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THE WARDELL TOKEN

By

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"Wardell, /Boyd & Sons, /Departmental/
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During the 1860's, Mathew Wardell, a United Empire Loyalist descendant, opened a general store at the St. Lawrence Market in Toronto. Later he moved his business to Queen St. between Soho St. & Spadina Ave. Subsequently he opened a branch store in Huntsville on the south side of Main St. east of Brunel Rd. & east of the four storey hotel, The Kent House. Claude Wardell, son of Mathew Wardell, was born Feb. 12, 1882 in Toronto.

On April 18th, 1894 the great town fire destroyed 35 different businesses on both sides of Main St. from the Muskoka River westerly to West St. Among the businesses burned were Wardell's branch store and Hutcheson & son's general store (1) across the street from Wardell's. After this fire Mathew Wardell sold his Toronto business, moved his family to Huntsville and in 1895 rebuilt his store.(2). Once again on Dec. 28th, 1911 this store caught fire and was demolished.

On Feb. 1, 1912 Mathew Wardell and John R. Boyd bought out Hanna & Hutcheson Bros. (3) Aluminum tokens(4) were issued in denominations \$1.00 to 1¢ under the name "Wardell, Boyd & Sons"(5). The metal tokens or "Due Bills" were used by Huntsville general merchants in exchange for the farmers' produce of fowl, eggs, butter, tanning bark and fire wood.

About 1920 J.R. Boyd bought the grocery store next to the Wardell-Boyd store from B.P. Clark. The Wardell-Boyd store was then renamed Wardell & Company. When this company could not obtain metal tokens it issued the following cardboard ones:

Good for trade only/-at-/Wardell & Co./	\$1.00	P-Re-61x32	Red
" " " " " " " " /50	Cents.	P-Re-61x32	Red
" " " " " " " " /25	"	P-Re-57x32	Yellow
" " " " " " " " /10	"	P-Re-61x32	Blue
" " " " " " " " /5	"	P-Re-61x32	Bright Blue

(Reverse is blank on all cards)

Both the original metal and the new cardboard "Due Bills" were used simultaneously. As the Tourist trade grew and the farming and the lumbering businesses languished, the use of the tokens disappeared.

Notes:

- (1) Hutcheson & Son general store was operated by George Hutcheson, Sr. and a son, Robert J.
Wm. Hanna, a cousin of Robert J. Hutcheson, operated a general store (dry goods, groceries and hardware) in Port Carling. He went into partnership with Robert J. Hutcheson and William E. Hutcheson (sons of George Sr.) to operate the Hutcheson & Son general store under the name of Hanna & Hutcheson Bros. This store issued metal Due Bills. This store was on the north side of Main St. across from The Kent House.
- (2) Metal Due Bills were issued by this store also.
- (3) John R. Boyd had a general store on the northeast corner of Main & West Sts. on the present site of Logan's Restaurant - 1973. He sold this to a Mr. Stephenson who worked for him, and he went into business with Mathew Wardell.
- (4) See Bowman's "Trade Tokens of Ontario" 508-D.
- (5) Wardell, Boyd & Sons were Mathew Wardell, John R. Boyd & Sons, Claude Wardell & Charles Boyd who married Claude's sister, Annetta.

NEW HOPE FOR HOBBY PROTECTION LAW

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(Excerpts from a report by Herbert C. Bardes in New York Times).

With the idea of bringing to the attention of Canadian collectors the importance of a "Protection Law", we print these excerpts from the March 18, 1973 edition of the New York Times.

Mr. Herbert C. Bardes reports that "This session of Congress seems to be offering real reason to hope for enactment of a Federal law to protect collectors against fraud. Past efforts to obtain legislation prohibiting the manufacture and sale of unmarked replicas usually failed to get beyond the bill-introduction stage. Now there are two Hobby Protection bills pending before a subcommittee of the House

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Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce. They have already been the subject of an open hearing and qualified observers say that the bills have a good chance of being reported out to the full committee.

"Of probably greater long range significance, however, is the indication that a prominent member of the committee was so impressed by the testimony of numismatic leaders that he plans to introduce an even stronger bill".

"There were six witnesses representing the numismatists: one dealer, two members of the numismatic press and three collectors." "The lone dealer-witness was Harvey G. Stack of Stack's, New York. Excerpts from his testimony are presented here, for he not only made a direct plea for passage of a meaningful, sharp-toothed Hobby Protection act, but also presented the Subcommittee with an overall picture of the causes and effects of counterfeiting--a picture that should be, but obviously is not, familiar to many collectors."

"The buying and selling of coins," he said, "probably has an annual turnover in this country (U.S.A.) of several hundreds of millions of dollars, and I am referring only to truly numismatic material for collectors -- coins, medals, paper money and so on -- not bags and other bulk quantities of coins traded for speculation, or silver coins turned in for bullion value. A Hobby Protection Act is needed precisely because the great majority of collectors are interested in enlarging and improving their numismatic collections one genuine piece at a time, and I emphasize the word genuine."

"In the course of an average week I receive dozens of phone calls and letters from people who think they have a rare coin of great value. Often it turns out to be an unmarked replica or 'genuine reproduction' of a piece from which the word 'copy' has been carefully ground off. Many of these replicas were originally not intended to defraud; they were distributed as premiums, often as a part of an advertising program!

"Perhaps the distributor never thought to have the word 'copy' added to the coin's design, or had it added in such small letters that it could be seen only with the aid of a magnifying glass. But whether the word is large or small, prominent or hidden, if it is in raised letters it is an invitation to the unscrupulous, for the letters can be removed and the area refinished in such a way as to almost defy detection. For this reason, the Act must require that the word 'copy' be incused -- sunk into the surface -- rather than in relief."

"Even museums contribute to the problem; many of them do not add the word 'copy' to the 'genuine reproductions' they sell. Although such pieces are often accompanied by leaflets or small brochures correctly identifying them, these papers quickly become separated from the coins after the original sale. An ordinary collector can be readily deceived by these well-made replicas."

"Much more dangerous to the hobby, however, are the intentional counterfeits of rare coins, made by master craftsmen using modern equipment so expertly as to deceive all but the most advanced collectors and even some dealers with limited expertise. The Hobby Protection Act must not only contain strong teeth against the manufacture of such counterfeits," Mr. Stack concludes, "but it must also be so worded to eliminate the present legalistic loop-holes by which passers of counterfeits avoid punishment or even prosecution by simply claiming they thought the coins were genuine. The requirement that every seller be

held legally responsible for the material he sells should, of course, apply to all dealers, whether the transaction be over-the-counter, by mail or at auction".

We need this kind of Hobby Protection Act in Canada, as we begin to see more and more counterfeit and replica type coins being offered to unsuspecting collectors. No one is questioning the right or possible pleasure from owning a copy or genuine reproduction, provided it is so marked that even the newer collectors will not be deceived. We must not be complacent about this matter, so, we would suggest that all concerned collectors bring the question before such bodies as the Ontario Numismatic Association and the Canadian Numismatic Association for discussion and possible proposals to our government.

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REPORT FROM THE NICKEL BELT COIN CLUB

By Area Director Gerry Albert

First of all, I must tell you that the recent TV Show I had was an interview show and we discussed everything imaginable about coins for nearly 45 minutes. The show went over very well and we had 85 phone calls in the next 2 days and we received 46 letters. They are talking about having another one very shortly. The replies regarding the O.N.A. weren't quite what I expected but I will pursue it further.

Our Coin Show on Sunday was the biggest and the best that we have ever had in Sudbury. My committee and I were quite flabbergasted at the results. The Sudbury Star covered the event and took pictures. We had over 600 people who registered and many more who didn't. We had 34 new members join our club. We held 2 auctions and sold over \$4,000. worth of material at prices well above the catalogue value. We had many displays and even ran out of cases. The only comment that I can make is that our area is starving for more good shows and education and they are sure going to get it in the next few months. We had all kinds of people from a radius of approximately 100 miles attend the show. Right now our committee was to run another show on March 17th., I haven't decided yet as there are a few new things that I will be trying at the February meeting and I want to see the reactions of this new program before deciding.

(Will be hearing from you further very soon. Good work, Gerry)

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NEW MEMBERS

Applications published in the January 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.

913 Mrs. Norman Scott, P.O. Box 89, Corunna, Ontario

914 Mr. Donald J, Cole, 331 Dovedale Drive, Whitby, Ontario.

915 Mr. Bruce Petch, 1396 Londonderry Blvd., Mississauga, Ontario.

By The Way -

Be a Big Brother - Pick a member of our association at random and give him a call. You'll feel good then, when you see him at the Convention in Niagara Falls.

CONVENTION '74 NEWS

***** The Charlie Laister Trophy will again be up for presentation at this year's O.N.A. Show and Convention March 30-31 at the Brock Hotel, Niagara Falls, Ontario. The competition is open to all O.N.A. member clubs in good standing, as a club project or as a member representing a club, but only one entry from a club. It is presented with the idea that winning club will present it monthly at their meetings for the best monthly display at their regular monthly meetings. A chairman should be appointed from the membership, points and score should be kept, then the member with the highest points will receive at the next O.N.A. Convention a trophy for his or her efforts. So come on, Clubs, let's have good competition this year.

***** Another item of interest at the forthcoming Convention will be a meeting of the Canadian Association of Tokens Collectors on Sunday morning, March 31st. The meeting will be to elect officers and carry out general business. For information contact Wes Ham at his bourse table.

***** "To Win - You Must Buy" - Do you want to win a beautiful set of Canadian Decimal Commemorative Silver Dollars? Well, just buy one or more tickets on the O.N.A. Convention Draw and you could win just that. Don't forget - to win you must buy - so buy yours now at your local club or at the Convention - Ticket Sales - Carl Coleman.

***** CYN luncheon on the Sunday also at the Convention. C.N.Y. have just come through a successful first year and also there will be wooden nickels on sale commemorating the first year of the Juniors.

NEWS AROUND THE COIN CLUBS

BRANTFORD NUMISMATIC SOCIETY -

The club has moved to the Senior Citizen Centre, 25 Charlotte Street. The last meeting featured a lively auction and interesting displays.

CHAMPLAIN COIN CLUB, ORILLIA - News concerning the first series of the Olympic coins is that the series is almost sold out. It was reported that there is a growing interest in paper money, especially the "shin-plaster", the 1870 issue with the letter "A" under the date and the correct signatures is the valuable one. The 1974 Canadian dollar commemorates the 100th Anniversary of the City of Winnipeg and depicts the historic corner of Portage Avenue and Main Street. Interesting items from the club Bulletin,

CITY OF OTTAWA COIN CLUB -

The club is looking over a new meeting place, the Canadian War Museum. This would be rent free and it is hoped it will prove satisfactory. At the last meeting the plans were mostly completed for the annual show May 11 and 12 in the banquet room of the Chateau Laurier. By the next report the meeting place should be confirmed.

HAMILTON COIN CLUB -

The last meeting had 20 members and 5 guests present. The following officers were elected for 1974:- President - Tom Roach, Vice-President - Alan Hill, Secretary - Trevor Camp and Treasurer - Ken Lord. The club are on the hunt for some display cases that seem to have disappeared. Good Luck in locating them!

HURONIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION -

At the last meeting the members and guests enjoyed a slide film series on Newfoundland Coinage from the O.N.A. slides. This was followed by a lively auction and a draw for the Old Coin Box.

INGERSOLL COIN CLUB -

In an effort to attract new members and more interest the President, Alan Macnab, suggested putting a display of coins in the Public Library. This will be done in the near future. The highlight of the evening was a talk by James Finch. His subject was "The White Rajahs of Sarawak" which recalled the history of the Country and of the Rajahs who governed the territory. He also had various coins, journals, catalogues and bulletins to be viewed after his talk which was exceedingly interesting.

LONDON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY-

The last meeting had an attendance of 41 members and guests. The speaker was the in-coming President, Lloyd T. Smith and his topic was "Coin Collecting has Many Fields" illustrated by colour slides and a display. He discussed the following areas of collecting :-Crowns of the World, Great Persons, Gold Coins, Coats of Arms, Objects, Scenes, Flowers, etc. The attention of the audience showed how interesting his talk was.

NIAGARA FALLS COIN CLUB -

At the last meeting the guest speaker was George Oblinsky and his talk was "Tips on Canadian Coin Collecting". It proved very interesting to all. Two reports were given on the progress of the forthcoming O.N.A. Convention and Howard Hill reported 36 Bourse tables now sold. A lively auction concluded the meeting.

NORTH YORK COIN CLUB -

The last meeting was a C.N.A. Night. The guests were Dr. and Mrs. Wilkinson, Mrs. Louise Graham, Fred Jewett and Mrs. Graham introduced the prominent husband-and-wife team of Mr. & Mrs. Alex Munro, who were the guest speakers. Congratulations were extended to Paul Johnson on his appointment as the Canadian Numismatic Associations Club Liason Officer. His duties will include sending meeting report forms to C.N.A. member clubs and organizing the Club Delegates' Breakfast for the Convention. All the best, Paul!

RICHMOND HILL COIN CLUB -

The last meeting featured a presentation by Ricky Morse, who led a discussion about coin clubs and other numismatic organizations. There was member discussion on ideas for the club's show, getting guest speakers and ways of increasing interest in the club. An invitation was extended to bourse dealers to participate in the meetings free of charge. The club's slogan for 1974 is PARTICIPATION.

ST. CATHARINES COIN CLUB -

At the last meeting there were 82 members and guests present. Membership Chairman Hilda Shepard reported that 74 members have renewed their membership. President Vic Potter gave a very interesting and informative talk on English Silver Pennies. He said silver pennies were struck in 765 A.D. and that large hordes of them are found in the Scandinavian countries.

- June 2 - Welland Coin Club Annual Show in Princess Elizabeth Public School, Lincoln and Scholfield Ave., Welland from 10.00 a.m to 10.00 p.m. Re Bourse tables please contact Denis Laverdiere, 17 Ross St., Welland, Ont.
- Sept. 21 - Toronto Coin Club Annual Show in the Territories and B.C. Rooms, Royal York Hotel, Front St., Toronto. Auction conducted by R. Shillingworth, Suite 506, 19 Richmond St. West, Toronto.
- Oct. 6 - Bluewater International Coin Show sponsored by Sarnia Coin Club at the Village Inn, N. Christina St., Sarnia. Re Bourse contact Carl Williamson, 931 Greendale Ave. or General Chairman - Sandy Paine, 1714 Carl St., Sarnia. Display Chairman - Roy Richards, 723 Alexandra Ave., Point Edward. All Numismatic Societies please note.
- Oct. 19 - St. Catharines Coin Club Annual Show and Banquet in Westminster United Church Hall, Queenston St., St. Catharines. Further details later.

O.N.A. SPEAKERS' CIRCUIT

I am certain every Program Chairman of every club must, at some time or other, be puzzled as to what he can present to his/her members to keep interest at top pitch. Do you want a sure-fire draw for your Club? I suggest you contact Ken Prophet, P.O. Box 226, Barrie, Ont. and request a guest speaker for one of your future meetings - preferably at least 4-6 weeks in advance to permit speakers to fit you in their schedules. All speakers are prepared to travel, usually 100 - 150 miles (less on week nights), all they usually ask us is to be appreciated. Most clubs try to help by donating gas money. This is not an obligation however. So when you are making up your April, May or June programs, think of the O.N.A. Speaker Circuit and write to Ken Prophet for information.

From Your President's Desk.

PEOPLE ARE INGENIOUS DEVILS

Thanks to Ruth McQuade, City of Ottawa Coin Club

I remember, as a girl, visiting a farm, and at the kitchen sink there was a pump, and outside was a much larger pump. These pumps from time to time require washers, and over a hundred years ago the big "Leslie" token made a perfect washer. Actually this token was never very popular on account of its size.

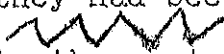
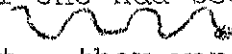
Later during World War 11, copper was controlled and Canadian Manufacturers needed copper washers. It was a simple thing to go to the bank and get a bag of cents to supply their needs.

We all know the way money has been used in making jewellery. There are endless varieties of bracelets, necklets, ear-rings, brooches and love tokens. While some of these are very nice, we as coin collectors would think twice before we had a hole made in a nice coin, or had a coin mounted to make a brooch.

The Grandfather of one of my playmates, used to carry a silver dollar around in his vest pocket. Occasionally he would take it out and press a spring and it would open to reveal her picture. I remember

reading about a man photographing some coins. He saw a hair which seemed to be coming out of a coin and on examination, he discovered it could be opened. So I would surmise that there are a few of these tucked away as keepsakes.

Have you ever seen a small silver 5¢ piece made into a salt spoon? The 5¢ piece is molded to form the cup and a handle added. On examination you can clearly see Victoria, if you turn it over you see the date.

Major S. S. Carroll, curator of the Numismatic Collection at the Bank of Canada put two old habitant tokens in my hand one day. They appeared to have deep nicks around the edges. I couldn't guess what they had been used for. The edge of one had been carved like this  and the other like this  They had a small hole in the centre. Would you believe it - they were cookie cutters!

I once read about a boat that was dismantled in England and I expect it happened here too. Each nail in the boat had been hammered in through a $\frac{1}{2}$ d which acted as a washer. Several hundred of these coins were found.

A very unusual thing happened in Manitoba. At a place called Little Grand Rapids there used to be a Hudson's Bay Trading post. About the time that the Hudson Bay tokens went out of circulation, some chap discovered a quantity of tokens at this post. He was about to shingle his house, and he hammered each shingle nail through one of these tokens. They were aluminum 25¢ tokens. After all his work the house burned down and now there are only a few examples of this type of token to be found, and they have holes in them. They are rare enough to be worth about \$500.00 each.

The above was copied from the C.Y.N. "Messenger". If any of our readers know of other ways in which our money has been used (or mis-used), we might improve this story with additional information. I would like to thank Major Sheldon Carroll who told me some of these stories.

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THIS 'N THAT /

First, I would like to thank those individual members and coin clubs who took the time and trouble to send in nominations for the Award of Merit --- Convention time is drawing close and to date of writing these lines, I have received no suggestions, etc., on what you, our club members, wish to discuss at our annual General Meeting. I can therefore, only assume that you are planning to attend armed with your various suggestions, beefs, squacks, etc., personally at the meeting. I shall therefore be sure to attend with my armour girded ----SILVER DOLLAR FUTURES, with all this activity of fervent selling of silver dollars, halves, quarters and dimes, one does not have to be WISEMAN, to project that those of us who are astute enough to hang on to our silver dollar sets, type sets, commemorative sets, etc., are bound to be in an enviable position in the next few years. In retrospect, I recommended to a number of my local clients about five years ago that they should purchase and hold all the gold pieces they could possibly purchase; to-day those people are very happy. They are holding a commodity which has increased 300% ---- It could be that the same thing could happen with our silver coins. This could be one instance where it is too expensive to jump on the bandwagon rather than to ride on the surrey with the fringe on top --- Any comments -- See you at the Convention in March --- Ye Ed

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