

# 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

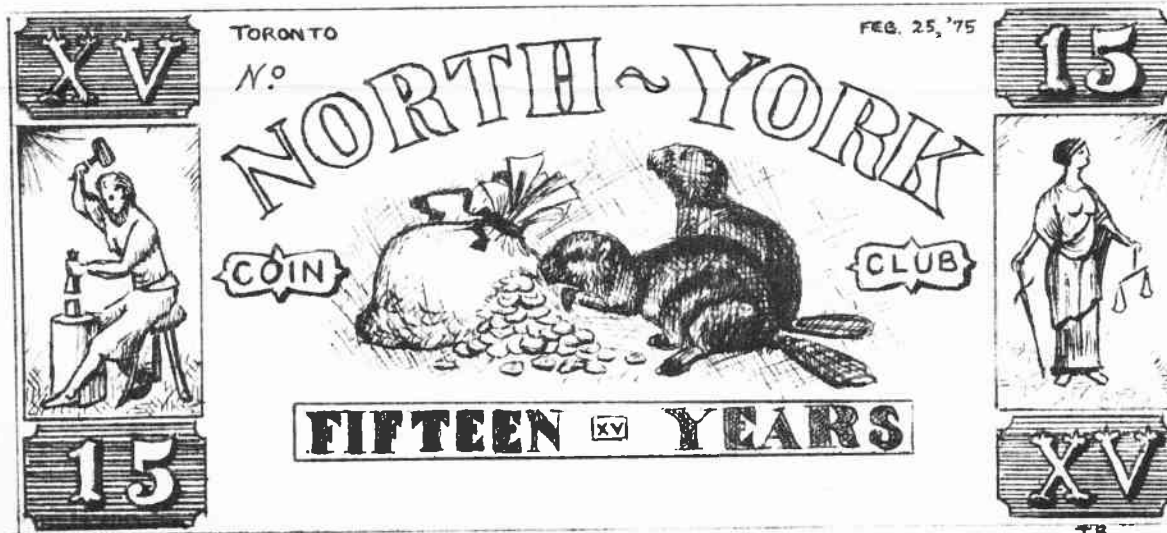
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## FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY MEETING

February 25, 1975, was the club's 15th anniversary meeting, and so was made a little more special with the inclusion of a fried chicken buffet and the distribution of 15th anniversary novelty notes, brought by Ted Banning. Unfortunately, the notes did not reproduce very well, so its obverse is here shown -- it is hoped that it will print more clearly this time. The business of the meeting was kept rather short, but there were several announcements concerning the upcoming Show. All Bourse tables are sold, about one half the display space is reserved, more material for the White Elephant is required, and one car-owner to distribute flyers is requested. It had been estimated that the club would need about twenty-five display cases for the Show; it was announced at the last meeting that the Toronto Coin Club was willing to rent twenty-two cases at \$1.00 per case. Afterwards, however, cases were offered by Central Coin Club, Thistletown Coin Club, and others, making rental of Toronto Coin Club cases unnecessary. With most of the Show business out of the way, John Dewyze announced the establishment of a Franklin Mint Speaker & Film Circuit, with Mr. Doug Wakely the mint's representative. Ray Pleau made two presentations at the meeting: both the President, Stan Clute, and the North York Coin Club's archives were recipients of cased 1974 Oshawa 50th anniversary medals, designed by Ray.

COIN GRADING was the topic of the anniversary meeting's guest speaker, Mr. Fred Jewett. Roughly dividing his talk into two parts, Mr. Jewett spoke first on generalities of coin grading; noting that no coin enthusiast has any excuse for being unfamiliar with coin conditions, and emphasizing the importance of the magnifying glass as well as books such as Brown & Dunn (for U.S. grading) and Charlton & Willey (a Canadian counterpart). He then went on to a visual display; using blow-ups from Charlton-Willey of the Canadian Silver Dollar series in various grades (on an overhead projector), and pointing out the points and sequence of wear. As a final note, he urged the audience to stress numismatic knowledge and study.

The Auction, conducted by Harvey Farrow, included for the first time a special Junior Auction, which will be continued in future meetings.

ERRATUM: I must apologize for neglecting to list Mr. John J. Pittman in the slate of North York's nominees to C.N.A. posts in the February bulletin. In order to correct the omission, I now mention that he has received the club's nomination for C.N.A. eastern U.S. director.



## THE TREASURE TROVE



Discovered at the Bay of Fundy is briefly mentioned by telegraph, but the finders refuse to reveal the spot where the buried treasure was discovered. The St. John Daily Telegraph gives a long account of the affair, although omitting names and localities.

The finder and his associates tell of marks found on large rocks now on the shore, which were deciphered, and pointed to the fact that treasure was buried in the vicinity. Old excavations in a bank which had been partially washed away by the waters were quite numerous. Further from the shore and near the edge of a fir and spruce thicket, on the side of a rock which is some ten feet high, is the following, cut with a chisel, but nearly obliterated:

L ORE            INE,            VE AND WA            HA            SEC            AND YE            DE.

The above was interpreted as follows:

LABORE IS VAIN, YE GRAVE AND WATERS HAVE TAKEN YE SECRETS AND YE GOLDE.

Not long ago the son of the man and woman who offered the coins for sale was out gunning, and as he passed along the shore he observed that the high clay bank, in which the excavations had been made, had caved away considerably.

His joy may, perhaps, be imagined when he discovered a piece of broken pottery, and scattered near it a quantity of coin. The vessel, which had evidently contained the gold, had lain mouth downward. A piece of copper had been fitted to the bottom, inside, and on a piece of vellum, enclosed in a wrapper of the same material, and placed between the copper and the bottom, was the following, written quite evenly:

Ye men of ye goode shippe Royal Harrie took ye Spaniard Ferdinande in ye maine sea near to Hispaniola with much treasure. She hadde an anker of silver, which we buried in ye banke twelve pikes' lengthes due northe, and a goldene heade like to a manne's buried forty pikes' lengthes to the northe. Thys treasure is putte here bye Johne Morgane, ye captain of sved Harrie, ye Spaniard's beinge in ye Baie.

The writing and vellum were in a remarkable state of preservation, presenting the appearance of not being more than twenty years old.

The coins are of two kinds, both of which are quite ancient, and of a pattern not in use at the present day. Several of them are apparently Hindoostanee. The majority of the pieces are Spanish pistoles and half pistoles; the date of their issue being thought to be about 1556. The tradition has been handed down from father to son, that in olden times an English pirate, having plundered and burned a Spanish galleon, was chased up the Bay of Fundy, and buried money on the spot where the coins in question were found.

We should be glad to hear something more of this remarkable discovery. The story reads as if from the Daily Telegraph of April 1. -- FDS.

All the above is reprinted from the American Journal of Numismatics, April, 1874; p. 85.

NEW MEMBERS to the club include James Baigent, Russ Jones and Jay Jones, Ken Percy, Mr. & Mrs. R. Brown; applicants for membership are Terry A. Campbell of Whitby, and Norman Belsten of Downsview. I hope they will enjoy association with our club.

COMING EVENTS:

March 22 - North York Coin Club Show: 10 AM - 10 PM, N.Y. Memorial Community Hall, 5090 Yonge Street. Paul Johnson, Display Chairman, has room for 10-15 more cases; no category system in effect.

Members are asked to bring books and items for the White Elephant!

April 17-20 - Torex '75: Harbour Castle Hotel, Toronto. Displays: cash prizes & gifts from Jaques Cartier & Franklin Mints. Information: 347 Bay Street, Suite 1000, Toronto, M5H 2R7, or John Dewyze.

April 26-27 - O.N.A. convention: Victorian Motor Inn, Stratford, Ontario. Information: Ken Wilmot, Box 76, Sebringville, Ontario.

July 14-16 - C.N.A. convention: Palliser Hotel, Calgary, Alberta. Calgary Numismatic Society, P.O. Box 633, Calgary, T2P 2J3.

September 13-14 - C.Y.N. convention: Four Seasons Sheraton Hotel, Toronto. Information: Jon Jones, P.O. Box 367, Rexdale, Ontario.

The NEXT MEETING, on Tuesday, March 25, 1975, will feature a talk by Mr. John Dewyze on the Trade Tokens of the Yukon.

From American Journal of Numismatics, April, 1901, p. 115:

"TESSERAE HOSPITALES."

"A BRONZE tablet has been discovered at Sousse, Africa, broken on the left side and the base, but which, if the inscription is correctly read, is one of the very few Tesserae Hospitales known to exist. It is 2 1/2 inches long by 4 inches wide, and probably dates from about the year 112 A.D., or the time of Trajan. The inscription is somewhat imperfect, so that the reading is not absolutely determined. These tokens of friendship and hospitality, which were occasionally broken when friends parted, are extremely rare. There is a certain air of romance about them which gives them an interest that does not attach to other ancient pieces; but whether the broken corner indicates that this was ever divided in accord with classic custom, is very doubtful."

