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CONVENTION PLANS COMPLETED

The Ontario Numismatic Association second annual convention will be held April 17-19 at the Chateau Laurier Hotel, Ottawa. The host club is the Capital City Coin Club.

President Rod R. Rekofski, Kitchener, said plans for the affair are complete. The programme will include competitive and non-competitive numismatic displays, three auctions, audio-visual presentations, the general ONA meeting, educational features and the annual dinner.

A special medal has been struck to mark the event. The obverse bears the crest of the Capital City Coin Club. The ONA crest is on the reverse.

Other information:

DISPLAY CATEGORIES: Canadian, United States, classical, British Empire and Commonwealth, foreign, paper money, junior and miscellaneous. There will be a grand award for the best all-around effort. Display cases will be available. See the last issue for details.

DELEGATES: All Ontario coin clubs are asked to send a delegate to the general meeting. This is important. Many policy decisions will be made at this meeting.

AUCTIONS: There will be three, conducted by Edward Knight (Auctions) Ltd. Obtain lists from Suite 511, 62 Richmond St. W., Toronto 1, Ont.

ANNUAL DINNER: Will be held at 6:30 p. m. Saturday, April 18. Tickets (\$4.50) and information can be obtained from general chairman Earl Grandmaison, 551 Broadway Ave., Ottawa 13, Ont.

ONA MEDAL: Available in bronze (\$3.50 each), silver (\$5), 10K rose finish gold plated (\$15), 10K solid brilliant finish gold (\$40), of which there are 25 numbered pieces. Available from William English, Box 4, Waterloo, Ont.

The medals are also available in plastic-enclosed sets: A--complete with two gold types (\$66 each), B--bronze, silver, solid gold (\$50), C--bronze, silver, gold plated (\$25), D--bronze and silver (\$10), E--silver (\$6.25), F--bronze (\$4.75).

RESERVATIONS: No deadline--just do it NOW. Later will just be too late. Some rooms are being held for convention visitors, including yours. All you have to do is claim it. So, get those reservations into the Chateau Laurier Hotel for a weekend of numismania and good fellowship.

PROGRAMME:

Friday, April 17

9:00 a. m. Dealers to set up bourses
Noon Convention opens to public
5:30 p. m. Official opening
6:30 Educational programme (David Ash)
7:00 . Auction

Saturday, April 18

9:30 a. m. Opens
11:00 ONA general meeting
2:00 p. m. Display judging
3:00 What's My Coin (Lloyd T. Smith)
5:30 Reception (head table guests)
6:30 Annual dinner (bourses closed)
8:30 Bourses reopen

Sunday, April 19

10:00 a. m. Opens
10:30 Voyageur Dollar (Mrs. Claudia Pelkey)
Noon Executive luncheon
2:00 p. m. Prize draw and auction
4:00 Displays close
6:00 Convention closes

READ 'EM

Display case caretaker Frank Uttley urges recipients of ONA services brochures to read them carefully, so as to cut down on the bottlenecking correspondence. This is particularly important now with all the club annual dinners going on. Uttley says five clubs have only verbally requested display cases. This isn't enough. PUT IT IN WRITING and on the proper forms. You won't get display cases way.

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The first transportation tokens issued in Canada were bridge tokens issued to pay toll on the series of three bridges connecting the east end of Montreal Island to the mainland.

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EDGE INSCRIPTIONS ON COINS

by Alex M. Sweeton

Reprinted from the London Numismatic Society's monthly bulletin

The coin has been tossed and has landed not heads or tails but on the edge. However, the chance of reading an inscription on the edge during this extremely rare mathematical moment are very remote indeed and funnily enough, it is reeding which has made this reading impossible.

Coin Dictionary and Guide by C. C. Chamberlain and Fred Reinfeild: Reeded Edge: A coin edge with lines running across the thickness of the edge from obverse to reverse. The purpose of this is to prevent clipping. The coins of Charles II, struck by Blondeau were the first in the English Series to have reeding).

The edges of coins are still fascinating studies although they would be rather difficult display. Netherlands is the first country which comes to my mind on this subject. The edge inscription on a 1933 silver guilder gave me enough confidence to attempt to learn something of the Nederlandsch language. When I was there during World War II, the only coins circulating were the zinc one cent, 2½ cents, five cents, 10 cents and 25 cents, which were indeed dull and drab.

Incidentally, Netherlands is the only country except for the U. S. A. and Canada which uses the exact word CENTS for their minor coins. A shoemaker in Loon op Zand with whom I was billeted, gave me a bright, shiny 1933 guilder with the edge inscription GOD ZIJ MET ONS, which seemed quite unintelligible, but when it was pronounced about like "Goadt Zee Met Ohnz", a glimmer of recognition came through and the translation was simply "God Be With Us."

Oliver Cromwell, Lord Protector of England 1656-1658, was the first to letter the edges of coins. He inscribed the edge of his rare 50 shilling piece of gold PROTECTOR.LITERIS.LITERAR.NVMMIS.CORONA.ET.SALVS (A protection to the letters: a garland and safeguard to the coinage). On his silver crown of 1658, the edge was lettered with the inscription HAS.NISI.PERITVRVS.MIDIADIMAT.NEMO, (Let No One Remove These From Me Under Penalty of Death).

HAS (These) would refer to the letters in the inscription. This was to prevent clipping or the practice of shaving a little metal from each coin that passed the hands of certain money changers.

As mentioned above, reeding of coins began during the reign of Charles II (1660-1685). The milled coinage of the period 1661-1684, was from dies by Jan Roettier of Antwerp and they were struck with the mill and screw by Blondeau. However, on a five-guinea gold piece of 1684, so-called because the gold came from Guinea, the edge was lettered DECVS.ET.TVTAMEN (An Ornament of a Safeguard).

This legend then appears on the edge of the five-guinea and five-pound pieces and crown from the time of Charles II to that of Victoria.

Also, to discourage the clipping of coins, some early United States coins bore a legend on their edges. On half cents of 1793-1797, there appears TWO HUNDRED FOR A DOLLAR; on large cents of 1793-1796, ONE HUNDRED FOR A DOLLAR; on silver dollars of 1794-1804, HUNDRED CENTS, ONE DOLLAR OR UNIT.

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The ship on the Carritt and Alport tokens, of Halifax, was the frigate Shannon.

WATERLOO SUCCESS

The Waterloo Coin Society fifth annual banquet was a huge success. The three educational programmes, illustrated by the ONA audio-visual service, were well attended. A great number of displays were exhibited and top honours for the Best of Show, went to Alex Monroe, Scarborough for his fabulous collection of ships on coins and medals,

One hundred and twenty dinner guests enjoyed an informative talk on Hawaii and King Kalakaua Coins by Victor Snell of the St. Catharines Coin Club. The two-day show was well attended and enjoyed by all, due to the excellent and hard work of the committees behind the scenes.

LIBRARY DONATIONS

From The International Nickel Company of Canada Limited comes one dozen booklets, Nickel In Coinage.

1964 Public Auction Catalogue, by Abner Kreisberg and Hans M. F. Schulman, 215 pages plus a supplement of plates and illustrations. Donated by Edward Schroeder.

Counterfeit Gold Coins by Alfred Dieffenbacher. Illustrating coins from France, Germany, Great Britain, Switzerland and U. S. A. Donated by the author, Alfred Dieffenbacher, by way of Alex Monroe.

Due to the cost of the latter donation, Counterfeit Gold Coins, it has been decided that any member borrowing this book from the library must insure it for its full value, \$41, and reimburse the ONA library for same.

All donations are gratefully received and we wish to extend our thanks to the donors.

NEW MEMBERS

Applicants published in the March issue of the Journal have now been accepted,

The following applications were received in March. If no objections are received, their acceptance will be acknowledged in the May issue of the Numismatist,

- 396 #224437 CPL. Alan Bell-Chambers, 4 (f) Wing HQ CAPO 5056 C. A. F. E.
- 397 Jack Fearnley, #11 Highway, Englehart, Ont.
- 398 Robert W. Burgess, 347 Springdale Blvd., Toronto 6, Ont.
- 399 Mrs. P. Ronald Hilborn, 17 Barnes Ave., Brantford, Ont.
- 400 William Chiappetta, 357 Queen St. East, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.
- 401 John P. Newton, 2071 Valley Way, Niagara Falls, Ont.
- 402 Mrs. Jean B. Cox, 1253 North Military Rd., Niagara Falls, NY, USA.
- 403 Leslie M. Allen, Box 104, Wiarton, Ont.
- 404 Joseph Sebastian, 4 Delmar Dr., Hamilton, Ont.

- C31 WOODSTOCK COIN CLUB, c/o Jim Cullen, 117 Wilson St., Woodstock, Ont.
C32 THUNDER BAY NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION, c/o R. C. Browne, P. O. Box 262,
Fort William, Ont.

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- 56 Melvin C. Garside, 190 Thames St., Chatham, Ont.
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C8 NORFOLK COIN CLUB, c/o 208 Stanley St., Simcoe, Ont.
C13 ST. CATHARINES COIN CLUB, c/o E. Victor Snell, 6 Rosemount Ave., St. Catharines,
Ont.
C22 OWEN SOUND COIN CLUB, c/o Don Nicoll, 786-4th Ave. West, Owen Sound, Ont.

CORRECTIONS

- C6 OAKVILLE COIN CLUB, c/o Mr. David Ashe (Corresponding Sec.), 1069 Lakeshore
Hwy., East, Oakville, Ont.

COMING EVENTS

- April 4 - Woodstock Coin Club annual banquet, Old St. Paul's Parish Hall, Woodstock,
Ontario. Banquet, 6:30 p. m. Information: James Cullen, 117 Wilson
St., Woodstock.
April 11 - Metropolitan Numismatic Club fifth annual exhibition, Auction and dance.
Oak Room, Union Station, Toronto, Ontario.
April 11 - Huronia Numismatic Association third annual banquet and public display.
The Continental Inn, Barrie. Guest speaker will be Maj. Sheldon S.
Carroll. Bourse tables - \$5. Banquet tickets - \$2.50. Open noon
to 11:00 p. m.
April 15 - St. Thomas Coin Club annual meeting, banquet and auction.
April 17-19 - Ontario Numismatic Association second annual convention, Chateau
Laurier Hotel, Ottawa.
April 26 - Stratford Coin Club second annual coin show and banquet. St. Joseph's
Parish Hall, Hibernia Street, Stratford. Banquet at 6:30 p. m.
Tickets \$2.50. General admission 25 cents. Guest speaker, Claudia
Pelkey. For information write: Edward Anstett, 169 Norman St. Stratford.
May 25 - Oakville Coin Club fourth anniversary night. Displays welcome.
Trophies for first place and Best of Show. Medals released: depicting
sea gulls, honouring the centennial of the schooner 'Sea Gull', the first
ship built in Oakville to sail to Africa and return in one sailing season.
Medal prices: 10K solid gold, \$36.50; sterling silver, \$4.75; and
bronze, \$3.25. Address medal inquiries to: Larry Pelkey,
440 Pineland Avenue, Oakville.