

# NORTH YORK COIN CLUB

FOUNDED 1960

MONTHLY MEETINGS 4TH TUESDAY 8 P.M.  
NORTH YORK MEMORIAL COMMUNITY HALL  
5090 YONGE STREET, WILLOWDALE, ONTARIO

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MEMBER:

THE CANADIAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

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NEXT MEETING: The North York Coin Club will meet at the North York Memorial Community Hall, 5090 Yonge Street, on Tuesday, April 24, 1973. Remember, the doors open at 7:00 P. M. for bourse, trading and general chatting: the meeting starts at 8:00 P. M. sharp. We hope to have as our guest speaker for this meeting Mr Cale Jarvis, the award-winning coin columnist of the Globe And Mail and founder of Coin, Stamp, Antique News. At the time of writing, this has not been confirmed but, in the event that Mr. Jarvis cannot attend, we are assured of a very interesting alternative program. Please come and bring your friends and exhibits.

LAST MEETING: Our March 27 meeting, held in the Community Hall was a terrific success. An outstanding number of members and guests turned out to hear long-time member Paul Petch deliver an excellent talk about "Numismatics For The Novice". Paul brought along many books and other numismatic items to illustrate his talk, which was easily understandable to the new collector yet immensely interesting to the more experienced numismatist. Paul also presented his collection of old North York Coin Club bulletins to the current editor.

Fred Jewett gave a brief talk about the offerings of the Royal Canadian Mint for 1973.

Stan Clute gave a brief speech about some coins of the Roman emperor Elagabalus, which he displayed.

WELCOME: The application from Greg Anderson for junior membership was accepted. Welcome to the North York Coin Club, Greg!

NEW MEMBERS: Applications for membership have been received from Mr. Dennis Brockman of Downsview, Mr. Ricky Morse of Toronto and Dr. Louis Suleiman of Willowdale.

BALLOT RESULTS: The results of the mail ballot to determine our club's nomination for the office of President of the Canadian Numismatic Association are as follows:

Total ballots mailed to members: 35  
Total ballots returned by members: 25

Mrs. Louise Graham: 17 votes  
Mr. Frederick Jewett: 8 votes

COMING EVENTS: May 12 - Peterborough Coin Show, Orange Hall, 184 Brock Street, Peterborough  
May 13 - City of Ottawa Coin Club Annual Coin and Stamp Show, Chateau Laurier Hotel, Ottawa  
June 2 - Canadian Paper Money Society Educational Symposium, Quebec Room, Royal York Hotel, Toronto

VISITATION: I had the pleasure of visiting the April 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Hamilton Coin Club, in the King Cole room of the Wentworth Arms Hotel, Hamilton. Except for very minor differences, the meeting was conducted much the same as our club's gatherings are. All the members were extremely friendly. The club has an active junior membership and several fine exhibits were set up. I was able to have a lengthy chat with Bruce R. Brace, renew my acquaintances with Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay McLennan and Eugene Culp, and meet the club's president, Alan Hill. As usually happens when two people who hold similar positions in different clubs get together, I enjoyed meeting and talking with Miss Terri Roach, editor of the Hamilton Coin Club's monthly newsletter. This former resident of Dundas, Ontario, truly relished his first visit to the club.

GALLEYS: Shown here are some of the representations of galleys on the Roman legionary denarii of Marc Antony. The line drawings show the basic design in use during that period, with the high, protective prow and stern. Some show fighting towers located forward, aft, or both. These wooden platforms were towers for archers to have a clear view of the decks of the enemy. The mastlike projections were most likely the legionary standards shown on the coins reverses. However, this could also be the artist's representation of the corvus, or "raven". This was a wooden beam hooked at the end like a bird's beak. It was used to "hook" a nearby enemy galley and also served as a bridge, to cross between vessels and board the foe. The basic offensive weapon of all ancient galleys was the ram. Constructed integrally with the galley to withstand the tremendous shocks of impact, it was constructed of stout timbers and sheathed with a massive bronze covering designed to pierce the hull of the enemy. The ram could also be used to shear off the oars along the entire side of the enemy's hull, a tactic which killed many of the unfortunate rowers and rendered the crippled enemy vessel helpless in the water. The Romans chose not to rely entirely upon this, however, and carried a generous supply of marines and archers for deck fighting.



- condensed from "The War Galleys of Rome During the Imperial Period" by Michael F. Miller.

FUNNY BONE: Husband: "I got a 1948 UNC silver dollar for my wife."  
Friend: "No kidding? How did you make a deal like that?"



IN THE COINING PRESS: At the Royal Canadian Mint, blanks are placed, by the operator of the press, into vibratory feeder hoppers, and they then move into the feed tube: mechanical fingers pick up the bottom blank from the tube. It is placed on the bottom die which has sunk within the collar. The top die strikes a blow which causes the metal to spread out, filling all the available space. Thus the metal takes the impressions of both obverse and reverse dies.

AT LEFT: A coin collector at leisure.

O'HIGGINS ON FIVE PESO NOTE



The Chilean five peso note illustrated above bears at right, a likeness inscribed "B. O'Higgins". But, who was this B. O'Higgins? When did he live? What, if anything, did he accomplish?

Born in Chillan, August 20, 1776, Bernardo O'Higgins was to become a pre-eminent South American liberator, like Simon Bolivar and Jose de San Martin. The son of an Irish immigrant father and a Chilean mother, Bernardo was sent to school in Lima at the age of fourteen and later attended schools in both Spain and England. In London, he was captivated by the cause of Francisco de Miranda and became a supporter of the movement for Spanish-American independence.

Returning to Chile in 1802, he settled on his father's estates. Napoleon's invasion of Spain encouraged revolt in Chile and, while his father was busily serving the interests of the Spanish crown, Bernardo was active in the rebellion. He joined the rebels in 1810 and became their commander three years later.

Following the 1814 defeat by the Spanish, at Rancagua, O'Higgins fled to Argentina where, three years later, he became a lieutenant in the forces of San Martin and led the charge, on February 12, 1817, which won the battle at Chacabuco and gained independence for Chile.

O'Higgins served as director of the new republic from 1817 to 1823 and devoted himself tirelessly to organizing the government. His reforms aroused tremendous opposition among the more conservative elements and he was accused of being a dictator.

Faced with a revolt in 1823, O'Higgins refused to shed the blood of his countrymen and went into exile in Peru for the next twenty years, declining to indulge in counter-revolution.

Bernardo O'Higgins, liberator of Chile, died at Lima, October 24, 1842. His remains were returned to Chile in January, 1869 and occupy a prominent place in the Santiago national cemetery.

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## ATTENTION ! IMPORTANT !

Dear Member:

March 30, 1973

A situation unique to any club in Canada (as far as I know) has come to light in North York!

We have two (2) members of our club wishing a nomination for President of the Canadian Numismatic Association, and since the club can only submit one name for each executive position an election must be held; thus the purpose of this letter and the enclosed ballot.

Please consider the brief summary of each candidate as they pertain to our club alone, mark your ballot, and return it in the pre-paid return address envelope to arrive no later than Tuesday, April 10, 1973 at the club's address P. O. Box 294, Willowdale, Ontario. Results will be announced at the next regular meeting in April.

R. A. FOX President

### SUMMARY OF CANDIDATES (in alphabetical order)

- Mrs. Louise Graham: Holds club membership number 4 and is a Charter member of the club. She has held the executive positions of President, and Honorary President and is Life Member number 1. Mrs. Graham is currently Second Vice President of the C.N.A.
- Mr. Fred Jewett: Holds club membership number 150. He has held executive positions of Second Vice President and Director during his association with North York. Mr. Jewett is currently First Vice President of the C.N.A.

Please vote below on this official Club Ballot by placing an "X" in the square opposite your choice and return to the club by April 10, 1973.

## NORTH YORK COIN CLUB - OFFICIAL BALLOT

CLUB NOMINATION FOR PRESIDENT OF THE CANADIAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION:

Mrs. LOUISE GRAHAM -----

Mr. FRED JEWETT -----