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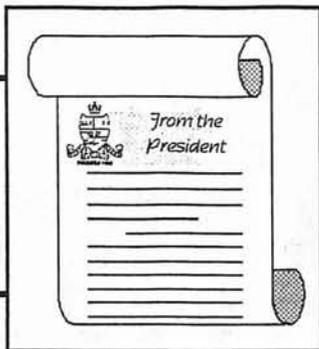
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ONA CONVENTION Special Issue



THE 1998 ONA CONVENTION MEDAL

The design, chosen by the City of Ottawa Coin Club, is an adaption of a token made by turn of the century numismatist Thomas Church. Information on the convention is contained on Pages 19 - 29.



President's Message

A sad time for the ONA

An historic month and one that greets us with sadness. I was shocked to learn of the recent deaths of Sheldon Carroll (tribute elsewhere in the newsletter) and collector, dealer and numismatist Larry Becker.

These two stalwarts of our hobby will be greatly missed. The Ontario Numismatic Association members and executive wish to express our deepest sympathy to the families of these two giants of the hobby.

While an expression of sympathy is nice, it does not address the importance of having an accurate record of their contributions to numismatics. Sheldon Carroll spoke at many ONA conventions and his informative gatherings will be missed. While our hobby's loss pales to that of his family, having his knowledge lost forever to future generations is something that should have been averted.

Approximately two years ago, Ray Desjardine spoke to me about the idea of preserving historic events for future generations. Ray suggested having noted numismatists give an interview with a moderator and have it put on VCR tape. A great deal of effort went into attempting to have a TV outlet do the recording so it would have a professional quality about it, but it did not come about. Cable TV stations were cutting back and although the idea did not die, it was put on hold.

Now, two prominent numismatics are no longer with us to regale their encounters of the past. It is imperative that we take immediate steps to prevent a further loss of our numismatic history.

I would like to suggest we immediately start a fund to cover the costs of recording noted numismatists and their stories so that others will be able to obtain this information

first hand in future.

I am sure that many in the hobby would be willing to make a donation to this worthy cause and the time for doing so is now, before many of our founders are lost to us forever.

I would suggest that the ONA initiate this program immediately. Hopefully, the CNA may see fit to become involved as well and if so, a combined group could be established. I am prepared to donate a cheque for \$500 to start off the "Precious Moments Recordings" with the provision that these funds would only be available for the express purpose of producing the videos of prominent numismatists.

SOME FINAL THOUGHTS

Before closing, I have a few other items that need mentioning. First, if you have not sent in your "Dream Vacation" draw tickets back, please do so. They can be sent to the address on the cover of the tickets.

Secondly, I am pleased to appoint ONA Numismatist editor Don Atanasoff as our advertising manager. In addition to his editorial duties, Don will now be soliciting advertising for the bulletin. Don's background with the Torstar group of publications makes him well-suited for this assignment.

The ONA has not had anyone responsible for display advertising and this appointment will fill the void. The classified ads that we have run in the past will continue to be complimentary. We will publish the criteria for the publication of free classified ads in the next issue of the ONA Numismatist.

Finally, our convention in Ottawa is in high gear and registrations are coming in. If you have not registered, I suggest you do it now. Registration forms are available in this edition of the ONA Numismatist.

Ken Wilmot
PRESIDENT



**36th ANNUAL O. N. A. CONVENTION
TO BE HELD IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL**



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**HOSTED BY THE CITY OF OTTAWA COIN CLUB
APRIL 18 & 19, 1998**



The largest and most important numismatic event to be held in the Nation's Capital, Ottawa, during the last two decades will take place on April 18 and 19, 1998 in conjunction with the 36th Annual Convention of the Ontario Numismatic Association (ONA). As well as being a landmark event in its own right, it will set the stage for the 50th Annual (Golden Anniversary) Convention of the *Canadian* Numismatic Association (CNA) that will take place in Ottawa in the millennium year of 2000. Efforts are under way to ensure that the 2000 event will be the most memorable CNA Convention of all time.

The ONA Convention to be held in April of this year will be hosted by the City of Ottawa Coin Club. The ONA is the only truly provincial numismatic association in Canada, and was incorporated in 1962 as a non-profit educational and social organization dedicated to the collector of coins, tokens and paper money. The ONA's executive committee has grown to include an impressive network of 11 regional directors and it publishes an informative journal (the "Ontario Numismatist") every two months. Over 35 local clubs and numismatic organizations and hundreds of individual collectors in Canada and the United States are members of the ONA. The customary ONA Club Delegates Breakfast Meeting will take place at the Annual ONA Convention at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 19, and the cost will be \$6.50 per person.

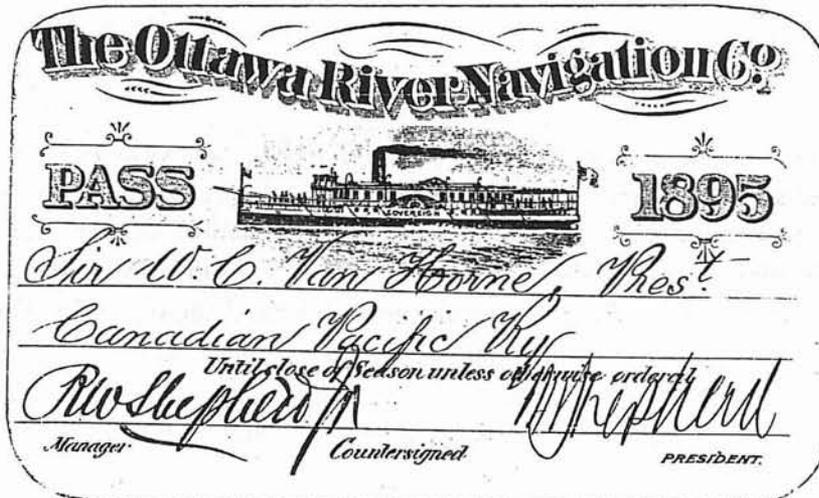
The 47 bourse tables for the Ottawa ONA 1998 Convention were sold out long ago, which attests to the interest and popularity of the Ottawa venue. Coin bourses provide legendary opportunities for filling the gaps in one's collection as well as for locating that proverbial "bargain", during which a collector's specialized knowledge can be put to good use. It is widely acknowledged that no dealer or collector can be an authority in all fields, and the possibilities of finding an underpriced rarity in a dealer's stock are generally higher than is often realized (e.g., a transportation token in the stock of a dealer who specializes in Canadian decimal coins, or a foreign banknote in the stock of a Canadian paper money specialist). It is widely accepted in all collecting areas that the "thrill of the hunt" is generally more pleasurable than the actual acquisition of the item in question, and coins, tokens, medals and paper money are no exceptions in this respect.

In addition to the numismatic bourse, which is the heart of any coin show, there will be numerous related activities including (i) a special "floor" tour of the Royal Canadian Mint (maximum of 25 participants, by pre-registration only), (ii) a "mystery" tour for registrants' spouses, (iii) free admission for registrants to the Bank of Canada's Currency Museum on the Saturday and Sunday, and (iv) meetings of various numismatic clubs and societies (i.e., the Ontario Numismatic Association, the Canadian Numismatic Association, the Canadian Association of Token Collectors, the Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors, and the Canadian Tire Corporation Coupon Collectors' Club). Furthermore, there will be many educational displays

(competitive as well as non-competitive) offering both advanced and novice collectors an opportunity to view exceptional, rare and interesting material and to enhance their knowledge of numismatics and numismatic history.

One of the principal highlights of the 36th Annual ONA Convention will be the numismatic auction of international calibre to be conducted by Charles D. Moore of California on Saturday, April 18 commencing at 2:00 p.m. Mr. Moore has confirmed that approximately 1000 lots of choice, rare and affordable Canadian and Newfoundland coins and paper money will be offered to the highest bidder, with a total estimated value of about \$750,000. Over 750 ICCS and PCGS certified decimal coins will be included (the majority being in Mint State condition), as well as rare patterns, specimen strikes, major mint errors, large dealer lots, starter sets, proof-like sets, collections and general accumulations. Also included will be over 175 lots of scarce and rare Dominion of Canada and Chartered Bank paper money, as well as several specimen and proof notes from the American Banknote Company Archive sales that were held in New York during 1989 and 1990. Of particular interest to Ottawa collectors will be a major collection of rarely-encountered Bank of Ottawa notes and those of other Canadian banks (such as the Bank of Montreal) overprinted for specific use in Ottawa. Based upon the numerous high-quality public auctions conducted by Mr. Moore during the last two decades, Ottawa collectors and other visitors to the show are going to be in for a rare treat. Mr. Moore has reported that a separate Mail Bid Only auction containing an additional 600 lots will be included in the auction catalogue. Contained in the mail bid portion will be literally thousands of coins for the beginning and intermediate collector. Copies of the auction catalogue are available from the auctioneer at CAN\$10.00 each (which includes prices realized after the sale) -- contact Charles D. Moore, P.O. Box 5233, Walnut Creek, CA 94596. Tel: (510) 946-0150, Fax: (510) 930-7710.

The 36th Annual ONA Convention will take place at the Citadel Hotel & Convention Centre at 101 Lyon Street North in downtown Ottawa, just a few minutes walk from Parliament Hill. The show times are Saturday, April 18 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and Sunday, April 19 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The admission fee for adults will be \$2.00, while children under 12 will be admitted free of charge. The City of Ottawa Coin Club will have a booth to provide new collectors with general information about the hobby and an opportunity to join the various numismatic clubs and societies. Official souvenir medals will be struck to commemorate the 36th Annual ONA Convention and will be available in 99.9% silver (40 pieces) and in antique bronze (75 pieces) at a cost of \$35 and \$10 each respectively.



Thomas Church design forms basis of the 1998 ONA medal

By CHRIS FAULKNER

The design chosen by the City of Ottawa Coin Club for its 1998 ONA Convention medal combines two related themes - the lumber industry and 100 years of numismatics in Ottawa.

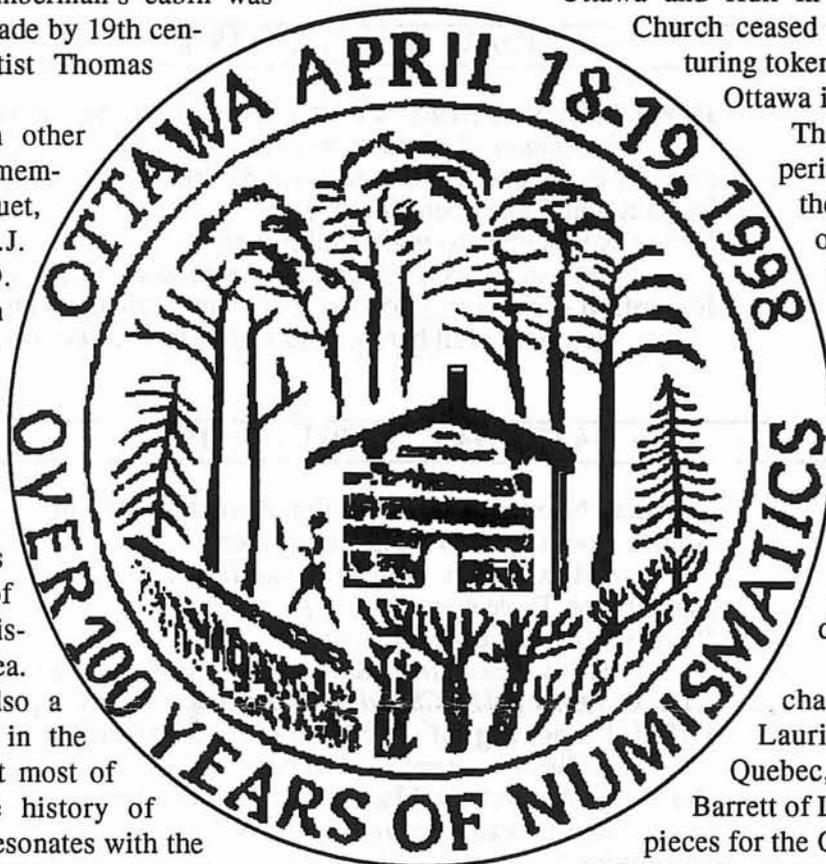
The forest scene portrayed on the reverse of the 1998 ONA medal with a lumberman's cabin was adapted from a token made by 19th century Ottawa numismatist Thomas Church.

Church, along with other prominent community members such as F.X. Paquet, F.R.E. Campeau, L.J. Casault, Mrs. E.D. Gibson, Louis Laurin and others formed the first numismatic organization in Ottawa (the second in all of Canada) - the Société Numismatique d'Ottawa in 1891, thus the commemoration of the 100 years of numismatics in the Ottawa area.

But Church was also a lumberman, employed in the timber trade throughout most of his working life. The history of Ottawa and the valley resonates with the names of the great lumber barons and timber merchants like Philemon Wright, J.R. Booth, Thomas MacKay, Bronson, Weston, MacLaren, W.C. Edwards and others. Thus, the medal also honours the major contribution of the lumber industry to the formation of the City of Ottawa and its surroundings.

Thomas Church was born in Ireland in 1844 and was an active numismatist in the Ottawa area from about

1880-1900. Sometime in the late 1880s, Church began to cut dies and manufacture his own tokens. His workshop at his home on Victoria Island in the Ottawa River where he was employed by Bronson's and Weston, was destroyed in the great fire which swept through much of Ottawa and Hull in April 1900. Thereafter, Church ceased collecting and manufacturing tokens. He died at his home in Ottawa in 1917.



Throughout his collecting period though, especially in the 1890s, Church made his own personal numismatist's card or check in many varieties and metals which he traded with other collectors. While the tokens are not plentiful, there are many varieties and sub-varieties since he married his dies in various combinations and in different metals.

Church also made merchant's tokens for Louis Laurin of Pointe Gatineau, Quebec, milk tokens for G.W. Barrett of Leitrim, Ontario, souvenir pieces for the Ottawa Winter Carnival in 1895 and the Central Canada Exhibition in

1896. Numerous dies refer to the lumber industry and others imitate various Canadian token types. The shanty in the forest setting that has been adapted for this year's ONA medal is intended as a tribute to Thomas Church, as a reminder of the long history of numismatics in Ottawa, and as recognition of the importance of lumbering to Ottawa and the valley.



36th ANNUAL



ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION



CONVENTION PROGRAM



CITADEL HOTEL AND CONVENTION CENTRE

101 LYON STREET NORTH

OTTAWA, ONTARIO K1R 5T9

Tel: (613) 237 - 3600

FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 1998

- 14:00 - 16:00 **Royal Canadian Mint "Floor" Tour** *[meet in the Mint's Boutique - Maximum of 25 participants, by pre-registration only]*
- 18:00 Security commences *[International Ballroom A, B & C]*
- 18:00 - 21:00 Registration Table open *[Foyer]*
- 18:00 - 21:00 Bourse Room open to registered dealers and exhibitors *[International Ballroom A, B & C]*
- 21:00 **Reception** - free admission to all dealers, registrants and committee members - full bar and more! *[Ontario Suite, Room 1819]*

SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 1998

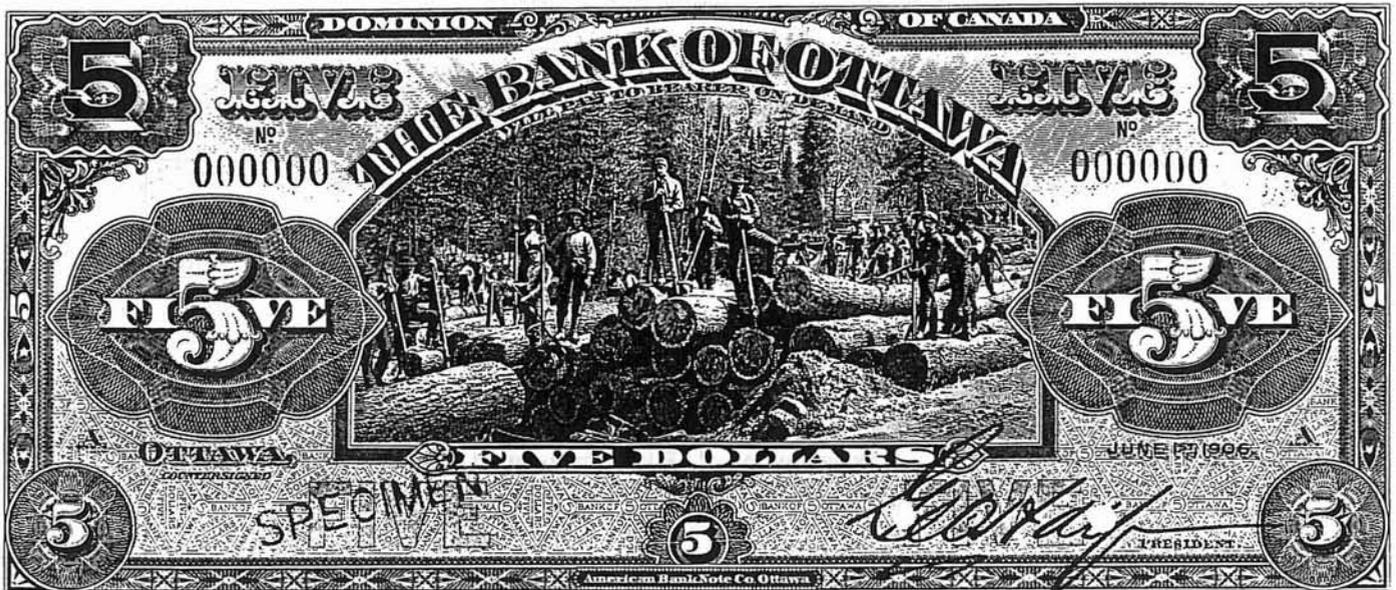
- 06:30 - 09:00 Canadian Numismatic Association Executive Meeting *[Victoria Room]*
- 08:00 - 09:00 Bourse Room open to registered dealers and exhibitors *[International Ballroom A, B & C]*
- 08:00 - 18:00 Registration Table open *[Foyer]*
- 09:00 - 10:00 Registrants' preview of bourse and exhibits *[International Ballroom A, B & C]*
- 09:00 - 12:30 CTCCC Meeting *[Le Chaudiere Room]*
- 10:00 **Official opening of 1998 O.N.A. Convention at entrance of Bourse Room** *[Foyer]*
- 10:00 - 14:00 **Preview of Auction Material** *[Bourse Room - International Ballroom A, B & C]*
- 10:00 - 16:00 Hospitality Suite open to dealers and registered guests *[Ontario Suite, Room 1819]*
- 10:00 - 18:00 Bourse Room open to the general public (Admission: \$2 per person) *[International Ballroom A, B & C]*
- 13:00 - 15:00 CATC Meeting *[Le Chaudiere Room]*
- 13:00 - 16:00 Spousal "Mystery" Tour *[participants meet at Queen Street entrance of Citadel Hotel - Bus leaves at 13:00 sharp]*
- 14:00 **Charles Moore NUMISMATIC AUCTION** *[Victoria Room]*
- 15:00 - 17:00 CAWMC Meeting *[Le Chaudiere Room]*
- 18:00 Bourse Room closes to the general public
- 18:30 - 19:00 Pre-Banquet Reception with Cash Bar *[Top of the Hill North]*
- 19:00 - 22:00 **BANQUET** *[Top of the Hill North]*

SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 1998

08:30 - 10:30	O.N.A. Club Delegates Breakfast Meeting [<i>Joliet Room</i>]
09:00	Bourse Room open to registered dealers and exhibitors [<i>International Ballroom A, B & C</i>]
10:00 - 16:00	Bourse Room open to the general public (Admission: \$2 per person) [<i>International Ballroom A, B & C</i>]
10:30 - 11:30	O.N.A. General Meeting [<i>Le Chaudiere Room</i>]
11:00 - 15:00	Hospitality Suite open to dealers and registered guests [<i>Ontario Suite, Room 1819</i>]
12:00 - 14:00	O.N.A. Executive Meeting [<i>Seignior Room</i>]
16:00	O.N.A. Draw for the "Dream Vacation" [<i>International Ballroom Foyer</i>]
16:00	Bourse Room closes to the general public
16:00	SHOW CLOSES
17:00	Security ends

NOTE

By special arrangement with Mr. Graham Esler, Curator of the **Bank of Canada's Currency Museum**, all registrants displaying their ONA Convention badges will be admitted free-of-charge to the Currency Museum on Saturday and Sunday.



THE 1998 O.N.A. CONVENTION WILL BE
OTTAWA'S LARGEST NUMISMATIC
EVENT OF THE LAST 20 YEARS !!

Registration Form

1998 ONA CONVENTION

APRIL 17TH TO 19TH, 1998 AT THE CITADEL HOTEL & CONVENTION CENTRE, 101 LYON STREET, NORTH, OTTAWA, ONT, K1R 5T9

Name of Registrant:	Telephone #: ()
Address:	Province:
City:	Postal Code:

QUANTITY	FUNCTION OR ITEM	EACH	TOTAL
	Convention Registration Kit , includes the following: Gold Plated convention metal, Standard Catalogue of Canadian Municipal Trade Tokens and Notes, Numismatic Ottawa Book, 1980 ONA Bronze Medal, 1967 Ottawa Trade Dollar, 1970 Ottawa Trade Dollar, Admission to show, Use of Hospitality Suite, ONA draw ticket, Set of COCC "OTTEX" woods, Souvenir program and much more (Approx. value \$110.00 - Cost of registration received before March 31, 1998 is \$40.00)	\$45.00	
	Spousal Registration Kit (only available to the spouse of the above registrant) includes the following: 1980 Silver charm, Admission to show, Use of Hospitality Suite, ONA draw ticket, Souvenir Program and more (Cost of registration received before March 31, 1998 is \$20.00)	\$25.00	
	Friday, April 17th, 2pm to 4pm Royal Canadian Mint Floor Tour (Maximum 25 Participants - names must be provided by April 3rd)	Free	
	Friday, April 17th, 9pm Reception with full bar for pre-registered guests and dealers	Free	
	Non-registered guests	\$10.00	
	Saturday, April 18th, 1pm to 4pm Spousal (Mystery) Tour (Minimum 20 Participants - deadline for registration is April 1st)	\$20.00	
	Bank of Canada Currency Museum (entry by convention badge only Saturday and Sunday)	Free	
	Saturday, April 18th, 7pm Banquet	\$35.00	
	Sunday, April 19th, 8am Club Delegates breakfast meeting	\$6.50	
	Convention Medals		
	Silver .999 fine official souvenir medal	\$35.00	
	Antiqued bronze official souvenir medal	\$10.00	
	Additional Dream Vacation draw ticket	\$2.00	
	GRAND TOTAL		

Make cheques payable to "ONA Convention 1998". Return cheque and this completed form to: City of Ottawa Coin Club, P.O. Box 55127, 240 Sparks St, Ottawa, Ont., K1P 1A1

Accommodation at the Citadel, Ottawa, Hotel & Convention Centre can be made by asking for the City of Ottawa Coin Club rate of \$89.00 per room per night. Phone 613-237-3600 or toll free at 1-800-567-3600.

ONA EXHIBIT APPLICATION FORM

This form must be completed and returned to the ONA Convention Committee Chairman at P.O. Box 55127, 240 Sparks Street Ottawa, Ontario Canada K1P 1A1. Failure to send a completed form by Apr 17 1998 may result in refusal to accept exhibits due to lack of space at the show.

Name of Exhibitor : _____

Mailing Address : _____

Phone, E-Mail : _____

If Junior or Juvenile, please state your age : _____

I wish to enter Competitive exhibits in the following categories:

Number of Cases	Category	Description
_____	Canadian Decimal & Paper Money	Includes all Canadian coins, provincial coins, Government-issue paper money, bank-issues, bonds, private script, etc.
_____	Foreign Coins & Paper Money	Non-Canadian legal tender. private issue, script, bonds, etc.
_____	Medals & Tokens & Miscellaneous	Includes all war decorations, medals, medallions, private-issue mediums of exchange such as milk tokens, commemorative numismatic objects of all type. All numismatic items that does not fit into a specific category above; a mix of material so as to eliminate it from a specific category (note that a limited amount of background material may appear in a display to still qualify it under a specific category above). Note that "Miscellaneous" refers to miscellaneous numismatic material and not to other collecting interests such as stamps, post cards, etc.).
_____	Junior or Juvenile	All Junior or Juvenile exhibits for all above Categories will be judged together as one Class.
_____	Total Exhibits	
_____	Cases required to be provided by us for your display	

Note that in addition to the above categories your exhibit automatically qualifies for the "People's Choice" award as judged by the public attending the Convention.

I hereby agree to abide by the exhibit rules & regulations, including the reclassification of my exhibits by the Exhibit Chairman. I understand that I must be registered at the Convention to qualify for exhibit awards.

Although the Convention is providing security, I acknowledge that I will not hold the Convention Committee, the ONA and its members and Executive Officers or the Hotel staff liable for my exhibits.



**36th ANNUAL
ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION
CONVENTION**



**Friday, April 17, 1998: 9:00 p.m. (Reception for Pre-Registrants)
Saturday, April 18, 1998: 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 19, 1998: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**CITADEL HOTEL & CONVENTION CENTRE
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HIGHLIGHTS

Large Dealers' Bourse (47 Sales Tables)

Large variety of rare, scarce and affordable coins, tokens, paper money, historical medals, numismatic books and supplies for sale

Exciting Opportunities to Buy, Sell and Trade

**MAJOR NUMISMATIC AUCTION OF INTERNATIONAL CALIBRE
(conducted by Charles Moore Inc. of California, U.S.A.)**

Wide Variety of Educational Displays

Club and Society Meetings

Social Events and Tours

INFORMATION

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WELL-KNOWN NUMISMATISTS TO JUDGE WINNERS OF TOP ONA AWARDS

In the last issue of the ONA Numismatist, we provided some background on the top ONA Awards to be presented at the upcoming ONA Convention in Ottawa. These include the "ONA Award of Merit," the ONA's highest award and up to three recipients annually for the "Fellow of the ONA" Award. Those nominated are judged a few months prior to the annual convention, and the winner is announced at the Banquet at the Annual Convention.

It is entirely up to the ONA Awards Committee to determine, without any outside influences other than receiving nominations, who should receive the Award of Merit, and how many (up to a maximum of 3) should receive the "Fellow of the ONA" award annually. The committee, consisting of four well-known numismatists and the President of the ONA, may add their own nominations over-and-above any received from the membership. Currently, the ONA Awards Committee consists of the following:

DON ROBB (Chairman)

A collector since 1962, he has expanded his interests from his original collection of Canadian and Newfoundland coins to pre-Confederation tokens, commemorative medals and tokens of Canada's Centennial year 1967, CNA Medals, ONA Medals, Canadian wooden money and, more recently, Canadian Tire Coupons.

Don joined the Waterloo Coin Society in 1970 and has served in most of the club's executive positions, including two terms as President. He was also their editor for many years, their annual coin shows' chairman since 1991 (including 1990 when the club hosted the ONA annual convention). He currently serves on the club's Executive as Auction Coordinator. He has also served on a number of ONA Convention committees.

Don served as President of the Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors (CAWMC) from 1979 to 1981. Since 1981, he has been elected consistently to serve as a member of the CAWMC Board of Governors. He is also a Charter Member of the Southern Ontario Chapter of CAWMC, joining in 1981 when it was founded.

When the Canadian Tire Coupon Collectors Club (CTCCC) was formed in 1990, he joined as a charter member and was appointed its Secretary-Treasurer and Membership Chairman, positions he still holds. In 1990, he was appointed a Governor of the J. Douglas Ferguson Historical Research Foundation, a position he held until 1996.

His involvement with the CNA has been equally impressive. From 1985 to 1987, Don was an Ontario Director for the CNA. He has been appointed Co-Chairman of the 1999 CNA Convention hosted by the Waterloo Coin Society. In 1994 he was invited to join the ONA Awards Committee and in 1996 he became Chairman of the Committee. He considers the highlight of his numismatic career occurred in 1990 when he was presented with the Award of Merit by the ONA.

PAUL JOHNSON (Immediate Past Chairman)

Paul began his collecting in 1965. Paul joined the CNA in 1972. He received the CNA Young Numismatist award the following year, at which time he was also appointed Junior Director by the CNA President. He was CNA Club Services Chairman from 1975 to 1979, Finance Chairman from 1979 to 1985, Chairman of the Education Committee from 1983 to 1996 and Chairman of the Library Committee from 1989 to 1996. He was elected Second Vice-President from 1981 to 1983 and has held the position of Ontario Director for three 2-year terms. In 1995, the CNA honored Paul with the J. Douglas Ferguson Gold Medal, the highest award of the CNA. Other accomplishments involving the CNA are two Best of Show awards and serving as Chairman of the Young Numismatists Committee in 1973 and 1974. He was an exhibit judge at 7 CNA conventions and served as Coin Week Canada Chairman from 1979 to 1985. He has organized CNA annual educational forums from 1983 to 1996 and served as its moderator on 10 different occasions. Paul has attended 25 CNA Conventions since 1972. During the same period, he also attended 15 ANA Conventions.

He served as Chairman of the committee that developed the CNA/NESA Numismatic Correspondence Course, directing more than 30 people in its development. Now in its second printing, it has achieved unexpected success, having seen hundreds and hundreds of people registering. As a result of this effort, the ANA presented Paul with the ANA Presidential Award.

More recently, he chaired the organizing committee for the CNA/NESA Educational Seminar held at Humber College in the Fall of 1997, and holds the same position with the upcoming Seminars scheduled for May 30 at Humber College and at the Royal Canadian Mint on April 20&21.

Paul has co-ordinated two CNA book projects, "Exhibits and Judging in Numismatics" (1983) and "The Club Organizational Handbook" (1986).

He is the recipient of the ANA Outstanding Young Numismatist award, the John Jay Pittman Award for best Canadian exhibit at an ANA Convention and numerous Best of Show awards at local coin club annual shows. In 1996, he was presented with a Charter Graduate certificate from the ANA School of Numismatics Diploma Program at the ANA convention in Denver by the ANA President.

He served in various capacities on the Peterborough Coin Club executive, is co-founder of the Canadian Young Numismatists Association in 1973, and has also served as Director of the Junior Numismatic Correspondence Club of America. He has spoken at many educational seminars and club meetings across the country and in the U.S.

Paul is a recipient of the ONA Award of Merit (in 1985), the youngest person to ever received the award, and has 3 ONA Best of Show medals as proof of his involvement with exhibiting at ONA Conventions. He served as the Chairman of the ONA Award of Merit Committee from 1992 to 1996. His involvement with ONA Conventions is also varied and numerous: Exhibit Chairman (1976), Education Chairman (1982), Program Chairman (1987, 1988, 1994, 1991 & 1994) and Education Chairman (1991 & 1994).

Paul received a special Presidential Citation in 1998 for attending his 25th consecutive ONA Convention.

MIKE HOLLINGSHEAD

Mike started coin collecting at about age 14, when his father (ONA Past-President Roy Hollingshead) introduced him to the hobby. After getting his feet wet working part-time at a coin store and taking advantage of the rapidly rising silver and gold pricing, he settled on collecting love tokens and pocket pieces. When other people were saying "Buy the book before you buy the coin," his dad said to him "Join the club before you buy the book," a philosophy he followed by joining all area clubs. He also joined the ONA and was immediately made Secretary. In 1986, he resurrected the Guelph Coin Club and was its main driving force for a number of years.

A regular attendee at Waterloo Coin Society meetings, he has served the club in various capacities, including as President and Program Director, and is currently their Auctioneer.

Probably Mike's most visible area of collecting has involved Canadian Tire "money." After collecting and researching Canadian Tire coupons, he and Don Robb (see previous page) decided that what was needed was a club for this growing area of numismatics. They announced their inaugural meeting of the Canadian Tire Coupon Collectors Club at the Toronto International Coin Fair in the Fall of 1990 which was operated by John Regitko (see below). Due in large part to Mike's efforts, CTCCC is today the second largest national coin club in Canada, after the CNA, having grown to 300 members strong.

In 1995, he was honored as the recipient of the ONA Award of Merit, the second youngest person to ever receive it - only Paul Johnson was younger (see previous page). Mike's late father had received the award in 1989, making the Hollingshead's the only father/son team to ever receive major awards from the ONA.

JOHN REGITKO

John's involvement goes back to the founding days of the Central Coin Club (Toronto), where he planned programs for their weekly meetings (yes, weekly). As editor of the Toronto Coin Club bulletin, he received the CNA Best Local Coin Club Bulletin Award and the ANA Best Local Coin Club Bulletin Award twice. This was the first time in North American history that the same club and editor won both awards in each of two consecutive years. He also served as Program Director and President of the Toronto Coin Club and was their Convention Chairman for a number of years.

He served as 1st Vice President and as President (during 1980-81) on the CNA Executive and has recently accepted the assignment of Club Services Chairman. His series of articles on the inner workings on the CNA was published in the CNA Journal over a 2-year period. He has also served on the Executive of the Canadian Numismatic Variety Collectors Association (CNVCA) as Editor and as 1st Vice President.

A frequent speaker, he has also published a series of articles on the inner workings of the Royal Canadian Mint in Canadian Coin News. As owner/manager of the Toronto International Coin Fair (TICF), he made it the largest coin show in Canada, and was known as running it for fun & fellowship rather than for profit. One of the things he was known for was to provide complimentary space to all numismatic organizations wishing to hold meetings in conjunction with TICF (CAWMC, CTCCC, CATC, the ONA Executive and the CNA Executive took him up on it, itself an endorsement of the show). He also has the distinction of probably having more articles published about coin conventions than any other individual (about TICF, ONA and CNA).

He has been responsible for the printing of admission tickets and signs for a number of ONA and CNA Conventions and has been known to lug display cases to a number of conventions. He has also been responsible for gathering up the contents of and making up the boxes for registration kits.

John has been an instructor on the Fun of Coin Collecting at Adult Education Classes as both Yorkdale Secondary School (24-hour courses on 3 separate occasions) and at George Brown College (40-hour course). He was also an instructor at the recent CNA/NESA educational seminar at Humber College and is scheduled to participate as an instructor at both the CNA/NESA seminar at Humber College on May 30 as well as the Royal Canadian Mint seminar on April 20 & 21, 1998.

He is the recipient of the first "Fellow of the CNA" award ever presented (in 1991), as well as the CNA's highest award, the J. Douglas Ferguson Gold Medal. He is also a recipient of the ONA Award of Merit (in 1983), the ONA's highest award. As well as serving on the ONA Awards Committee, John also serves as Club Services Chairman and is the ONA's representative on the Internet's Numismatic Network Canada web site (with an e-mail address of onaclubs@idirect.com).

KEN WILMOT (ONA President)

Ken has served on the ONA Executive since 1973. As ONA First Vice-President, he was asked to take over the Presidency in 1986 when then-President, Roy Hollingshead, became ill. He was elected ONA President for 4 out of the past 5 two-year terms, namely 1987-1989, 1989-1991, 1995-1997 and 1997-1999. He was instrumental in getting the ONA Insurance Policy set up, which is beneficial to every ONA-member club.

During his terms as ONA President, he also found time to be President of the Stratford Coin Club (7 different times) as well as its Newsletter editor (for over 20 consecutive years).

He has been Chairman of 5 annual ONA Conventions, namely 1975, 1985, 1992, 1993 and 1995. Ken received the ONA Award of Merit in 1981 for his outstanding contributions to the hobby in Ontario. He boasts to purchasing his first colour TV from profits out of the silver melt of 1968.

When he was asked to provide his numismatic resume for this write-up, he requested that it be addended with a "ONA Presidential Statement" that goes like this: "I believe the future of the ONA lies with interesting more young collectors to the hobby. I am also a strong advocate to better communication, and one of the things I did to assist in that goal is to hook up to the Internet. I welcome correspondence from all members, including at my e-mail address of Wilmot@cyg.net.

RECIPIENTS OF ONA'S HIGHEST AWARDS TO BE ANNOUNCED AT 1998 ONA CONVENTION BANQUET

This year's recipient of the ONA Award of Merit will be announced at the Banquet at the 1998 ONA Convention in Ottawa on April 18. The Award of Merit, the highest award the ONA bestows, was introduced by the ONA in 1962. The purpose is to give recognition to the person living in Ontario who has made the greatest contribution towards the advancement of numismatics at all levels - local, provincial and national. If the recipient is not present at the Banquet, it will formally be presented at the earliest opportunity, either at a local coin club meeting or some other public function.

The "Fellow of the Ontario Numismatic Association" Award will also be presented at the Banquet of the 1998 ONA Convention. The ONA initiated the "Fellow" award in 1994 to recognize individuals for outstanding service to numismatics in their local area. This includes their work with the local coin club and promoting numismatics in their community. Up to 3 numismatists can be recognized annually. Again, if the recipients are not present, the award will be presented at another appropriate occasion.

Winners are selected by a select group of past award winners who take their assignment very seriously. Each Spring a call for nominations is made and all submissions are seriously considered, along with past entries that survived the cut of the "short" list.

MEDALS FROM PREVIOUS ONA CONVENTIONS FOR SALE

It has normally been the desire of the ONA and the Convention Committees to sell out of Convention medals each year, so as to avoid being involved in the aftermarket. For that reason, the quantities struck have been rather on the conservative side. For whatever reasons, not every issue is always sold out and the ONA is pleased to offer these remaining medals to anyone that wishes this opportunity to add them to their collection.

The ONA has only a few remaining medals from 3 previous conventions, which are being offered to members on a first come, first shipped basis. All obverses contain the standard ONA logo that appears on all convention medals. The reverses are illustrated below.



1991 ONA CONVENTION
OSHAWA



1996 ONA CONVENTION
NORTH YORK



1997 ONA CONVENTION
WINDSOR

YEAR	LOCATION	METALLIC CONTENT	QUANTITY AVAILABLE	PRICE EACH *
1991	Oshawa	Antique Bronze	9	\$ 7.50
		Nickel-Silver	15	7.50
1996	North York	Bronze	6	7.50
		Silver	3	35.00
1997	Windsor	Bronze	22	7.50

* 3 or more medals are shipped prepaid. Please add \$3.00 for shipping and handling when ordering 1 or 2 medals.

A bonus of a wooden token, issued for the 1996 North York ONA Convention, will be included for every medal ordered.

The fact that medals remain in the ONA Archives for only three years speaks well for the demand for ONA Convention medals. This might be your last opportunity to acquire these keepsakes at such attractive pricing.

Please send your order, along with a money order or cheque made payable to the ONA, to:

Ontario Numismatic Association,
Attn: Bruce Raszmann, Treasurer,
P.O. Box 40033, Waterloo Square P.O.,
Waterloo, Ont. N2J 4V1

TRADE DOLLARS

By Jerry Remick

\$2 token marks Elliot Lake's 1998 Homecoming

The Elliot Lake and District Chamber of Commerce, Elliot Lake, Ontario, has issued a \$2 municipal token to mark its 1998 Homecoming - the last week of June and the first week of July.

The obverse side of the token shows a uranium symbol in the centre, with pine trees below and at each side. A large statue of uranium, which is situated at the entry to Elliot Lake is also present, symbolizing the city's glory days in the late 1950s and early 1960s when it was known as the uranium capital of the world because of the enormous amount of ore mined there. Two dollars in large letters is just below the uranium symbol with the inscription "expires September 30, 1998. Elliot Lake District Chamber of Commerce. Two Dollars is inscribed twice around the circumference.

The Elliot Lake Homecoming logo covers the reverse centre, showing from left to right, the silhouette of a head frame of a mine, representing the town's former uranium mines; the silhouette of a house representing the town; and a tree, representing the area's earlier logging days. A large sun rising over the silhouettes indicates the optimism of the city and its residents. Elliot Lake is just below the silhouettes with Two Dollars Homecoming Elliot Lake around the outer part three times.

Ray Ethelston, vice president of the Elliot Lake and District Chamber of Commerce designed the obverse. The Homecoming committee designed the reverse.

Lawrence Medallic Art, Mississauga, Ontario struck 15,000 tokens on 33 mm nickel bonded blanks and made an additional 500 each in antiqued copper-plated NBS, antiqued silver plated NBS and gold-plated NBS.

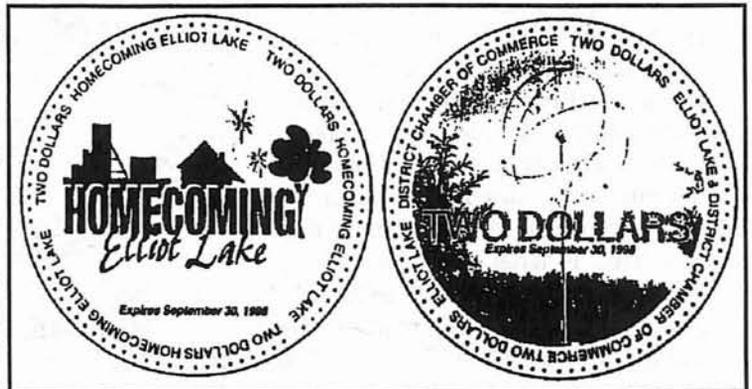
The NBS token is available at \$3 postpaid. A set of three different NBS tokens is \$22.75 postpaid and insured. Orders should be sent to Elliot Lake and District Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 1, Elliot Lake, Ontario, P5A 2J6, telephone (705) 848-3974.

Single plated tokens are available postpaid as follows: Antiqued Copper NBS - \$8.50, Antiqued Silver NBS - \$10.50, Antiqued Gold NBS - \$12.50. To order, call Ray Desjardins, P.O. Box 11447, Station H, Nepean, Ontario, K2H 7V1, telephone or fax (613) 823-3644. Visa and

MasterCard accepted.

Elliot Lake is situated in central Ontario, north of Lake Huron about midway between Sault Ste. Marie and Sudbury. It has become a retirement community with a population of more than 13,000 people.

Logging opened up the area in the 1840s and remained an important industry



well into the 20th century. The area is also popular for hunters, anglers and campers.

In 1953, uranium was discovered in the region and by 1957 the population had soared to 27,000 with several uranium mines in operation. The last mine closed in June of 1996. The houses left by the outgoing miners have been sold to incoming seniors making Elliot Lake one of Ontario's premier retirement communities.

IN MEMORIAM

The following letter was received by the ONA Numismatist from James E. Charlton regarding the death of one of Canada's most outstanding numismatists, Sheldon Carroll, in early February.

Major Sheldon S. Carroll, who died February 3, was one of the all-time greats in Canadian Numismatics.

He was often the right man in the right place at the right time. One example was the Canadian Numismatic Association that he was largely responsible for creating in 1950. He was the first president and later became the Honourary President. He also had the responsibility of planning and developing the the Bank of Canada's Numismatic Collection and was also the curator for a number of years.

Sheldon was a member and officer of many clubs and organizations during his 60 years in the hobby and a recipient of numerous high honours and awards. A noted speaker, educator, writer and numismatic consultant, he generously shared his wealth of numismatic knowledge at every opportunity. He had a distinguished career as an officer in WWII and in post war service.

Sheldon was born in Norwich, in south western Ontario on July 20, 1914 and had a life full of living. It has been my great privilege to have known him and to have been his close friend for nearly 50 years. P.S. Sheldon and I often exchanged birthday greetings at the CNA conventions as his birthday was July 20 and mine July 26. - James E. Charlton

CNA OFFERS NUMISMATIC COURSE

Would you like to learn more about the hobby of coin collecting? The Canadian Numismatic Association (CNA) is hosting an exciting one-day course offering a class room setting, seven different instructors, a wide range of topics relating to Canadian Numismatics and a day of fun and fellowship.

The course will take place Saturday, May 30 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Humber College, 205 Humber College Blvd. in Etobicoke (south of Finch Ave. and east of Hwy 427). Parking is free.

The course offered by the CNA, which attracted 50 participants last November, is very similar to its predecessor. Its goal is to educate collectors about the beauty, historical and economic importance of Canadian coins, tokens, medals and paper money. Seven well-qualified instructors will present topics in areas of their expertise and supplement these discussions with slides, videos, overheads, demonstrations, displays of numismatic material and handouts.

Instructing the various topics will be: Paul Petch, Canadian Coins and Commemoratives; John Regitko, The Coining Process; Chris Boyer, a Review of Canadian Paper Money; Ted Leitch, Canadian Tokens; Dr. Marvin Kay, Collecting Strategies; Susan Maltby, Coin and Paper Preservation; and Brian Cornwell, Grading Coins and Tokens. Paul Johnson will be the moderator.

There will be ample opportunity to ask questions and to obtain a better understanding of Canadian numismatic topics. The majority of the instructors were original writers of the

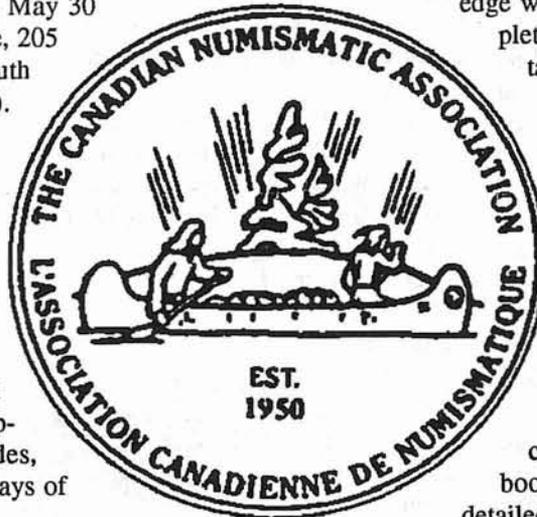
CNA/NESA Numismatic Correspondence Course and all have excellent knowledge in their area of interest.

This course has been planned as the next step in the educational process and will be presented in more depth than the original correspondence course. Although there were chapter tests in the first course, no testing of the participant's knowledge will take place this time and having completed the first course is not a pre-requisite to taking in this latest education endeavour.

Cost of taking the one-day course is \$35 for CNA members, \$45 for non CNA members and \$25 for juniors under the age of 18. Cost of registration includes coffee or tea during the morning and afternoon breaks. Lunch in the cafeteria at Humber College is the responsibility of the participant. Each person attending will receive a special CNA/NESA "Certificate of Participation" and a complimentary selection of numismatic books and magazines to take home. A

detailed map of the Humber College area will also accompany confirmation papers to be sent out following the acceptance of the registrant.

The number of participants in this course is limited so early registration is encouraged. Depending on the success of this event, CNA/NESA is considering similar courses in other Canadian cities in future. If you have any questions about the one-day course prior to registration, please contact the CNA Executive Secretary at (705) 737-0845, fax: (705) 737-0293 or Email: cna@barint.on.ca. Please complete the registration form below and send it to the appropriate address.



CNA NUMISMATIC COURSE - REGISTRATION FORM

Saturday, May 30, 1998 - Humber College, Etobicoke

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____

Postal Code: _____ Phone: _____

CNA Membership #: _____

I would like to register for the CNA Canadian Numismatic Course on May 30, 1998. Enclosed is a cheque as follows made payable to the *Numismatics Educational Services of Canada*.

- I am a CNA member - \$35
 I am a non CNA member - \$45
 I am under 18 years of age - \$25

I understand that I will receive a written confirmation of my registration for the course.

Return this form to:

The Canadian Numismatic Association, P.O. Box 226, Main P.O. Barrie, On L4M 4T2 Canada
Telephone: (705) 737-0845 Fax: (705) 737-0293 Email: cna@barint.on.ca

MINT ISSUES THREE NEW COINS

Coin honours the RCMP's 125th anniversary

In 1873, the North West Mounted Police was created as part of Sir John A. MacDonald's National Policy. The force was to replace the militia in Manitoba and to maintain law in Canada's unruly and unpatrolled northwestern frontier.

The NWMP force established and administered Canadian law. It put an end to the whiskey trade and the lawlessness in the old west and established peaceful relationships with the natives before the Canadian Pacific Railroad was built and settlers arrived.

As the nation grew in population and diversity and its communities became more established, the RCMP adapted and transformed into the modern day national police force that protects the citizens of

Canada today. In honour of 125 years of excellent service, the Royal Canadian Mint has created a sterling silver dollar to commemorate this important occasion.

The reverse side of the 1998 silver dollar sports the image of a Mounted Police

officer in the uniform of the 1800s, but wearing a pillbox hat that differs from the contemporary and widely recognized Stetson hat. The officer is on horseback with western terrain in the background. The obverse of the coin features Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in a design by artist Dora de Pédery-Hunt.

The reverse was designed by Adeline Halvorsen, who markets her work from her home in Newcastle, Ontario. An artist from an early age, her love of animals, especially horses, became a mainstay of her work. She now has to her credit more than 5,000 commissioned portraits of horses, people and dogs.

The composition of the coin is 92.5% sterling silver and 7.5% copper. It weighs 25.175 grams, is 36.07 in diameter, has a reeded edge, a proof and brilliant uncirculated finish and has a face value of \$1.

The RCMP silver dollar is encapsulated and presented in both proof and brilliant uncirculated finishes. The proof dollar costs \$29.95 in Canadian funds (\$22.45 U.S.). The uncirculated dollar is going for \$19.95 Canadian (\$14.95 U.S.). Both are available by calling the Mint at 1-800-267-1871 in Canada or 1-800-268-6468 from the U.S.



Discovery of insulin celebrated on gold coin

One of the most important medical achievements of the 20th century, the discovery of insulin by Canadian scientist Frederick Banting and colleague John MacLeod, is the subject of the 1998 \$100 gold coin issued recently by the Royal Canadian Mint to commemorate the 75th anniversary of this life-saving accomplishment.

On January 23, 1922, insulin was administered to a human subject with diabetes for the first time. Immediately the subject showed positive results and over the next few months, similar injections to a variety of subjects also proved successful. Commercial production of insulin followed with the result that people on their death beds were miraculously brought back to life.

For their achievement, Banting and MacLeod were awarded the Nobel Prize for Physiology and Medicine for the discovery of insulin on Oct. 25, 1923. Unfortunately, two other colleagues - Charles Best and James Collip - were not recognized by the Nobel committee. It has been suggested, even by authors of the official history of Nobel Prizes, that Best should have also received the award. For it was Banting and Best's experiments, combined with MacLeod's guidance and Collip's expertise in biochemistry, that culminated in the development and widespread use of insulin and the subsequent millions of diabetic lives it has saved and continues to save to this day.

The obverse of the coin is the contemporary effigy of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, by artist Dora de Pédery-Hunt. The reverse was designed by Robert Ralph Carmichael. Carmichael, who was born in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario and graduated from the Ontario College of Art in Toronto in 1959, is best known for his design of the Loon on Canada's \$1 circulation coin.

The reverse features the flame of hope evolving into figures inspired by those on the Nobel Prize medal for Physiology and Medicine. The design is surrounded by the inscription 1923-1998, CANADA, 100 DOLLARS. Below the design is a two-line inscription with the words PRIX NOBEL PRIZE on top and INSULINE-INSULIN on bottom.

The \$100 14 karat gold coin is the 23rd in a series celebrating Canadian heritage that began in 1976. Only 25,000 of the coins have been minted with a composition of 58.33% gold and 41.67% silver. The coin weighs 13.338 grams, has a diameter of 27 mm and features a reeded edge. It has a proof finish, frosted relief on brilliant background and a face value of \$100. Included is a numbered certificate of authenticity. The piece sells for \$295.95 Canadian or \$192.45 U.S. To order call the mint at 1-800-267-1871 in Canada, or 1-800-268-6468 in the U.S.



\$350 gold coin honours Mint's 90th anniversary

The Royal Canadian Mint is celebrating its 90th anniversary this year and in honour of the occasion has struck a \$350 face-value coin made from 99.999 per cent pure gold.

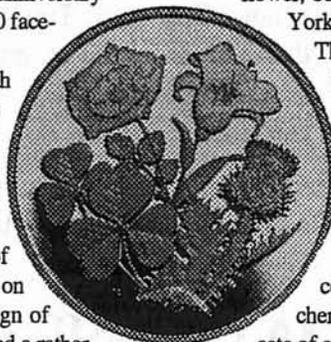
The coin, the largest ever produced by the Mint with such a high level of gold purity, weighs 38.05 grams, is 34 mm in diameter, 2.7 mm thick and has a reeded edge.

The floral reverse was designed by Pierre Leduc, a biology graduate of the Université du Québec in Trois-Rivières. While at university, Leduc spent a great deal of time working as a scientific illustrator creating works on zoology, entomology and botany. In creating his design of the coin, Leduc did not include text. Instead he fashioned a rather unique blend of the four flowers found on the Canadian Coat of Arms - the English Rose, the Scottish Thistle, the Irish Shamrock and the French Fleur-de-Lis. Of interest is the fact that the English Rose is not really a

flower, but a combination of the white Tudor rose of the House of York and the red rose of the House of Lancaster, the Scottish Thistle is the traditional bull thistle, and both the Irish Shamrock and the French Fleur-de-Lis have three petals.

The obverse of the coin depicts the traditional effigy of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II by Dora de Pédery-Hunt surrounded by the inscription "Elizabeth II Canada D.G. Regina Fine Gold 350 Dollars Or Pur," with the year of issue left of the Queen and 99.999 to the right.

The mintage of the coin has been limited to 1,998 and comes in an anodized gold-coloured aluminum box with cherry wood staining. It is accompanied by a numbered certificate of authenticity. The coin is available directly from the mint for \$999.99 Canadian (\$740.95 U.S.) by calling 1-800-267-1871 in Canada or 1-800-268-6468 in the U.S. It is also available through the Mint's global network of dealers and distributors.



SHOW & BOURSE

MARCH 28, 1998 - CAMBRIDGE

The 7th annual Cambridge coin show at the Cambridge Newfoundland Club, 1500 Dunbar Road, Cambridge, Ont. Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. More than 40 tables of coins, tokens, paper money, trade dollars, militaria, post cards, CTC coupons and more. Free admission. For additional information contact Verne Shaull (519) 621-3810 or (519) 624-2086 or Jim Pemberton (519) 621-1140.

APRIL 5, 1998 - KENT COIN & CARD SHOW, CHATHAM

30th annual show at the Wheels Inn Resort, 615 Richmond St., Chatham, Ontario. Hours: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., 25 dealer tables. Free admission and free parking. For more information call Lou Wagenaer at (519) 352-4150.

APRIL 17-19, 1998 - 36 ANNUAL ONA CONVENTION - OTTAWA, ONTARIO

At the Citadel Hotel & Convention Centre, 101 Lyon Street North, downtown Ottawa, Ontario K1R 5T9. Hours: Friday (Registrants Reception) 9 p.m.; Saturday 10-6 and Sunday 10-4. Coins, tokens, paper money, historical medals, numismatic literature, major numismatic auction (Charles Moore), educational displays, society meetings and tours. Daily admission \$2, children free. Contact Graham Neale: (613) 521-2117, E-mail g.neale@sympatico.ca. Visit our WEB Site in the Ontario section of <www.coinshows.com>.

MAY 3, 1998 - WINDSOR

At the Saboto Club, 2175 Parent Ave., Windsor, Ont. Hours: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Free Parking, displays and draws, \$1 admission. For information write: Ron Binder, Show Chairman, Windsor Coin Club, c/o 2279 Hall Ave., Windsor, On N8W 2L8

JUNE 27-28, 1998 - TOREX

At the Primrose Hotel, Pearson Ballroom, 111 Carlton St., downtown Toronto. Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun. 10-3. Coins, paper money, cards, books, supplies, pens, watches, militaria. Daily admission \$5. For info: Ingrid K. Smith, 416-260-9070.

CLUB MEETING

The Oshawa & District Coin Club has scheduled spring meetings on April 5 and May 3. The club meets at the Arts Resource Centre in Oshawa behind Oshawa City Hall. Times are 12:30 - 4 p.m. on both days. For more information call (905) 728-1352 or access the internet email at: papman@idirect.com.

CORRECTION:

In the December edition of the Ontario Numismatist, Jerry Remick gave the address for the Charlton Press as 4040 Yonge St. in an article on Page 97. The correct address is 2040 Yonge St., Suite 208.

ONA CLASSIFIEDS

Wanted: Numismatic pen pals to correspond with young collectors aged eight to 12 years. Please state collecting preferences. Mr. Chris Boyer, Paisley Road Coin Club, 406 Paisley Road, Guelph, Ontario, N1H 2R3.