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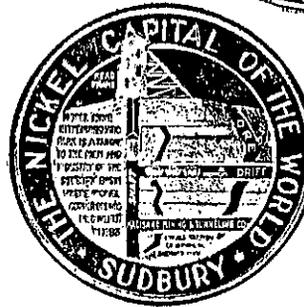
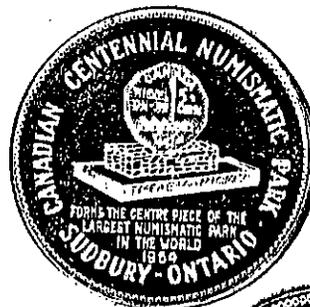
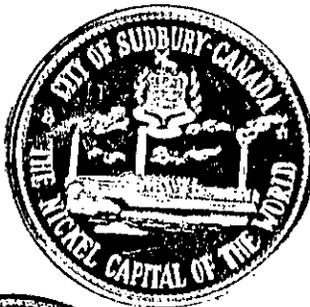
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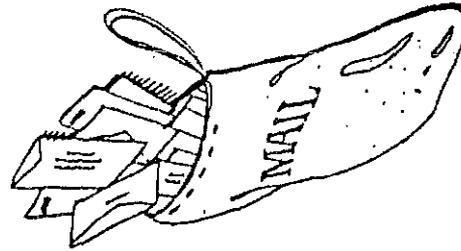
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# from the Mailbag



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May 24th, 1992

At the last meeting of our Association, I was given to understand that the Timmins Coin Club has won the O.N.A. Newsletter Contest and our club was in the running. At the same time Ken Prophet gave me the newsletters from the various clubs to peruse in case I needed any information for our newsletter. One of the newsletters was the Ontario Numismatist post convention issue, Mar./April, 1992.

On Page 45 of that issue, you wrote a story entitled, "Editor's Report.", and began that report with the words, "I often wonder if anyone reads our publication?" Further down in the report you mentioned that club reports are non existent.

As an editor you have the responsibility of acquainting your readers with what goes on inside the Association. In this, you have been remiss.

At the March convention of the O.N.A. there is supposedly an award given for the best newsletter. I have read and re-read the above noted Numismatist but have found nothing relating to this award. I feel sad if the Timmins Coin Club did get the award and found nothing relating to it in the O.N.A.'s own publication. The convention was covered in great length, as well as the Award of Merit given to Bruce Brace. But where are the newsletter awards? Are they not deemed worthwhile to publish or does the O.N.a. have something to hide?

Our club appointed a delegate to the O.N.A.'s convention. No where in past editions is there anything to suggest that delegates to the delegates breakfast have to turn in a report. As a matter of fact, in your own words, delegates did not even get a chance to speak. Were the delegates given any opportunity to submit a report and how much time was allotted so that the delegates present could turn in a handwritten report. Were the delegates asked to submit a report as they entered the room.

It seems to me that the O.N.A. goes from one crisis to another. You have edited the Numismatist for some time, but there is never any information in it to acquaint members with what is actually going on. Further down in your report you give special thanks and then say the important link between the Association and its members.

In the pre-convention Numismatist I have read there is nothing whatsoever on what a delegate is to bring with him or her to the Convention. I would think that would be a very important item because delegates sometimes are people that have very little experience. If on the other hand the O.N.A. decides to do away with delegates speaking on behalf of their club, they should have the responsibility to notify clubs. A lot of clubs, ours included, help with the cost of sending a delegate to the convention. Why then, should we do this if

the delegate is not allowed to speak. If the O.N.A. wants to have a delegate's report instead, why not publicize this fact in the Numismatist BEFORE the convention.

The same thing applies to the Newsletter Award. Have you ever publicized in the Ontario Numismatist at any time, other than after the Convention, any mention of the Newsletter Award. Please let me know the page number and issue so I can check it myself, because two of us have gone through the past issues of the Ontario Numismatists and have not seen any mention of this award. If it is not publicized then why give it? How many clubs that belong to the O.N.A. have submitted newsletters to be considered during the year?

It seems strange to me that in your post convention and pre convention Numismatist, mention is made of the Draw Tickets and the winners, the Award of Merit and the winner, the Banquet and the speaker, but the newsletter award is strangely absent.

The Ontario Numismatist is a newsletter from the provincial association and is sent to all member clubs. Member clubs send in their newsletter to the O.N.A. But strangely, the O.N.A. has dropped the item, News from around the Clubs. Why? Why do we send in our newsletter to the O.N.A. Is the newsletter read?

In the post convention issue you make mention of the fact that we should send our newsletter to your home address rather than to the O.N.A. Box in Waterloo. I find that this is strange and more so when the Ontario Numismatist is only printed every two months. I would not want anyone sending information to our newsletter to my home address. This is why we have a club box. Any why should there be a delay, Is not the mail from the box picked up every day by someone. Could not the mail addressed to the editor be put in a separate envelope and mailed to you

You also mention in your report "that they are too interested in letting other clubs know what goes on. Balderdash. It's garbage to say that. Are not our newsletters sent to the O.N.A. show that we are interested.. But is the O.N.A. interested. It has been three years since you published anything that you took out of our newsletter, so I supposed you are not interested after all.

It is strange that we have a provincial association that is so devoid of club news. You are not really interested in member clubs as we have seen and if I had anything to say about it, we would withdraw our support of the O.N.A. because your Association is certainly not club related. Let's see if that is correct. We are going to repeat ourselves. Banquet - anyone can attend provided they pay - Award of Merit - has nothing to do with the member clubs - delegates breakfast - only a talk but no input - O.N.A. medallions - a profit making thing. - O.N.A. draw tickets - we get them but we didn't order them. Nothing to do with member clubs - only if they sell them. We have nothing left. Clubs are not important to the O.N.A. as you can see from the above.

William R. Gage - Editor  
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# EDITORIAL

I will devote this editorial to the letter I received a short time ago. Mr. Gage (Bill) has taken the time to open up some very important and interesting observations, and he deserves an answer. His letter to me is exactly as he wrote it--nothing taken away or added.

He asks, "Did the Timmins Coin Club win the O.N.A. Newsletter Award at our past Convention in Guelph?" The answer is "Yes", and the Huronia Club's Newsletter was a very close second. The judging was done by 3 judges and the O.N.A. President. All judges made their decision independently, and the choice was unanimous. With the rule stating that Clubs who win this Award are not eligible to win again for 3 years, leaves those runners-up a chance for next year. Bill did ask "Was the Timmins Club presented with the Award"? No-one from the Timmins Club was present at the Convention, so the O.N.A. Director for that area was to make the presentation at one of their upcoming meetings. He also asked "How many publications were submitted" and the answer was 16, so I take it from that, that Clubs do know of this Award. Yes, I was remiss that I didn't publicize that Timmins won the '92 Award. I must apologize for that omission.

Bill accuses me of being remiss in my duties of what goes on within the Association. As a past executive member, he must know that all O.N.A. meetings are open to members, and a General Meeting is held once very year. Treasurers Report is printed so members know our financial position, and if the Secretary submits the minutes I'll print them. In the last 20 years, and when Bill was Editor, this has not been done.

Delegates Breakfast...It's more years than I care to relate that we have asked for written reports. Year after year we tried to impress on the Delegate that their Club should furnish them with a written report. It would not be left to the Delegate to write this report, and it's too late if no report is written, to ask for one as he enters the room for breakfast and the meeting. He speaks of new and inexperienced Club members who are Delegates. I would hope that the Club who that Delegate represents gives some guidance from their executive and a written report, to outline what they believe will be a benefit to the O.N.A. and the Hobby. I believe that most Clubs do underwrite their Delegate's cost. No...the Delegates did not get a chance to speak at the '92 Convention, and I outlined this point in my last editorial. I still say..."Make it a true Delegates meeting or scrap it". After it was announced to turn in their written reports, only 2 were offered...the lowest number in several years. Edited version of those reports printed in last issue.

The "Club News" subject has come forward at past Executive meetings, and I would gladly print Club News if Clubs would forward same! Many Club Newsletters don't contain a Secretary's Report, and are absically a meeting notice. Again...I'll print their Club News if the Clubs submit news.

Why do I ask that Newsletters be sent to my home? Cost, for one reason, and the main one is this...Those that are sent to Box 33 are forwarded to me with several in the package. I like to read them all when they arrive one or two at a time. How often is the O.N.A. mail picked up in Waterloo? Bill...you are asking the wrong person. If I did it, it would only be when I was in the area.

You state it has been 3 years since I took anything from your Newsletter. I would like to dispute that statement. Where else do you think I get your Show Notices. Only on one occasion did your

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EDITORIAL (Cont'd)

President mail me that information, but your Club is not alone...most Show notices come from other sources.

You ask, "Is the O.N.A. interested in Member Clubs?" My answer is "Yes". Let me outline for you just a few. The Audio-Visual... I know it needs some more additions and improvements, but for \$2.00 it's still a barain program. The Library...You must know how much it costs to acquire books today. They are available to Clubs and Members. Liability Insurance....at \$35.00 per year...No Club should be without it, and for the past 2 years, pay before a deadline and receive the Insurance for \$25.00. Also, the O.N.A. has provided a hardship fund for Clubs who are having financial problems. This fund will pay part or all the yearly fee. I'm sure you have investigated the cost of providing a \$2,000,000. Liability Insurance for your Mall Shows each year. ....Several times more than the O.N.A. Insurance costs. You mentioned that anyone can attend the Banquet who can pay. When you find one where I don't have to pay let me know.

Award of Merit nothing to do with Member Clubs.....wrong, Bill! It's the Clubs who make the nominations, usually someone in their Club, for that Award. I'm sure your Club must have someone who could be nominated...let's hear from you for '93.

O.N.A. medallions, a profit making thing?...not really. With today's cost we are lucky to break even. This service has been kept up because many members have collected them from day one. O.N.A. Draw Tickets...yes. Each Club gets an allotment and many Clubs have benefited from book sales and rebates. If your Club doesn't sell these tickets, no-one pressures you. The O.N.A. rebates roughly about \$1000. each year to Clubs in Ontario.

I'm sorry you feel that the O.N.A. are not doing what you would like. You were a dedicated Executive Member and Editor of the O.N.A. and worked hard for the betterment of the hobby. Perhaps you should consider rejoining with the Provincial or National Organizations to promote the hobby.

Also, I must ask Bill if after reading the National Newsletter, he has written to their Editor. Some of those points he outlined are the same as ours.

T. Masters

Opinions expressed are my own and not necessarily the O.N.A.'s.

Now that both Bill and myself have had our say, any further discussion on this topic will be dealt with between he and myself or the O.N.A. Executive.

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CHARLES B. LAISTER RETIRES?????

Can you believe it? After serving on the O.N.A. Executive in several capacities, Charlie decided to call it a day.

Those positions he has held are President - 1971-73, Director for many years, and the Audio-Visual Chairman for 25 years.

At this year's Convention he was honoured and thanked for those 25 years. So many have benefited from his dedication, and we can never thank him enough!!!!!!



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# SUDBURY NUMISMATICS

By Jeff Fournier

Sudbury, Ontario is a community rich in numismatic heritage. Among the many items that have been issued here are transportation, bread, milk and merchant tokens, scrip and commemorative medals/medallions. The latter pieces will be the focus of this article.

## MEDALS OF THE INTERNATIONAL NICKEL COMPANY

Nickel-copper deposits were first discovered in the Sudbury basin in 1883. By 1890, a smelter had been built in Copper Cliff to treat these ores. This was the beginning of giant nickel producer, INCO limited.

A number of interesting medals have been issued by or sponsored by INCO in past years. These issues were predated by another medal issued by a former nickel mining firm in Sudbury - the Mond Nickel Company.

A British firm, the Mond Nickel Company was, for many years, one of INCO's main competitors. The two companies merged in 1929 largely due to economic necessity and the "INCO" name prevailed.

A commemorative medal issued during Mond's silver anniversary in 1925, however, would assure that the Mond influence in Sudbury would not be forgotten. It saw fairly wide distribution in the Sudbury area, though it originated in Britain.

Percy Metcalfe was responsible for it's motif. His rendition of an imp dancing in flames which appears on one side of the medallion recounts, allegorically, the myth that nickel is a bewitched metal. Early miners who encountered it ascribed it to "Old Nick" or the devil, and gave it the name "kupfernickel" - literally translated as "Old Nicks copper".

The design for the medallion also appears on a larger eleven inch model, struck in nickel and weighing approximately 6.5 pounds.



## SAFETY AWARDS

Several medals, used as safety awards, have been issued by Inco. These began appearing in the mid 1960's.

The first features a headframe on one side and an inscription commemorating the 2,122,000 safe man hours which had been reached at the mine.

A second safety medal depicts the Copper Cliff smelter on one side and "SAFETY/AWARD/SUDBURY" on the other.

The same obverse (Copper Cliff Smelter) was used on a medal featuring the INCO trademark (a triangle) on the other side. This too, was most likely used as some form of safety award.



## CANADIAN ALLOYS DIVISION PRODUCES MEDALLION

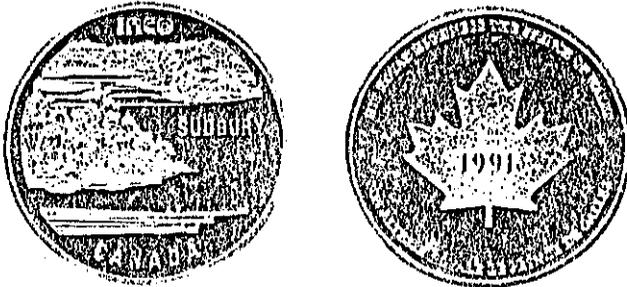
In late 1982, INCO limited was awarded a major contract to produce coinage blanks for the Royal Canadian Mint. Located in Walden, the "rolling mills" had already been involved in the production of nickel and cupro-nickel strip for the coinage market since opening in 1979.

The facility was officially dedicated on June 14, 1983 by the Honourable Judy Erola and Walter Curlook, Executive Vice President of INCO. Officials from the United Steelworkers union, the Royal Canadian Mint and the Regional Municipality of Sudbury were also on hand to watch as thousands of twenty-five cent blanks rolled off the new presses.

To mark this event, a commemorative medallion was struck and presented to the dignitaries taking part in the ceremony. It featured the rolling mills on one side and "INCO" on the other. They were produced of pure nickel, then plated in gold by a new INCO-developed process.

The process, first called Enduragold, and later Nigold, evolved at INCO's Toronto research laboratory. It was accomplished by plating a pure nickel blank with a thin layer of gold and heat treating it to encourage dispersion of the nickel into the gold surface. This hardens the surface encouraging an appearance similar to 18kt gold.

## INCO ISSUES ROYAL VISIT COMMEMORATIVE



Royal visits to INCO facilities occurred in 1939, 1953 and 1991. During the latter visit, a special medal was issued in commemoration of the event.

The medals were given to guests attending the ceremonial first pour from Inco's oxygen flash furnace - part of a \$600 million environmental project to reduce pollution at the smelter.

Though both the Prince and Princess of Wales were guests of the City of Sudbury, only Charles toured the smelter complex. Diana spent her time at various other locations within the city.

A revitalized Sudbury landscape is on one side while a stylized mapleleaf appears

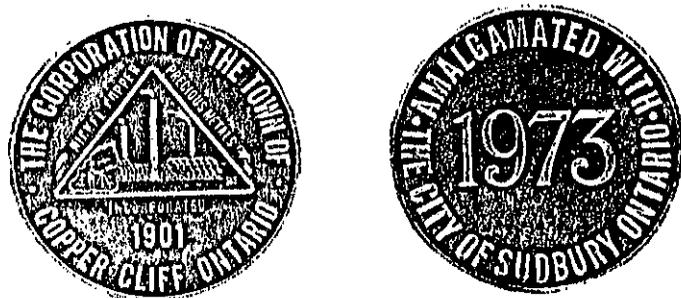
on the other.

The nickel medal was originally intended for circulation to all employees but a strike at the RCM caused a delay in delivery. 250 arrived on time for the Royal visit and were presented to honored guests and a few lucky employees.

In March of this year, the remaining medals had not been struck and would not be available until December, according to INCO officials. Therefore, INCO decided to cancel their order, leaving the 250 medals which had been struck, much sought after collector items!

## COPPER CLIFF MEDAL

Copper Cliff was born a company town - created to house the many workers employed at INCO's mines and smelter, situated here. A medal was produced in 1973 to commemorate the town's amalgamation with the City of Sudbury. A refinery and miner superimposed on a triangle is featured on one side and an inscription pertaining to the amalgamation is on the other.



## SCIENCE NORTH MEDALLIONS

Science North in Sudbury incorporated the new INCO bonding technology in two issues of medallions, both struck in 1984. The first piece was used for promotional/fundraising purposes and was sponsored by INCO, who supplied the medallions at cost as part of its ongoing support to the center. The snowflake-shaped Science North complex is on one side and two miners drilling is on the other side.

The second medal was struck to commemorate the Royal visit of Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh and the official opening of Science North, in which they took part. The couples' portrait is on one side while the Science North complex is on the other.



## SUDBURY'S BIG NICKEL



Since 1964, the "Big Nickel" has greeted visitors travelling through the City of Sudbury. Measuring over forty feet high, its familiar design is an awesome reminder of the area's ties to the mining industry.

The story of the well-known landmark and the park where it is situated is an engrossing one, which begins with a local Sudbury man, Ted Szilva. He conceived the idea, which was made public as a result of a contest sponsored by the Sudbury Star in the early 60's.

The paper wanted readers to submit Centennial project ideas for the city and he came up with the concept of a Big Nickel monument, operational mine and museum situated in a park-like setting.

The idea was put forward to the city's Centennial Committee, only to be rejected. But Szilva was so convinced of its merit, that he decided to develop the park himself.

Using twenty-five dollars as a downpayment, Szilva purchased several acres of land in December of 1963. Here, he would develop his park, overlooking INCO's Copper Cliff smelter.

It was the ideal spot for a tourist attraction, situated in the city's West end on an elevated mass of rocky land. Accessibility was assured by its proximity to hwy. 17.

With the acquisition of this property his colossal plan, which included the construction of eighteen giant "coin" monuments and a Canadian one dollar bill, began to take form. The monuments were to be the main attraction of the park but there were to be other features as well: a nickel museum to house information pertaining to nickel, its discovery, development and uses; a model railroad which children could ride around the park; a world-class coin collection and an authentic model mine where tourists could catch a glimpse of what the life of a miner was all about.

All of this was to be in honour of Canada's one-hundredth birthday in 1967. It was the nation's largest privately developed Centennial project and indeed, a fine tribute for such an occasion.

Szilva teamed up with Bruno Cavallo to get the project off the ground and together they formed the "Nickel Monument Development Corporation Limited".

Szilva, as originator of the park project, took up the positions of President and Chairman of the corporation.

Cavallo was the artistic force in the group. A local sudbury artist and owner of a sign manufacturing company in the city, he became secretary-treasurer. It was Cavallo who was responsible for the design and construction of the Big Nickel, along with the other monuments which were eventually erected at the site.

A number of interesting medals were issued for the numismatic park, most of them featuring the monuments and exhibits which were eventually erected. A listing of these medals is included elsewhere.

## BIG NICKEL ERECTED

The park came into existence in May of 1964 but was not officially dedicated until July 22.

John Fisher, the Canadian Centennial Commissioner, unveiled the impressive Big Nickel Monument. This moment marked both the culmination of many months of planning and the beginning of an era which would see the Big Nickel develop into a world-renowned landmark.

2500 local residence and dignitaries were present for the occasion, with extensive coverage appearing in the Sudbury Star, Canada Coin News, and other well known publications.

The monument was perched on top of a twelve foot high base, composed of rich ore-bearing rock and stone found in the Sudbury basin. Measuring 30 feet in diameter and 24 inches thick, the "Big Nickel" itself was modelled after the 1951 Canadian commemorative five cent piece. On the obverse was a portrait of King George VI while the reverse design featured a representation of a nickel refinery.

The construction of the Big Nickel took place in Cavallo's workshop at a cost of \$35,000. It was built to exact specifications, right down to the 244 dots (denticles) along the edge. The King's face alone measured 24 feet and was made from paper thin stainless steel which was filled and fused to the rest of the structure. The outer steel layers covered an inner core made of wood.

A souvenir shop was located beside the Big Nickel, housed in a mobile trailer.

## CANADIAN 1 CENT PIECE IMMORTALIZED

By the end of 1964 another project - this time a replica of the 1965 Canadian one cent piece - was in the works. The monument was christened the "Fantasy Copper" due to the fact that Fantasy Copperware of Canada (Toronto), had been a sponsor to the endeavor.

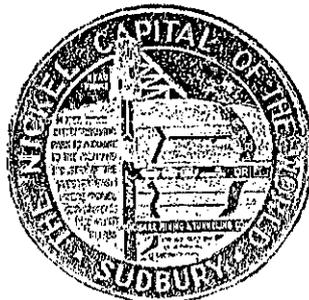
It was produced, as usual, by Cavallo and was ten feet in diameter and twelve inches thick. Its base consisted of a ten foot drill core, obtained from a mine in Levack.

A gala ceremony was held on May 14, 1965 to unveil the artwork, officiated by John Diefenbaker, then leader of the opposition (Conservative) party. Diefenbaker told the audience of several hundred that the monument was "...the most impressive monument to our country I have seen in any part of Canada".

Sudbury Liberal MPP, Elmer Sopha was the Master of Ceremonies, for the occasion, while Sudbury's Mayor, Joe Fabbro, was on hand to deliver a short speech. The Copper Cliff Highlanders provided music to entertain those on hand.



## MODEL MINE



In May of 1965 a model mine was opened for public viewing. It was and still is the main draw at the park.

Visitors entered the headframe and were transported down an elevator, sixty-six feet underground leading toward 150 feet of tunnelling. They were treated to a self-guided tour of the attraction which featured an actual mining simulation of machinery and equipment, similar to what would have been found at an actual Sudbury mine around that time.

## THREE COIN-MEMORIALS ERECTED

Three coin-memorials, which had been in the planning stages for some time, were erected toward the end of the decade.

A replica of the 1965 U.S. cent, dedicated to the "memory and ideals of Abraham Lincoln" measured ten feet in diameter and twelve inches thick when completed. This was identical in size to a replica of the Canadian twenty dollar gold piece raised in 1968. Finished in gold leaf, it was scheduled to be completed in the spring of that year but was only raised toward the latter part.

Another U.S. coin, this time featuring a replica of the 1964 U.S. Kennedy half dollar stood over twenty feet high

and eighteen inches thick when completed and was supported on a granite base. This was to be the last coin-monument erected at the park!

## MINIATURE RAILWAY ADDED

Construction of a "miniature railway" began in 1969. The train consisted of an engine, two cars and a caboose and was ready for operation in 1971. It ushered both children and adults around the park, encircling the area to give a birds-eye view of all the attractions.

The railway was built to honor Tom Flanagan, the Canadian Pacific Railway employee who was responsible for discovering ore in Sudbury in 1883.



A large railway car was purchased at this time as well, to serve as a railway museum for the park. At 75 tons, it was quite a feat moving it up the steep incline toward the park.

A large fifteen ton sleigh had to be used to transport it, with four mechanical loaders pulling it, while one pushed. It was laid to rest on a section of track that was placed for it in the park.

Other features that had been added to the park over the years included a half-scale replica of the lunar-landing module, a carousel and "Snoopy's Snackbar".

The carousel was erected in July of 1971 and was touted as the first permanent carousel in

Northern Ontario.

The Lunar module was constructed after the July 7, 1971 visit from NASA astronauts who had come to Sudbury for training exercises.

On July 30, 1975 two large totem poles, created by the Haida Indians of B.C. and an Algonquin Indian, Shaman Chief Kiptou, were raised. The two totems, one 30 feet and the other 32 feet tall, were joined by a wooden wampum belt. This, along with a commemorative plaque made up what was known as the "Indian Wampum and Brotherhood of Man Monument". The belt was said to symbolize the brotherhood of the four major races in the world.

More than 1000 people attended the event which featured Joe Fabbro (Sudbury's mayor) as master of ceremonies and a performance by a group of native dancers.

## LITTLE ACTIVITY

After 1975, very little in the way of new attractions were added to the park and things remained relatively unchanged until 1981. At this time, the ownership of the park changed hands, with Szilva and the Nickel Monument Development Limited selling out to what would soon be a new science center for Sudbury - Science North.

Szilva continued to operate the park until 1982, at which point it officially ceased operating as "The Canadian Centennial Numismatic Park" and became "The Big Nickel Mine".

Szilva's dream of a Numismatic park had become a reality. Five monuments were standing to attest to this: the Big Nickel, The Canadian Penny, The Lincoln Penny, The Kennedy Half Dollar and the Twenty Dollar Gold Piece. Totem poles and Wampum had been raised, a model mine constructed, and a souvenir shop and snack bar were opened. Attractions such as a miniature railway, a lunar landing module and various mining memorabilia had been added over the years.

Unfortunately, the park never realized its full potential. The mammoth dollar and other coin monuments never came into being, nor did the coin collection or the Science Center/ Museum.

## DILEMMA FOR SCIENCE NORTH

Science North was now confronted with a problem. The wear and tear of the Northern climate had taken its toll on the monuments over the years and they required costly repairs. Something had to be done!

Instead of embarking on a major maintenance program to refurbish the mammoth coins, it was decided simply to dismantle them. This decision was made based on two considerations: cost and mandate.

In Science North's view, it was preferable to channel the available funds toward other avenues. Furthermore, the operation of a numismatic park was never their intention. Their interest lay in operating a model mine, which should

afford the "...best opportunity to develop a significant portrayal of the history, technology, and socio-economic impact of mining in the North." Moreover, the Big Nickel Mine should "portray this aspect of Northern society to the very people who are actively engaged in mining activities today..."

The four monuments - the Lincoln Penny, Canadian Penny, Gold Coin and Kennedy 50 cent piece were then disassembled.

Daryl Potvin, physical services manager at Science North, stated that it cost \$12,000 when the Big Nickel was finally refurbished and similar costs would have been incurred had they decided to maintain the other monuments as well.

The model railroad was also dismantled for it too was in need of costly repairs and no longer suited the purpose of the owners. And the Totems were removed for many of the same reasons.

The railway car which had been brought to the park in the early 1970's, was also in a state of disrepair, according to Science North sources, but it was restored to use, only this time, as a mining rescue car.

The rescue car was kept in operation for two years until it was vandalized to the point where Science North was forced to shut it down. Today, the railway car remains at the Big Nickel Park, but it is used for storage purposes only.

The headframe of the Big Nickel Mine was destroyed to make way for a new entrance and the underground drifts were increased in size to 1200 feet.

Other additions included a cut and fill stope, an undercut and fill stope, a timbered drift, a blasting display, a mechanical room, a refuge station, an underground garden and guided tours. The gift shop and snack bar building were expanded as well.

## TOWARD THE FUTURE

Science North recently announced that the Big Nickel Mine tourist attraction would be expanded around the mid 1990's. Current visitors to the park experience a dated portrayal of mining which is no longer relevant.

The proposal includes a three phase development plan which will see a number of improvements.

Now in its fourth decade of existence, the Big Nickel Park should continue to offer thrills to tourists who visit. Its future, though not quite what its originators had intended, nevertheless seems promising.



### NUMISMATIC PARK MEDAL ISSUES

- 1) Big Nickel replica, 38 millimeters, 51 millimeters
- 2) Big Nickel Railroad medal, 39 millimeters
- 3) Big Penny replica, 38 millimeters
- 4) Fantasy Copperware medal, 40 millimeters
- 5) Indian Wampum memorial medal, 40 millimeters
- 6) Kennedy Coin Memorial medal, 40 millimeters
- 7) Kennedy 50 cent piece replica, 39 millimeters
- 8) Laurentian University/Big Nickel medal, 38 millimeters, 51 millimeters
- 9) Lincoln Penny replica, 38 millimeters
- 10) Model Mine medal, 40 millimeters
- 11) INCO smokestacks/Big Nickel medal, 40 millimeters, 27 millimeters
- 12) '67 gold piece replica, 38 millimeters
- 13) Winston Churchill medal (2 varieties), 40 millimeters

Each of these pieces were struck from a variety of metals ranging from aluminum to gold.



## MORE MEDAL ISSUES

Already a significant number of medals have been covered, but these represent only a portion of those issued in Sudbury. Others not included here cover subjects such as: The Ministry of Northern Development and Mines Anniversary, World Famous Hockey stars, Sudbury Downs (horses racing track), The Ontario Motor League, the 23 World Junior Championships and a host of others with religious themes. It's certainly not hard to see that indeed, Sudbury is rich in numismatic heritage.

# SHOW AND BOURSE

- July 28- August 2 C.N.A. ANNUAL CONVENTION - Sheridan Centre Hotel & Towers. Info: S. Laramee, P.O. Box 131, Bourcherville, P.Q., J4B 5E6. Tel: (514)449 1888, FAX (514)655 9134.
- August 12-16 AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION A.N.A. 101st Convention Orange County Convention/Civic Centre, Orlando, Florida, Info: A.N.A., 818 North Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs, CO. U.S.A. 80903.
- August 15 COLLINGWOOD COIN & STAMP CLUB ANNUAL SHOW - Leisure Time Club, 100 Minnesota St., Collingwood. Hours 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. Free Admission. Info: Jim Alexander (416)445 5744.
- September 12 HURONIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION COIN, STAMP, ANTIQUE SHOW- Bayfield Mall, Bayfield St., N., Barrie, Ont., Info: P.O. Box 243, Barrie, Ont., L4M 4T2.
- September 11-13 NIAGARA FALLS, ONT. INTERNATIONAL COLLECTORS FAIR - Skylon Tower. Presented by Trajan Publishing Corporation, Info: (416) 646 7744.
- September 13 WOODSTOCK COIN CLUB 3rd ANNUAL COIN SHOW - U.A.W. Hall, Beale St., Woodstock. Info: Woodstock Coin Club 549 Grace St., Woodstock, Ont., N4S 4N7, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
- September 26 (Saturday) ST. CATHARINES COIN CLUB ANNUAL COIN SHOW - Russell Ave., Community Centre, 108 Russell Ave., St. Catharines. Hours 9 a.m.- 6 p.m. Info: St. Catharines Coin Club, P.O. Box 1492, St. Catharines, Ont., L2R 7J9.
- October 3 HAMILTON COIN CLUB 40th ANNIVERSARY COIN SHOW- Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 58 - 1180 Barton Street East, upstairs, Hamilton, Ontario, Hours - 9 a.m.- 4 p.m.
- October 25 STRATFORD COIN CLUB 30th ANNUAL COIN SHOW, AUCTION AND BOURSE. Kiwanis Community Centre, Lakeside Dr., Stratford. 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. Free Admission. Info: Stratford Coin Club, P.O. Box 262, Stratford, Ont., N5A 6T1.
- October 31- November 1 (TOREX SHOW - Primrose Hotel, 111 Carlton St., Downtown Toronto. Info: Ingrid K. Smith, (416)586 0098, P.O. Box (865, Adelaide St. P.O., Toronto, Ont., M5C 2K1.
- November 1 TILLSONBURG COIN CLUB ANNUAL COIN & HOBBY SHOW - Mount Elgin Community Centre - 5 miles South of 401 and 5 miles North of Tillsonburg on Highway 19 - Exit off 401- Highway 19, Ingersoll-Tillsonburg exit. Note change of date and location. Info: W. Baxter, 462 Queens St., Tillsonburg, Ontario, N4G 3G9.
- November 28 WATERLOO COIN SOCIETY COIN SHOW - The Rink In The Park- Seagram Drive, Waterloo, Ontario. Hours 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. Free Admission. Info: Don Robb, P.O. Box 724, Waterloo, Ontario, N2J 4C2.
- 1993  
April 16-18 O.N.A. 31st ANNUAL CONVENTION & SHOW - College Inn, Guelph. Info: O.N.A. P.O. Box 33, Waterloo, Ontario, N2J 3Z6.

IF YOUR COIN SHOW DATE DOES NOT APPEAR IN OUR LINEUP, GET THAT INFORMATION TO THE EDITOR SO IT CAN APPEAR IN FUTURE ISSUES.

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1992 TECUMSEH TRADE TOKEN

"Lions (Clubs) Serving World Wide" is the theme of the 1992 Tecumseh (Ontario) \$3.00 municipal trade token sponsored by the Tecumseh Lions Club. Lions Clubs throughout the world have more than 1 1/2 million members, and are celebrating the 75th anniversary of the foundation of their movement in 1992. Lions began serving the world in 1917, and continue to grow steadily, working hard to fill their motto "We Serve".

The Tecumseh Lions Club was founded in 1971 to raise funds initially for the blind. Since that time their charitable work has expanded to include: leader dogs for the blind, local park recreation facilities and transportation for senior citizens and the handicapped. Profit from the sale of their 1992 municipal trade tokens will be used for these projects.

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The reverse side of the 1992 trade token pictures a pair of hands holding a globe, showing the continents of the world. The International Lions Club logo is to the right, and "1992" is below the hands. "VALUE \$3.00 / IN TECUMSEH" is to the left of the globe, and "EXPIRES DEC. 31, / 1992" is on the right. "TRADE DOLLAR / LIONS SERVING WORLD WIDE" is around the outer part.

A profile portrait of Chief Tecumseh (1786-1813) with his name below is featured on the obverse side. The international Lions Club logo is to the left side, and a maple leaf is to the right. "TOWN OF TECUMSEH FOUNDED 1927 / ONTARIO,

CANADA" is inscribed above the portrait. "TECUMSEH LIONS CLUB FOUNDED 1971" is inscribed below the portrait. This portrait with much of the inscription forms the town's logo.

Together with British general Isaac Brock, Tecumseh (Shooting Star) was one of the great military leaders in the War of 1812, a competent organizer as well as a first-rate military commander.

Tecumseh was a Shawnee chief from Ohio, who came into conflict with the United States government over the ownership of Indian lands. During the War of 1812, he joined the British against the Americans. As general of the Indian Troops, Tecumseh played an important role in the early victories of the war, including the capture of Detroit, Michigan. In 1813, he was killed in the Battle of Moraviantown on the Thames River, which runs through the town of Chatham, Ontario.

The reverse side was designed by Glenn Trenchard and Associates of Toronto.

Sherritt Mint of Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta, struck the token on 33 mm blanks in the following metals, with mintages in brackets: nickel bonded steel (2,000), bronze plated NBS (500), gold plated NBS (500), pure silver (100) and pure gold (10). The pure silver specimens



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1992 TECUMSEH TRADE TOKEN (Cont'd)

contain 0.55 ounces of silver and the pure gold specimens 0.90 troy ounces of gold. The mintage for NBS specimens is very low for an issue of municipal trade tokens.

Specimens are available postpaid as follows: NBS (\$3.50), bronze plated (\$6.50) and gold plated (\$9.50) from The Tecumseh Lions Club, Tecumseh Center Postal Outlet, P.O. Box 21016, Tecumseh, Ontario, N8N 4S1. Please write for prices of pure silver and gold specimens. Their 1991 trade tokens are available in the same metals and at the same prices as their 1992 token.

Tecumseh, a suburb of Windsor, is located just across Lake St. Clair from Detroit, Michigan, and has a population of 8,000.

The principal means of livelihood in Tecumseh are the automobile plants in nearby Windsor (Chrysler-Ford and General Motors), vegetable farming and the Pillsbury-Green Giant canning plant, which cans peas and corn. Tecumseh also has a frozen food plant where they package frozen vegetables that are grown on local farms. The Jolly Green Giant was featured on the 1990 Tecumseh Lions Club municipal medal and is available at \$3.50 postpaid. This item was a medal and not a trade token.

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CURRENT CIRCULATING BANKNOTES  
FOR EACH COUNTRY CATALOGUED

A Review  
by Jerry Remick

The Winter 1991/1992 Edition (the fourth issue) of the quarterly publication "MRI Bankers' Guide to Foreign Currency" by Arnoldo Efron, director of the Monetary Research International is available to numismatists at the special low price of \$40.00 U.S. postpaid from Monetary Research International, P.O. Box 3174, Houston, Texas 77253 - 3174, (telephone 713 654 1900). Four quarterly issues are available to numismatists at the special price of \$120.00 U.S. postpaid. The price to non-numismatists is \$50.00 per issue or \$200.00 for four quarterly issues.

The 186 page soft covered book is printed on 8 1/2 x 11 inch pages.

The book lists, describes, and illustrates the bank notes of each country currently in circulation with a separate section for each country on outmoded and redeemable notes. A reduced size photograph of the obverse side of each note currently circulating or outmoded and redeemable is shown. The following data is presented under each photo: denomination, date of issue, color, and a brief description of the main objects shown on each side. Data on counterfeit as well as recently denominated banknotes are given. The import-export restrictions on currency for each country is given indicating the amount of the country's currency that may be brought in and taken out by a visitor as well as the amount of foreign currency that can be brought in and taken out. The issuing agency for the country's banknotes as well as the country's monetary unit and its subdivisions are presented.

Data is also given on the currency used in each country that does not have its own banknotes. Thus for Panama, the text states "United States dollars are used. The import and export of all currencies are free".

A table on the last page gives the rates of exchange in foreign units per U.S. dollar and for those countries whose monetary unit has a value higher than the U.S. dollar, the cost in U.S. currency to buy one foreign unit is given.

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CURRENT CIRCULATING BANKNOTES (Cont'd)

The book is in English. However, an introductory section is in English, Spanish, Portugese, and German.

The book is very well done, very useful, and as far as I can see without errors.

An excellent book for any Club Library as it can be used by all members. A very useful reference for those traveling abroad, as they can see photographs of the various denominations of banknotes they will see in circulation in the country or countries they intend to visit, and be familiar with them before arriving. At the same time they will be informed of denomitized banknotes to avoid (if any).

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**ASSOCIATION NEWS****MEMBERSHIP**

Applicants for membership published in the March-April Ontario Numismatist have been accepted.

The following applications have been received. If no written objection to these applications are received, acceptance will appear in the next issue of the Ontario Numismatist.

1341	Allan C. Fisher	- Goderich, Ontario, N7A 4B3
1342	Robert Atkinson	- Guelph, Ontario, N1H 7G3
1343	Mrs. Manina Regitko	- North York, Ontario, M2N 1Z1
1344	Mrs. Denna Benn	- Arkell, Ontario, NOB 1C0
1345	Dave Webster	- Guelph, Ontario, N1E 4M6
C102	Canadian Tire Coupon Collectors Club	- P.O.Box 724, Waterloo, Ont., N2J 4C2

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NOTICE:

Due to holidays and vacation you will receive this issue of the Numismatist later than usual.

Next issue may be slightly late also, because your Editor has to attend a Kiwanis Convention in Sault Ste Marie, and a Senior Convention in Windsor.

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OSHAWA & DISTRICT COIN CLUB - Box 212, Oshawa, Ontario, L1H 7L1

MEETING NOTICES:.....

ALL MEETINGS - 12.30 P.M.

Sunday, Sept. 20, 1992 - Oshawa Civic Centre, Room "C", Thornton Rd.  
Oshawa

Sunday, Oct. 18, Nov. 8, Dec. 13, 1992 -

All held at Michael Starr Building, Oshawa

It was mentioned in the letter that a flyer for their upcoming Mall Show was enclosed, but no flyer was found.

INFO on their Show: Earl MacLean - 614 728 1352.

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