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THE CROOKSTON DOLLAR

By Ruth McQuade

The story of the "Crookston Dollar" is the story of how fantasy or fiction overcame fact. It is also the story of Mary Queen of Scots or Mary Stuart of Scotland.

There have been so many books written about her, and so many poems and sonnets and plays, that it is difficult to know the true facts. We do know that she was born in 1542, the daughter of James V and Mary of Guise, and at the age of six, she was betrothed to the Dauphin Francis. She went to France, where she lived in the court of Queen Catherine de Medici, where debauchery and murder were a cause for daily excitement. At the age of 15 she married Francis, but he died two years later and she returned to Scotland.

Mary was liked by her people as she was a woman of beauty and an accomplished wit. As a Catholic she was in collision with John Knox and his reformers. John Knox hated her and much of her wickedness that we believe in to-day comes from the writings of John Knox. She was brilliant and she had courage, but she lived in a time where there was so much strife and bitterness and with only scoundrels to advise her, she had no chance. It is difficult to know whether to like or hate her as she could be a kind and faithful friend or a deadly, dangerous enemy.

We know that she married Lord Darnley, who was weak-minded and thoroughly disreputable, but he was the father of James VI of Scotland and James I of England. She later married Bothwell and he domineered her.

Mary lived for only 45 years but there were a number of coins minted in her reign.

The 7th coinage produced a coin called the Mary Ryall. The order in council states: 'It is statute and ordainit be our Soveranis

Quene and Kingis Majisties, with avyse of the Lordis of their Majisties privle Cpunsall; That thair be cunziet ane penny of silver callet the Mary Ryall the fynes of eleven deniers fyne. and of weicht ane unce Troie weicht with twa granes of remeid alsweil of weicht as fynes; havand on the ane syde ane palme-tree crownit' ane schell-padoke+ crepand up the shank of the samyn, an axell about the tree wrytten therein! DAT GLORIA VIREs the date of the yeir thair under with this circumscription begynning at ane thirsill, EXVRGAT DEVs ET DISSIPENTVR INIMIGI EIVS; and on the uthar syde our saidis soveranis armis coverit with ane close crown ane thirsill on ilk side, with this circumscription begynning at ane croce directlie above the crown, MARIA ET HENRICVS DEI GRATIA REGINA ET REX SCOTORVM; the said penny to half cours for xxx sh money of this realme, the twa pairt for xx sh and the third pairt for x sh all of this samyn fynes and prent and of weicht equivalent; to witt the two pairt of weicht xvi deniers and the third pairt of viii deniers.'

Many years later and after many stories had been written about Mary a story appeared that a tree on the grounds of Crookston castle was historically connected with the courtship of Lord Darnley and Mary, Research has proved that Darnley never went near Crookston castle before or after his wedding. The tree on the grounds of this aging castle was a yew tree not a palm.

The stories continued and about 200 years after this coin was minted someone started calling the palm tree on the coin a yew, and finally the coin somehow acquired the name "Crookston Dollar".

We know the stories of Mary have been embroidered to suit many writers, and perhaps it is possible the tree on the coin could be mistaken for a yew, but it seems incredible that they could go so far as to change the name from the Mary Ryall to the Crookston Dollar.

However isn't it a facinating story?

+tortoise

(Thanks to City of Ottawa Club Bulletin)

REGRETS

It, is with regret we learn that pur (O.N.A.) Secretary, Ted Turonski, has resigned due to the pressure of work plus the added illness of his wife. We will miss Ted and wish him well and a speedy recovery to Mrs. Turonski.

This means we now have a vacancy on our executive in the secretary's position. We are, therefore, issuing invitations to our readers who may be interested to please write to President Charles Laister, No. 3 Highway, Tillsonburg, who will be pleased to hear from you. Duties will start at our forthcoming convention in Niagara Falls, Apr. 22-23.

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THE BREAD TOKENS OF ONTARIO - continued from the February issueTARA

W. Collins/General/and/Fancy/Grocery/Tara, Ont.
 Good for $\frac{1}{2}$ /loaf of bread A-O-25
 Good for 1/loaf of bread A-Ov-30x22

TAVISTOCK

Mohr's/Bakery
 Good for 1/loaf of bread A-R-25

THEDFORD

Thedford/Bakery/G.A. Elliott
 Good for 1/loaf A-RE-32x19

Thos. Patterson/Baker/Thedford
 Good for 1/loaf of bread A-RE-32x19

THORNDALE

Jas. Harding/Baker/&/General/Merchant/Thorndale, Ont.
 Good for 1/loaf of bread A-Sc8-28

TILBURY

Tilbury Bakery/Tilbury/Ontario
 Good for 1/loaf of bread A-R-26

TIMMINS

International/Timmins/Bakery
 Good for 1/loaf of bread A-R-25

TORONTO

Canadian Bakery/G.H. Bowen/1000/Bloor St. West/Toronto.
 Good for 1/loaf of bread A-Sc8-29

Canadian Bakery/G.H. Bowen/1000/Bloor St. West,/Toronto.
 Good for 1/loaf of bread A-Sc8-29

Dale & Harkes/Bakers/Woolsley St./Toronto.
 Good for one loaf/of/bread A-R-25
 Good for 1/loaf of bread A-R-20
 Good for 1/loaf/of bread B-R-20 (5 struck)
 Good for 1/loaf/of bread C-R-20 (5 struck)
 Good for 1/loaf/of bread W-R-20 (5 struck)

Good for 3/Loaves/Bread/M.L. (M. Lane
 (Blank) A-R-25

Good for One/ $\frac{1}{2}$ Loaf/C. Schmidt
 (Blank) A-R-26

(Blank) B-R-26

(Blank) C-R-26

(Blank) W-R-26

(Blank) L-R-26

The/Harry/Webb Co./Limited/Toronto.
 Good for one/small loaf A-RE-38 $\frac{1}{2}$ x22 $\frac{1}{2}$

TRENTON

D.E. Clarke/Trenton/Bakery
 Good for 1/small loaf A-R-25
 Good for 1/loaf/of/bread A-R-25

R.M. Foster/Confectioner/Trenton
 Good for 1/loaf of bread A-R-24
 Good for 1/loaf of bread A-R-19

Walter Foster/Baker/Trenton.
Good for/3/4/loaf of bread A-Sc4-28
Good for/1/loaf of bread A-Sc8-29

Foster's/Model/Bakery/Trenton, Ont.
Good for/1/2/loaf A-E-20
Good for/one loaf A-TR-28

TWEED

D. Deatty,/Central/Bakery.
Good for/one/loaf bread A-Sc8-29

VANKLEEK HILL

Good for/1/Small Loaf./Wood Bros.
Vankleek Hill/Ont. A-0-27

WALKERTON

F. Halley/Walkerton/Bakery
Good for/1/2/loaf of bread A-0-25

WALLACEBURG

Allens Bakery/Wallaceburg/Ont.
Good for/1/loaf of bread A-R-27

McKenzie's Bakery/Wallaceburg/Ont.
Good for/1/loaf of bread A-0-24

WARKWORTH

A. E. Riendeau/Provision/Merchant/Warkworth, Ont.
Good for/1/loaf of bread A-R-24

WATERFORD

Serles Bros./Bakers & Grocers/Waterford, Ont.
Good for/1/loaf of bread A-RE-32x19

WATFORD

A. Mavity/Baker/Watford, Ont.
Good for/1/loaf of bread A-Sc8-28

H. Stableford/Baker/&/Confectioner/Watford, Ont.
Good for/1/loaf/of bread A-0-25

WELLAND

Welland Bakery/W.H. Crowther
Good for/1/loaf of bread A-0v-30x22

Dickie's Home Made/Mother's/Bread/Welland, Ont.
Good for/one/loaf bread A-R-25

WESTBORO

W.G. Graham/& Co./Westboro
Good for/1/2/loaf/of bread. A-0-26
Good for/1/loaf/bread A-R-30 1/2

WEST LORNE

W. A. Meldrum/The Model/Bakery/West Lorne, Ont.
Good for/1/loaf of bread A-Sc4-28

WHEATLEY

James Reynolds°Baler/Wheatley.
Good for/1/loaf of bread A-Sc4-28

WIARTON

- Good/for/Half Loaf/at/Buckley's
Our specialties/bread,/cakes,/pastry, oysters,/confectionery,/ice cream,/biscuits, fruits, A-O-25
- Good for/One Loaf/at/Buckley's
Our specialties/bread,/cakes,/pastry, oysters,/confectionery,/ice cream,/biscuits, fruits. A-Sc8-29
- Vienna/Bakery/Wiarton.
Good for/one/half loaf A-R-25

WINCHESTER

- Winchester Bakery/Good for/ $\frac{1}{2}$ /Pan/Bread
Go to/A.W. Beach/for/choice/groceries A-R-30
- Winchester Bakery/Good for/1/Pan/Bread
Go to/A.W. Beach/for/choide/groceries A-R-38
- Winchester Bakery/Good for/1/Loaf/Bread
Go to/A.W. Beach/for/choice/groceries A-R-24

WINDSOR

- I. Glaser/Cake/Windsor, Ont./1414 Giles/Blvd.
Good for/lo 1 af/of bread A-R-21 $\frac{1}{2}$
- A.L. Thibedeau/Baker/117 London St./Windsor.
Good for/1/loaf of bread ~~A-Sc4-28~~

WINGHAM

- D. Loughheed/Market/Bakery/Wingham, Ont.
Good for/1/loaf of bread A-Sc4-28 $\frac{1}{2}$

WOODSTOCK

- Harrison/Baker/Woodstock, Ont.
(Note: Star over and under "Baker")
Good for/1/loaf of bread A-Sc8-30
- Harrison/Baker/Woodstock, Ont.
(Note: Bar over and under "Baker")
Good for/1/loaf of bread A-Sc8-28

Note: This completes the Tokens of Ontario.

We trust this list as carried during the preceding months will be of value to those collectors interested in Tokens.

THE CANADIAN FIVE CENT PIECE - 1942 and THE BRITISH THREEPENCE

By W. N. Clarke

The collectors of Canadian coins are all aware of the fact that the 1942 nickel coin (which had replaced the silver five cent in 1942) was struck on a round planchet, whereas the 1942 Tombac was struck on a twelve-sided planchet.

A paragraph included in the 73rd Annual Report of the Royal Mint, England - 1942, pge. 124 gives the following information:-

Canada - "The nickel five cent piece, which itself had superseded a silver coin in 1922, was replaced in May 1942 by Tombac (88% copper and 12% zinc) to save the badly needed nickel....the twelve sided outline devised by the London Mint for the threepence of the Imperial coinage in 1937 was adopted for the coin in the new metal. Modifications were made in the production process which resulted in more rounded angles and a slightly different edging---" It may here be noted that until 1942, dies for the Canadian coinage were still being made at the Royal Mint, London. The first dies made in Canada were for the 1943 coinage. No reason was given for the change in shape of the five cent piece and the style remained unchanged until 1962. The reason generally accepted by Canadian collectors for a twelve-sided coin is that it made it considerably easier to distinguish the tombac five cent piece from the bronze one cent coin.

In the case of the Imperial threepence however, the sharp angles in the collars of the dies continued to be a source of weakness. During the war years, when steel for new dies became scarce, the quality of the coins declined as the collars weakened and developed cracks. In 1942-43, the corners of the collars were slightly rounded to increase their life; not, however, to the extent of the roundness of the Canadian pieces. As stated in the Mint report, modifications were made to the dies and it would appear that no great inconvenience was encountered by the Canadian Mint in striking the twelve-sided coins.

There may be a direct relation to the fewer numbers of Canadian pieces being struck and also the fact that the planchets for the five cent pieces are thinner than those of the threepence, (although it is not known how many working dies were used).

As a comparison, in 1960 the Royal Mint issued some 84,744,000 threepence coins and the Canadian Mint issued 37,158,433 five cent pieces.

(Thanks to London Numismatic Society Bulletin)

CONVENTION '72

We believe that our readers will be interested in knowing the progress made by your convention committee for 1972. Briefly, then, here is what has transpired - The Convention will be held in the Sheraton-Brock Hotel within a stone's throw of Niagara Falls itself, in the spacious comfortable hotel offering its guests all the amenities wished for. Bourse Chairman, Howard Hill, tells me that nearly 39 tables have been sold and these include dealers from many parts of Canada and the United States, which in itself should offer coin collectors one of the greatest varieties of material available. Among your bourse dealers will be top dealers in gold, paper money, antique coins, coins of the world, and of course our own Canadian decimals and those of our neighbor south of the Border. In other words, practically every facet of our hobby will be represented. On the entertainment

side there will be a comprehensive tour of the Niagara Falls area including the falls itself, both Canadian and American, the Botanical Gardens and a drive along the Niagara Parkway viewing some of the loveliest old homes in this part of the world. Chairman, Mel Fiske, has worked hard to make this convention a memorable one for all who attend, ably assisted by his executive committee. Nothing has been overlooked, in fact there may even be a few pleasant surprises at this convention. We hope, therefore, that as many as possible of our members and non-members alike will be attending this convention on April 22 7 23. See you there.

Yours for a successful convention

Ye Ed.

PROPOSED COIN SHOWS

Listed below are the proposed coin club annual show dates and banquets. Check, please, to see if any of these dates will conflict with your club's proposed dates.

- March 11 - North York Coin Club annual show in the North York Community Hall, 5090 Yonge Street, Willowdale, Ontario from 12 noon to 10.00 p.m. Everyone welcome.
- March 18 - Richmond Hill Coin Club 8th Annual Show in the Town and Country Square Mall, Yonge & Steeles Streets, Toronto, Ont.
- Mar, 25 &- Waterloo Coin Club annual Show at the Holiday Inn, No. 8
26 Highway, Kitchener. Details re bourse, etc. to Waterloo Coin Society, P.O. Box 41, Waterloo, Ontario.
- Apr. 8 - Thistletown Coin Club annual show and bourse in the Albion Hall, east end rotunda, 11.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m. Details re bourse, etc. to Norm Baisten, 37 Neames Crescent, Downsview, Ontario.
- April 8 - Woodstock Coin Club Annual Show in Old St. Paul's Parish Hall, Dundas St., with banquet at 6.30 p.m. Information re bourse-P.O. Box 631, Woodstock and re display - Bert Carter, P.O. Box 159, Innerkip, Ontario.
- April 16 - Kent Coin Club 4th Annual Show at the Holiday Inn, Highway 2 and Keil Road, Chatham, Ont. 10.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. Details re bourse, etc. to Jack Sands, 14 Gregory Dr. East, Chatham.
- Apr. 22-23-O.N.A. 10th Annual Convention at Sheraton Brock Hotel, Niagara Falls. Details re bourse, etc. to Chairman-Mel Fiske, 7795 Beaverdams Road, Niagara Falls, or Howard Hill, 1 Hayes St., St. Catharines. Accommodations - Mrs. Marge Smith, 5138 Willmot St., Niagara Falls, Ont.
- May 13 - St. Thomas Annual Coin Show and Banquet in Grace United Church Auditorium. Details re bourse, etc. to St. Thomas Numismatic Association, P.O. Box 187, St. Thomas, Ont.
- May 13 - Orillia Champlain Coin Club Annual Show in the Orange Hall, Mississaga St., West, Orillia. Details re bourse, etc. to Harry Booth, 270 Nottawasaga St., Orillia.
- Aug. 2-5 - Joint C.N.A.-C.P.M.S. Convention at the Holiday Inn, Civic Square, Toronto, Ont. Details re bourse to Jack Veffler, P.O. Box 7, Station "S", Toronto. General Chairman - Victor E. Snell, P.O. Box 2186, Station "B", St. Catharines

- Oct. 1 - Kitchener Coin Club annual Show at the Holiday Inn, Fairway Road, Kitchener. For details re bourse, etc. contact Ted Turonski, 111 Lancaster St.E., Kitchener, Ont.
- Oct. 21 - St. Catharines Annual Show and Banquet in Westminster United Church Hall, Queenston St., Details later.
- Oct. 22 - Sarnia Bluewater International Coin Show at The Village, 751 N. Christina St., Sarnia, Details re bourse to Norm. Scott, Box 89, Corunna, Exhibits-Robert Sargent, 1212 Hancock St., Port Huron, Mich. and General to Carl Williamson, 931 Greendale St., Sarnia.
- Oct. 29 - Tillsonburg Numismatic Society Annual Coin and Antique Show in the Orange Hall, Brock St., Tillsonburg. Details re bourse to Chas. B. Laister, No. 3, Highway, Tillsonburg. General Chairman - George Reynaert, 41 Park Ave., Delhi.

NEWS AROUND THE COIN CLUBS

BRANTFORD NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

At the last meeting the members enjoyed a double treat in the form of the O.N.A. Audio-Visual slides on The Waitangi Crown of New Zealand and Tom & Denis Kostaluk slide program on Poland.

HAMILTON COIN CLUB

At the last meeting The Alfred Roach Memorial for the person contributing most to the club's welfare during 1971 was won by the President. The delegates to the O.N.A. and C.N.A. Conventions this year will be Lindsay and Mildred McLennan.

HURONIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION -

At the last meeting the members enjoyed two films, one an old Laurel and Hardy film and the other on how a martian views the earthling, the Automobile. Also a short talk was given by Ivan Coles on the forthcoming Richmond Hill Coin Show.

INGERSOLL COIN CLUB

At the last meeting the members enjoyed two excellent speakers - the Ingersoll Police Chief, Art McCart, on protecting coins and Martin Brooks on Coin Insurance. The executive for 1972 is - Pres.- James Finch, Treasurer - Aulis Koslonen, Sec.-Carole McArthur, Editor - Barbara McNab.

NIAGARA FALLS COIN CLUB

At the last meeting there was a special quiz on Women on Coinage and the C.N.A. slides on the Canadian Silver Five Cent Piece series was shown and explained by Pat Lambert. Plans for the Convention at the Sheraton-Brock are progressing.

ORILLIA CHAMPLAIN COIN CLUB

At the last meeting the club enjoyed a fine group of pictures shown by Elwood McLaughlin on "Close Ups of Wild Flowers". The Orillia and Oro Horticultural Society and the Camera Club were invited to enjoy the pictures also.

STRATFORD COIN CLUB

At the last meeting the Club decided to hold their Coin Show on Oct. 22, 1972. The slide series "Numismatic Items" was also enjoyed by the members.

ST. CATHARINES COIN CLUB

At the last meeting the members and guests were treated to an interesting talk by Victor Snell on "Preparing a Display". This was very informative and was followed by a lively auction conducted by Lloyd Dorsey.

WATERLOO COIN SOCIETY

The last meeting featured a very interesting film entitled "Fraser Canyon" which deals with the development and making of a pass through that territory. The 1972 executive is as follows- Pres.-Ed. Stahley, Vice-Pres.-Paul Sandham, Sec.-R. McAlpine, Treas.-Bruce Bruce Raszmann, Editor - Heinz Herzog.

WOODSTOCK COIN CLUB

At the last meeting Mr. Bert Carter had a display of electrical insulators and gave an interesting talk on them. Plans are being finalized for the annual show on April 8th.

"CHAS. B. LAISTER TROPHY"

DONATED TO THE ONATIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION FOR ANNUAL COMPETITION OF O.N.A. MEMBER CLUBS.

This TROPHY is up for the first time at the O.N.A. 10th Annual Convention hosted by the Niagara Falls Coin Club, on April 22-23, 1972 at the SHERATON-DROCK HOTEL, Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada.

The Trophy will be awarded for the best display from any O.N.A. member club in Ontario that is in good standing with the O.N.A. at the time of the O.N.A. yearly convention. The display can be put in as a club project or by a member of an Ontario club but only in the name of the club to which the member belongs. Only one display will be allowed from each club, the space or area allowed that of one, two or three O.N.A. cases, the category that of any the club wishes to put in. All displays in this competition will be competitive and none will be allowed to compete in any of the O.N.A. regular categories.

The club that has the best display will get the Trophy to take to their club until the next O.N.A. yearly Convention. At that time the trophy must be returned to be put up for Club competition again. During the time the winning club has the trophy it is to be put up for their club members display competition who are in good standing in the Club. Point records are to be kept as - 10 points for first, 7 for second and 5 for all the rest who displayed that month. There should be a display chairman appointed and he will judge the displays, keep a record of the points won and post the results so the club members will know who is leading in points each month. No display should be shown more than once. The winner of each month's display has the privilege of taking the large Trophy home till the next meeting. When it is time for the next O.N.A. Convention, the club chairman will tally up each member's points and the member with the highest points will receive at the O.N.A. Convention Banquet from the O.N.A. President an inscribed Trophy to keep. This will continue until the large Trophy is withdrawn from club competition.

From the President of the O.N.A. Chas. B. Laister.

NEW MEMBERS

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

840 - S. L. Fiske, Skylark Motel, Flesherton, Ontario.

841 - Harold W. Cole, 3061 Oakmount Dr., San Bruno, California
94066 U.S.A.

THIS 'N THAT

Just recently I had occasion to renew my automobile insurance which I find covers me for all perils, third party, etc., etc., and while cogitating on the coverage I enjoy I was wondering about insurance on other things, the first of which was insurance to cover my coin collection, etc. and I wonder if perhaps your Executive should look into costs, coverage and all relevant details of some form of organization coverage for our members at a substantially reduced fee. I believe our National Association has something along these lines and maybe we, too, could provide this service to our membership! It is worth considering and I invite our readers comments... Some time ago, through these columns, we invited members to send in nominations for the Award of Merit. You will be both surprised and I hope pleased to learn that we received to date something like 13 nominations for this coveted award. Ye Ed would like to say a "Big Thank You" to those of our readers who so thoughtfully sat down and sent in a nominee of their choice This coming weekend we are looking forward to meeting many of you at Torex. I do hope that the high standard of exhibiting will again prevail this year, thus making the job of the judges an arduous one ... We hear from one of our news sources that Bob Shillingworth is busy lining up some beautiful material for the forthcoming Convention. May we suggest that you guys and dolls save your nickels, dimes and quarters to buy that precious piece for your collection.... I guess this is about all till April. I'll say "Bona Showshoes" and here are some interesting facts on the population explosion in Canada, thanks to John Barachino of Brantford Numismatic Society. (Thanks John);

Would you believe that the population of Canada is	20,000,000
People over the age of 65	6,000,000
Balance to do work	14,000,000
People 13 years of age and under	10,000,000
Balance left to do work	4,000,000
People in the armed forces	2,000,000
Balance left to do the work	2,000,000
People sick in hospital	900,000
Balance left to do the work	1,100,000
Bums and others who will not work	1,000,000
Balance left to do the work	100,000
People in jail	99,998

BALANCE LEFT TO DO THE WORK

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YOU AND ME....and it's about time you pulled up your socks. We are tired of running this outfit on our OWN!!! How about lending a Hand????

Good, eh?

Ye Ed