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HOW ABOUT AN ARGUMENT

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WHAT IS NUMISMATICS? ? ? ?

By R. W. Irwin

The Ontario Numismatic Association, by virtue of its corporate name, professes to promote numismatics in Ontario. Well, is this fact or fiction? It depends on how deeply you look at this rather controversial subject.

Many people regard numismatics as simply coin collecting, a pleasant hobby for children and retired people. The puritan definition as set forth by Webster is "the science of coins and medals". Science is further defined as systematized knowledge. Contemporary practice is to include paper currencies in the general study of numismatics.

In 1965 Elvira Clain-Stefanelli correctly summarized that "In Canada, modern numismatics is viewed often as a delightful hobby of collecting national coins and tokens in numerous varieties and the current trend seems to emphasize handy catalogues for collectors. No major study can be found which can compare with the classic works on Canadian numismatics published in the past century by Joseph Leroux and by P.N. Breton". While she rightfully refers to Adam Shortt's work on Nova Scotia financial history and the Canadian Numismatic Journal as sources of short articles the conclusion still stands in 1973 that little of substance had been added since she wrote these words.

The answer must appear, in part, by words written a century ago by James R. Snowden in his book on Ancient and Modern Coins, 1860.

"In giving a history of the coins ... we shall not go so far into the details of the subject as to take notice of the different "varieties" caused by cracked dies, the

addition or omission of a leaf in the laurel, a larger or smaller letter in the legend or inscription, and the countless other minute and scarcely definable differences which are found, upon close examination, to exist in the coins of nearly every year in which they have been issued. These little technicalities may be important to those collectors of coins who pay more regard to the selfish desire of having something which no one else possesses than to the historic or artistic interest which attaches to a coin".

Why do people collect these "varieties"? Apart from the explanation above it is probably that they started as a collector of the Canadian series - that is year by everlasting year, only to find they started at the wrong end of the series, that is, they left the scarce ones to the last. You don't win prizes with holes in your series. Instead of spending time profitably in the historical and financial aspects of type collecting where there exists some areas for new knowledge, they reverted to the less demanding and inexpensive chore of acting as quality control for the mint - maybe they should be on their payroll.

So much for "varieties". Is it numismatics? In my view only if a determined independent effort is made to correlate the problem with the manufacturing process, but why do you need both the 1950 and 1955 Arnprior variety, one illustrates the type of problem.

At the O.N.A. annual convention and at many local coin shows there is usually a category called "Miscellaneous" which infers the material in this category is not specific to any of the other more definite categories. Because the event is sponsored by a numismatic group you would fully expect that the items exhibited would be only of a numismatic character. Not so, at events all over the Province the hard-pressed judges are asked to cast an opinion on the worthiness as a numismatic item of such far out things as military badges and insignia, bowling pins, buttons, odd pieces of paper and other miscellanea. This is surely an imposition the judges should not accept. The fault must lie with the exhibit chairman who is primarily responsible for stating what is a numismatic item. In my view the Miscellaneous category must be reserved for numismatic items.

The continuously growing bulk of contemporary material which are termed medallions are passively shunned by many. There is no doubt that they must be called numismatic items. Many look on them distastefully because of their cost, because they are largely produced for financial gain rather than the higher motive of commemoration. There is a definite need to register, classify and study this material. Who will undertake this numismatic task?

Back in 1875 the Dean of Canadian Numismatics, R. W. McLachlan, complained bitterly about his fellow collectors' habits associated with the many local tokens issued at that time. To-day, the study of local

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tokens is pursued vigorously by many people but not by as many as could usefully lend a hand. For example, many small villages and towns were the source of tokens for trade. Here is an excellent chance for coin collectors to do something useful by researching the business issuing the token, why was it issued, who struck it, how many, when were they used. There are very few tokens where all this information is known. This is numismatics.

The current coin catalogues have many trade tokens illustrated. These tokens were issued by a firm and could be redeemed for goods or services. We generally embrace these tokens to numismatics. If this is true, why do we not find Canadian Tire Corporation "money" illustrated and catalogued? The same logic must surely apply as to a trade token. Now, it may not be too difficult to persuade someone to collect Canadian Tire numismatics, and I know some who do, and actually give it some aspect of numismatic respectability along with similar items from many other firms. But what about "Save 15¢" coupons for soup, soap and salve? By extension these must also be considered as valid numismatic items to be collected, researched and catalogued, if not now, then by a future generation. How would current judges look at a crisp collection of soap coupons in comparison with a series of Hudson's Bay tokens?

What is numismatics to you? Are you making a contribution to the hobby, or even benefiting yourself? Think about and write Pat Lambert. (All comments will be published gladly. Ye Ed)

STRATFORD COIN CLUB REPORT ON THEIR ANNUAL SHOW

Ken Wilmot sent in this report on their show held October 21, 1973. The show was an unqualified success. The display winners were:-

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| Canadian Decimal | Raymond Pleau, Oshawa |
| Foreign | Sam Smith, London |
| Medals and Tokens | Wilf Becker, Stratford |
| Paper Money | Wilf Becker, Stratford |
| Miscellaneous | Albert Fuller, Kitchener |
| Best Junior Display | Rudy Glowacki, Kitchener |
| Best of Show | Wilf Becker, Stratford. |

The quality of the displays was excellent. The response at the Show and the new members signed up speaks well for the future of the Club. In keeping with this, the executive contacted Lloyd Smith, Coin Columnist for the London Free Press, and he has agreed to speak to our Club at the next meeting. It is an honour to have such a knowledgeable numismatist speak to us on our hobby.

Plans are being formulated for a trip for a weekend to Ottawa. This will likely take place in May and will include a visit to the Royal Canadian Mint and the Parliament Buildings. It will be a club effort and it is hoped all members will take advantage of this outing. We also now have a committee to host the 1975 O.N.A. Convention and although it is next year that is not too far away and we are setting things in motion. We will be able to report on the talk given us by Lloyd Smith for the next Bulletin. It is sure to be good.

Don't forget the O.N.A. 1974 Convention at the Sheraton-Brock Hotel Niagara Falls, Ontario, March 30 and 31, 1974! !

ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION & WATERLOO COIN CLUB CONVENTION

APRIL 14 & 15, 1973

<u>RECEIPTS</u>			<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>	
38 BOURSE TABLES		\$1,900.00	ROOM RENTAL & GRATUITY	\$ 345.00
CONVENTION AUCTION		341.44	BANQUET, GRATUITY & TAX	603.00
100 BANQUET TICKETS			EXECUTIVE & DELEGATES	
(88 @ \$6. & 12 @ \$3.50)		570.00	LUNCHEON, GRATUITY & TAX	149.73
TROPHY DONATIONS		85.00	SECURITY	204.75
SATURDAY'S GENERAL			PRINTING (BANQUET TICKETS,	
ADMISSION & PRIZE DRAW		198.20	BOURSE, ADVTG., PROGRAM	136.34
SUNDAY'S GENERAL			TROPHIES & ENGRAVING	77.96
ADMISSION & PRIZE DRAW		134.75	POSTAGE	42.60
YARD TICKET DRAW		102.75	GENERAL ADMISSION	
EXECUTIVE & DELEGATES			TICKETS & DRAW PRIZES	51.23
LUNCHEON		64.00	GUEST SPEAKER	50.00
SOUVENIR PROGRAM			RIBBONS	50.00
ADVERTISING		120.00	CONVENTION	
BANK INTEREST		<u>3.92</u>	PRESENTATION MEDALS	44.89
		\$ <u>3,520.06</u>	YARD DRAW TICKETS & PRIZES	23.96
			DISPLAY CASE DELIVERY	25.00
			SOUVENIR PROGRAM PRINTING	52.33
			BANQUET & BINGO PRIZES	50.00
			INSURANCE	70.00
			SIGNS	50.00
			TRAVELLING EXPENSES	10.00
			BINGO EQUIPMENT	19.37
			TABLE FAVOURS	8.19
			PHOTOS	6.89
			BANK CHARGES	1.72
			NET PROFIT	\$ 1,446.49
				\$ <u>3,520.06</u>

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60% of \$846.49	-	<u>\$507.89</u>
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		<u>\$ 638.60</u>

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UPPER CANADA TOKEN AND MEDAL SOCIETY

REPORT BY W. GAGE

The surge of interest in the past few months of historical tokens, medallic art and the medals of past achievements, together with the medals of the world's armed forces, has swung the pendulum from decimal collecting. Collectors are now finding that there is real history in some of our early tokens, medals and medallic art. For the exhibitor, there is a challenge in putting together a presentable exhibit for competition. Here, research is the most important ingredient, with

collectors reading more than ever before from books on past events to find the answers that will enable the collector to do a write-up on his subject.

To fill this need locally and in keeping with our historic tradition in Huronia, The Upper Canada Token and Medal Society was formed. The aims of the Society are to provide research, symposiums and assistance in making collectors aware of their historic past. When we handle a token we soon realize that here is a piece of metal that came into being from the hands of skilled engravers, jiggled in the pockets of our pioneers and helped to create economic stability before the first legal issues were struck.

Modern medallic art carries on with this tradition by portraying events that have helped to shape our history. Some of these pieces, particularly the issues struck for and during Centennial Year provide a challenge to the collector and almost all of the issues depict in some manner important events in our country's history.

The Upper Canada Token & Medal Society meets the first Monday of each month at Central United Church, Corner Toronto and Ross Sts. in Barrie. Meetings begin at 8.00 p.m. Annual dues are \$2.00 for adults; \$3.00 for Husband and Wife; and \$1.00 for Juniors. For further information, mail your enquiry c/o The Editor, Bill Gage, R. R. # 1, Shanty Bay, Ontario. LOL 2LO

PROPOSED COIN SHOWS

Listed below are the proposed coin club annual shows with dates and banquets. Please check to see if any of the dates will conflict with your club's date.

March 9/74 - North York Coin Club Annual show, Bourse, Book and White Elephant Sale in the North York Community Hall, 5090 Yonge Street, Willowdale, Ontario, from 10.00 a.m. to 10.00 p.m. Coin Appraisal table, bourse, exhibits, etc. Information from P.O. Box 294, Willowdale, Ontario.

Mar. 30-31 - O.N.A. Convention at the Sheraton-Brock Hotel, Niagara Falls, Ontario. Details re Bourse, etc. to Howard Hill, 1 Hayes Street, St. Catharines, Ontario. The Hotel are taking reservations for rooms during the Convention. Write to the Sheraton-Brock Hotel, Niagara Falls, Ont.

April 20 - Woodstock Coin Club Annual Show and Banquet in Old St. Paul's Parish Hall with the usual displays, bourse, banquet and guest speaker. Further details later when plans are completed. For information at the present time write - Woodstock Coin Club, P.O. Box 631, Woodstock, Ont.

NEWS AROUND THE COIN CLUBS

BRANTFORD NUMISMATIC SOCIETY -

The last meeting had a 82.5% turn-out of members and 5 guests. It was called "Brantford Nite" and the highlight of the evening was the member participation in exhibits. There was also the usual auction, swap, trade, sell and horse-trading activities which all members seem to enjoy. It was suggested to make this a yearly or half-yearly event and this is to be discussed at a future date.

CHAMPLAIN COIN CLUB -

The annual coin club banquet was held in St. David's Anglican Church and consisted of a turkey dinner, draws, film and auction. It was a very enjoyable time. The club now has a new home for their regular meetings, St. Athanasius Church.

CITY OF OTTAWA COIN CLUB -

The last meeting saw 20 members and 4 guests in the Tudor Room of the Chateau Laurier with the President, Len Fletcher presiding. The November meeting was set aside for Juniors and it is good to see so many clubs taking an interest in the young collectors.

GOLDEN PORCUPINE COIN CLUB -

At the last meeting there were 18 members present including 7 juniors. The club enjoyed the O.N.A. series entitled "The Romance of World Gold" and many members brought the gold coins they had for others to view and handle. One of the Junior members had prepared an excellent display of Canadian Small Cents and it is hoped there will be more displays to compete with in the near future.

HURONIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

The speaker at the last meeting was Dr. Marvin Kay from the O.N.A. Speaker Circuit from Toronto. He showed slides and gave interesting information on Medical Medals. These medals covered all aspects of medicine, hospitals, doctors, doctors in politics, in literature, etc. One of the junior members, Mark Olynyk received a third prize at the C.Y.N Show. Good work, Mark.

INGERSOLL COIN CLUB

Reports were received at the last meeting from Alan Macnab on the paper money section of the Charlton Numismatic Co. auction at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Toronto and from Howard Whitfield on the Bluewater International Coin Show at Sarnia. Harry Eisenhauer, an honorary member of the club, gave a review of paper currency used in Canada from the late sixteen hundreds when card money was used.

KITCHENER COIN CLUB

The last meeting featured slides on Newfoundland which were very informative and interesting. A free membership is being offered to the member who brings in a new member for next year. This is in the hope of increasing our membership.

LONDON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

The last meeting was the annual banquet and auction at Rountree Memorial Church with 40 members present. Lloyd T. Smith was presented with honoraria for his continued excellence in publishing the bulletin and also Mr. Vern Clark for managing the finances so well. Then President Clarke presented a Life Membership to Lloyd Smith also in appreciation for his services.

MISSISSAUGA COIN CLUB

This month is the 10th anniversary of the club which a small group of enthusiastic numismatist started in 1963. The first president was Mr. Joe Smith and the meeting had the juniors in mind but there was also an auction for the adults as well. The history of our club will be published in a future bulletin.

NIAGARA FALLS COIN CLUB

At the last meeting, Howard Hill conducted a

quiz by passing around a quarter real from Peru and a third farthing from Malta for identification. He also explained what the Aztecs used for money, the history of the Isabella quarter and an inside story on a possible 1964 U.S. Silver Dollar. A lively auction was conducted by Pat Lambert, assisted by Dave Dewey.

NORTH YORK COIN CLUB

The last meeting featured as guest speaker, Eric Miller, who spoke on "Coin Insurance". His talk was very informative and interesting as he knew his subject being an insurance agent. A tour of the Franklin Mint is in the process of being arranged and will take place in January or February. Ray Pleau spoke on his five-case "R.C.M.P. Centennial Year" exhibit which has won five Firsts, and related some amusing personal experiences at this year's A.N.A. Convention in Boston.

RICHMOND HILL COIN CLUB

At the last meeting the idea of a spring show with a mixture of Coin, Stamp and Antique Dealers making up the bourse seemed to catch on and will be discussed further. Stan Clute, columnist for Coin, Stamp and Antique News showed slides and gave an interesting talk on Ancient Coins. He mentioned the crude ways of minting and the increasing detail as the centuries progressed. This was followed by a lively auction.

ST. CATHARINES COIN CLUB

At the annual banquet and show held in Westminster United Church Hall the highlight of the evening aside from a delicious dinner served by the ladies of the church was the very interesting talk by Sergeant McMaster of the Ontario Provincial Police on countefeiting. He pointed out that this is a highly organized racket and the set-up can be national or international and covers the gamut of monetary systems, gold coins, bills, cheques, etc. The show was a great success and many people saw the excellent displays.

SARNIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

At the last meeting Tom Masters gave an enlightening discourse on display cases at exhibitions and shows, the unique manner and time each individual applies to his showcase, etc. A lively auction was conducted by Fred Hurley.

ABOUT OUR HOBBY

A Short, Short from Sarnia Numismatic Society Bulletin

The earliest money found in Britain is from the Latter Iron Age (about 1000 B.C.). It was in the form of iron bars resembling somewhat unfinished swords. They are generally about 30" long and of very uniform weight.

They were gradually replaced by gold coinage patterned on the coins of Macedonia (Philip II staters) which came over with Belgic settlers from Gaul where in turn the coins came as barbaric imitation of the Macedonia Stater by the neighbours of Philip II empire. It is probable the iron bars remained in circulation in the SW until the 1st Century BC. The first "Staters" came to England with the invasion of the Belgae cca 75 BC and the second invasion about 25 years later.

AND - In 1290 Edward the First of England shows in his household expense book the sum of "eighteen pence for 450 eggs". These were coloured or covered in gold leaf and distributed to members of the royal household at Easter.

ITEMS TO REMEMBER

(1) To Our Member Clubs - Why not start now to put together a club exhibit to enter next year, March 30-31, at the O.N.A.'s 12th Annual Convention, for the Charles B. Laister Best Club Trophy - St. Catharines have won this honoured trophy two years in a row - I am sure some club can come up with a real bumper exhibit to give St. Kitts real competition - Let's try, Uh?

(2) Time is again approaching when clubs and O.N.A. members should be putting on their thinking caps about next year's coveted Award of Merit winner - please send your nominations to this year's chairman, Mr. Elliott Jephson, c/o P.O. Box 311, St. Catharines, Ontario, L2R 6T7 with full particulars on your choice -- We await your nominations.

(3) Membership Dues - 1974 - May I respectfully remind our members that it is dues time again - Will you please send your cheque to Bruce Raszmann at P.O. Box 33, Waterloo, Ontario, sometime before the end of December -- This way you keep Bruce happy, our Bank Account in the black and ensure you do not miss any of the Bulletins -- Your co-operation will be greatly appreciated by your executive.

"Ye Pres."

FURTHER TO THE ARTICLE "NUMISMATICS ALCOHOLICA"

By R. Willey, FRNS,FCRNS
(please refer to the October Bulletin, page 89)

I'd like to comment further on the P.E.I. countermarked blank disc passed as a penny. This piece, I have learned since I wrote the article, was made by Peter McCausland, who owned and lived on the island of Rustico, without any sinister or alcoholic intent.

Dennis McCarthy's penny is a blank stamped with his initials D.M.C. and was issued for the reasons I stated in the article. The P.E.I. one was erroneously ascribed to McCarthy by one who signed only his initials H.L.D., when he wrote describing it to the editor of The Numismatist in 1923, and in 1957 by me.

(Thanks, Bob, for completing this article, Ye Ed.)

REPORT OF C.Y.N.'S FIRST CONVENTION - 1973

By Paul Johnson

A major event took place at the Royal York Hotel on Oct. 13th in Toronto ... the Canadian Young Numismatists' First Convention. It was a big success considering the Show was put on strictly by young collectors under 21 years of age.

There were 16 bourse dealers, nine of which were junior dealers, set up in the Confederation Room. Thirty-two junior displays were set up and all of excellent quality. Below is a list of the display winners:

- Canadian Decimal (Ray Pleau Trophy)
- 1st - Robert Metcalf, Peterborough
 - 2nd - Enrico Glowacki, Waterloo
 - 3rd - Mark Olynuk, Barrie
 - Dean Graham, Barrie
 - David Graham, Barrie
 - Michael Sage, Barrie

- BEST OF SHOW WINNERS
- Co-First's - Robert Metcalf won the "PAT LAMBERT TROPHY"
 - ROBIN CALDWELL won the NORMAN WILLIAMS trophy

Foreign Coins (Bob Voaden Trophy)

1st - Ted Banning, Grafton
 2nd - Diane Kosiba, St. Catharines
 3rd - Enrico Glowacki, Waterloo

Paper Money (Central Coin Club Trophy)

1st. - Enrico Glowacki, Waterloo
 2nd - Colin Caldwell, Peterborough
 3rd - Randy Atkinson, St. Catharines

Medals and Tokens

(Bruce Brace Trophy)
 1st - Robin Caldwell, Peterborough
 2nd - Terri Roach, Hamilton
 3rd - Les Brown, Toronto

Miscellaneous (Bruce Brace Trophy)

1st - Robin Caldwell, Peterborough
 2nd - Ted Banning, Grafton
 John Fotheringham, Thornhill
 3rd - John Fotheringham, Thornhill

In the afternoon, a General Meeting of C.Y.N. was held in the York Room. About forty-five interested junior numismatists attended to hear our guest speaker, Victor Snell from St. Catharines talk on "Gold Coins Minted at the Royal Canadian Mint". A 76 lot auction was conducted after the meeting with the auctioneer being Mr. Ricky Morse. All but five lots were sold to the young anxious bidders. Door prizes were given out each hour and Mrs. Florence Schook, Secretary of the Michigan State Numismatic Society deserves special mention for her contributions and dedication to the success of the Show. A true team effort of all committees was the turning point for the First Convention to be a success. The members look forward to holding their Second Convention sometime next year. Who knows ... maybe in the future some of these youngsters will lead the Ontario Numismatic Association!!!

(Nothing could please us better than to have one of C.Y.N. members President of the O.N.A. some day. Ye Ed.)

For the benefit of our newer members we are re-publishing the following-

CODE OF ETHICS
 OF
 THE ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

Membership in the Ontario Numismatic Association is a privilege extended to those persons and organizations deemed worthy thereof and is not a matter of right. Such membership can be maintained only as the Executive determines that the conduct of a member has been such that, in the best interest of the Association, his membership should be terminated.

For the guidance of its members, this Code of Ethics has been duly adopted by the Executive under the authority vested in it by the by-laws of the Association. A breach thereof by any member reflects, directly or indirectly, upon all other members. Such a breach thereof by any member shall be considered conduct prejudicial to the welfare of the Association and cause for action by the Board of Executive.

As a member of the Ontario Numismatic Association:

I agree to support and be governed by the by-laws of the Association and such rules, policies and regulations as may be in force from time to time;

I agree to base all my dealings on the highest plane of justice, fairness and morality;

I agree to neither buy nor sell numismatic items of which the ownership is questionable;

I agree to conform to the accepted standards of dignified advertising;

I agree to take immediate steps to correct any error I may make in my transactions;

I agree not to sell, exhibit, produce or advertise counterfeits, copies, restrikes or reproductions of any numismatic items if their nature is not clearly indicated by the word "counterfeit", "copy", "restrike" or "reproduction" incused in the metal or printed on the paper thereof, with the exception of items listed in standard catalogues and generally accepted by numismatists and not in any way misrepresented as genuine;

I agree to represent a numismatic item to be genuine only when, to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is authentic;

I agree to fulfil all contracts made by me, either orally or written, to make prompt payments upon delivery, and to return immediately any item that is not satisfactory;

I agree to give aid to members in their quest for numismatic knowledge.

THIS 'N THAT

I often wonder to myself if the remarks made in this column are really noted by our readers -- The reason I bring this up is that I seldom, if ever, receive any feed back from you "Guys and dolls" -- It is like writing in a vacuum, you never expect any results--I feel this is poor thinking and possibly shows a lack of interest on the part of our members -- Maybe I am not being positive enough, or controversial enough? - or even interesting enough? Be that as it may, it is my intention to brighten up this page and make you guys and dolls sit up and take notice, mainly by trying to give you something to think about and may even get you to exert yourselves -- for instance --Don't you get fed up with all the advertising The Franklin Mint is sending out?--\$150.00 sterling silver Plates - \$26.00 medals, etc., etc., ad nauseum--While I fully realize they are in business to make money, I wonder if perhaps they are carrying things too far? Commercialism has its place, I agree, but not to the extent that you have to put out a \$150.00 sterling silver plate and two sterling silver medals surely? Again, I receive, as I feel sure many do too every ten days to two weeks a catalogue from a prominent U.S. firm advertising new issues from this Island or that Island, a "first", a "Must" or what have you-- After a while it becomes boring and it ends up in the wastepaper basket. Surely these firms would do better to elaborate on the medals they have issued, giving more pertinent information so that we who buy their wares would be more informed --I'd like to hear from fellow collectors pro and con, so that maybe we could use your letters as guidelines for those who produce the numismatic items so dear to the hearts of many of us--- Do you realize it's only 28 to 26 days to Christmas (depending on when our printer uses his "pie"), so Mrs. Ye Ed and myself wish to every member of our Association, to the clubs and their members, indeed to every coin collector everywhere in Canada, our neighbours to the south of us, and all our brother and sister hobbyists "EVERYWHERE" A Real Joyous - Happy - Healthy - and Merry Christmas and as Tiny Tim says "God Bless Us Everyone"

Sincerely

Ye and Mrs, Ed.