

“The Bulletin” May, 1999

President’s Message

We had a short Executive meeting on May 12 with a few important matters being discussed.

First, and most important, is our meeting schedule. Our May meeting is the last one to be held on the fourth Tuesday until September. We do know that the following meeting will be on **June 15**, the third Tuesday. And, if we are able to follow the same pattern as last year, the meetings will then be on the third Wednesday. That means you will be able to attend a North York meeting on **July 21** (before heading off to the C.N.A. convention) and another on **August 18**. Please pencil in these dates and we will continue to get *The Bulletin* in the mail a week ahead of the meeting.

Dr. Marvin Kay suggested we try printing the auction list in *The Bulletin* in advance of the next month’s meeting. It’s a very good idea that works for some of the other Clubs in our area. Think of it as another service that this Club can offer to you. We are trying for 10 to 20 lots in order to make the sale worthwhile.

Here are the details: Rick Craig has agreed to receive auction material, so see him at the next meeting with the items you would like to sell. The items for consideration are to be submitted in person in an ordinary envelope showing your name,

Masonic Numismatics

The next meeting of the North York Coin Club will be held on **Tuesday, May 25, 1999**, at the Edithvale Community Centre, 7 Edithvale Drive.



For this meeting, Norman G. Gordon has agreed to display and speak on some of the interesting pieces which make up his extensive collection of numismatic items relating to Masonry. This is a specialized but well-researched area of collecting and Norman, drawing on his many years of experience, will have some interesting stories to tell.

Be sure to read the President’s Message which has details on a more formal, listed auction format we would like to try out. It can only work if you bring some quality material to the meeting for us to list in *The Bulletin*. And we will also be having our usual floor auction, so please remember to bring along some material to offer for sale. Hope to see you at our May meeting!

phone number and your estimated value (i.e., reserve bid). Rick will assist us by assuring consistent descriptions of quality and by pegging fair pricing for *The Bulletin* listing. He will assemble all the material received, determine if there is enough available to do a listing for the next meeting and, if there is, forward the list to the Editor for inclusion in the next bulletin. Our aim is to list some better-quality material which, after being publicised in advance, will alert members to organize their time to be in attendance at the meeting (and their money so they can win the bidding).

I recently received two very welcome communications regarding the ONA 2000 Convention. One was a letter from Charles M. Moore confirming details of the auction he will run at the Conven-

tion. The other was an e-mail from Bourse Chairman Dick Dunn stating that the original block of bourse tables has been sold out. We’re into a wait list now!

The President is in the process of collecting the e-mail address of all members. If you are now on the Internet, send an e-mail and let him know at petchp@ican.net. Phone calls are also welcome at **416-745-3067** (leave a voice mail message if you can’t get through.)

***Next Meeting:
May 25***

Meeting News from the April 27 Meeting

The 440th meeting of the North York Coin Club was held on Tuesday, April 27, 1999 at the Edithvale Community Centre, 7 Edithvale Dr., Willowdale.

The President, Paul Petch, opened the meeting at 8:00 p.m. and welcomed 25 members and 1 guest. Unfortunately Frank Zahra was not present to accept the \$2 pot in the On Time Attendance Draw so we go to \$4 for May.

After thanking Bob Porter for graciously taking the minutes for last month, the secretary read his minutes which were then accepted by the Chair.

As delegate to the ONA Convention, Basil Latham was called upon to give his report. Basil was commended for his well-prepared and interesting account of what appeared to be a most successful affair. 24 NYCC members attended. Further to this report Harvey advised we just received a \$30 rebate from our sale of raffle tickets. Paul Petch turned in \$8 for tickets he had sold. Roger Fox was delighted with the excellent Canadian Tire meeting; Norm Belsten reported the CAWMC have completed a wooden money catalogue up to the end of 1998 and said 19 woods were issued for the ONA this year; the Chair announced the design for the 2000 convention was unveiled at the Banquet, that woods were handed out at the Banquet and to the dealers and that Chuck Moore will be conducting the auction; Dick Dunn shocked everyone when he stated 33 of 35 dealers had signed up for ONA 2000.

Harvey reported that, for the first time, 100% of the membership has renewed from last year.

The Chair noted the next Executive meeting will be held on May 12th. He also thanked Rick Craig for nominating him as CNA Regional Director for Ontario S.W. and requested the Club's support in the election.

Roger Fox presented a bundle of Canadian Tire money that had the first bill numbered with all zeroes and asked if

the all zero note existed in Government of Canada notes. George Fraser said that it does, but it is removed so those bundles start with the #1.

The second NYCC Coin Fair was held this evening. It was moderated by Rick Craig and featured the following members:

- Jean Orr with the earliest items in her collection.
- George Fraser with some his remaining Canada Bank notes.
- Ted Boxall brought along interesting US woods.
- Albert Kasman had a vast arrange of Phone Cards.
- Ron Zelk displayed some of his prized Royal Bank notes.
- Len Kuenzig had most unusual car wash, telephone and miscellaneous tokens.
- ...and a thank you to Bob Porter and the Sees for their usual dealer tables.

Rick graciously thanked the participants and, in turn, all were thanked by the members. Refreshments were available for our pleasure during this time thanks to Roger's foresight and hard work.

The Lucky Draw winners were: Leon Saraga(3), Vince Chiappino, Ban Walters, Jean Orr, Basil Latham(2), Lucille Colson(2), Bill Wakeham, Len Kuenzig(2) and Harvey Farrow. The draw called by Roger Fox brought proceeds amounting to \$20.00-

An auction of 7 lots ably run by Bob Porter with the assistance of Basil Latham earned \$2.35 for the club. Many thanks to Brian See, Norman G. Gordon, Jean Orr and Dick Dunn for their donations.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:45 p.m.

Coming Events

Stratford 1st Annual Spring Coin Show sponsored by B.C. Coins & Ian Ward Promotions May 30, 10am-4pm at Stratford Knights of Columbus Community Centre, 151 Lorne Ave. East. Admission \$2 per person, children under 12 free (with adult). Lunch counter and free parking, door prize draws. Contact: Bob Dowsett (519) 271-8884 or Ian Ward (519) 426-8875.

Scarborough Coin Club's 3rd Annual Coin Show June 5, 9am-3pm at the Cedarbrook Community Centre, 91 Eastpark Blvd. Hourly draws. Free admission. Light lunch available. Contact David Bawcutt, 75 Clarendon Ave., Scarborough M1N 3S2.

Brantford Numismatic Society Coin Show June 13, 9am-4pm at the Woodman Community Centre, 491 Grey St. Draws, lunch counter, displays. Free admission. Contact Brantford Numismatic Society, PO Box 28015, North Park Plaza, N3R 7K5.

TOREX Show and Auctions Sat. June 26, 10am-5pm; Sun. June 27, 10am-3pm at the Primrose Hotel, 111 Carlton St. (Pearson Ballroom). Daily admission \$5. Contact Ingrid K. Smith, (416) 260-9070. Website: www.torex.net e-mail: ingrid@torex.net

Hamilton Coin and Collectable Show July 3, 10am-4pm at the Royal Canadian Legion, 1180 Barton St. E. (opposite Centre Mall). Free parking. Admission \$2 family, \$1 seniors. Contact George Smith (905) 385-6945.

Canadian Tire Swap and Meet July 10-11, at Hubert Grimmink's Place, 1806 Sunningdale Rd., London, call (519) 472-2956.

1999 CNA Convention July 22-25, at Four Points Sheraton Hotel, Kitchener. Host: Waterloo Coin Society Convention Chairman: Chris Boyer, (519) 884-4788.

ONA 1999 Convention Report by Basil Latham

I served as Club Delegate at the Ontario Numismatic Association 1999 Convention held in Guelph, Ontario from April 16 to 18.

I arrived on Friday, April 16 and checked into the hotel. In the lobby I saw a few dealers, also checking in. The only event held that day was the dealers' reception at 9:00 in the evening in the Hospitality Suite.

There were meetings on Saturday morning starting at 9 a.m., the first one being the Canadian Tire Coupon Collectors Club which ran to 12 noon. The meeting was well attended with about 25 people. After about an hour, prior to 10:00 a.m., I went to the bourse as it was time for it to open.

The Royal Canadian Mint was in attendance and was doing a brisk business. The bourse was well attended, even from the beginning. In checking later I found out that about 400 people came through the door on Saturday. Sunday attendance was down but, as experience shows, Saturday always seems to be the best day for the bourse. I also observed some dealers starting to pack up and leave around 2 p.m. on Sunday. Generally from overhearing dealers talking, they were happy with the Convention and it was a success. There were approximately 35 dealers in attendance.

I checked out the displays. There were about 10 displays, most of which seemed

to be from juniors which, of course, was good to see. The best of show went to Mr. Bill Kamb from Powell, Ohio with a display of Newfoundland tokens.

The tour of John McCrae House was successful with about five people going

sent to Mr. Wilf Becker.

Sunday started early with the ONA Club Delegates' Meeting at 8.00 a.m. Only two clubs handed in a report on club activities, North York being one of them. About 25 people attended from the various clubs. A few clubs were not represented at all. The speaker at the meeting was Mr. Ian Graham, Sales Manager for the Royal Canadian Mint

who gave a very interesting talk entitled Both Sides of the Coin—The Royal Canadian Mint and I. The best club bulletin award went to the Waterloo Coin Club with the best club editor being Mr. Chris Boyer. I was given some material, books, etc. for the Club at the Delegates' Meeting which I will pass to the President.

Following that, the ONA Annual General Meeting was held which was well attended. The last meeting of the morning was the ONA Executive Meeting which I sat in on and one of the important things to come out of the meeting, and it being election year for the ONA, Mr. Mike Hollingshead is now the new President of the ONA. The meeting adjourned approximately at 2 p.m. The show closed at 4.00 p.m., with security ending at 5.00 p.m. The North York Coin Club was well-represented at the show. I also saw several members from other local clubs in attendance.

That is my report and I wish to thank you for the pleasure of being ONA Delegate at the 1999 ONA Convention.

Dream Vacation Draw:

- 1st Prize: Dream Vacation to Clive Cresswell, Holland Landing
- Sellers Prize: \$100.00 cash to Bruce Raszmann, Waterloo
- 2nd Prize: \$100.00 Canadian Gold Coin to R.E.(Ray) Desjardins, Nepean
- Five Consolation Prizes of sterling silver proof twenty-five cent coins:
 - Doreen Linton, Pointe Claire, Que.
 - Delvin Rusaw, Norwood
 - Stella Shewchuk, Woodbridge
 - Francis Bzdel, ValCaron
 - Tom Rogers, London

on the tour.

The Canadian Association of Token Collectors was well attended with about 20 people there and the Wooden Money Collectors meeting which followed was also well attended with approximately 25 people in attendance.

The bourse closed on Saturday at 6 p.m. with a pre-banquet reception and cash

Competitive Exhibits:

- (From Chris Boyer and as reported in the May, Waterloo Coin Society Bulletin:)
1. "City of Brantford Sesquicentennial Tokens" (3rd.place) Tom Kostaluk, London
 2. "Tokens of Newfoundland" (Best of Show) Bill Kamb, Powell, Ohio
 3. "Old Coins" Kara Lee Blok, Guelph (y.n.)
 4. "Horses on Coins" (Honorable Mention) Jessica Wardell, Guelph, Ont. (y.n.)
 5. "A Sampling of Caribbean Cash from Barbados and Some of Her Neighbours" Michelle Camelford, Guelph (y.n.)
 6. "Look-alikes" coins and stamps (2nd.place) Chris Boyer, Waterloo
 7. "Birds of My Garden Series" (Honorable Mention) Lou Vesh, West Guilford
 8. "My Birthyear 1987" Matthew Fleck, Guelph (y.n.)
 9. "Plattsburgh, N.Y." Braden Jennings, Guelph (y.n.)
 10. "The Bluenose" Dylan Cunningham, Guelph (Y.n.)
- The notation "(y.n.)" designates a Young Numismatist.

bar following at 6.30 p.m. The banquet was held at 7 p.m. The banquet reached its capacity with 40 people present. The speaker at the banquet was Mr. Pierre Morin of the Royal Canadian Mint speaking on millennium coinage. The Award of Merit went to Mr. Graham Esler and the Fellow of the Ontario Numismatic Association Award was pre-

Canadian Charter Members of the American Numismatic Association

by JACK W. OGILVIE
and A. E. H. PETRIE

Many tales have been told about the lives and numismatic achievements of such famous Canadian authorities as Breton, Leroux, McLachlan and Courteau—to mention but a few. They surely deserve their place in our hobby's Canadian Hall of Fame. Yet another group comes to mind, about which little is said: the seven Canadians who, with fifty-four United States associates, became Charter Members of the American Numismatic Association.

During 1891's Summer and Fall, Dr. George Heath enlisted the support of these friends in laying the foundation of what has since become the world's largest numismatic organization. However, the subsequent activities of most of these gentlemen are scarcely known. F. C. Harper (Barrie, Ontario), Charles L Housman (London, Ontario) and P. C. Jones (Belleville, Ontario)—like so many of their US contemporaries, dropped from the membership roster after a few years, leaving only names to indicate a former interest in numismatics.

F. J. Grenny—a Brantford, Ontario



Breton 836

dealer—served with the A.N.A.'s Board of Organization and first Committee on Publications: two groups of great importance in the young Association's initial stages; he put out a 50¢ token listed by Breton as No. 836. Another dealer, W. Kelsey Hall of Peterborough, Ontario, became a member of the A.N.A.'s earliest Finance Committee, besides being elected to its original Board of Govern-

nors over four successive yearly terms. Farrar Ineson of Carlton West (now part



Breton 835

of Toronto) —first of these pioneers to submit his name to Dr. Heath— received A.N.A. Membership No. 8. He specialized in tokens and issued one himself: Breton's No. 835, struck in four metals.

Joseph Hooper, most notable of the



Breton 777

seven, lived in Port Hope, Ontario. Though a native of England, he spent his later years at Rochester, New York. Most of Hooper's active numismatic life occurred during residence in the Canadian town. Elected American Numismatic Association Vice President in 1891, he won the position of (fourth) President in 1898. The design for the Association's present seal was, likewise, conceived by him. Joseph Hooper issued two tokens, numbered 777 and 778 by Breton. As a contributor to *The Numismatist* he wrote the column entitled "Hooper's Restrikes", not to mention many other papers on themes drawn from his vast numismatic experience. For personal devotion in serving the A.N.A. and numerous contributions on the scientific level, the Association's 1912 Convention awarded him Honorary Life Membership.

Many more Canadians—some merely

Question of the Month

I see the mint has finally released its mintage figures for 1998. What denominations were not struck for general circulation in 1998? These denominations do exist, but only as Mint products.

The April question pointed out that 1999 is the 25th anniversary of an event associated with Canadian Government paper money... and asked what is the event? George Fraser had the answer. It was on Monday, June 3, 1974 that the fourth denomination in a new series of notes—the one dollar—was released to charter banks. The scene on the back of this note portrays Parliament Hill as seen from across the Ottawa River, with the foreground depicting the pulpwood activity which was a familiar industrial scene of the area for many years. This note was the last of the \$1 series because it was replaced by the \$1 coin in 1987. Dick Dunn quite correctly pointed out that while the release date may have been in 1974, the note is dated 1973.

collectors, others more distinguished in the field—follow in the footsteps of the original seven. With Dr. Heath they have shared a belief that "There is nothing like the alliance of kindred pursuits to stimulate interest and growth." The American Numismatic Association's present numerical enrollment of some forty-three thousand, and similar figures amounting to nearly four thousand five hundred for our eleven-year-old Canadian Numismatic Association, are witness to their insight and confirm that faith.



Breton 778