectibles (if any friends or relatives had died, obituaries came first). David wasn't one to dispute or argue and was docile and agreeable to mostly everything--except if a fact was glaringly wrong. Then the rebuttal was merely diplomatic. His motto was 'The less said, the less mended'. Oh, he'd nod or shake his head every once in a while, or grunt, and even mutter a few words just to be polite. Over time, he'd alienated the taciturn with his own taciturnity so that he was left with the chatterboxes.

One afternoon in mid-July a black man strode into the store with a big grin on his face. He looked like he'd just gotten the better of someone and his teeth were white as new piano keys there in the lurking dusk.

"I juz got my money, Davey," he drawled, slapping one of his hands down flat on the cluttered counter. "I tole you he was gonna pay me, yessir I did....And you was right when you tole me them there Wings was gonna win that there Cup."

David nodded, a shy smile hidden in the puffy folds of his face. "Yup."

The black man, whose name was Anthony, slowly leaned over the counter like a falling tree. "Say," he said, "you sho seem tuh know everythin', you do, so maybe you can tell me somethin' I need tuh know."

"Shoot."

"My lady's thinkin' on goin' tuh L.A., see, 'n she don't like flyin' none. How far wouldya say it is?"

"1987 miles. As the crow flies," David said.

"Wow! You know even that right off the top o' yo head?"

"Yup."

"Say, Davey, I was tryin' tuh remember sumpin': when was the last time them there Wings won dat Stanley's Cup?"

"1955."

"Yeah?"

"Yup."

"'Nother question: who played left wing from 1944 tuh 1957?"

"C'mon, Anthony, give me something to sink my teeth into!... Ted Lindsay."

Anthony lingered around like a cold and did all the talking, most of it triviality. He never stood still for more than a few moments, lurching through the store like a lost crane and poking his face into the deepest corners and crevices to glimpse just about everything. Whenever he spoke, David rarely replied, not once even turning his head away from his sidewalk show to see where Anthony was or listen to what he was talking about. Until he mentioned 'it'.

"Hey there, whatchya gotta get for this here thing? It's bin here for a long, long time."

"A hundred and fifty."

"You kiddin'?"

"Nope."

"My nephew Nehemiah's lookin' for somethin' cheap tuh keep his bootleggin' money in but he ain't gonna wanna pay no one-fifty."

"National Cash Register Company, Dayton, Ohio," David grumbled, staring at a blond in a mini-skirt skipping into the sub-shop across the street. "Early part of the century. Screws loose inside. Works perfect."

It was a surprise to David when a few days later Anthony came in with his nephew. Nehemiah was short and stocky, a fearsome looking man with bloodshot eyes and a brushcut. Throwing hot, angry glances around like darts, he slapped a hundred and fifty dollars on the counter and, with Anthony leading the way through the maze of old things, picked up the cash register and trounced out of the store. Not one of the men uttered even a word.

In 1923, the cash register was brand new. It had a home in a small grocery store in Courthouse Square in Goderich, Ontario. The store was filled with fruit and vegetables set out neatly in big trays all along one side and the produce gave the otherwise glum

interior its wonderful life and color. On this somewhat cool day in September a stocky man in a white grocer's apron looked anything but pleased. He bit off the end of a big cigar, stuck it in his mouth and lit it. He turned and glared at the big stocks of bananas hanging on hooks. They were as green as the grass in the park across the street, and it irked him to know they wouldn't be ripe for a while--if ever. Why, he'd already had them two days and there wasn't a fleck of yellow! He set his meaty hand on his waist and puffed on the cigar, and little clouds of smoke began hovering over his wavy hair. When he saw that he'd left the cash register drawer open, he shoved it closed, belatedly catching a glimpse of the heap of bright new pennies he'd just dumped into the bin. At about the same time as the drawer jingled to a stop at the end of its track, he noticed the big inky blue blotch on the bleached hardwood floor in front of the counter. Juice had seeped out of the baskets of wild blueberries that had come in just hours ago from the north. He had asked his son to please clean it up but the boy was gone, over in the park somewhere scampering with his friends, and now the grocer felt a rush of anger; whether or not the bananas got ripe or a few coins had fallen out of the bins and underneath the drawer of the cash register was neither here nor there for the time being. All he could think of was his son and just wait until the little so and so stuck his head back in that door!

In the late 1940's the grocer moved the whole kit and caboodle to Niagara Falls, setting up a nice bright store in a busier part of town. Things went along well until plazas started popping up in the 60's and soon, not only because business had dropped off sharply but because of his age, the grocer closed the store.

The cash register with the clinking innards found a home several blocks away in a bar close to one of the bridges that crossed over into Niagara Falls, U.S.A. It seems that some antique dealer from the United States stopped in one hot July day for a cool one and made a proposition to buy the thing. It was 1984 or 1985. Business not being what it should have been, the owner of the bar gave in, though not without plenty of coaxing first and some solid rationalization on his own part that the old 'cash box' just wasn't up to snuff anymore.

"I'm not much at arithmetic," he said, "and the prices just keep goin' up and a new cash box'll figure things out better so I can just serve drinks 'n not worry about givin' out the wrong change 'n makin' a lot o' errors in my 'rithmetic."

A couple of years went by and there was an antique and collectible show in Buffalo. Every Tom, Dick, and Harry from practically everywhere turned up with fistfuls of cash to buy a lot of old things that were either no good at all or only valuable because they looked pretty old, or things that were technically unable to satisfy modern whims. David Houseman, like a bear emerging from a deep winter somnolence, had roused himself enough to make the trip east from Detroit to attend the show. He bought the cash register, even though there

was something jingling around inside, and took it and a few other things back to his Curiosity Shoppe in the hearse-like back of his Ford stationwagon.

Nehemiah Jefferson ran his bootlegging operation out of an old two-story frame house not far from Hastings Street, benefitting from the overflow of all-nighters pouring out of Paradise Valley after the shows were over. Despite his intimidating mien, Nehemiah was actually quite a likable young man, kind and generous in every way, usually willing to give ample credit or even a loan if a customer was a little down on his luck or between jobs or just "a little short". He kept a cat, just an ordinary black and white one, that he called Percy and Percy was kind of like the mascot for the private little club he had going in the dank basement of the dingy two-story. The club was know as Paradise Found and in order to get in you had to know the password, which you gave to either one of two rugged looking sentinels just inside the front door. Newcomers were certainly more than welcome but you had to come with references from regulars to make sure you weren't from the law or anything like that. After-hours drinking wasn't the only thing that went on in 'Paradise'; you could play cards too, or get to know any number of pretty young women.

Nehemiah was a real good businessman, no question about it. He greeted everyone personally with a smile, or a handshake, or a peck on the cheek if you were a lady, and always addressed you by your first name. He bought your first drink every time you came in, perhaps with the belief that you would feel guilty if you didn't stay there and buy a few more. Drugs were the one thing he did not permit on the premises and he was proud to say that he had some sense of morality.

One night, through the smoky blue haze and the babel of voices, he heard a man giving one of his ladies a hard time. He was swearing at her, yelping obscenities like a rabid dog, and Nehemiah could see how disruptive it was, what with practically everyone turning to see what was going on and hushing right up. He charged up from behind the bar like a knight on a steed and in little more than the blink of an eye was face to face with the unruly patron, asking him to please leave.

"You're disturbin' us, suh," he said, his eyes feverish as ever, "n don't come back to Paradise until you ready tuh behave yuhself."

The man shoved Nehemiah backwards and that was the beginning of the scuffle. Of course Nehemiah just lost it and his temper flared up like tinder. He wouldn't back down from anyone, no matter how big they were, and this here delinquent could hardly be called small or short or anything even indicating the diminutive. On the contrary, he was bulky and tall and he towered over Nehemiah like some modern Goliath. He got to shove Nehemiah one more time before the proprietor kicked him a hard one in the groin. The fellow clasped himself

for a brief moment but straightened right up when he saw the next blow coming. He got out of the way just in time and, glimpsing the old cash register, picked it up effortlessly and threw the heavy thing at Nehemiah like it was no more than a soap box. It brushed Nehemiah and crashed down hard on the floor with a loud shivering jingle.

The fight was over, because at this juncture the big boys from the front door arrived and grabbed the monster by the arms, instantly showing him the way out.

Nehemiah was bent over the cash register, relieved to see that it was okay, still intact, nothing apparently broken, except that the cash drawer had come off its tracks and lay by itself upside down, paper money and just a few quarters, like lost silver eyes, scattered about on the floor. Too, and much to his surprise, Nehemiah saw three pennies off a way by themselves, like shy girls at a dance. He never took in any pennies and he was bewildered as to where they'd come from. He picked them up and looked at them one by one and, because of the sheer surprise on his face, a number of people had gathered round to see just what had caught his attention.

The one-cent coins, he saw, were all dated 1923 and were Canadian, in "real good shiny" shape. One was bright red, except for a few dark little spots, and could have easily been made yesterday. The other two, glossy brown as they were, looked new to him as well and the first thing he wanted to know was whether or not they were worth anything.

"Say, y'all," he said, glancing around for an answer, "any o' you know anythin' 'bout ole coins?"

There were puzzled pouts, stitched brows, inquisitive glances, shrugged shoulders, heads wagging, but not a single positive response. Though the room was just about full of people, it was as quiet as it was at 10:00 in the morning and yet the silence was as loud as a jet roaring down a runway.

The next afternoon Nehemiah drove over to David's Curiosity Shoppe where his uncle had bought the old cash register to see if the "hunky" there knew anything about old coins.

"Nope. Nothin' at all," came the answer.

"These here's in good condition, brother."

"Helps."

"Thaz it?"

"Yup."

"How cin I find out?"

"Coin shop."

"Where, brother? Where's one at?"

In ten minutes Nehemiah was standing in front of a glass counter display case talking businesslike to a plump little coin dealer named Allen. Nehemiah had worn his best clothes, a scarlet red suit, clean and well-pressed, a black tie over a white shirt, and black patent leather shoes--an ensemble certain not to miss. While the coin dealer examined the cents with a loupe, Nehemiah inquired as to whether or not you could sell Canadian coins in "these here United States of America".

"Or do I have tuh go on over dat dere bridge, suh?"

"Not necessarily, Mr....uh...I don't believe I got your last name?"

"Jefferson, suh. But you don't have tuh go callin' me 'Mister'. Just Nehemiah'll do fine."

"Nehemiah then....You know, these are valuable coins. Where did you get them?"

"In my cash, suh."

The coin dealer set the cents on a slip of velvet and stepped back, beginning to fear that this Mr. Jefferson here had stolen them. "Someone spent them? All three of them, you're telling me? At your place?"

"Yes, suh. They was in my cash register so I'm figurin' they was spent in Paradise. Where else would theya come from then?"

"Paradise?"

"It's my business."

"I've never heard of it. And your story seems highly unlikely to me: three rare pennies of the same date, 'brand new' as you probably refer to them, turning up in the same bit of change."

"You not sayin' I'm lyin'?"

"Oh no no. Not at all."

"Then what is it you sayin', suh?" Nehemiah leaned over the counter menacingly. He could tell the little dumpling didn't believe him, and he was just about ready to reach out and grab him by his yellow shirt. "You sayin' I'm a liar? I know you is....Yuh want these here pennies or do yuh not? If you don't I'm gonna take 'em on over tuh Canada 'n sell 'em. Now what's your answer, suh?"

Allen, shrewd little businessman that he was, couldn't resist a deal and he knew the man didn't know anything about coins. It turned out, after no negotiation whatsoever, that he got the three cents for a hundred and fifty dollars. Not five minutes after the man in the red suit had swaggered out the front door, he closed shop for the day and pranced about in the back with his fists raised in the air chanting out loud, "Yes! Yes! Yes!"

In an auction in Toronto several months later, and not very far at all from Goderich, the three 1923 Canadian one-cent coins sold for a total of four-thousand dollars. Back in Detroit, Nehemiah liked to tell everyone how he got "a hundred and fifty bucks for three lousy cents".

"That hunky sho must be bananas! Whoever heard o' the like, a hundred and fifty bucks for three lousy cents? Even if they was ole 'n shiny!"

End

A Note from NBCC President, Alan McQuistin

Just a short note to let you know that the Nickel Belt Coin Club's (NBCC) hosting of the 43rd Annual Ontario Numismatic Association Coin Convention on April 15th, 16th, and 17th of this year at the Radisson Hotel in Sudbury was a major success. Our Club also hosted the ONA's 9th Annual Convention in 1971. Tom Rogers (ONA President) and Gerry and Roly Albert (Past President and Secretary of the NBCC) provided the overall direction and we had a total of 28 dealers from many provinces in Canada and from the USA in attendance. The number of paid admissions was 664 (generating \$1993.00) and some dealers were so busy that NBCC members were asked to help "man" their tables. We had 88 pre-registrants and our medals struck for the occasion were sold out well in advance. The hospitality suite was always quite active and the banquet was a huge

success. Ticket sales amounted to a total of 513 books and the Club's share of the final profits amounted to just under \$2,000.00. Our Club would like to extend our sincere gratitude to Tom and Lois Rogers for all of their help in making this event a huge and unqualified success and our Club looks forward to hosting another ONA convention again soon. Lastly, just a brief note to let you know that the NBCC elected it's new Executive for September 2005 to June 2006 and we will soon have a website up and running which will detail the dates and location of Club meetings, a history of the Club, the Club's Constitution and By-Laws, the Monthly Newsletter, and contact information.

Thanks for your time.

Alan McQuistin, President, NBCC

HOW I BECAME A MEMBER OF THE CTCCC BY HAZARD!

by Paul-Yvon Clément #652

I am a stamp collector and I have enjoyed this hobby for over forty years. My wife collects Canadian and American money and she also has for several years. In September 2001, I had a few Canadian Tire notes in my possession and I asked my wife if she would be interested in having them for her collection. She categorically refused, so I, being a collector, hung on to them.

October of the same year was the first time I heard of a huge Collector's event taking place at the Olympic Stadium in Montreal. We went together, her looking for money and me stamps. We actually found more than we bargained for.

While visiting the various stands that catered to the money collectors we came upon a stand that was devoted entirely to Canadian Tire money. We were both unaware that Canadian Tire money was a collectable or that there was a Club dedicated to such a hobby. Ovide Bilodeau and Jerome Fourre took the time to explain the beautiful displays that they had and also how I could become a collector of Canadian Tire money. I bought my first Bilodeau Guide paid my dues and received the Club pin and "Voilà" I was a new member of the CTCCC. When I got home I could barely wait to go through

my stash of Canadian Tire money. I quickly realized that I had quite an assortment of notes. My collection was off and running. My wife, however, was still not interested in collecting it or becoming a member at this time.

About one month after that I attended my first Club meeting. Of course my wife tagged along as usual and she was surprised to meet several other spouses at this meeting. She was finally hooked and joined the Club. Since then we started asking all of our friends and family to buy their hoards of CTC money to help us build up our CTC collection.

In the Fall of 2002, I was approached to accept a nomination as Club Director for the Quebec region. I accepted and I started as Director in January of 2003. It is now 2005 and I am in my second term as Director.

We are now both very interested in the hobby. We visit flea markets, bazaars and garage sales looking for all types of CTC paraphernalia. You wouldn't believe the stuff that is out there just waiting for a collector to scoop up. We really enjoy being members of the Club, it has given us a chance to meet other people that share our passion.



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A Brief History of Credit Cards in Canada*

by
David Bergeron

Part 1: The Origins of Credit Cards

The history of credit cards in Canada has yet to be officially documented. Their importance in the establishment of an electronic payment system cannot be overestimated. Credit cards built consumer and merchant confidence in using alternative monies, which was paramount in the general acceptance of electronic money, first in the form of machine read credit cards, then debit cards and later smart cards.

Credit cards originated in the 1920s with the rise of the automobile. As people began traveling longer and further away from home, oil companies issued loyalty cards to encourage their patrons to buy gasoline and other products from any service centre belonging to the company. Patrons could use their card to purchase gas and payment was deferred until the end of the month when the patron received a bill in the mail. The system was convenient for customers, and for the oil companies it insured customer loyalty. Furthermore, it relieved its gas retailers of the burden of maintaining customer accounts. The downside to the system lurked in the accounting. Before the introduction of electronic payment systems, all transactions were paper-based and account-reconciliation was a long, arduous process for card issuers. Despite a few shortcomings, the concept of issuing credit to loyal patrons became a mainstay. Early on, credit cards were really a product for the social elite. The vast majority of cardholders were well-to-do urban dwellers. Progress in the issue of credit continued after the Second World War when retailers began to issue revolving credit and permitted their clients to carry a balance month over month to which an interest rate was charged.¹ Issuing credit thus became a profitable business, especially when customers opted to make the minimum payment and run a balance that incurred interest.

In 1950, Diners Club introduced the first third-party-issuer credit card in the United States. On top of charging interest to cardholders on balances owing, Diners Club charged a finder's fee to merchants for the service and convenience of bringing new business to their establishment. The problem that Diners Club and subsequent credit card issuers faced is what David Evans and Richard Schmalensee, in their book *Paying with Plastic*, have

called the "chicken and egg" problem: "Consumers do not want cards that merchants do not take, and merchants do not want cards that merchants to do have."² As Evans and Schmalensee claim, credit card issuers had to offer incentives to both cardholders and merchants in the way of discounts on fees and rewards programs. At first, issuing credit cards was not a cost-effective business for the issuer, but it was imperative to attract clients. As subscriptions and membership increased, Diners Club began turning a profit.³

The next steps in the development of credit cards were the introduction of a rigid substrate and the addition of a magnetic stripe. American Express (founded in 1891), whose main business prior to credit cards was issuing travelers cheques, rolled out the first plastic card in 1959. In 1968, International Business Machines (IBM) developed the magnetic stripe as a cost-effective method for storing digital information. American Express was the first company to enjoy electronic payments. American Express had long since been in the Canadian market with offices in Toronto and Hamilton selling other services. BankAmericard launched its first credit card in 1958 and through the help of iBANCO made its product available outside the USA. VISA was born when iBANCO changed its name to Visa International in 1976. Visa was introduced in Canada in 1973 when it took over "Chargex," the first Canadian credit card issued by Royal Bank, CIBC, TD Bank and la Banque Nationale in 1968. The third major credit card issuer, MasterCard, was founded in 1966 as the Interbank Card Association. In 1969, the California Association purchased "Master Charge" and in 1979 the MasterCard brand was introduced. It too arrived in Canada the same year as Visa in 1973. Next we will examine the issues surrounding the general acceptance of credit cards.

* Extract from an essay entitled "The Death of Mondex in Canada" presented to the History Department of the University of Ottawa, April 2005.

² David S. Evans and Richard Schmalensee, *Paying with Plastic: the Digital Revolution in Buying and Borrowing* (Cambridge: MIT Press, 1999), xi.

³ *Ibid.*, 141. In its first year of operation, Diners Club cards were issued to 200 members and were accepted in 27 restaurants in New York City.

¹ Lewis Mandell, *The Credit Card Industry* (Boston: Twayne Publishers, 1990), 17-18, 23-25.

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President's Message

It is hard to believe the year 2005 is almost over. I do hope you've all enjoyed the Numismatist. In the coming year we encourage all club news and articles of numismatic interest to be forwarded to our editor, also keep the club bulletins coming (lets make it better).

Have you thought about writing an article for the Numismatist in 2006? Why not? We need all kinds of articles on collecting, Canadian Paper Money, Canadian Tire Coupons; Decimal Coinage the sky is the limit Canadian or other wise.

Our numismatic field this year has lost Jerry Remick, Earl Salterio, Somer James and Stella Hodge. All were excellent contributors to all facets of numismatics. Speakers, collectors, writers and in general, leaders in the coin club world. All will be greatly missed.

Milestones were also made this year by a number of clubs having passed record setting club meetings, also a new club being started (Essex District Coin Club). Lets keep the hobby growing for the year 2006.

Our 2005 convention in Sudbury was one of the most enjoyable thanks to the help and participation of the Sudbury club members, which in turn is giving a little back to the hobby of collecting.

The O.N.A. Convention will be held in London, Ont. from April 21 to 23, 2006. Hosted by the St Thomas Numismatic Association, there will be an auction on the Friday evening and a Military Auction on the Sunday. Please make plans to attend, an application form is included in this bulletin.

From the O.N.A. Executive

We would like at this time to wish all members a very Merry Christmas and that 2006 will be a year of Good Health, Good Fortune and Good Times.

Tom Rogers
O.N.A. President

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Notice

To all FIRST time JUNIOR MEMBERS joining the O.N.A. THANKS to our longtime member ALBERT KASMAN your first year membership will be free. Being a junior member gets them collecting, exhibiting, reading, participating and joining clubs. We all wish we would have had more knowledge and done it at an earlier age. Albert's contribution hopes to continue for years to come. The members and executive would like to thank Albert for his generosity and giving back to the hobby.

If I Was Santa Claus

If ever I was Santa Claus
At every home I'd call
Each stocking I would fill with love
And joy and peace for all.

If ever I was Santa Claus
No hunger there would be
There'd be a bag of goodies
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Health, happiness and smiles,
I'd spread a ray of sunshine
Around our earth for miles.

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The power to make fair laws,
With equal rights for everyone
If I was Santa Claus.

D.H. Dobbie

Submitted by Lois Rogers

Upcoming Shows

2005

Nov. 5, SCARBOROUGH

9th Annual Scarborough Coin Club Show, Cedarbrook Community Centre, 91 Eastpark Blvd. Hours: 9:00 - 3:00 p.m. Free admission and hourly draws, refreshments available. For more information, contact Dick Dunn at cpms@idirect.com or P.O. Box 562, Pickering, ON, L1V2R7.

Nov. 13, WINDSOR

54th Annual Fall Show, Caboto Club, 2175 Parent Ave. Hours: 10:00 - 4:00 p.m. \$1 admission includes draws for hourly door prizes and grand prize. Juniors admitted free. Lots of free parking. Sponsor: Windsor Coin Club. For more information, contact Margaret Clarke at (519) 735-0727 or mclarke@wincom.net.

Nov. 18-20, OAKVILLE

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9:30 - 3:30 (Sunday). Admission \$4, free parking. Over 40 tables of coins, tokens, paper money and more. Auction by C&P Numismatics, Sat at 6:00 p.m. Sponsor/Affiliate: SWON. For more information, call (866) 747-COIN.

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COIN-A-RAMA, Our Lady of Peace Hall, 6944 Stanley Avenue, Niagara Falls. 9:00 - 4:00 p.m. Coins, tokens, jewelry, paper money, medals and more. Free parking, \$2.00 admission, free gold draw. For more info call N.I.C.F. at (905) 356-5006.

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Mar. 18, CAMBRIDGE

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From the Editor

This issue marks the completion of my first full year as editor of the Ontario Numismatist. My thanks go out to the many clubs and individuals who contributed to the content of our bulletin. I would also like to thank our advertisers who supported us during 2005 and helped defray some of the costs inherent in producing this publication. I have to mention the work of Tom Rogers who always had his comments and other material in well in advance and the patience of Bruce Raszmann for those times when the bulletin was later than

usual getting to him. I also apologize to those clubs who did not get the coverage of their shows published. Windsor and Scarborough are two in particular that I missed.

I will strive to be more diligent over the next year. Keep the club bulletins, articles and show information coming. Have a terrific new year.

Sincerely,
Rick Johnson

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She was a very active member until her health forced her to ease back.

She was instrumental in starting "June Ladies Day" in our club.

She spoke and displayed at various club meetings and shows over the years.

To the family our sympathy in your sadness.

Stella will be missed by all of her friends and fellow collectors.

Stella's frank and to the point attitude are the attributes we will miss the most.

Submitted by Tom Rogers, President of the ONA

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Royal Canadian Mint Salutes The Year Of The Veteran With Commemorative Circulation Coin

(KINGSTON) The Royal Canadian Mint (RCM) today unveiled a commemorative 25-cent circulation coin to mark the Year of the Veteran during a special ceremony at the Royal Military College in Kingston.

The coin, designed by Ottawa-based artist Elaine Goble, depicts the profiles of two veterans from different generations, joined by their love of country.

"Canada's veterans have been our nation's face to the world for the better part of a century", said the Honourable Albina Guamieri, Minister of Veteran's Affairs. "This commemorative coin is a reflection of how generations of veterans have changed and changed the world."

"This year, Canadians from coast to coast to coast are reaching out to thank our veterans and honour their decades of duty and sacrifice", said Marguerite F. Nadeau, interim President and CEO of the Royal Canadian Mint. "I am pleased that the Mint is marking this important year in such a significant way".

"Canada owes a great debt of gratitude to our veterans," said the Honourable Peter Milliken, MP for Kingston and the Islands and Speaker of the House of Commons. "This coin is one of the many ways Canadians can commemorate our veterans, and it will serve as a reminder of the freedom we enjoy because of their contributions to peace."

Canadians can look for the Year of the Veteran commemorative 25-cent coin in their change beginning October 17th 2005. RCM will produce up to 30 million coins.

The Mint is also commemorating the Year of the Veteran with a number of collector products, including a Commemorative Circulation Roll (\$14.95), Official First Day Cover (\$14.95) and a \$10 Silver Dollar. All of these products are available from the Mint at www.mint.ca, by calling toll free at 1-800-



267-1781, or from the Mint's network of dealers and distributors.

The Royal Canadian Mint, an ISO 9001-2000 certified company, is the Crown Corporation responsible for the minting and distribution of Canada's circulation coins. In operation since 1908, the Royal Canadian Mint is recognized as one of the largest and most versatile mints in the world, offering a wide range of specialized, high quality coinage products and related services on an

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"Troyak" Is On The Move Polish - Canadian Coin & Stamp Club

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Polish-Canadian Coin & Stamp Club
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"Troyak" Club's meeting address has also changed to:

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Submitted by the South Wellington Coin Society



DID YOU KNOW.....?

By Scott E. Douglas

*.....that in 1825 a law was passed in the Province of Lower Canada forbidding the importation of private tokens. To evade this law tokens were made bearing a date previous to 1825. These tokens are **known** as antedated.*

In Ontario the tokens issued by Lesslie and Sons likely fall into this category. This firm was established in 1820 and later issued a halfpenny and a two-penny token. On the halfpenny token it is listed that Lesslie and Sons were druggists and booksellers of York, Kingston and Dundas. The 2d issue features the date of 1822 and bears the legend Lesslie and Sons Toronto and Dundass. What is interesting about this token is that York did not change its name to Toronto until 1834 and yet the token bears the date of 1822. A possible explanation for this is that York had always been known as Toronto even though it did not officially change its name as such until 1834.

Also the firm doesn't appear to have been established in Dundas until about 1828 a full six years after the date of 1822 shown on the token and three years after the 1825 law.



--Two Penny Issue --



Half Penny Issue

Submitted by The Collector

STRETCHED COUPON CTC S11-B PREFIX B

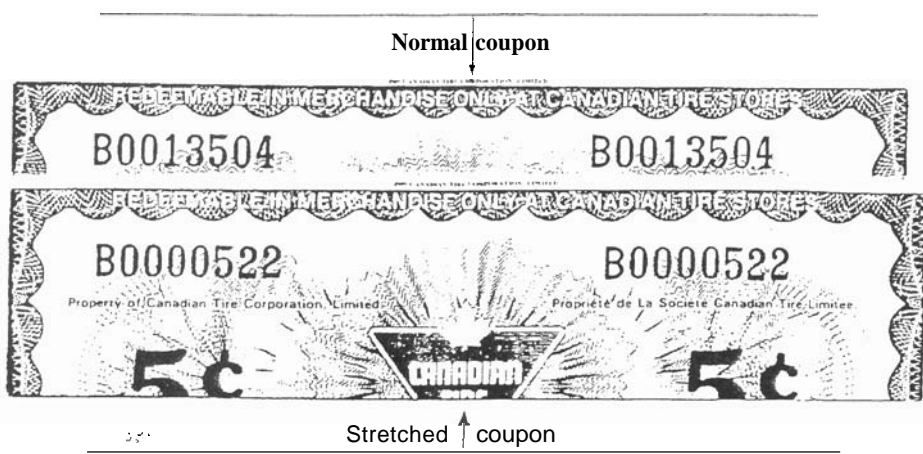
by Ron Wilkie #678

I was checking through a batch of coupons and found this low serial numbered coupon. I quickly slipped into the keeper pile as I look for highs and lows also.

A few days later I was reviewing the ones I had put aside when I noticed it seemed longer than the other coupons. At first glance I thought it was a coupon that was off-cut. The borders seemed to be the same size as the other coupons in the same series.

When I compared it to another, I noticed the actual printing of the coupon was longer than the others of the same series. It was not just the length of the coupon.

I usually like to wait until I have found 3 of the same type of variety before calling it a variety, so I need your help. If you have any in that range or with a similar longer print, please get in touch with me to let me know either way. Ron Wilkie, 5840 Cobble Hills Road, St. Marys, Ontario, N4X 1C7, Phone 519-461-1424



Submitted by Timber Talk

DISCOVER A LITTLE (COUNTRY SUNSHINE) -by Dave Gillespie

It was a sunny Sunday morning in Wasaga Beach and I decided to head out to a local flea market to fill in some time and to see what I could find!!

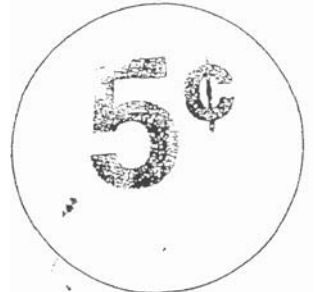
It was a little after 8:00 a.m. and the vendors were just setting up, including a coin dealer who was of particular interest to me. I asked if he had any Terry Fox loonies, (which I hadn't been able to find at the bark), and wooden nickels. Bingo, yes to both. I pulled up a chair and started going through his three-ring binder. An hour later I had successfully found a dozen or more 'woods' that I needed and two that I hadn't seen before nor did they appear to be listed in my Canadian Wood Catalogue.

I asked the dealer about the first one; the *Orillia Coin Club's 35th Anniversary* wood which was gold on the obverse side and two different reverse colours, either blue or purple. He said it was issued by the *Champlain Coin Club* in 1997 but nobody thought to provide Ross Kingdon, our Bulletin Editor, with a write-up or story regarding its origin for 'Timber Talk', or Norm Belsten for the Canadian catalogue entry. A lesson to be learned in the interest of all wooden money collectors!!!

Regarding the second unidentified wood, the dealer seemed to know little or nothing about it. The obverse was stamped "*Redeemable at Country Sunshine, 5 Louisa Street, Creemore, Ontario*" and the reverse "*5 Cents*".

The following week, on my way to our trailer at Wasaga Beach, my wife Carolyn, and I, veered off Airport Road and went into Creemore in search of "Country Sunshine". At the north end of the village we spotted a Shell Service Station and a sign advertising Country Sunshine, so we pulled in. The business is a service station, old-fashioned candy and ice cream store, coffee shop, variety store and Sears Catalogue Outlet combined. The business is owned by Joan Gordon, whom I met, and is staffed by two lovely ladies, Laura and Nancy. Laura told me that the business has been there for over 15 years and for the last several years they have handed out a hand-stamped 'wooden nickel' to patrons of the Gas Bar to be redeemed by their children and grandchildren in the old-fashioned candy store.

The ladies were excited when I asked about their 'wooden nickel' and were surprised when I told them that a *Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors* existed. They cordially invite all C.A.W.M.C. members to stop into "Country Sunshine" for gas, coffee, ice cream or candy and of course, a 'Wooden Nickel'.



Tokens and Businesses of Hagersville, Ontario

by Harry N. James FCNRS

Hagersville, Ontario is located in Haldimand County on the Plank Road or Hiway 6 running between Hamilton to the north and Port Dover to the south. The village straddles Oneida and Walpole townships.

In 1806 Lawrence Hager left New Jersey and *settled* in Grimsby, Ontario. Two of his **sons**, David and Charles came to Caledonia in 1843 when the construction of the Plank Road from Hamilton to Port Dover was **started**. Caledonia is located between Hamilton and Hagersville. The brothers were **employed** in the construction of the first bridge over the Grand River. After the bridge was completed the brothers obtained land to the **south** where the village of Hagersville is now located.

In 1852 Charles Hager built a frame general store at the main corner of the settlement. In 1890 his **son** John H. Hager who had worked for his father and was by now the proprietor of the **business** replaced this building with a brick building known as the "Hager Block". This building **block** is still in use today. John *Hager served* on the High School Board and was also active in getting hydro into the village in 1913. He passed away in 1915. He was **succeeded** by his son Howard Hager who **operated** the business **until** 1927. He sold the business to a Mr. T. F. House. Howard **died** in 1951. He was the last of the Hagers to reside in the village which was named for their family.

When John Hager was **operating** the store, **due bill** tokens were used in conjunction with the **business**. There were five denominations known, running from 1¢ to 25¢. The tokens were struck in **aluminum**, brass and white **metal** and were round in shape. The 1¢, 2¢ and 5¢ tokens were all 20 mm in diameter while the 10¢ was 25 mm and the 25¢ was 29 mm. They are **all listed** in Ken Palmer's *Ontario General Merchants' Trade Due Bills*.

3. E Hager / Gen'l / Merchant / Hagersville, Ont.

Good For / 1 / Cent / In / Merchandise
Good For / 2 / Cents / In / Merchandise
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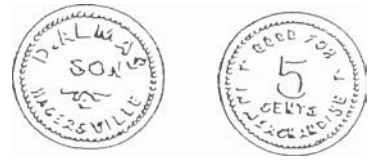
Another **early** merchant in Hagersville **was** David Almas who arrived in the area from **Ancaster** in 1851. He **at first** farmed, and later was a hotel-keeper, and merchant as well as being a commissioner and **magistrate**.

In 1853 he purchased a half acre of land from Charles Hager at what is now the corner of King and Main Streets. His hotel was located here.

In 1853 he secured the **contract** for carrying mail from Hamilton to Port Dover. The mail was carried by stage coach. In 1875 Hagersville **was** incorporated as a police village with three commissioners, one of whom was David Almas. In 1883 David Almas built the "Almas Block" and established a general store under the name of D. Almas & Sons. He died in 1903 and was succeeded in the store by his son David Norris Almas. The store was known as the "Old Reliable Store" and was now officially under the name of D. Almas & Son. The store offered free grocery delivery in town and offered a cash or trade system of purchasing. David Norris Almas died in 1945. The store changed hands several times over the next few years with a tailor business, variety store, a jewellery store and a general merchandising business all locating here.

David Noms Almas also made use of due bill tokens. Palmer's *Ontario General Merchants' Trade Due Bills* lists a 1¢ and a 5¢ token from this business.

D. ALMAS / SON / HAGERSVILLE
 GOOD FOR 15 / CENTS / IN MERCHANDISE
 GOOD FOR 1 / CENT / IN MERCHANDISE



These tokens were both made of aluminum, round in shape and 21 mm in diameter.

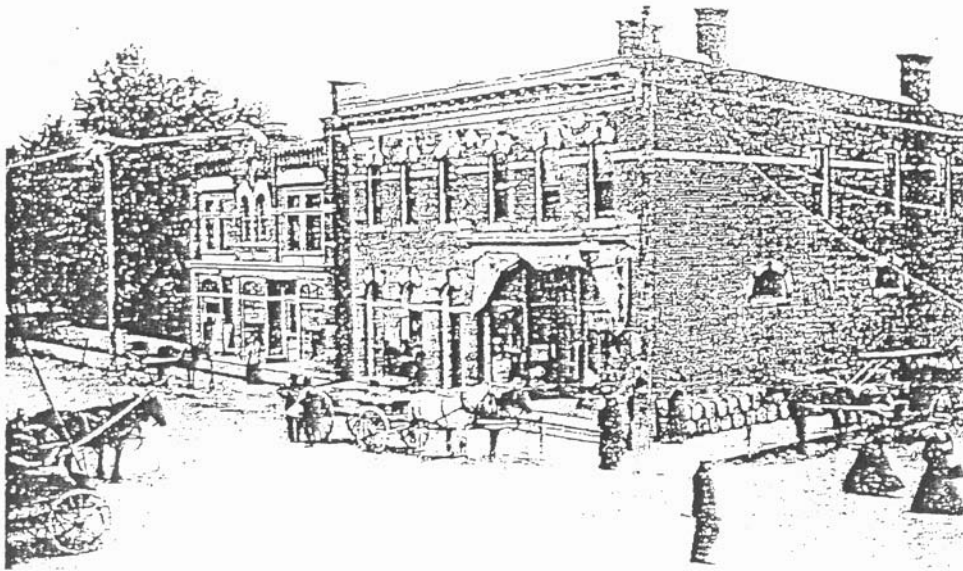
Two bakery businesses also made use of tokens in Hagersville. These were Brown's Food Market and Sanderson's Bakery.

A grocery market located at 37 King Street West was operated by John Dixon and Alec Hemming. They started their business in 1896.

Charles Brown worked for them as an errand boy and ended up by buying the business from them in 1908. He was assisted in the store by his two sons. In 1954 they took out a "Red & White" franchise. In 1955 they moved their business into the Allan Martin building which they had purchased and their business became known as Brown's Food Market Limited. Mr. Charles Brown died in 1966 and the business continues today being operated by Stan and Dan Brown.

Albert Sanderson bought the Smuck Bakery in 1926 and continued to operate it into the 1940s. Both the Brown and the Sanderson bakeries delivered bread by horse and wagon.





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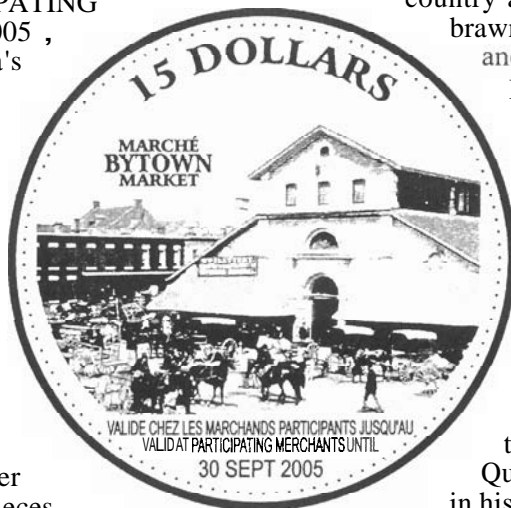
The Haldimand Advocate and Hagersville Standard, Thurs 19 July, 1903.

Ottawa's Anniversary Commemorated on Limited Edition Token

The Bytown Ball Committee will be issuing a 15-Dollar municipal trade token to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the City of Ottawa, Canada's Capital. "We felt it was very important to mark the city's 150th anniversary in a special way" said Grant Yusak of the Bytown Ball Committee. The token will have currency value, at participating merchants, until 30 September 2005.

This is the first 15-Dollar token ever issued in Canada. The obverse shows the Bytown Market as it was in the 1800s with the following legend: 15 DOLLARS / MARCHE / BYTOWN / MARKET / (market scene) / VALIDE CHEZ LES MARCHANDS PARTICIPANTS JUSQU'AU / VALID AT PARTICIPATING MERCHANTS UNTIL / 30 SEPT 2005 , while the reverse depicts Ottawa's anniversary with LA CAPITALE CANADIENNE / CANADA'S CAPITAL / (Eligi mintmark) in the exergue. The stylized maple leaf found at the left of the Ottawa wordmark will be enamelled in orange, green and red while "150" will also be red.

The 38 millimetre token will be struck as follows: 250 on bimetallic blanks with a heart of aluminium-bronze and a ring of cupronickel (\$20.00), 36 on commercial bronze blanks (\$37.50), 46 on nickel-silver blanks (\$37.50) and 42 gold plated pieces (\$45.00). "This is one of the smallest mintages ever" said Ray Desjardins, of Bonavita the exclusive distributor, "and with the beautiful design, they're bound to go extremely quickly." Bonavita can be reached at: Box 11447, Station H, Nepean, ON K2H 7V1 CANADA, tel:



+1-613-823-3844, fax: +1-613-825-3092, Email: bonavita@eligi.ca, at indicated in parentheses. S&H is extra. Canadian resident must add the applicable taxes. Eligi Consultants Inc. is having the token struck from designs by Serge Pelletier.

As it celebrates its 150th anniversary this year, the city of Ottawa can look back on a century and a half of amazing transformation. From a rough and ready lumber town, Canada's capital has grown into a dynamic, modern city, the heart of one of the great urban regions of the country. Ottawa's story, from the day it was incorporated on January 1, 1855, in many ways parallels that of the country as a whole. It is a story of brains and brawn, of enterprise and luck, of hardship and courage.

It all started with Bytown, a small settlement named for Colonel John By, the engineer who oversaw the construction of the Rideau Canal between 1826 and 1832. The canal, much of which was dug by hand, is the nucleus around which the city grew. It remains one of Ottawa's main attractions - in summer as a waterway for pleasure craft, and in winter as the world's longest outdoor skating rink. On December 31, 1857, the day before the city's third birthday, Queen Victoria guaranteed Ottawa a place in history when she chose it to be the capital of Canada.

Celebs born, raised or "launched" in Ottawa include: Paul Anka, Rich Little, Lorne Greene, Margaret Atwood, Tom Green, Matthew Perry and Alanis Morissette.

For more info, contact Serge Pelletier at serge@eligi.ca.



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Arnprior Issues Token

The Arnprior & District Memorial Hospital Corporation is issuing a 6-Dollar municipal trade token to commemorate the anniversary of the hospital and Canada's Year of the Veteran. "We felt it was very important to mark our 60 anniversary and the Year of the Veteran in a special way" said Don Nicholas, Chairman of the Board. The token will have currency value, at participating merchants in Arnprior, McNab-Braeside, Mississippi Mills and Ottawa, the communities served by the hospital, until 31 December 2005.

This is the first time a token is issued for Arnprior, McNab-Braeside and Mississippi Mills. The obverse show the hospital with the following legend: 60 YEARS OF CARING / VALID AT PARTICIPATING MERCHANTS UNTIL 31 DEC 2006 / \$6 / 1945 - ARNPRIOR & DISTRICT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL 2005, while the reverse depicts Canada's Year of the Veteran logo with ARNPRIOR, MCNAB-BRAESIDE, MISSISSIPPI MILLS, OTTAWA / (Eligi mintmark) / ONTARIO, CANADA.

The 32 millimetre token was struck as follows: 1,100 on bimetallic blanks with a heart of cupronickel and a ring of aluminium-bronze (\$7.50), 100 on nickel-silver blanks (\$16.00), 100 gold plated pieces (\$18.00), 35 enamelled bimetallic (\$35.00) and 25 enamelled gold plated (\$47.50). The enamelled tokens show the poppy in the Year of the Veteran logo in black and red. They are available from the exclusive distributor, Bonavita, Box

11447, Station H, Nepean, ON K2H 7V1 CANADA, tel: +1-613-823-3844, fax: +1-613-825-3092, Email: bonavita@eligi.ca, at indicated in parentheses. S&H is extra. Canadian resident must add the applicable taxes. Eligi Consultants Inc. had the token struck for the hospital from designs by Serge Pelletier.

Arnprior is well known by collectors of Canadian silver dollar as a variety for 1950, 51 and 55. In December 1955, the Royal Canadian Mint struck 2,000 silver dollars for a firm in the town roughly 1 hour from downtown Ottawa. These coins had 2 ½ water lines at the right of the canoe, similar to what can be found on some of the 1950 and 51 dollars. But it was these 1955 pieces that first attracted the attention of collectors, who eventually applied the "Arnprior" nickname to the variety on all three years.

For more info: Serge Pelletier, serge@eligi.ca



A Math Trick Submitted by the Scarborough Coin Club

A math trick which you will need a calculator.

#1 Key in the first three digits of your phone number (Not the area code)

#2 Multiply by 80

#3 Add 1

#4 Multiply by 250

#5 Add the last 4 digits of your phone number

#6 Add the last 4 digits of your phone number again

#7 Subtract 250

#8 Divide number by 2

Do you recognize the answer?

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ROYAL CANADIAN MINT STRIKES COLLECTIBLE HOCKEY COINS



(OTTAWA) Hockey's back, and the Royal Canadian Mint is helping Canadians celebrate by striking collector coins honouring eight members of the Hockey Hall of Fame. The Mint is offering unique sets featuring two of the NHL's oldest and most renowned teams, the Montreal Canadiens and the Toronto Maple Leafs.

"The Royal Canadian Mint is not only celebrating the glory and achievements of eight outstanding players, but we are

also recognizing the importance that the Montreal Canadiens and the Toronto Maple Leafs have played and continue to play in the cultural identity of Canada," said Marguerite F. Nadeau, interim President and C.E.O. of the Royal Canadian Mint.

The Royal Canadian Mint is offering hockey fans two unique 2005 sterling silver four-coin sets. The Montreal Canadiens series features four of the team's greatest players of all-time: Jean Beliveau, Guy Lafleur, Jacques Plante and Maurice Richard. The Toronto Maple Leafs collector set showcases legends Johnny Bower, Tim Horton, Darryl Sittler and Dave Keon. Royal Canadian Mint engravers adapted images graciously provided by the Hockey Hall of Fame and each player is captured at his legendary best. Limited to 25,000 sets each worldwide, the obverse of the coins depicts the effigy of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II by Susanna Blunt.

Fans can also celebrate the return of the NHL by showing off their team spirit with the 2005/2006 Season Montreal Canadiens and 2005/2006 Season Toronto Maple Leafs coin gift sets. Each set includes the numismatic version of the traditional circulation coins (\$2, \$1, 50-cents, 10-cents, 5-cents and 1-cent) while the 25-cent Caribou design has been replaced with the team logo.

About Hockey Legends

All sets are available directly from the Mint at 1-800-267-1871 in Canada, 1-800-268-6468 in the U.S., on the Internet at www.mint.ca or at the Royal Canadian Mint's global network of dealers and distributors. The 2005 Sterling Silver Four-Coin Sets - Hockey Legends are each available for CDN\$99.95, while the 2005/2006 Season Montreal Canadiens and 2005/2006 Season Toronto Maple Leafs Gift Sets are each available for CDN\$24.95.



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The Committee

Paul Johnson, CNA Education Committee Chairman, was the Coordinating Editor of the course. The Core Committee included Brian Cornwell, Scott Douglas, Dr. Marvin Kay, Paul Petch and John Regitko. Barry McIntyre was the *Copy Acquisition* and Chapter Layout *Coordinator*, while Paul Petch tweaked *the* final layout and copied it to *disk* for *electronic printing*.

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Submitted by the City of Ottawa Coin Club

Canadian Scouting and Numismatics

By François Rufiange, P. Eng

For those of you who know me a little bit, you are aware that I am very involved in the Scouting movement. I recently carried out a small study, the purpose of which was to establish a linkage between some circulating Canadian coins and Scouting. I would like to share my results with you. This article was originally written in French and mostly refers to the scouting method used by the Association des Scouts du Canada. However: a similar association can easily be made with Scouts Canada methods, which are all based on the same fundamental world wide scouting principles written by its founder, Lord Baden-Powell. His birthday is celebrated every year on the 22nd of February.



A first and easy link is the Beaver Branch and the 5-cent coin depicting the well-known beaver. The beaver has been on the 5-cent coin for more than 68 years! Back in 1937, when George VI (Queen Elizabeth's father) became the new king of England, Canada decided to completely change the design of its coinage. The beaver is a national emblem symbolizing the builders of our nation. The Beaver Branch is the level at which a child begins his big scouting adventure.



Other 5-cent coins that have a strong link with Scouting are the superb coins from 1943, 1944 and 1945. As you may know, Baden-Powell was military and passed away in January 1941, during World War II. These coins were minted to support the war effort. The design of this coin is complex. For example, the torch and the 'V' represent Peace and Victory (also the Roman numeral 5 for the denomination) respectively. However, there is another element of this design that is not well known: a message coded in Morse is engraved around the perimeter of the coin. On many occasions, I have used these coins either during the Remembrance week or during a collecting theme night with our cubs to show them the significance of the War effort. We always conclude these workshops by trying to "break" the encoded message!

The 1967 50-cent coin is associated with the Cub Branch. This beautiful design is a howling wolf which represents the immensity and solitude of our country. For the French Cubs, "le grand hurlement" is a tradition, a joy cry, a salute of the pack and a call to remember the oath. This coin, like all other coins of that year, was specially struck to celebrate Canada's centennial. Unfortunately, this silver coin is no longer found in circulation.

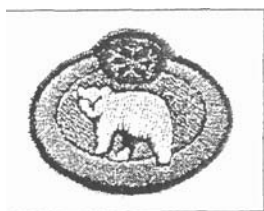
Participating in Scouting does not pay. Adults get involved in the Scout movement for the love of youth and nature.

Continued... Submitted by the City of Ottawa Coin Club

In 2001, the Royal Canadian Mint (RCM) minted a special 10-cent coin to commemorate the International year of Volunteers. Fifty years ago, mothers from Hamilton, Ontario, collected dimes to find a cure for polio. The Scout movement is based on volunteerism and goodwill and it is with pride that each adult involved in the Scout movement should recognize this coin and cherish it!



The environment and the protection of nature have always been very important for Scouts; and this goes back to the origin of Scouting. According to Scout Law, a Scout must protect life. In May 2000, the RCM issued a 25-cent coin that promoted the protection of nature. The theme of this coin is "Natural Heritage." The artist's vision was for Canada to live the next thousand years in an environment where the air was pure, the water was clean, the fauna and flora healthy, and the forests vigorous. This is only the second time that a fish appears on a Canadian coin, the first time being on the 1967 10-cent which portrays a mackerel.



The two-dollar coin and the French program called "Ours polaire" (Polar bear) are very obviously linked. The purpose of the Polar bear program and its badge is to

promote youth winter camping. The two-dollar coin shows a polar bear on packed ice. The polar bear inspires respect by its sheer size and power, and by the fact that it lives in one of the most inhospitable climates on earth.

Finally, I found a coin that has very interesting links to the Scout salute; a universal scouting tradition. The scouting salute is always done with the right hand: the index, the middle and auricular fingers are straight up whereas the thumb covers the curved-in small finger. The raised fingers originally meant that the young had to be loyal, be of service to others, and observe Scout Law. For the thumb over the small finger, it symbolizes: "The strong protects the weak."



This reminds me of the 1871 one-cent coin from Prince-Edward Island, the only coin minted for the province before it joined Confederation in 1873. The reverse was adapted from the official seal for the island. The central design shows a large oak tree (representing England) sheltering three smaller ones (the three counties of the island). What is intriguing is the Latin phrase under the central design that reads "PARVA SUB INGENTI," which means "The small beneath the great!"

All Canadian coins tell a story that touches us all in one way or another. Canadian Scouting has many traditions and history that makes it a unique association in the world, as our coins are. I hope this article raised some interest.

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