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CONVENTION TIME



*The Ontario Numismatic Association
33rd annual Convention and Coin
Show will be held at the College Inn
in Guelph from April 21 - 23, 1995.*

JOIN IN THE FUN!

EDITOR'S VIEWS



A fantastic convention is in your future!!!!

What will you miss if you don't attend the annual ONA convention in Guelph this year....? You'll miss out on a top-rate auction, specialty club meetings, a bourse filled with coins, tours, friendship, comraderie and a heckuva good time - that's what!!

ONA convention time is here again, and as always, the committee and your executive have been working hard to ensure that it will meet and hopefully exceed all past conventions. Don't miss out!

Inside, you'll find all you need to know about this year's event as well as information about the ever-popular convention medal, and of course, the usual selection of fine articles, news items and so forth. Hope to see you in Guelph.

On another note...the Federal Budget has hit us in the pocket books once again. And it will surely affect our change purses as well. You've all heard by now, I'm sure, that a new \$2 coin will be introduced in '96 after months (even years) of speculation. What will the new coin be made of? How big will it be? What design will be chosen to grace the reverse of the new coin? Will the new \$2 coin really save us \$12.5 million per year, or is Paul Martin merely trying to add a few new coins to his collection? The answers to these and other questions will unfold in the months ahead, as we all wait in eager anticipation for the outcome.

HELP!! I need your articles to keep this newsletter alive. The cupboard is nearly bare - other than for a few articles from the ever hard-working Jerry Remick. Oh, I could write all day to fill these pages, but it's always nice to hear another viewpoint. I'm sure there are a few of you who've been contemplating writing an article but just haven't gotten around to it. Well, now's the time to put your pen, or computer in gear. And by the way, if you are using a computer, feel free to submit your articles on disk - IBM compatibles only, please. The software used isn't important - Wordperfect, MSWord, Wordstar - it doesn't matter. Any of these can be converted. I'm using MSWord. Disk size? Again, it doesn't matter - 3.5" or 5.25" are both O.K. No computer? That's O.K. too. Just send me a typewritten or neatly handwritten copy of your article.

Clubs! Keep those newsletters coming in and please, send them directly to me. If you send info. about your club or show to the ONA P.O. Box it's forwarded to me, anyway, but costs the club an extra stamp, not to mention, wasted time.

As a final reminder, if you haven't sent your ONA draw tickets back in yet, please do so at once. Remember, \$2 from every book sold goes to your club. Until next time.....

ONA MEDALS A HIT!



With the short time left until the Ontario Numismatic Association Convention, Chairman Ken Wilmot assured a group of Coin Collectors that the 1995 O.N.A. Medals in Gold Plate (Registration Kits) and the Silver Proof Edition would be sold right out prior to the Convention. At the time of writing there were only 18 Silver, 12 Gold Plate (included with the Registration Kits) and 74 Antique Bronze remaining. The handsome medal features the Seal of the Canada Company on one side and the ONA logo on the other. The design was chosen to show the close ties between the Cities of Guelph and Stratford.

The Canada Company was unique in their early sale and distribution of land in both the Guelph and Stratford Areas. For more information, a short historical writeup will be included with each Medal.

The medals are available by writing to:
*O.N.A. '95, P.O. Box 21031,
 STRATFORD, Ontario. N5A 7V4*

Please include payment with your order.

*SILVER – \$35.00 Antique Bronze \$10.00
 Registration Kits (Including Gold Plate Medal) \$25.00*

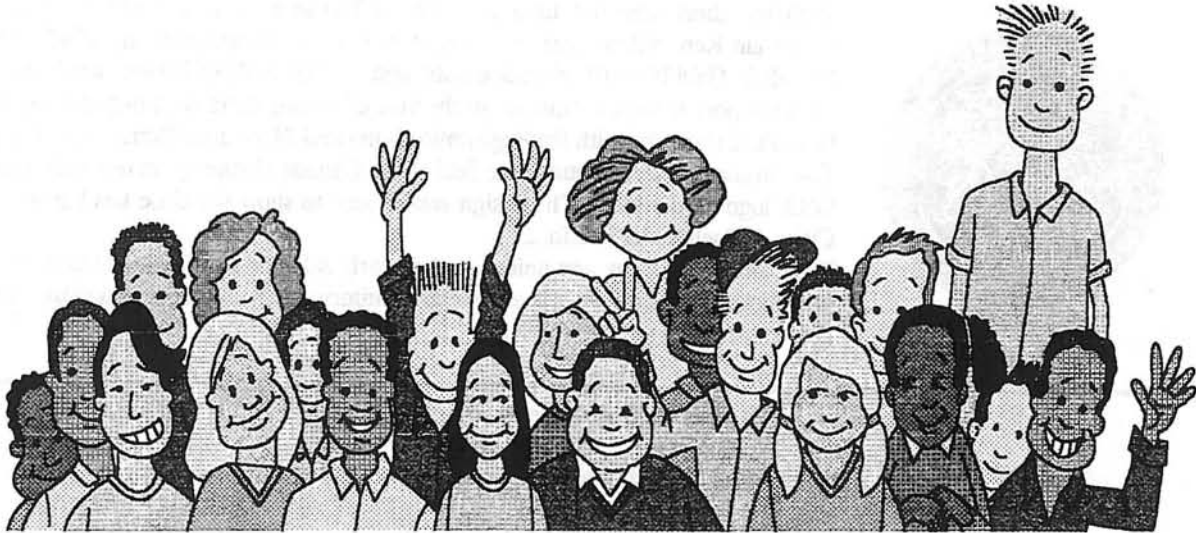
If shipping is required, please include an additional \$5.00 to cover the cost of Postage, Insurance and Handling.

NEWEST LEGAL TENDER RELEASED

In a bold move the Stratford Coin Club have declared their 1995 O.N.A. Convention Woods to be Legal Tender. What may be the first move of the S.C.C. to separate, money in the form of Wooden Flats has been released. Denominations for the woods are \$.50 \$1.00 \$2.00. The woods were unveiled at an O.N.A. Executive Meeting and met strong demand for samples. The Legal Tender aspect is that during the O.N.A. Convention the wooden money will be redeemable at full face value. With the new \$2.00 coins in the near future, The S.C.C. beat the Mint out with their prototype wood money. It was heard that if inflation ever hits wooden money, they could always be used to keep warm. Serial Numbered and with other security features, the well produced woods should be a favourite with the collectors of "Odd and Curious". Matched sets between 001 and 300 are available from the Club subject to prior sale. Woods are available from the Stratford Coin Club, P.O. Box 21031, Stratford, Ontario. N5A 7V4 at \$3.50 face value plus 50 cents for postage. (Total \$4.00 per matched set)



JUNIORS TO SWARM GUELPH



Despite sports cards and the latest craze—P.O.G.'s, it would seem that Coin Collecting is alive and well among young collectors. So it is in Guelph, site of the Ontario Numismatic Association Convention in April, where members of the Taylor Evans Public School Coin Club will be actively participating in the Convention.

Ken Wilmot, Stratford Coin Club President and Convention Chairman has invited members of the Taylor Evans P.S. Coin Club of Guelph to display their collections at the Convention April 22-23 at the College Inn. Not only will these juniors have a chance to show their efforts, but they will each receive a medal from the O.N.A.

Chris Boyer, Guelph teacher and school Coin Club organizer, eagerly accepted the invitation. From the more than 90 club members aged

8-12, 9 juniors will be assembling 7 displays on a variety of numismatic topics including foreign currency, trade dollars and paper money. The Taylor Evans Club meets monthly for an educational program, prize draw, trading, and sharing of information. Since the O.N.A. convention will be held locally, many of the juniors are planning to attend over the weekend to see the displays and visit the bourse floor.

One has said that such interest in coins among juniors hasn't been seen for decades. Thanks to those promoting coin displays and school Coin Clubs, the future looks bright indeed! *Call Chris Boyer (519) 571-1692, for more information.*

“WANTED” - DEAD OR ALIVE!

\$2 REWARD FOR ALL DEAD BOOKS TURNED IN

A sneaky way to get your attention and urge you to get the ONA Dream Vacation Draw Tickets back in to Ken Wilmot. Please return them as soon as possible to ensure another successful showing in ticket sales.

1995 O.N.A. CONVENTION PROGRAM

Friday, April 21:

- 6:00 PM Security begins
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Registration Table open.
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Bourse Room open to Dealers and Exhibitors set up.
9:00 PM Full Bar Reception: Free admission to Dealers, Pre-registered Guests and Committee. Nominal charge of \$10.00 to Unregistered Guests.
Room 103

Saturday, April 22:

- 8:00 AM Bourse Room open to Dealers and Exhibitors set up.
8:00 AM - 6:00 PM Registration Table open
9:00 AM Canadian Numismatic Association Executive Meeting. Room 105
9:00 AM CTCCC Meeting, Pinetree C.
10:00 AM Official Opening and Draw for \$50.00 in Vouchers. Bourse Room open to public.
10:30 AM Tour to St. Jacobs, shopping, historical sites Mennonite Country.
By Ticket only. \$10.00
12:00 AM - 4:00 PM Hospitality Suite open. Room 103
1:00 PM Canadian Association of Token Collectors Meeting, Room 105
1:00 PM Charles Moore Auction Pinetree C.
3:00 PM Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors, Room 105
5:00 PM Penny Draws.
6:00 PM Bourse Room closes.
6:30 PM Pre-Banquet Reception: Cash Bar
7:00 PM Banquet - Guest Speaker: DANIELLE WETHERUP Master, RCM
M.C. Don Robb
All Banquet attendees will be invited to a Reception after the Banquet.
Hospitality Suite, Room 103

Sunday, April 23:

- 8:30 AM O.N.A. Club Delegate Meeting
M.C. Ron Zelk, Pres. O.N.A. Pinetree C.
9:00 AM Bourse Room open to Dealers
10:00 AM Bourse Room open to Public
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM Hospitality Suite open. Room 103
11:00 AM O.N.A. General Meeting Pinetree C.
1:00 PM Spouse Coffee/Tea Party. Many interesting topics. Refreshments
Hospitality Suite, Room 103
4:30 PM O.N.A. Draw: "DREAM VACATION"
5:00 PM Bourse Room Closes
5:30 PM Security and 1995 O.N.A. CONVENTION ENDS

NEW ISSUES

By Jerry Remick

1994 NORTH BAY TOKEN

The North Bay and District Chamber of Commerce issued a 1994 \$2.00 municipal token in 1994. The obverse commemorates the 100th anniversary of the North Bay and District Chamber of Commerce while the reverse side commemorates the 50th anniversary of 22 Wing, Royal Canadian Air Force based in North Bay. The token was designed by artist Bert Saunders.

The obverse side features the logo of the North Bay and District Chamber of Commerce to the right and to the left, a sketch of a 30 foot carving by Peter Toth, showing the face of an aboriginal person. This is Mr. Toth's only carving in Canada. He has created at least one of these giant carvings in all 50 states of the United States. "TWO / DOLLARS / IN NORTH BAY" is inscribed in the center of the North Bay logo. "EXPIRES 1994" is above the logo. "NORTH BAY / AND DISTRICT" is below the log and carving. "100TH ANNIVERSARY / CHAMBER OF COMMERCE" is around the outer part.

The reverse side shows a profile portrait of a pilot facing left with head gear of yesteryear. A bird in flight is pictured to the right and left of the pilot. "50TH ANNIVERSARY / 22 WING . 1944 . 1994" is around the outer part.

Sherritt Mint of Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta, struck 50,000 specimens on 33 mm nickel bonded steel blanks. Specimens are available at \$2.50 postpaid from the North Bay and District Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 747, North Bay, Ont., P1B 8J8 (telephone 705-472-8480). Specimens in gold-plate and silver are available as well.

A few of the 1984 North Bay municipal tokens are still available at \$1.50 postpaid. All other issues are sold out.



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BURLEIGH & ANSTRUTHER MEDAL

The townships of Burleigh & Anstruther, situated in central Ontario, commemorated their 1994 centennial with a 33mm nickel bonded steel medal.

The obverse side shows the coat-of-arms of "The Corporation of the Townships of Burleigh & Anstruther" with this phrase around the outer part.

The reverse side shows a 19th century scene, consisting of 2 horses pulling a sled with six long logs and 3 men standing on top of the logs. The scene was taken from a 19th century photograph own by a lady in Apsley, Ontario, situated in one of the two



townships being commemorated. "1894-1994 is below the log filled sleigh. "BURLEIGH AND ANSTRUTHER / CENTENNIAL YEAR" is around the outer part.

Sherritt Inc., of Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta, struck 5000 specimens on 33 mm nickel bonded steel blanks. Specimens in gold plated, antiqued silver plated and antiqued copper plated will be available if orders received are for a total of 25 or more of any of the three metals.

The Nickel bonded steel medal sell for \$3.00 postpaid from the Townships of Burleigh & Anstruther, Attn. Ms. Lois McCaw, P.O. Box 128, Aspley, Ontario, K0L 1A0, telephone (705)656-4445.

KITCHENER/WATERLOO OKTOBERFEST TOKEN



The 1994 municipal token issued for the Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest (Oct. 7-15, 1994) by Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest Inc. of Kitchener, Ontario, is the 22nd annual issue of a municipal token for the KW Oktoberfest. The first KW Oktoberfest municipal token was issued in 1973. Medals were issued for Oktoberfest in 1969, 1970, and 1971. There was no metallic piece issued in 1972.

The obverse side shows "Onkel Hans", the mascot of Oktoberfest, standing on a beer barrel

blowing a very long horn to announce the 1994 Oktoberfest festivities. A maple leaf is behind him. "\$2.00" on a ribbon is to the right of "Onkel Hans" and "EXPIRES OCT 31, /1994" is to the right of the denomination. "KITCHENER-WATERLOO / ONTARIO - CANADA" is engraved above "Onkel Hans". "VALUE \$2.00 IN KITCHENER-WATERLOO / OKTOBERFEST" is below "Onkel Hans".

The crest of one of the area's authentic German-Canadian Clubs, The Hubertushaus, is featured on the reverse side of the token to commemorate the 40th anniversary in 1994 of this hunting and fishing club. "YEARS 40 JAHRE" (jahre is German for "years") is inscribed above the crest.

The artwork for both sides of the token was designed by KW Oktoberfest Inc.

Sherritt Inc. of Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta, struck 25,000 tokens on 33 mm blanks in golden colored aureate bonded steel and 25 in pure silver. This is the only 1994 municipal token to be struck in aureate bonded steel.

Specimens are available postpaid as follows: aureate bonded steel (\$3.00) and pure silver (\$33.00) from KW Oktoberfest Inc., P.O. Box 1053, Kitchener, Ontario, N2G 4G1, telephone 519-576-0571.

The entire series of back issues is still available. Tokens issued in nickel and later in NBS from 1973 - 1985 are \$3.00 postpaid each and those from 1986 - 1993 are \$3.50 postpaid each. In 1979, Oktoberfest had most of their unsold 1973 - 1978 tokens dipped in a weak bronze wash by a local company for use in their Gambling Casino. This had the effect of discoloring the token, rather than leaving a pleasing bronze plating. These "bronze" plated specimens are available for 1974, 75, 77 and 1978 at \$3.50 each postpaid. Pure silver specimens are available for 1980, and 1982 at \$30.00 postpaid each and for 1987, 1990 and 1993 at \$33.00 each.

The very first Oktoberfest was held in Bavaria (Germany) in 1810 to mark the wedding of Ludwig, 24 year old Crown Prince of Bavaria. The KW Oktoberfest is now the biggest Oktoberfest festival outside of Bavaria and so the second largest in the world. It is also the third largest annual festival in Canada. The area's predominantly German heritage insures the fun and spirit of the original Munich Oktoberfest, along with a number of Canadian innovations.

THE 1995 ONA CONVENTION: APRIL 21-23, GUELPH

BOOK REVIEWS

By Jerry Remick

COLLECTING WORLD COINS

The fifth edition of "Collecting World Coins", Colin R. Bruce II editor, was published by Krause Publications at the end of October, 1994. It is available at \$24.95 U.S. plus \$2.50 shipping for U.S. residents and \$5.00 for others from Krause Publications, Book Dept. NR, 700 East State Street, Iola, Wisconsin, 54990-0001. Master Card and Visa card holders can call toll free 1-800-258-0929.



The soft covered 698 page book is printed on 8.5 X 11 inch pages and is 1.25 inches thick.

The book is the junior version of Krause's "STANDARD CATALOGUE OF WORLD COINS" and is geared toward the beginning or casual collector of world coins from 1894-1994. Over 19,000 coins, issued from 1894-1994, from 330 coin-issuing nations and states are listed and valued in up to four grades of preservation plus proof (where issued). Over 15,000 actual size photographs, illustrating both sides of all types are included. Metallic composition is given for all type coins and mintages are given for each date coin. The following additional data is given for each gold, silver and platinum type coin: weight of the coin in grams, percentage composition of the precious metal in the coin and weight in ounces of the precious metal. Major die varieties are catalogued with enlarged photos, showing the varieties and valuations.

An historical and geographical text and a location map is presented at the beginning of the catalogue section for each country or state.

Some of the various tables and charts in the introduction include: A chart of standard international numeral systems; an illustrated "instant identifier" for attributing coins to countries through legends and designs; a coin denomination index for attributing denominations, found on coin, to their respective countries; grading guidelines, including a chart showing standard international grading terminology and abbreviations; a chart showing coin sizes by millimeters; and charts for determining the intrinsic value of gold and silver coins.

CHARLTON INFANTRY BADGES CATALOGUE

"THE CHARLTON STANDARD CATALOGUE OF FIRST WORLD WAR CANADIAN INFANTRY BADGES (2ND EDITION)" is available at \$29.95 retail plus postage from the publisher *The Charlton Press*, 2010 Yonge St., Toronto, Ont., M4S 1Z9, telephone 416-488-4653.

The new expanded edition consists of 432 pages (5.5 X 8.5 inches) bound by a soft cover. There are nearly 1,000 illustrations.

All cap, collar and shoulder insignia of Canada's 260 World War I Infantry Battalions are listed, illustrated and priced. The pieces catalogued by Infantry battalion, which are listed in numerical order, starting with the lowest numbered battalion, the items for each batttalion being catalogued on one or two pages.

The following data is included for each battalion: a detailed history; data on badge maker, fasteners and metallic composition for both officers and other ranks; a photo of each badge; finish of each badge; legend varieties and a valuation. An informative introduction precedes each battalion listing and includes where the battalion was raised, its strength, its commanding officer and the date it was disbanded.

This new expanded edition includes new varieties and manufacturers.

SAUCHENKO ISSUES ARCADE TOKENS & TRADE \$ BOOKS

The 1995 edition of the "CANADIAN ARCADE AND MACHINE TOKENS HANDBOOK" by Jack Sauchenko, released in November, 1994, is available postpaid at \$39.98 to U.S. or Canadian residents from Jack Sauchenko, 13559 124A Avenue, Edmonton, Ab, T5L 3B5. A 10% discount is allowed on payment in U.S. funds.

The 1995 supplement to the 1994 "Handbook" is available postpaid at \$7.92 for Canadian residents and \$8.25 for U.S. residents.

The 180 page "Handbook" is produced by photocopy on 8.5 X 11 inch pages with 3 holes punched at the left side for a 3 ring binder. It lists over 2,000 Canadian arcade, machine, transit, amusement, bridge and related tokens. There is a listing of U.S. tokens of this type used in Canada, as well as a section on numbered tokens.

The "Handbook" includes photographs of most of the tokens. For each token, there is a description of both sides and data on the metal or material, weight, diameter, edge type and valuation.

The tokens are listed under the municipality or area in which they were issued. Municipalities are listed alphabetically by province and territory.

An index at the front of the "HANDBOOK" lists the tokens alphabetically by issuer with the issuing municipality and province or territory on the same line.

Also available from Sauchenko at the address above is the 1995 edition of "CANADIAN TRADE DOLLAR AND RELATED ISSUES HANDBOOK". It can be ordered for \$48.00 to Canadian residents and \$46.95 to U.S. residents. A 10% discount is allowed for U.S. funds.

Those that purchased the 1994 "Handbook" may wish to purchase only the 1995 supplement which is 150 pages in length and available postpaid for \$23.45 to Canadian residents and \$23.00 to U.S. residents.

The 1995 edition of the "Handbook" contains 340 pages on 8.5 X 11 inch paper with three holes for a binder. The pages are photocopied. The book lists all Canadian municipal trade tokens, trade notes and some issues of merchant's tokens and medals issued through 1994.

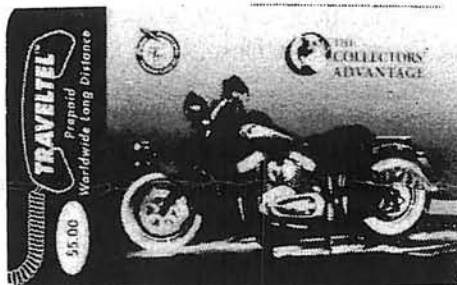
All pieces are listed by date under the municipality in which they were issued. Municipalities are listed under the province or territory in which they are situated.

The following data is given for each piece: municipality, denomination, designer, a description of both sides, the year of issue, metal, weight, diameter, type of edge, mintage, mint and a valuation. Illustrations of both sides are given for nearly all pieces listed.

A listing by province and territory of the addresses of the issuing agencies for the pieces catalogued concludes the "Handbook".

Five pages are devoted to an alphabetical listing of all municipalities listed in the "Handbook" with the province or territory in which the municipality is situated given on the same line. This enables the reader to locate the province or territory for any municipality catalogued in the handbook.

MONEYCARD COLLECTOR



"MONEYCARD COLLECTOR", a new glossy monthly magazine covering telephone and other debit card collecting, made its debut with the September 1994 issue. A yearly subscription is \$14.95 U.S. plus \$10.00 for those residing outside of the U.S. and may be sent to *Moneycard Collector*, P.O. Box 59537, Boulder, Colorado, 80323-9537, telephone 1-800-264-9884 for visa and mastercard payments. A single issue has the cover price of \$4.95. A free sample copy is available upon request.

Murray Church, formerly with the Royal Canadian

Mint, is the publisher of "Moneycard Collector". Murray states in the magazine "Phone and debit cards are, indeed, a new form of money that will be with us for a long time to come, and so we call our new magazine "Moneycard Collector".

Each monthly issue is 50 pages and printed on glossy paper (8.5 X 11 inches) and contains a great many illustrations of cards, all in full color.

Each issue contains 4 or 5 feature articles and 5 or 6 shorter articles on telephone and debit cards and a number of full page advertisements illustrating new cards for sale. In addition, there are articles on the following subjects in each issue: new issues, telephone card terminology, collector at large, calendar of events, America's most wanted cards, dealer directory and classified advertisements.

The illustrations in the first issues of "Moneycard Collector" show a wide variety of subjects illustrated on telephone and debit cards, including movie stars, sports' heroes, comic book characters, famous and also ordinary people, animals, fish, sea mammals, automobiles, coins, banknotes, stamps, tv stars, buildings, scenic views, artistic designs, views of cities, artists and their paintings, pop culture and various horror characters.



SHOW & BOURSE

MARCH 25, 1995 - CAMBRIDGE COIN SHOW

Cambridge Newfoundland club, Dunbar Rd., (Galt) Cambridge. 9a.m. to 5 p.m. Free admission & door prizes. For info . contact Ted Bailey, 281A Grand River St. N., Paris, On, N3L 2N9 or phone 519-442-3474.

APRIL 1, 1995 - HAMILTON COIN CLUB SEMI-ANNUAL COIN SHOW

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 58, 1180 Barton Street East (Upstairs), Hamilton, Ontario (Across from the Centre Mall). Free Admission, lunch counter, door prizes, free coin identification. From 9:00 a.m to 4:00 p.m.

APRIL 2, 1995 - 27TH ANNUAL KENT COIN CLUB COIN AND CARD SHOW

Wheels Inn, 615 Richmond St. Chatham, Ont. Free admission; 25 dealers. Contact Lou Wagenaer, P.O. Box 95, Chatham, Ontario, N7M 5K1. From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

APRIL 8, 1995 - WOODVILLE COIN CLUB ANNUAL SHOW

At Beaverton Legion Hall, Beaverton, Ont., Free admission and parking. Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Info? Elmer Workman, RR2 Cannington, Ont., L0E 1E0. Phone: 1-705-432-2124.

APRIL 21 - 23, 1995 - O.N.A. '95 ANNUAL CONVENTION

Hosted by the Stratford Coin Club at the College Inn, Stone Road and Gordon Street, Guelph. Make your reservations early! 1-800-563-9240. Info? Stratford Coin Club, P.O. Box 21031, Stratford, Ontario, N5A 7V4.

TOREX COIN SHOWS: 1995 SHOW DATES

Shows held at the Primrose Hotel, 111 Carlton St. Toronto, M5B 2G3. For information contact Ingrid K. Smith (416) 260-9070: June 24: 10 a.m to 5 p.m. June 25: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. October 28: 10 a.m to 5 p.m. October 29: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

JULY 19 - 23, 1995: C.N.A CONVENTION

Hosted by the Calgary Numismatic Society: For Info. write to P.O. Box 633, Calgary, Ab., T2P 2J3 or fax 403-291-3897.

NOVEMBER 18TH, 1995 - WATERLOO COIN SOCIETY COIN SHOW

Rink In The Park, Seagram Drive, Waterloo, Ont. Free admission and parking. From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For info: Don Robb (519) 888-9655 or write Box 22062, Westmount P.O., Waterloo, Ont., N2L 6J7

2ND SUNDAY @ MONTH - OTTAWA COIN, STAMP DEALERS' ASSOC. SHOW

Nepean Sportsplex, Woodsroffe Ave., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.. Info? Allen Davis, P.O. Box 397, Carp, Ont., D0A 1L0.

***Send info. regarding shows, displays, special club events etc... to: O.N.A. Editor, P.O. Box 2111, Stn. "A", Sudbury, Ont., P3A 4R8**

ONTARIO COIN CLUBS

THE ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

EDITORS NOTE: Since this is a special convention issue, it seemed appropriate to include a brief History of the ONA in this months "Ontario Coin Clubs" portion of the bulletin.

At the 2nd annual banquet of the Waterloo Coin Society, held at the Walper Hotel in Kitchener on March 11th, 1961, delegates from various numismatic societies met to discuss the formation of a provincial numismatic association. The Waterloo Coin Society was requested to study the feasibility of such a club and a committee, consisting of executive members of the Waterloo club and other well-known numismatists, was formed. The committee submitted a report of its findings during a conference in October of 1961 at the London Numismatic Society's annual banquet. The report indicated a definite need for an Ontario Association and thus, steps were taken to ensure its formation.

In March of 1962, the Ontario Numismatic Association was formed and incorporated as a non-profit educational and social organization dedicated to the collector. A founding convention was held and hosted by the Waterloo Coin Society. An executive was elected consisting of Rod R. Rekofski (President); Lloyd T. Smith (1st Vice President); Ed Knight (2nd Vice President); Ruth Mueller (Secretary); Bruce H. Raszmann (Treasurer); and Walter Griggs, Rudy Sauro, Peter DeGraaf and Robert Willey (Regional Directors). At present, the organization has grown to include 11 Regional Directors, an Editor, Librarian, an Audio-visual Service Director and a Speakers Circuit and Convention Coordinator.

Ontario coin clubs were contacted and appeals made for memberships, numismatic books for the library and for audio-visual programs that member clubs could use for their meetings.

The ONA's main communication medium is a newsletter which is sent to all members and member clubs. It keeps them abreast of numismatic happenings in the province and around the globe, offers insightful articles of interest to collectors and reports on club news and so forth.

One of the highlights of belonging to the ONA is the opportunity to attend a yearly convention which is held at various locations throughout the province and offers numismatic groups a chance to get together, attend the club delegate breakfast and voice opinions and share experiences about their club activities.

Each year, since 1962 (with the exception of 1981 and 1984), the ONA has issued a medal to commemorate the convention. These have been struck in very limited quantities and offer a very interesting and challenging series for anyone interested in collecting club medals.



FRANCE'S GOLD 500 FRANCS NAMED 1993 COIN OF THE YEAR

By Jerry Remick



France's 1993 gold 500 francs coin commemorating the bicentennial of the Louvre Museum was named 1993's "Coin Of The Year" by a panel of 60 international judges. The panel consists of mintmasters, artists, coin dealers, journalists and hobby leaders. They chose the coin design featuring the Mona Lisa on the obverse and a frontal view of the Louvre Museum in Paris on the

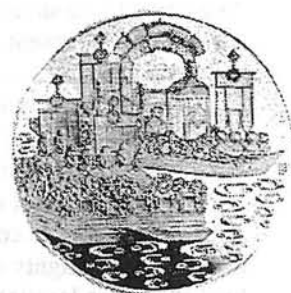
reverse, from over nine other designs (as shown in the Jan./Feb. issue of the ONA Numismatist).

The 2nd place award went to Austria's 1993 silver 500 schilling coin, honoring the Hallstatt.

The 3rd place award went to France for a 1993 silver one franc coin marking the 50th anniversary on June 6, 1993, of the D-Day invasion at Normandy Beach, France.

The contest is administered and sponsored by Krause Publications of Iola, Wisconsin and has completed its 12th consecutive year.

Representatives from the county of the winners will each receive a trophy from Krause Publications at an awards ceremony later this year.



CANADIAN ANNIVERSARIES TO COMMEMORATE IN 1995

By Jerry Remick

The following anniversaries of Canadian events could be commemorated on issues of tokens, medals or coins: the 30th anniversary of the Canadian flag (1965 - 1995); the 275th anniversary of the founding of Louisbourg, Nova Scotia by the French in 1720; the 325th anniversary of the founding of the Hudson's Bay Company through a Royal Charter granted by King Charles on May 2, 1670; the 125th anniversary of the entry of Manitoba into Confederation in 1870; and the 90th anniversary of the entry of Alberta and Saskatchewan into Confederation in 1905.

The 1995 Canadian silver dollar commemorates the 325th anniversary of the founding of the Hudson's Bay Company and the \$100 gold piece - the 275th anniversary of the founding of Louisbourg.

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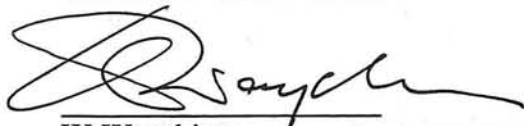
Gentlemen;

Members in the Timmins Coin Club have decided that they wish the Timmins Coin Club continue providing a complimentary membership in the ONA for each individual paid membership in the Timmins Coin Club. As a result, I am very pleased to enclose a cheque in the amount of one hundred thirty five dollars (\$135.00), as payment for 12 individual and one club renewals of membership in the ONA for 1995. Attached please find a list of the names and addresses, etc.

This includes approximately 70 percent of our 1994 membership. We hope the remaining members of the Timmins Coin Club will renew their membership very shortly so that they too may directly receive a copy of *The Ontario Numismatist* and enjoy the benefits of membership in both the Timmins Coin Club and the Ontario Numismatic Association.

We also hope that our actions encourage other small clubs to follow our example of supporting the ONA and providing their members with an individual ONA membership and direct access to *The Ontario Numismatist*.

Respectfully,
TIMMINS COIN CLUB



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Club Editor.

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CLUB NEWS

CHAMPLAIN COIN CLUB

The first meeting for 1995 saw an attendance of 9. Plans for the coming year were discussed. To save money, the bulletin will only be sent out 3 times per year instead of every month.

The February meeting took place on the 2nd. It was the annual hobby night. The members brought out displays of things they collect other than stamps and coins.

HURONIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Club members enjoyed a Kentucky Fried chicken dinner at the annual Christmas dinner meeting, where 33 were in attendance. A small auction ended the evening.

21 were in attendance at the January meeting. The meeting topic was "coin identification". At the February 16th meeting, a CNA slide set on Great Britain Mourtuary medals was shown with 23 in attendance. Another CNA slide set was shown at the March 16th meeting, the topic being Canadian Large Cents. The club is considering bringing the newsletters to the meetings for distribution in order to save mailing costs.

INGERSOLL COIN CLUB

President Tom Masters called for a moment of silence at the January 16th meeting in memory of Velma MacGinnis - a club member who recently passed away. An auction was held as well as a general business meeting. It was noted that 1996 membership would be \$6.00.

The February 20th meeting attracted a very large turnout. The auction was a success. The feature at the meeting was the life story of Benjamin Franklin and the Franklin half dollar. A display of Lincoln cents, Washington quarters and Franklin halves accompanied the talk.

LAKESHORE COIN CLUB

At the January 17th meeting, a slide presentation, "Gold Measure For Measure" was shown. A raffle was also held.

The February 21st meeting started with a video and slide presentation on the RCM. A variety of displays were set up including some on Canadian decimals, dairy tokens, maritime coinage, miscellaneous notes, animals on coins, Chinese Horescope, Canadian Tire notes and school play money.

The March 21 meeting will feature a presentation on Maritime coins and on May 20th, the annual banquet will be held.

LONDON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

The January 3rd meeting featured guest speaker Ross Blakey who spoke on recent happenings in the Society and followed with a numismatic autobiography. He also spoke at length about the Lockett Collection.

At the February 7th meeting, Ross Blakey gave a discussion on the merits of Whitman folders. He also displayed a collection of Canadian five cents. Graham Esler illustrated two bank notes of the Commercial Bank of Canada issued at Kingston in 1857. James Finch have a short paper entitled "Three Coins in a Collection. Ted Leitch spoke on Canadian Bank Notes of Barclay's Bank of Canada. Bill Clarke spoke on the English coinage of Canute and showed some slides of some recent acquisitions of notes of the East African Currency Board.

MISSISSAUGA COIN CLUB

At the January 10th meeting, Vince Chiappino gave a presentation on how you can make use of computers in Numismatics. Several new members were welcomed to the club.

At the February 7th meeting, Paul Johnson talked about Historical architectural medals of Jacques Wiener. Albert Kasman talked briefly about the upcoming ONA convention.

NICKEL BELT COIN CLUB

18 were in attendance at the December meeting. A slide show entitled "Gold Weights and Measures" was shown and a successful auction of 65 items held. Gerry Albert gave an interesting talk on investing in coins. It was noted that Sudbury would be issuing a \$2 token in 1995.

The January 15th meeting was well attended with 28 present. 61 of 65 auction items sold.

At the February 19th meeting, the annual donation auction was held. Over \$100 was made by the club. Nearly 40 people were in attendance and the club auction was, again, a success.

20 were in attendance at the March 19th meeting. Jeff Fournier gave a talk on the \$1 and proposed \$2 coins. An auction was held as well.

NORTH YORK COIN CLUB

The 391st meeting of the North York Coin Club was held on December 8th with 22 in attendance. A Kentucky Fried Chicken dinner was enjoyed by all.

1995 marks the club's 35th anniversary. At the club's January 24th meeting, 30 were in attendance. The major item wof business was the presentation of the annual financial report. A 5 lot auction was held. 6 members presented interesting talks and comments. Al Bliman talked about his Casino chip collection. Marvin Kay talked about a new medical token he had received from Al. George Fraser showed some of the clubs medals and a 1976 ONA auction catalogue featuring the 1911 silver dollar. Paul Johnson showed some of his Prison tokens from the US. Norm Belsten showed an old 1975 club bulletin featuring pictures of members. Paul Petche showed a 100 year old cast iron bank originally owned by his grandfather.

The February 28th meeting saw 30 in attendance. It was noted that long-time club member Ken Bunnett had passed away. Ted Boxall and George Fraser were granted lifetime membership in the club. Due special displays were held since it was the club's 35th anniversary meeting. Harvey Farrow showed medals and ribbons produced by the club for ONA and CNA conventions it had hosted. Marvin Kay showed material with a theme have of 25th, 30th and 35th anniversaries. Ted Leitch was the club's guest speaker and talked about prisoner of war currency used in Canada during the 2nd world war.

OSHAWA & DISTRICT COIN CLUB

The January 8th meeting was attended by 33 members and guests. The February 12th meeting had 37 in attendance. The club newsletter reports that the club's show was a success with dealers reporting brisk business. The club made a profit of over \$300.

SCARBOROUGH COIN CLUB

The guest speaker for the January meeting was Dora de Pedery Hunt. She spoke about her background and how it lead to her becoming an artist. The newsletter reported that the club has 37 paid up members.

At the February meeting, Dick Dunn narrated a CNA slide show on the coinage of the Maritime Provinces

STRATFORD COIN CLUB

The January meeting was attended by 32 members and guests. A membership draw was held and a CNA slide show entitled "Early Colonial Tokens" was shown. Two new members were signed up and an auction was held.

The February meeting was attended by 35 members and guests. The main feature of the evening was a talk by Bill Sylvester about Power Of Attorney for Property and Personal Care and Wills. The evening saw spirited bidding in the auction with some items going over estimate.

TORONTO COIN CLUB

At the September 9th meeting, 1994, Keith Aiken discussed the Roman Army and Parthia and on October 17th, 1994, Paul Johnson presented a talk on European Architectural Medals. At the November 21st, 1994 meeting, Del Murchison reviewed Sassanian coinage and at the December 12th meeting, members' presentations and a Christmas party were held. At the January 16th, 1995 meeting, George Gale presented his slide show on the coinage of Hadrian after which he was presented with a plaque by Don Bunjevac to honour his eleven years of service as club president. George stepped down as president of the club.

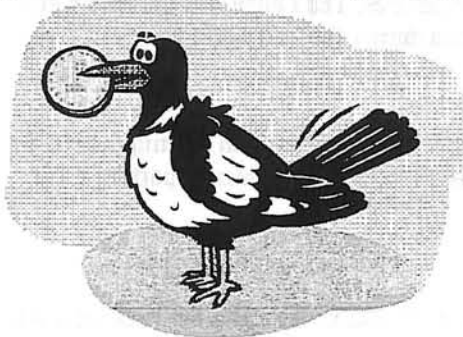
WATERLOO COIN SOCIETY

For his inaugural meeting as WCS president, Mike Hollingshead presented a lively, interactive program on love tokens. The programs started before the meeting began as members looked at Michael's collection. After this he gave a brief presentation on the subject. WCS members were then invited to come to the several stations set up around the meeting room and make their own tokens using obsolete large cents and Lincoln cents. Also at the meeting, members of the Taylor Evans Coin Club set up a table among the bourse tables in the room with the winning entries from their recent display contest. At the February meeting, John Camelford gave a presentation on photographing coins.

LATE ADDITION

I had already printed up the "Show and Bourse" page of this newsletter when I came across a mention of the *London Numismatic Society's Annual Coin Show*. It will be held on September 24/95 at the Ramada Inn on Wellington Rd. at Hwy 401. This will appear in the show section in the May/June bulletin and I will give more details as I get them.

PENNY IS WORTHLESS TO MOST



A 1994 study commissioned by the RCM found that many Canadians wouldn't care if the penny were scrapped (41%). In fact, 10% of those surveyed even toss them in the garbage. However, 37% would miss the penny if it were discontinued. Canadians, it is estimated, hold over 10 billion pennies in piggybanks, drawers, purses and so forth. But the RCM would like them back. You see, it costs the Mint about 1.5 cents to make, so they'd really like to get them back into circulation.