



# NORTH YORK COIN CLUB

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MONTHLY MEETINGS 4TH TUESDAY 8 P.M.  
NORTH YORK MEMORIAL COMMUNITY HALL  
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## LAST MEETING:

Mr. David Ash, of Oakville, as guest speaker last month, spoke on the topic of English Coins. The topic was chosen to eliminate the common everyday items that could be found in a catalogue. Instead, an interesting but (a little) morbid talk resulted.

Mr. Ash remarked that English coins go back a thousand years and during that time many crimes resulted affecting the condition of the coins. For example, only as recently as 150 years ago a person could be executed for not accepting, counterfeiting, or defacing coins.

During the reign of Henry I, people were breaking up coins for smaller change or to see if the coins were solid silver all the way through. If caught, the right arm was cut off. Later Edward I came out with the punishment of hanging, drawing, and quartering for treason or counterfeiting and even later burning at the stake like a witch for clipping coins.

Mr. Ash continued by stating that children were used in the mint to place the blank planchet into the press, and that many children before they were ten years old had lost many fingers and once they were no longer any use, they were thrown out.

Even the monarchy became involved in counterfeiting. James II, upon reaching Ireland found he hadn't any money, so the Irish Gun money or Pot and Pan money resulted. James called up all the copper he could and issued his own coinage.

Later during the Industrial Revolution, continues Mr. Ash, steam presses were invented and slowly took over from the screw presses and the hand hammered methods prior to this. Thus the quality of the coinage increased as can be seen in the coins issued from the Tower of London.

As a concluding remark Mr. Ash stated that during the last one thousand years, people looked like savages in the way other people were treated for crimes, especially defacing and counterfeiting coinage. But what will people say about us in the next five-hundred years!

An enthusiastic question period resulted reflecting the interest of this different, but very interesting talk.

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The lucky draw for a 1965 Proof-Like Mint Set was won by Mr. Art Baker.

Mr. Harvey Farrow read the treasurer's report on the May show and we made a profit. Also the president Mrs Graham called on three volunteers to form a nomination committee for our slate of new officers for the up coming year.

## NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the North York Coin Club will be held on October 26, 1965 at the North York Community Hall, 5090 Yonge Street in Willowdale Ontario. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. meeting starts at 8:00 p.m.

Our guest speaker for this month will be the president of Toronto Coin Club, Mr. Alex Munroe. His topic will be on his speciality, Ship Coins.

Also next meeting the fate of North York Coin Club will be decided by the nomination of the 1966 executive. This is the most important piece of business in the year since it will make or break the club. If you are interested in the future of the club please come out and support your executive, if not, this will be the last year for the North York Coin Club. It's up to YOU.

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