

# NORTH YORK COIN CLUB

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

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**A GET WELL WISH:** We are very sorry to learn that Founding Secretary and Past President Ken Bunnett suffered a heart attack at work on Sunday, January 6 and was rushed to the hospital. He has always been a very hard worker for North York Coin Club. We wish Ken a speedy and complete recovery. Cards may be sent to him at Room 8050, Etobicoke General Hospital, 101 Humbercollege, Etobicoke.

**NEXT MEETING:** The January 22nd meeting of the North York Coin Club will be C. N. A. Night. Our guest speakers will be Alex and Hazel Munro. Alex is the Ontario Director of the Canadian Numismatic Association and Hazel is the C. N. A. Librarian. As well as being very knowledgeable numismatists and familiar figures at most coin shows, the Munros are dedicated workers for the C. N. A. T. promises to be an extremely interesting evening, so be sure to come. As usual, the meeting will be held in the North York Memorial Community Hall, 5090 Yonge Street, Willowdale. Bring your duplicates for the auction.

**LAST MEETING:** Due to the regular meeting date falling on December 25, the December meeting was moved ahead to December 11, at 8:00 P. M. This was the club's annual Christmas Party. President Roger Fox noted that, contrary to a report in last month's bulletin, Article 13 of the club's constitution indicates a one year term of office for the executive, and opened the floor for further nominations. Since no further nominations were forthcoming, a motion was passed that the present executive be accepted for another term of office. The remainder of the business meeting was fairly brief and included some discussion about the club's March 9 Coin Show, White Elephant and Bourse as well as the club's participation in a Fall Torex '74. Following this, members talked about ways of collecting non-numismatic material. Paul Johnson discussed his exhibit of golf-score cards from the United States. Secretary Lucille Colson exhibited and spoke about a number of family historical documents dating from the last century. In the course of their talks, Paul and Lucille discovered that they may be very distantly related. Roger Fox showed a portion of his licence plate collection and illustrated how astonishingly it can parallel a coin collection. Other exhibitors were: Al Bliman - political candidate buttons; Stan Clute - Numismatic and related calling cards from all over Canada and the United States; Fred Jewett - a certificate of indebtedness dated at Berlin, 1939. Ray Pleau spoke about the 1974 Oshawa Golden Anniversary medals which he had been asked to design. May Bunnett and Jean Orr showed some colour slides of the club's main events in 1973: the Show last March; the Garden Party at Newmarket in June; and the 150th meeting in September; as well as the 1972 garden party. The auction was very capably handled by Harvey Farrow. Christmas refreshments were served by Jean Orr.

**ERRATUM:** Due to your Editor typing the December bulletin in the midst of a raging head and chest cold, a rather drastic typing error crept in: I slipped a decimal point. The sentence in question read: "Roger also stated that, if he took on the enterprise, the club would pay (out of the \$25.00) a salary to the exhibit chairman, who would have to be on the job pretty well all the time, and

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The club would also pay a meal allowance for all other members who help out on a shift basis (this is a three day affair)." In Part it should have read: "...the club would pay (out of the \$250.00) a salary..."

NEW MEMBER: An application for membership in the North York Coin Club has been received from Mr. Tom DeToro of Rexdale.

REMINDER: Your 1974 membership renewals are now due, if you haven't already paid them.

CONGRATULATIONS: are due to two of our members - Ray Pleau who was elected President of the Oshawa and District Coin Club for 1974,

- Ricky Morse who is the new President of Thistletown Coin Club for 1974.

KEEP SAVING your unwanted odds 'n' ends 'n' books for the White Elephant Table at our Show on March 9.

COMING EVENTS: January 25 - 26: Public Auction by Charlton Numismatics Ltd., featuring Part III of the Walter D. Allan Canadian Paper Money, Canadian historical and war medals, Canadian tokens and decimal coins. Hyatt-Regency Hotel, 21 Avenue Road, Toronto.

March 9: North York Coin Club's Annual Coin Show, Bourse and White Elephant Sale, North York Memorial Community Hall, 5090 Yonge Street, Willowdale; 10:00 A. M. to 10:00 P. M. Contact the club for further details.

March 22, 23 & 24: Torex - Central Coin Club Convention Holiday Inn, Civic Square, Toronto. In addition to the usual bourse and auction the meetings of the Canadian Young Numismatists Association and the Ancient Coin Society will be held there.

March 30 - 31: Ontario Numismatic Association Convention, Sheraton Brock Hotel, Niagara Falls. The hotel is taking reservations for rooms at the convention: write to Sheraton Brock Hotel, Niagara Falls, Ont. As well as bourse, exhibits and auction, the program will include a general meeting of the Canadian Young Numismatists Association.

April 20: Woodstock Coin Club Annual Show and Banquet in Old St. Paul's Parish Hall, Dundas Street East, Woodstock, Ont. For further information, write to Woodstock Coin Club, P. O. Box 631, Woodstock, Ontario.

April 27 - 28: Waterloo Coin Society Annual Show, Waterloo Motor Inn, Waterloo, Ont.

DID YOU KNOW? YORK CURRENCY was a standard of exchange used in New York, and for a time in Toronto and Montreal, by which the Spanish dollar was valued at 8 shillings. It was replaced in Upper and Lower Canada by Halifax Currency by ordinances and legislative Acts passed in 1777 and 1795. The term 'York Shilling' as applied to the Spanish 2 reale piece and pistareen, continued in common use long after Halifax Currency became the money of account.



Spanish pillar dollar struck at Mexico mint, 1733.

HALIFAX CURRENCY was a standard of exchange used in the Maritime provinces and later in Upper and Lower Canada, before Confederation, by which the Spanish dollar was valued at 5 shillings, as opposed to the sterling rating of 4 shillings and 6 pence.

NEW BOOK EXPECTED: In the Spring of 1974, Seaby's Numismatic Publications of London, England is expected to publish a new work on Byzantine coins. The book, entitled 'Byzantine Coins and Their Values' by David R. Sear, will catalogue 2,259 coins and will give values for them. It is anticipated that the book will give an almost complete listing of all the main Byzantine coin types known. It will cover the period from the reign of Anastasius I (491 to 518 A. D.) to the capture of Constantinople by the Turks in 1453. The book will contain numerous illustrations, as well as information on types, mints, denominations, dates and legends, as well as maps showing the varying extent of the empire in different periods. Tables of regnal and indictional years are given for most of the earlier reigns. One word of caution: The only real problem with catalogues of ancient coin prices is that they are nowadays, out of date soon after they are published; due to the rapidly increasing prices of ancient coins.

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COINS & THEIR VALUES

DR. Sear



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CAN YOU IDENTIFY the following items without consulting a catalogue?  
Answers in next month's bulletin.

