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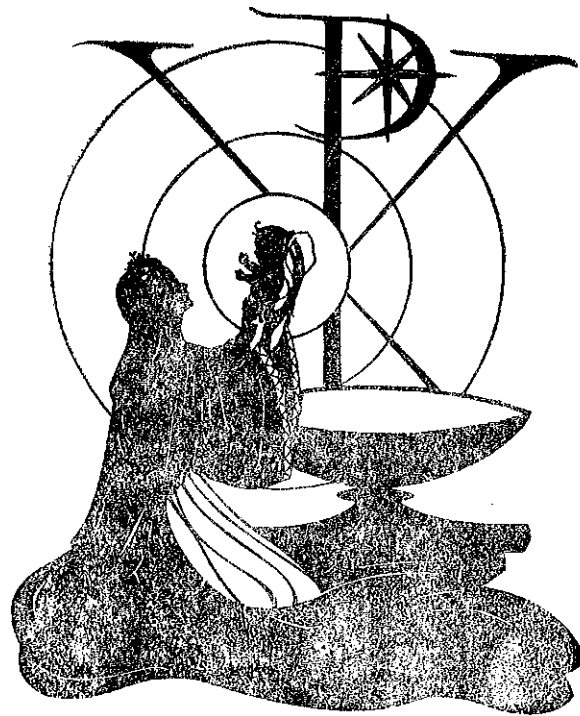
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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

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CHRISTMAS THEME ON COINS

(By Thomas Masters and reprinted from the Ingersoll Coin Club Bulletin)

Many of us over the years have given Canadian Silver Dollars to our children and grandchildren at Christmas. These coins, to many, have become almost synonymous with Christmas, and may be thought of as a Christmas coin.

I helped to build both my sons' collections by this means, along with birthdays and special occasions. In our numismatic publications, dealers advertise Christmas coins, but do they represent Christmas in any remote way? Hardly, most if not all are using the sales pitch to sell coins for Christmas. Let us examine the coins in our collection and see if we have any that could represent Christmas.

My choice for the Christmas Theme on Coins is the Canadian 1967 Centennial proof set. One might immediately ask, "How can all 7 coins represent something that might be associated with the Christmas season?"

But first, many U.S. coins the eagle is a must by legal specifications. Benjamin Franklin detested the choice of the eagle and campaigned to have the turkey chosen; but his campaign failed and the eagle was chosen as the national symbol. Just suppose the turkey had been chosen instead of the eagle, think of the U.S. coins that would have the turkey instead of the eagle on them. Could not these coins be classed as Christmas coins? I know in the U.S. the turkey is symbolic of Thanksgiving, but it runs a very close second to being symbolic of Christmas also.

With this introduction I would like to explain my reason for selecting the Canadian 1967 Centennial proof set as 1977 Christmas Theme on Coins.

Since 1967 the price of gold has risen considerably and so has everything else. Today the cost of the Christmas season has increased to the point where it takes a great deal of gold to see us all through the season, so in this small way the 20 dollar gold coin represents my views as a Christmas coin. With this view, all gold coins could be placed in the same class.

What about the dollar with the Canada goose on the reverse? My thoughts go back to my youth, where in my family the roast goose was the main dish for Christmas, so for many people like myself the goose on the reverse could represent Christmas.

On the 50¢ coin is depicted a howling wolf. This opens up quite a field to select from, so I will list them and you may choose the one that fits your situation.

Let's suppose this coin represents the howls of delight as our children and grandchildren open their gifts, or does it represent the howls of dissatisfaction from those who didn't get what they had hoped for, or how about the howls of discomfort from those who wolfed down their Christmas dinner. As I stated earlier, the choice is yours.

The wildcat is on the 25¢ coin. This can represent the wild scramble for last minute shopping and the last minute preparations for Christmas. With the hurry-scurry to and fro we are like a cat on a hot tin roof (so the saying goes) and that's enough to make any cat wild.

On the 10¢ coin is the mackerel. You might ask, how can a fish have anything to do with Christmas? But, in a flash my thoughts go to the many times I have overheard someone say, "holy Mackerel, is Christmas that close?"

The rabbit appears on the 5¢ coin and when Christmas shopping we all know how fast our money disappears, faster than the rabbit can multiply, and faster than it can run, so I see this coin representing the Christmas theme.

Peace and goodwill are the sign of the dove, so the poem goes, and Christmas represents the birth of Christ, who was born to bring peace and goodwill to men. The dove on the reverse of the lowly 1¢ can truly be classed as a Christmas Coin.

These are my reasons for saying that the 1967 Canadian Centennial proof set may be thought of as representing the Christmas theme in a remote way. Maybe we can all look over some of our coins and with a bit of imagination we can find some hidden meaning. It also can be another of the many ways by which we can enjoy our coins and hobby. For 1977 my nomination for the Christmas Theme on Coins is the Canadian 1967 Centennial proof set. What is yours?

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NOW IT CAN BE TOLD - We apologize for the lateness of your Newsletter in November and again, this one in December. The November NUMISMATIST was typed up in lots of time and placed in the letter slot of our printers. But, unknown to us at the time, the landlord locked the premises up for non-payment of rent. When we tried the telephone, of course we got a recording - disconnected. Inside was our newsletter and no carbon copies of what we said on its 10 pages. Meanwhile, back to the drawing board we went, and while the results may not be like the original we again wrote ten copies/ Thus, why your copy of the Ontario Numismatis arrived late. But, not only that, it made a mess of our schedule and with the Christmas season almost here, we are also apologizing for the lateness of your December bulletin. Hopefully, the New Year will straighten thing out.

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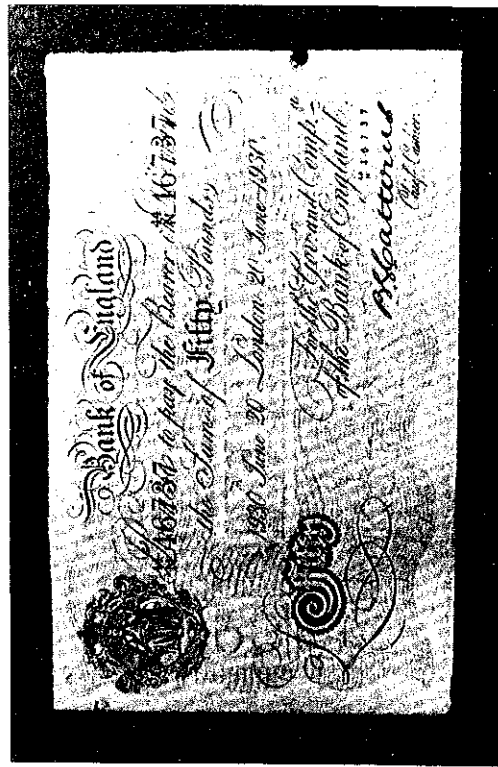
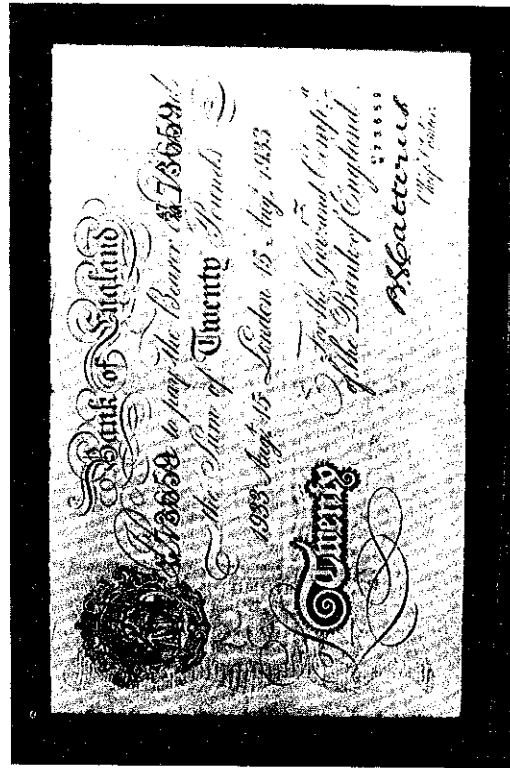
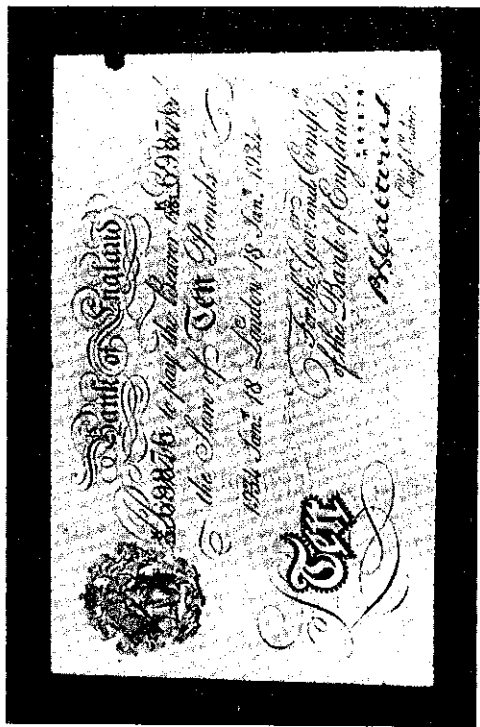
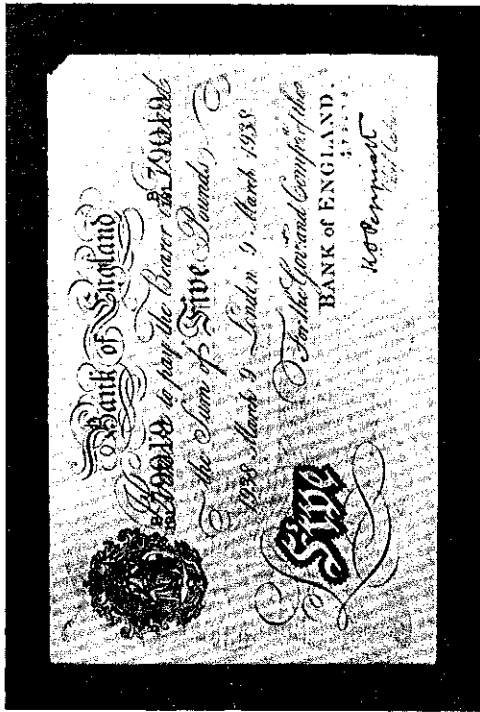
Here is a numismatic quiz to sharpen your research instincts:

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| 1. Steel - not nickel | 5. . . .also an Olympian symbol |
| 2. Totals 18 | 6. It has chromium finish |
| 3. Twelve sided - not eight | 7. It has a hidden code |
| 4. The moon is not always there. | |

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On the next page, 103, are notes from the "OPERATION BERNARD" which we will be featuring in our next edition of the Ontario Numismatist. Our thanks goes to John Regitko for supplying us with this page.

"OPERATION BERNARD" NOTES



IN MEMORIAM

S. L. (Stan) Aaroe died suddenly on November 30, 1977. Stan has been a member of the St. Catherines Coin Club for the past fifteen years. In that time, Stan has served on many committees, as well as all positions of the executive, being President in 1975 and 1976, and Past President this last year.

This last October 22, Stan was Chairman of our annual Coin Show and Banquet, due to Stans enthusiasm and dilligence this show was one of the best shows in the club's history.

Stan always greeted people with a wonderful smile and very warm heart.

Stan was to have been Bourse Chairman at the Ontario Numismatic Association Convention in 1978.

He will not only be missed by the St. Catherines Coin Club, but also by the hobby of Numismatics.

The hobby of Numismatics conveys their deepest sympathy to his wife Ethel, daughter Mrs. Lloyd (Jean) Hopkins Jr. and sons Bill & Bob.

R. N. Voaden
Secretary

(The above announcement came in a press release from R. N. Voaden, Publicity Director of the O.N.A. and secretary of the St. Catherines Coin Club. On behalf of the Executive and members of the Ontario Numismatic Association, I would like to convey our sympathy to the family of a man that in so many ways, contributed so much to the hobby)

PUBLICITY RELEASE:

The St. Catherines Coin Club are hosting the 16th Annual Convention of the Ontario Numismatic Association, which is a three day show, at PRUDHOMMES GARDEN CENTRE, VINELAND, ONTARIO. The dates of the show are JUNE 2-3-4-, 1978.

There will be a Convention medal struck for the show in silver and bronze.

There have been invitations issued to Numismatic groups to hold their meetings at this show. Some of the organizations invited are Canadian Numismatic Association, Canadian Paper Money Society, The Society of Bearded Numismatists, Wooden Money Society, Token & Medal Society, Canadian Young Numismatists, Canadian Association of Numismatic Dealers, Canadian Association of Token Collectors.

For dealers, there will be Security on Thursday, June 1st from = 6.00p.m. to 12:00 Midnight Only =.

There will be a Wine & Cheese Party on June 2nd, 1978 from 5:30p.m. to 7:00p.m., for registered guests at the Convention. This function will take place in the Top Brass Room.

All displays for this Convention must be pre registered. People wishing to enter displays are requested to write to: V.G. Potter, P.O. Box 1492, St. Catherines, Ontario.

All correspondance in regards to the Convention should be addressed to the club

NEWS FROM AROUND THE CLUBS

OTTAWA COIN CLUB elected their slate of officers for 1978 with the following - President, Bernies Walker, 1st Vice-Pres., Dan Slade 2nd Vice-Pres., Gary Sirna, Treasurer, Chas. Downie and Secretary, Ross Caldwell. Ruth McQuade Bade a Fond Farewell as she gave up her editorial duties that covered 7 years. While in office the club won in 1970 the American Numismatic Association award for the most outstanding publication. In 1973 Ruth again won the award for the club. The Ottawa Bulletin features an auction list so that members will have an idea on what is coming up on the Club's Auction.

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The November meeting of the Orillia Champlain Coin Club featured Paul Johnson, C.N.A. Ontario Director. His talk and slides on the C.N.A. medals proved very interesting. The Banquet chairman reports a profit of \$55.00 on the sale of draw tickets and \$13.00 commission from the auction at the Annual Banquet. Gordon Hrne was Chairman of the Banquet Committee.

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November was election night at the Huronia Numismatic Association with the following being elected: Past President, Richard Ford; President, Ken Prophet; Vice-President, Don Owens; Treasurer, Cec. Sharpe; Bill Gage filling the dual role of Secretary and Editor. Directors elected were: Noreen Howcroft; Lorraine Acker; Alma Gage; Mario Taurisi; Bill Fraser and Mac Porter. Tom Ivison won the contents of the old coin box and the attendance draw was won by Conway Bishop. Plans were made for our Christmas Party to be held at the December meeting.

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BRANTFORD Numismatic Society had a turn-out of 41 members and 6 guests for their November meeting. Walter Griggs will M.C. the Annual Election of Officers. A special presentation will be made at the December meeting to the ladies that worked the lunch counter during the Centennial Coin Show. This is in appreciation for their kindness

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INGERSOLL COIN CLUB's monthly bulletin featured the Christmas Theme. Mrs. Alan(Barbara) McNab was awarded the first C.N.A. "IN APPRECIATION" award posthumously for Alan MacNab for his contribution to the Ingersoll Coin Club over the Past many years. The election of officers for 1978 resulted in the following being elected: President, Thomas Master; Vice-President, Stella Hodge; Treasurer, Leonard Coles; Secretary, Howard Whitfield; Directors, Aulis Koslonen, Charles Laister, Lorne Mercer. Stella Hodge had an interesting article entitled, "Beauties of Learning", an article on continuing education and learning never ends. Stella also had an article featuring countries and their monetary units. Tom Masters' featured article, Christmas Theme on Coins, will be well-read for it is timely news.

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE CLUBS - continued

STRATFORD COIN CLUB will have an unusual attendance draw prize - a 1925 5 cent piece. If there is no winner on the first ticket pulled, they will continue drawing until someone does win. Also on the agenda will be a CHRISTMAS SPREAD - fried chicken, Jim Ellison's own mince squares, salads and dainties. There will be major draws on the following - one for a steak dinner at the Ponderosa, 2 Christmas Cheers and 2 turtles. Ken Wilmot, editor of the bulletin is asking everyone to bring in a Numismatic gift of at least \$1.00 in value. The Stratford Bulletin featured an article on the CLASSIC COINS OF CANADA, CANADA'S SILVER DOLLARS. A slate of officers was brought in by the nominating committee. They are: President, Bill Bushfield; Vice-President, Wilf Becker; Treasurer, Jim Ellison; Secretary, Ken Wilmot. Directors are: Isabelle Bushfield, Roy Hollingshead, Bob Jones, Tom Kennedy, Barb Savile and Frank Smith.

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Editor Stan Clute of the Central Coin Club extends Christmas Greetings to all our members and families. The bulletins's editor congratulated members, John Dewyze, who won first in Stamps and Third in Msc; Jay Jones, Third in Junior, Stan Clute, Second in Tokens & Medals, at the Torex Show in Toronto. May Burnett, wife of member Ken Burnett won first in Tokens and Medals.

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The Atlantic Provinces Numismatic Association bulletin featured an article on their front page, written by President, Harry M. Eisenhauer, congratulating the Saint John Coin Collectors Club, the host club of the Fall Rally of the Atlantic Provinces Numismatic Association, for sponsoring one of the most successful rallies ever held in recent years. The attendance surpassed all expectations and the dealers expressed that business was good and at times brisk. A donation auction realized funds in excess of two hundred dollars. The President congratulated, James Young, Chairman of the Auction, for his efforts. The Dale Garland Award, presented to the person, who in the opinion of its former recipients has contributed to the advancement of numismatics in Atlantic Canada, was won by James Young, president of the Saint John Coin Collectors Club. Jim is a devoted member of the hobby and has done much in the Saint John area to promote the growth of numismatics. Mrs. Muriel Lohnes, Saint John director was the hostess for the social evening on Friday, September 23rd for APNA friends and members.

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THE HUMOUROUS SIDE: The auctioneer interrupted his chant to announce that someone in the audience had lost a billfold containing one Thousand dollars and that a reward of one hundred dollars was being offered for its return. A voice from the rear of the crowd called, "One Hundred and Ten."

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PROPOSED COIN SHOWS

The following are the "ANNUAL COIN SHOWS" proposed for the next few months, that we received notices for, or taken from CLUB BULLETINS. We advise you to check this list as you debate the date of your Club's show, to ensure that your date does not conflict with another show.

- February 18 - Huronia Numismatic Association's Mini-show at the Bayfield Mall, Bayfield St., Barrie, Ontario. For further information contact the club at Box 243, Barrie, Ontario.
- March 10-11-12 Canadian Association of Numismatic Dealers Spring Convention at the Sheraton-Mount Royal Hotel in Montreal. For further information contact, executive Secretary, Al Bliman, Box 3145, Stn. "D", Willowdale, Ontario. M2R 3G5
- + + + + + + + + + Of great importance to collectors and dealers alike, The Canadian Association of Numismatic Dealers will hold at their convention a Seminar on the Detection of Counterfeit Coins. This 3-day Seminar will be held at the Concordia University (Sir George Williams Campus). A maximum of 24 students will be accepted and the inscriptions will be on a first come, first served basis.
- March 12 Hamilton Coin Club's annual coin show at the I.O.O.F. Unity Hall, 64 Wellington St.. N., Hamilton. Further info from: Tom Minnes, 14 Locke St..S. Hamilton. L3P 3Z8
- April 27,28,29,30 TOREX '78 at the Westbury Hotel, 475 Yonge St., Toronto. Info: R.P. Findlay, Box 28, King City, Ontario.
- May 7 WellandCoin Club's annual coin show will beheld on Sunday, May 7, 1978 at the Princess Elizabeth School, auditorium, corner Lincoln & Schofield St., Info: Andre Guillemette, 51 Grange Ave., Welland. L3B 1G8.

PERSONALITIES IN THE NEWS

Jack Veffer - - That, by the time he is reading this, he will be home again and jumpin' at the bit to get on his feet again after his recent heart attack.

MEMBERSHIP

DUES: It is that time of the year again when we must dig into our pockets and remit our dues for the coming year. It is really a painless task, but one that seems to escape our attention until, lo and behold - no newsletter. To keep abreast of numismatics in Ontario & around the clubs, send in your dues, NOW.

DID YOU KNOW THAT. . . . The Award of Merit was instituted by the Ontario Numismatic Association in 1962 for the purpose of giving to the person in Ontario who has made the greatest contribution towards the advancement of numismatics pursuant to the rules laid down. The Award is in the form of a silver medal depicting the O.N.A. Crest on one side and the recipient's names and the date presented engraved on the other side. The Award of Merit names its recipient "Ontario Numismatic Association Medalist of the Year".

The 1966 "Medalist of the Year" was..... Major Sheldon S. Carroll

Curator of the Numismatic Collection of the
BANK OF CANADA in Ottawa

Served as President of the Canadian Numismatic Association from 1950 to 1953 - noted writer on many numismatic subjects and much sought after speaker. Major Carroll is a Fellow of the Royal Numismatic Society and a Fellow of the Canadian Numismatic Research Society.

THE HUMOUROUS SIDE: Patient: "Doc, what I need is something to stir me up, give me energy, put me in fighting trim. Did you put something like that in the prescription?"
Doctor: "No - you'll find that in the bill."

DID YOU KNOW THAT: . . . the Indian on the famous Indian Head Penny was not an Indian at all, but a white girl? She was Sarah Longacre, daughter of Chief Engraver James Longacre, designer of the Penny.

DEFINITION OF A PRESIDENT: Leaps tall buildings in a single bound - Is more powerful than a locomotive - Is faster than a speeding bullet - Walks on water. (Watch next month for the definition of a vice-president, Ed)

AUDIO VISUAL by Charles Laister

Christmas is gone and revelry of New Year's is just around the corner. Before long, it too will be in the past. What resolutions have you made for the New Year? All program chairmen should have one resolution and that should include more use of audio visual to acquaint your members with little known facts on numismatics. Write to Charles Laister NOW, for a list of audio visual programs. Introduce your members and guests to the wonderful world of numismatics through slides.

EDITORIAL: As 1977 draws ever closer and the threshold of 1978 beckons, we are reminded of our many friends who have contributed their time, money and energy to make this hobby what it is to-day. We are going through a period of recession which will dampen our hobby through high unemployment and loss of purchasing power. But we have seen bad times before, which only serves to bind us together closer into a tighter community. As we make preparations for our Christmas with our families, we cannot help but think what the New Year will bring. The hobby is healthy, the Canadian Numismatic Association held, what many observers, pointed out, the best ever Convention in Vancouver. The Ontario Numismatic Association Convention at Oshawa was a resounding success. Many of our member clubs held very successful shows and in some of these shows, innovative means were used to attract the public. Newmarket Coin Club plans to have a booth at a local Mall in which to dispense information on the hobby. The successful coin display put on by the Toronto Coin Club at the Arts, Crafts and Hobbies Building at the Canadian National Exhibition was seen by thousands of people and cannot but help the hobby. The executive of our member clubs are wonderful people. They work long and hard to try to make a success of their endeavours, whether it is a meeting or a show. Equally important is the many editors of newsletters that we receive ever month. AND EVERY ONE IS READ. The means they use to get their message across to the collectors seems to be working for many clubs express with pleasure that each meeting is getting better attendance. Paul Johnson is a busy delegate of the Canadian Numismatic Association in his duties as Ontario Director. Paul has attended many club meetings in the past six weeks bringing the message of numismatics to the local club. Many clubs are busy making plans for their spring shows and this year (or I should have said) next year, I would like to see a concerted effort by many collectors to visit their local show. Join in and have fun, Support numismatics in 1978. Get behind the organizers of Coin Week Canada '78 and make this event a resounding success. ONLY YOU CAN DO IT!

On behalf of the executive and members of the Ontario Numismatic Association, I would like to express to one and all a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY, JOYOUS NEW YEAR.

From time to time, as I glance through old numismatic newsletter or old coin papers, something attracts my eye that I would like to share with you. In the March, 1974 edition of the Ontario Numismatist, there is an interesting article written by Ruth McQuade of the City of Ottawa Coin Club and entitled, "People are Ingenious Devils". This story concerns ways in which money has been used for not the purpose they were intended. As an example, Lesslie 2 pence tokens were used as washers on pumps in farm-houses. Many coins were used for jewellery. Silver dollars were hollowed out so as to make a locket. Many were used as watch fobs. And some old Habitant tokens were actually used as - cookie cutters! And the strangest item of all, was the man in the Old Hudson's Bay Post who used a quantity of Hudson's Bay Tokens (they were no longer being used) to shingle his house! Apparently he hammered a shingle nail through each aluminum 25¢ token. To make matters worse, the house burned down and now there are only a few examples of this token around. All with holes in the centre.