

NORTH YORK COIN CLUB NEWS BULLETIN
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NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the North York Coin Club will take place on Tuesday September 26th., 1961, at the North York Community Hall 5090 Yonge St. The room is open from 7.30pm., for members and dealers to set up displays, (Dealers please note) ONE table only will be allowed to each dealer.

We are looking ~~forward~~ forward to a talk on Counterfeit Coins and Currency by member Mr N. Oleskiw of Newmarket, Mr Oleskiw has been making a study of the subject.

There will be the usual draw with first and second prizes, also a floor auction, members are asked to bring their duplicates for this event.

The August meeting was held in our new location with 34 members and guests present, 3 applications for membership were received from,-

Leigh Robinson, (Jr member) 932 Willowdale Ave., Willowdale Ont.
Ray R. Youngran, 36 Barrie St. Galt Ont.
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We were happy to welcome among the guests, Mr R.C. Willey, F.R.N.S. of Espanola Ont. Assistant Editor, of the C.N.A.

The Club thanked Mr Orser for the showing of his excellent slides of varieties in 50 cent pieces.

The draw for a 1961 Mint Set was won by Mr K. Rasmussen and a 1959 Silver Dollar by Leon Safer.

Quite a number of our members were present at the C.N.A. Convention at Hamilton, we hope to have a report from Mrs Louise Graham on this event at our next meeting.

The President would like to call your attention to the Club Bourse Table now at each meeting, this provides books etc, for sale to all members.

COMING EVENTS

OSHAWA & DISTRICT COIN CLUB, First Annual Exhibition & Banquet.
Sat. Oct., 7th. 1961 at the Genosha Hotel 70 King E. Oshawa.

London Numismatic Society, Annual Banquet & Auction, Sat. Oct 7th. 1961
at King St United Church, London Ont. Tickets 2.25 ea.

St. Catherine Coin Club, 3rd Annual Banquet, Sat. Oct. 21st Queensway Hotel.

Ottawa Coin Club, 2nd Annual Banquet & Auction, Sat. Oct. 21st. 1961
Carlingwood Restaurant, Ottawa Ont.



COIN SCALES & WEIGHTS



The study of coin weights is a side line of numismatics that has been neglected in the past, due perhaps to the fact that there is not a great deal of literature on the subject. Yet here is a most interesting branch of numismatics waiting to be explored by any adventurous coin collector. For the benefit of those who are not familiar with this subject, it might be interesting to know why coin scales and weights were made. Unlike the "token" coinage we use as change today, the coins issued up to the beginning of this century usually had a metal value equal to their face value. However if such coins as the gold pieces of high denomination had been in circulation and exposed to much wear their intrinsic value would of course be reduced. When such worn or clipped coins changed hands there would often be an argument as to whether they were worth their face value, or only their weight in metal. For the convenience of the public the mint from time to time struck weights to be used for checking the value of gold coin, and on occasions weights were issued for silver coins as well. This was also a safeguard against the forger, however some merchants were found to be using two sets of weights, one set being overweight was used when selling and another underweight set used in buying. It was therefore concluded that weights could not be issued unless they were counterstamped by officials. The countermarks being changed at intervals. A most common mark in this case is the crown, and coffee pot. Scales and weights made before the time of Charles I of England are rare, these are mostly round and considerably thicker than their equivalent coins. It is also found that some were not necessarily made to the exact weight of the coins intended as an allowance was sometimes made for wear and tear. Some weights bear the portrait of the monarch for whose coins they were used and those engraved by Nicholas Briot are of fine workmanship, on the other hand weights bearing portraits of William III and Ann are crude. The last issue of coin weights by the Royal Mint was in 1821, however as not all weights were made by the mint many common varieties of the Victoria sovereigns and others are sometimes found with their makers name or initials. It is safe to assume that coin scales and weights date back to a very early history, and a complete set in perfect working order is considered rare.

Reference:- "Money Scales & Weights" by Dr L.A. Lawrence
Spinks, 1920-21 Numismatic Circular.