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ANOTHER YEAR1974....What?

This could be the year of CHALLENGE -----

It seems to me that we have been coasting the last few years, which, to say the least, is negative action.... I would like to see 1974 the year of membership participation. Any association, regardless, is only as good as the members make it. By this I mean that I would like to see more of our members taking an active part in running this Association.

Back in 1962 when the O.N.A. was formed by a group of dedicated numismatists, the aims and objects of the Association were the promotion of our hobby. It is my considered opinion that, perhaps over the years, we have lost sight of the high principles which our founder members had in mind. Perhaps "now is the time for all good men (and women) to come to the aid of" the Association by taking a more positive approach to promoting our hobby. By this, I mean, that if you feel that we are failing the hobby in any particular facet, then sit down, take pen to paper and tell us so.

By the same token, when was the last time that YOU contributed to the spreading of numismatic knowledge? I am certain that many of our members could contribute valuable information which would be of great benefit particularly to our younger members as well as to all members of our Association. So I would greatly appreciate as many of our members who have the promotion of our hobby at heart lending a hand by contributing articles, no matter how small, always bearing in mind "THE HOBBY'S THE IMPORTANT THING". You could share your collecting experiences with your fellow members. By this I do not mean you have to write a thesis, but just a plainly worded article on some angle of our hobby. May I drop a hint hereperhaps you have become an expert on ...ancient coinage....medallic art....early North American

Decimal Coinage (cents and half-cents)...World Paper Currency (Modern and Nineteenth Century)...Varieties, etc., etc. Please remember that our Association will only progress if its members take an active part and interest in its ultimate aims which, of course, is the promotion of our hobby.

I trust that I have given you, our readers, plenty of food for thought. Many of your fellow members of the Association and yourself have been members since 1962 and I feel certain that you would not have continued your membership if you did not feel that we had something to offer. O.K. --- we have something to offer but in return we expect something from YOU, MR AND MRS. MEMBER.

Yours, with every good wish that you could wish for yourselves

W. E. Pat Lambert
President.

LONDON BRIDGE AND ITS MEDALS

By May Bunnett, North York Coin Club.

On March 16, 1973, the Queen opened the new London Bridge in the presence of the Lord Mayor and other dignitaries of the City of London. The Corporation of the City commissioned a medal to be struck commemorating this event, one of a series much neglected in the past by collectors of commemorative medals. Such medals are only issued occasionally; the first being in 1831 to commemorate the then new London Bridge, after that thirty were struck between 1832 and 1902. The majority are the work of the Wyon family of engravers, therefore the designs are the best examples of the engravers art.

The first bridge over the Thames at London was said to have been built by the Saxons in 994 A.D. probably of rough hewn planks placed upon piles with movable platforms to allow the Saxon ships to pass through. In 1008 the bridge was described as being so wide that two carts could pass each other. On Nov. 16, 1091, a storm occurred which swept away the bridge; William Rufus rebuilt it with money obtained from taxes imposed upon the people. In the reign of Stephen London Bridge was destroyed by fire but soon repaired. It was once again rebuilt of elm in 1163.

The first stone bridge was started in 1173; work proceeded slowly and it took thirty-three years to complete. This bridge was scarcely finished when it was almost destroyed by fire on July 10, 1212. At that time the bridge was covered with wooden buildings, it was recorded by early writers that about 3,000 persons perished.

In the following year King John ordered that the halfpence taken from foreign merchants using the river should go towards the repairs. Another appeal for contributions was put forth in 1280. Everyone crossing the water of Thames* paid a farthing, a horseman one penny and every pack carried on a horse one half penny.

In 1281 a severe frost carried away five arches of the bridge and in 1289 the structure was so decayed that men were afraid to pass over it. This no doubt gave rise to the well known ditty "London Bridge is Falling Down". About 1305 was the first instance of the barbarous practice of putting traitors heads on spikes of the towers and draw bridge.

During the next 400 years many bridges on this spot were destroyed by fire and other catastrophies, repaired or built up again.

Shops existed on the bridge from an early date; in the 17th and 18th centuries London Bridge was a favourite locality for booksellers. In 1749 the new Westminster Bridge was completed, the contrast presented by the new bridge brought to the attention of the Corporation the inconvenience of their own bridge. By 1821 steps were taken towards the erection of a new London Bridge, the first pile was driven by the Surrey side on March 15, 1824, several antiquities were found upon excavating the foundations, few of which found their way to the Guildhall Museum. However, a silver statuette of Hippocrates has been preserved and may be seen there.

The opening ceremony was performed by William IV and Queen Adelaide, August 1, 1831, causing the Corporation of the City of London to issue the first two medals of a service commemorating important events in the City.

LARGE MEDAL

Obv. Head of King to right. Legend: WILLIAM THE FOURTH
Rev. A view of the bridge: its five arches spanning the Thames.
Legend: LONDON BRIDGE. In exergue, COMMENCED 15, JUNE 1825
OPENED 1, AUGUST 1831

Engraved by BENJAMIN WYON 2.03in. AR. 2 AE.700 Numis. Lond.#1.

SMALL MEDAL

Obv. Arms, Crest and Motto of the City of London.
Rev. Bridge-House Estates Mark within an oak wreath. Legend in field
below: LONDON BRIDGE COMMENCED 15, JUNE 1825 OPENED 1, AUGUST
1831

Engraved by Benjamin Wyon. 1.06in. 1960 struck in W.M.
Nums. Lond. #2.

The eventual fate of this Bridge is well known to everyone. It was taken down piece by piece and transported to the United States to be rebuilt as a tourist attraction in Arizona, where on October 10, 1971 the Lord Mayor of London and the Governor of Arizona officially opened London Bridge at Havasu City, Arizona.

As previously mentioned, the new London Bridge over the Thames was opened by the Queen on March 16, 1973. The Corporation of the City of London on that occasion issued a medal which will become an integral part of their official series commemorating important events in the City.

Obv. View of the bridge: Legend: LONDON BRIDGE, OPENED BY H.M. QUEEN
ELIZABETH IN THE PRESENCE OF THE RT. HON. THE LORD MAYOR, THE
LORD MAIR. 16, MARCH 1973.

Rev. Arms of the Corporation of the City of London. Legend around,
Designed by D. F. Payne F.R.N.S. and H.K. King C.B.E.
Dies cut by Maurice Rose, struck by Toye, Kenning & Spencer.
2,250 struck in silver gilt, Oxidized Bronze - unlimited.

REFERNECE: Welch, Charles NUMISMATA LONDINENSIA London 1894
Hocking, W.J. ROYAL MINT MUSEUM CATALOGUE Vol.11,1910
Seaby's COIN & MEDAL BULLETIN April 1973

The following is a letter received by Ye Ed since our last publication:-

Ye Ed, O.N.A.

Visited a closet in my home to-day and down dropped a large box with smaller ones following.

Opened one box and found O.N.A. medals various years from 1963 Bronze, 1966 Silver, 1966 Bronze, 1968 Silver, 1968 Bronze, 1969 Gold-plated, 1969 Silver, 1969 Bronze, 1971 Gold-plated, 1971 Bronze, 1971 Silver, 1971 Nickel Silver, 1972 Silver, 1972 Bronze, 1972 Gold-plated and 1973. Were so very heavy could hardly lift them.

Gold-plated lots, silver 1973 far too many and 1973 Bronze, the Mint must have opened both doors.

I feel that a lot of collectors who didnot purchase last year's O.N.A. medals have just forgot and 1974 will be here very shortly.

Hopeful all O.N.A. medal collectors will help relieve me of my problem by sending me a blank cheque or a cheque with just a signature on it.

1973 Waterloo O.N.A. medals, Gold-filled \$15.00, Bronze \$3.50, Silver \$5.50, plus 7% Sales Tax. A small donation of 25¢ for postage would be helpful. Can handle only (50) fifty letters per day. Send for yours now before the rush.

Also have a few C.N.E. 1972 and 1973 Bronze @ \$3.00 and Silver @ \$12.00, plus Sales Tax. Registered extra. Once again a donation of 25¢ postage would be helpful.

This offer open to all members and non-members alike. Just send your cheque.

Thank you,

Mel Fiske,
7795 Beaverdams Road,
Niagara Falls, Ontario
Canada L2H 1R6

NEW MEMBERS

Applications published in the September 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 February issue of the Ontario Numismatist.

- 903 Eric Miller, Box 252, Station "R", Toronto, Ont. M4G 3Z9
- 904 Garnett Bugg, P.O. Box 201, Agrincourt, Ont.
- 905 Vic Pope, R. R. # 2, Goderich, Ont.
- 906 Louis L. Tucker, R. R. #2, Stevensville, Ont.
- 907 Guy Lestrade, P.O. Box 1144, Station "B", P.Q., H3B 3K9
- 908 Mrs. Margot Lestrade, Box 1144, Station "B#", Montreal, P.Q.
- J909 Tom Pritchitka, 32 Schubert Dr., West Hill, Ont. M1E 1Y7
- 910 George A. Rutherford, P.O. Box 430, Kirkland Lake, Ont.
- 911 R. L. Montcalm, 439 First Ave., Sault Ste. Marie, Ont. P6C 4N9
- C75 CANADIAN SOCIETY OF MILITARY MEDALS & INSIGNIA, c/o Don Barnett, 3002 Palmer Drive, #4, Burlington, Ontario.
- 912 S. C. Fockler, 111 Inverlochy Blvd., Apt. 302, Thornhill, Ont.

A NOTE FROM "YE ED"

In 1967 I took over the Editorship of this Bulletin with a view of keeping it in print for you, our members. Speaking recently to the Editor of a local Chamber of Commerce publication he was decrying the lack of (1) Feed-back from articles printed and (2) Lack of communication between Executive and Members, and finally (3) The noticeable dearth of articles for their Bulletin, which leads me to write these lines to you, our members, firstly to acquaint you with some facts not generally known, and secondly, to ask for your co-operation.

Let me deal with the preparation of the Bulletin --- All club news items, forthcoming shows, change of Executive, etc. are collated and prepared, edited, etc., a time-consuming process. Preparation of articles, etc. is another important feature of our Bulletin -- the stencils are typed by Mrs. Ye Ed - here again is 10 - 12 hours of continuous typing - and again these have to be edited - then off to the printers in Tillsonburg through the kind efforts of Past President Charles Laister, who takes the stencils to our printers and takes time out to see they are printed O.K. Then, once printed, Charles is responsible for envelopes having correct addresses, etc. and mailing them to you, our members. The addresses are prepared by Past President Lloyd Smith, through his efforts we have continuous up-to-date addresses, up-to-date through the watchful eye of Bruce Raszmann, our membership Chairman, who also takes time to notify Lloyd of any changes from month to month. In all six people actively pull together to produce your Bulletin. I felt it was about time that four of them were recognized for their efforts of many years standing. A big thank you to CHARLES LAISTER, LLOYD SMITH, BRUCE RASZMANN and MRS. YE ED.

Finally, I ask for more letters to the Editor on how we may improve our Bulletin -- a few lines does help -- then at least I am aware I have some readers out there!! And once again, I BEG, REQUEST, or WHAT HAVE YOU, for ARTICLES, from Young and Old - WILL YOU? PLEASE. To you who have read this to the bitter end - I thank you for your kind attention -- I need your help -- Will you lend a hand?

Ye Ed

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SIAMESE PORCELAIN TOKENS

By Ted Banning, of C.Y.N.

During the late 18th century and early 19th century, gambling became a recognized institution in Siam (modern Thailand). In a gambling 'Hong', the gambler squatted on an oblong mat, with the cashier or croupier kneeling at one end. Since a coin often had to be thrown a considerable distance to the croupier, the bullet-shaped coins (Salung and Fuang) were likely to roll off of the mat. A more convenient form of 'coin' was needed for gambling purposes, so the owners of gambling establishments issued these special counters.

Originally intended for use in the gambling houses, or 'Hong's', it was not long before the tokens went into general circulation. While all authors seem to agree on this point, there has been some difference of opinion concerning the extent of their circulation. Abbe Similien Chevillard claimed that the counters were used for currency purposes only within the district of the gambling firms that issued them, and that even within that district they were not always accepted. Haas, however, states that:

"These counters being issued under authority granted in the gambling license or concession, they rapidly became a medium of exchange, and were found to fill a long felt want of small money so well, that the circulation went much beyond its legal sphere".

There were many, many different varieties issued during the time that the porcelain tokens were common, and since they were also accepted for general circulation, counterfeits also made their appearance. As a large number of imitations went into circulation, the gambling Hongs were forced to call in and exchange their old counters, and substitute new ones of various colours and shapes. This no doubt, accounts for the large number of types found in the series. Another control on imitations was the application of coloured sealing wax to the reverse of the counters, and impression or "chop mark" being made on the wax while it was still warm. This process would make counterfeiting more difficult. Some of the later tokens even have a small hollow receptacle on the reverse to contain the wax.

The shapes of the tokens show great originality. While most are simply round, many are shaped like stars, cash, ovals, lozenges, gourds, scrolls, leaves, door-tablets, butterflies, bats and fish. Pentagonal, hexagonal, heptagonal and octagonal issues also abound.

Since almost all of the Hongs were run by Chinese, and since most of the customers were also Chinese, naturally most of the inscriptions on the counters were written in Chinese Characters. Usually the name of the Hong is found on a token, either in full, or 'abbreviated' to a single character. Other tokens have mottos, poetical verse, or felicitous remarks ("happiness", "good luck", etc.) in their inscriptions. Some tokens have "gold", "silver", or "currency" added to their inscriptions, to make them more acceptable for general circulation. Lastly, the value of the token is generally found on it: 1 Sang in Chinese or Siamese; 1 Fuang in Chinese or Siamese; 1 Song Pei, 1 Pai and 1 Att in Chinese; also 1/16 Song Pei in Chinese or Siamese. According to Haas, 8 Fuang equals 16 Song Pei equals 32 Pai equals 64 Att.

It has been mentioned previously that the issuers of those tokens had problems with counterfeiting, but it must not be assumed that they were always the victims. On the contrary, the owners of the gambling houses usually gained by the issue of tokens, especially if they were later demonetized. Naturally, if the banker lost in gambling, he paid with the tokens, but if he won, he was paid with real money, so he always benefited. The most profitable aspect of the tokens, however, was their withdrawal from circulation, and this was the basis of the gambling operations. By law, if a token issuer wished to withdraw his tokens from circulation, he had to announce the withdrawal 48 hours in advance. Therefore, in order to satisfy both the law and his income, the issuer would send a crier out on a barge on the river, to announce, at about midnight, that the tokens must be cashed in within 48 hours. Of course, few people found out about the news, since at that hour just about all were asleep. Then when the final day of withdrawal came no one would accept the tokens in question; it was too late, the cash-box was closed. What could anyone do? They could only profit from the experience, and try to avoid being 'taken' again.

The control of the tokens became more and more difficult as time went on and it finally became necessary for the government to prohibit

completely the circulation of the counters. According to Haas, this action was taken in 1871, but according to Schlegel, an order was issued by the government in August, 1875, to prohibit the further issue of porcelain "coins" after December of that year. Weil says in his book that porcelain coins were current until 1876, but that action was taken concerning them by King Chula Longkorn in 1873. There is no doubt, however, that the circulation of Siamese porcelain tokens continued long after their prohibition.

(Good work, Ted)

NEWS AROUND THE COIN CLUBS

CAMBRIDGE COIN CLUB

Twenty-five members and guests attended this last meeting which was the thirteenth year anniversary meeting. It was noted that the club has had three names in this time, first, Preston Coin Club, then Galt and Area Coin Club and now Cambridge Coin Club. Officers for 1974 are:- President - Hank Vandermass, Vice-President - Tom McAleney, Secretary - Ed. Beckett, Treasurer - Agnes Whetham, Auctioneer - Vince Nevidan and assistant - Clare Glennie. A feature of the meeting was a very interesting display by Norm Gray of coins from Africa, Ireland, Great Britain, Asia, India and arabic.

CENTRAL COIN CLUB

There were 120 members and guests at the last meeting of the club. The President, Frank Lieshout, was in the chair and first of all asked Mr. Ray Pleau to say a few words on the commemorative medal the city of Oshawa are putting out. Then Al Bliman introduced the guest speaker, Mr. J. Veffer, who gave a very interesting talk on Canadian Bank Notes. Mr. Veffer is past president of the Canadian Paper Money Society. He also gave away some free samples of notes.

CHAMPLAIN COIN CLUB

The new executive for 1974 is as follows:-
President - Bill Gage, Vice-President - Gordon Horne, Sec.-Treas.- Dorothy Horne, Auctioneer - Harry Booth, News Editor - Jim Jefferies, Directors - Lyle Bagley, Frank Jones and Mrs. Sally Terganza, Auditors- Harry Booth and Frank Jones.

CITY OF OTTAWA COIN CLUB

The last meeting featured 47 members and guests present. The President, Len Fletcher, welcomed all members and guests. This being Junior night, among those present was Mr. John Brunskill with eight boys in uniform from the Barhaven 129 Wolf Cub Pack of Ottawa. Jack Roberts gave a talk especially for the Juniors on how to house coins, and advised them on the use of a check book. An auction for the Juniors followed and Brian Topping presented each Junior with a 1943 Tomac 5¢.

HAMILTON COIN CLUB

At the last meeting, in the absence of the President, Len Henderson chaired the meeting. There were sixteen members and six guests present. Mrs. McLennan gave a brief but concise report on how well the convention committee were doing with regards to the C.N.A. Convention to be held in Hamilton in 1974. The Program Director, Ken Lord, presented slides on "Trade Tokens of the Yukon". Due to the wrong type of tape recorder there was no sound, but even without sound the slides were interesting.

HURONIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

At the last meeting the members thoroughly enjoyed the slides loaned by the C.N.A. Librarian on "Silver Crowns of England". This is a new set of slides and they prove very interesting. Mr. "Dusty" Miller was appointed Chairman of the nominating committee and will report on the executive next month.

LONDON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

The last meeting, being election night, saw 50 members and guests present. The following is the slate of officers for 1974:- President - L. T. Smith, Secretary - L. N. Smith, Treasurer - J. G. Esler, Directors - C. Brooker, F. H. Whitfield, A. M. Sweeton, Ted Leitch, N. Link, Auctioneer - W. N. Clarke, Editor - Lloyd T. Smith.

MISSISSAUGA COIN CLUB

The last meeting featured the C.N.A. slide presentation "English Hammered Gold - Edward III to Charles II" and was enjoyed by all. This was followed by the Donation Auction and the door prize and the draw for Pandora's Box, after which refreshments were enjoyed by all. Please see bottom of page re meeting place.

NIAGARA FALLS COIN CLUB

At the last meeting there were 25 members and guests present. They enjoyed the O.N.A. slides on "Odd and Curious Money" shown by Don Smith. Nominations were called for a 1974 Executive and it was unanimously carried that the 1973 executive continue for 1974. The president thanked the members for their vote of confidence and promised the executive would function to the best of their ability,

SARNIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Thirty-six members and guests attended the last meeting and the President, Fred Webb, invited them to obtain the Franklin Mint Kits and books which are of great significance to Numismatists and the curious alike. The "Most Valued Member Award" went to Marie Williamson for her effort for the club. There were magazines on display entitled "How to Say Merry Christmas to Numismatics" and "Christmas on Coins", besides coins, tokens and medals which could be bought for Christmas gifts.

ST. CATHARINES COIN CLUB

Fifty-four members and guests attended the last meeting. The club purchased a book of draw tickets in connection with the O.N.A. Convention at Niagara Falls and then drew 10 names of members, each one received a ticket. Guests were present from Brantford and Toronto, namely, Dr. Wilkinson, Past-President of C.N.A., and Mr. & Mrs. Alex Munroe, Alex being O.N.A. Director to C.N.A., and also Paul Johnson, Vice-President of C.Y.N. Alex Munroe installed the following officers for 1974:- President - Vic Potter, Vice-President - Stan Aaroe, Secretary - Pat Lambert (Acting), Treasurer - Fred Barley, Librarian - Mrs. Ritchie, Historian - Mrs. E. Shepard, Membership - Mrs. Bernice Burns. Retiring President, Lawrence Shepard, was presented with a Lucite pen holder with coins commemorating his year of office.

STRATFORD COIN CLUB

At the last meeting 22 members and guests enjoyed a talk by Lloyd Smith on foreign coins with a display on the many ways a person may collect them, size, shape, country, themes such as animals, ships, statesmen, etc. This type of collecting is becoming more

popular and in many cases less expensive than series or type collecting. The following is the new executive for 1974: President - Ken Wilmot, Vice-President - Ken Koch, Secretary - Frank Smith, Treasurer - Jim Ellison, Jr. Representative - Steve Matheson.

THISTLETOWN COIN CLUB

The Christmas meeting and party was held at the Etobicoke Public Library and the entertainment took the form of Bingo with a delicious lunch afterwards. The nominating committee is headed by past president, Norm Belsten, and the results will be published next month.

GOLDEN PORCUPINE COIN CLUB NEWS OF THE TIMMINS COIN CLUB

The slate of officers for 1974 is as follows:- President - Don Smith, Vice-President - Don Docherty, Directors - Gerard LeBlond, and Frank Rankin, Ex-Officio - John Lansdell. Art Humphries gave an interesting talk on Decimal Coinage of the Maritime Provinces and he had an excellent display to go along with the talk. Also Don Docherty spoke on some Canadian Bank Notes.

TORONTO COIN CLUB

The last meeting featured a set of slides from the C.N.A. library entitled "Coins of the Bible" and proved most interesting.

WATERLOO COIN SOCIETY

At the last meeting all members were presented with a trade dollar from "The Town of Oxbow", Saskatchewan, which was issued to commemorate the 60th Anniversary in 1964. These are counter-marked "COTY" which stands for "Coins of the Year". Also the Junior members received free coin holders that can be hung up on the wall.

FURTHER RE MISSISSAUGA CLUB FROM PREVIOUS PAGE

The new meeting place for the club is at the Auditorium, Fairview Public School, Mississauga, 3590 Joan Drive, near Burnhamthorpe Road and Highway 10. This was formerly Port Credit Coin Club. All the best in your new place and new name.

PROPOSED COIN SHOWS

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

- March 9 - North York Coin Club Annual Show, Bourse, Book and White Elephant Sale in North York Community Hall, 5090 Yonge St., Willowdale, Ont. from 10.00 a.m. to 10.00 p.m. Information from P.O. Box 294, Willowdale, Ontario.
- Mar. 30-31 - O.N.A. Convention at the Sheraton-Brock Hotel, Niagara Falls. Details from Howard Hill, 1 Hayes St., St. Catharines, The Hotel are taking reservations for rooms.
- April 20 - Woodstock Coin Club Annual Show and Banquet in the Old St. Paul's Parish Hall. Information re bourse, etc, to Woodstock Coin Club, P.O. Box 631, Woodstock, Ontario
- Sept. 21 - Toronto Coin Club Annual Show to be held in the Territories and B.C. Rooms, Royal York Hotel, Front Street, Toronto. Auction conducted by R. W. Shillingworth, Suite 506, 19 Richmond St. West, Toronto. Further details when available.

OLYMIC COINS - FIRST ISSUE - 1973By W. E. P. Lambert

This appears to be the hottest item since the news of the 1967 Gold Set!! But whereas you could order these sets for a whole year and know you could get them - however - how many of the sets of 2 - \$5.00 coins and 2 - \$10.00 coins were you able to buy at face value from your Bank? I received two sets each - one of each series - total value \$30.00. These are uncirculated and are of excellent design, not packaged in any way. You can also order Proof-like Coins from the Mint in a special case at \$50.00 per set, plus \$2.50 for handling and registration - \$52.50 -. If you want these - Order Fast - once all orders have been struck for each series I hear, via the grape-vine, the dies are to be destroyed. Then there is the prestige case of Proof Coins - Note - I said Proof Coins - for \$70.00 per case for each of the six series of four coins each - 28 coins total. I strongly advise our readers to order as early as possible. You will recall that these are being distributed on a world-wide basis. Do not be disappointed. The first series are of geographic design on the reverse, with a map of the World and a view of the Montreal Skyline, and the map of North America and the Skyline of the City of Kingston, Ontario, the location of some of the water sports and on the obverse of all four coins the portrait of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. These, I understand, are of 92.5% fine silver, 7.5% copper alloy, each \$5.00 coin will have a fine silver content of 0.723 troy ounces. The \$10.00 coin will contain 1.44 Troy ounces. Size of the \$5.00 coin is 38 mm and the \$10.00 coin to be 45 mm. Total coins in the series is 14 - \$5.00 coins and 14 - \$10.00 coins, 28 coins in all for a total value of \$210.00. Next issue is to be released in the spring and will depict the Olymic symbols. Good luck in locating the first issue of this series. It will be nice to have and a good investment.

THIS 'N THAT

It is now sixteen months since Ye Ed moved to the downtown area of St. Catharines. Since that time I have noted in various Bulletins my change of address to P.O. Box 311, St. Catharines, however, out of 21 clubs who sent in bulletins, nine of them are still sending to the old address; secretaries-bulletin editors please note and amend your records accordingly, also will you please delete from your mailing list the O.N.A. address, Box 33, Waterloo. The results of these continued errors in address has been long delays in your club news reaching me and in most cases I do not get it until the following month, so if you have no club news this month this is most probably the reason. Award of Merit nominations--So far to date no nominations have been received for this highest honour we can pay to the recipient--I do not know whether it is apathy on the part of club executives or what it is, but I do wish that clubs and O.N.A. members alike would please give this important item their earnest consideration and do it with the utmost dispatch, namely upon receipt of this bulletin--all nominations to Elliott Jephson, P.O. Box 311, St. Catharines ---DUES---DUES---DUES---This will be your last Bulletin if you have not paid your dues --We would respectfully remind you to get that cheque in the mail to Bruce Raszmann, P.O. Box 33, Waterloo, Ontario TO-DAY ---One final word to clubs, as soon as your show date has been set send all details to me for inclusion in the Bulletin

Ye Ed