

"The Bulletin" September, 2000

President's Message

Talk about rushing the season! We are just moving into Fall and already we're going to start promoting our annual Christmas party. The reason is that we have some planning to do and you can help. We'll be going to Swiss Chalet for the food again this year with either their Festive Dinner for \$6 or their Rib Dinner for \$8. But wait! Pay at the September meeting and we'll knock a dollar off the price as our way of saying "thanks for helping us plan". See Treasurer Harvey Farrow at the meeting with your money and menu selection.

The Executive had a busy meeting on September 13 discussing meeting features, door prizes, a second striking of the ONA 2000 medal in copper and some current news from our sister clubs to the south and west. (That would be Toronto and Thistletown/Mississauga for the geographically challenged.) Come to the meeting and hear the news.

The President continues to collect the e-mail addresses of all members. If you are now on the Internet, send an e-mail and let him know at p.etch@home.com. Phone calls are welcome at **416-745-3067** (leave a voice message if you can't get through) or at the cell number **416-303-4417**.

A Meeting Before the Mast

The next meeting of the North York Coin Club will be held on **Tuesday, September 26, 2000**, at the Edithvale Community Centre, 7 Edithvale Drive.

It is with apologies to Richard Henry Dana, Jr. that we pick our title to introduce this member participation meeting theme of British North American coins, medals and paper money that show tall ships, or not-so-tall ships that at least have a mast. All members are invited to review their collections and libraries and bring along their contributions to the answer.

Do you have any unwanted items in your collection or library? Bring them along as well for either the September auction or to place in a listed auction for the October meeting. We hope to see you at the September meeting.

Coming Events

The TICF September 29 to October 1, Ramada Inn and Convention Centre, 360 Oakville Place Dr. Bourse, auction and more. Contact: Trajan Publishing, (905) 646-7744.

Durham Coin 2000 October 7, 10am-5pm presented by Oshawa and District Coin Club and Pickering Town Centre. Free admission, free draws. Contact e-mail papman@idirect.com, (905) 728-1352.

Burlington Fall Coin Show October 14, 9am-4pm at the Brant Hills Community Centre, 2300 Duncaster Ave. Free admission. Contact: Nancy Meredith, (705) 788-3159.

Tillsonburg Coin Show October 15, 9am-4pm. sponsored at the Community

Centre, 45 Hardy Ave. admission \$1. Contact Wayne MacFarlane (519) 842-6666.

Newbury Legion Ladies' Auxilliary Branch 583 Second Annual Coin Show October 15, 10am-4pm, 22 Durham St. Free admission, wheelchair accessible. Contact D. Ross, (519) 693-4644 or J. Bere, (519) 693-1304.

TOREX Show & Auction October 28/29 at the Primrose Hotel, 111 Carlton St. (Pearson Ballroom). Sat. 10am-5pm, Sun. 10am-3pm. Daily admission \$5. Contact Brian R. Smith, (416) 861-9523, e-mail: brian@torex.net, website: www.torex.net.

*Next Meeting:
September 26*

Meeting News from the August 23 Meeting

The 455th meeting of the North York Coin Club was held on Wednesday, August 23, 2000 at the Edithvale Community Centre, 7 Edithvale Dr. Willowdale, Ont.

The President, Paul Petch opened the meeting at 8:05 p.m. and welcomed 16 members and 1 guest.

An application for membership has been received from R. Willis Shortt of Mississauga. If accepted his number will be 511.

Unfortunately, Italo Villella was not present to accept the \$6 in the On Time Attendance Draw. Be at the September 23 meeting on time for a chance to win the \$8 pot. After thanking Bob Porter for graciously taking the minutes at the last meeting, the Secretary read his minutes which were accepted by the Chair.

The Chair advised he had attended an ONA meeting where he presented their share of the ONA 2000 convention profits amounting to \$1,595.31 (this amount included repayment their original \$350 start-up contribution.)

The NYCC profit of \$1,273.39 will remain in the ONA 2000 account and its use will be determined as worthwhile numismatic needs arise. He also advised that at a recent meeting with the Com-

munity Centre, the Club was assured of its requested meeting dates until June, 2001. Our financial report was included with the permit request, but no user fees were mentioned.

The club is in great need of common Mint sets for the Lucky Draw prizes, i.e. 68, 69, 72, 75. Please see Harvey Farrow who will be pleased to purchase them at the Club's price. The next Executive meeting will be held on September 13.

Harvey Farrow reported the Collingwood Show was good, although there were more stamps than coins and that business was good despite the crowded show conditions.

Del Murchison and Vince Chiappino invited members to take a 20 minute break outside in order to experience the thrill of finding coins with a metal detector. The activity continued until darkness forced members back inside.

As delegate to the CNA Convention in Ottawa, Harvey Farrow presented a most comprehensive report with interesting side comments. The main feature of this excellent show were: 17 NYCC members attended; the tremendous contributions by the Mint; the best exhibits in 20 years and a fine book on the history of the CNA by Stan Clute (copies still available for \$18.00). Paul Petch donated a copy of the book signed by Stan Clute to the Club library. Paul Johnson had convention photos on display and announced the excellent educational programme, which he ran, was taped. Del Murchison went on the visit to the Numismatic Museum and was upset about the methods of mounting of the coins and medals. Many had been polished and lacquered for the purpose of preserving their appearance. Roger Fox reported the Canadian Tire meeting had in excess of 40 members in attendance. They issued a 10th Anniversary pin and the Anniversary was celebrated with a huge barbecue.

Jim Heifetz donated a casino promotion chip in English and Chinese.

Thanks to Roger Fox the fine refreshments he served.

Lucky Draw winners were: Roger Fox, Paul Johnson(3), Brian See, David Kneller, Dick Dunn, Lucille Colson(2), Jim Heifetz, Norman G. Gordon(2) and Willis Shortt. The draw, run by Roger Fox, brought proceeds amounting to \$16. Many thanks to Brian See, Paul Johnson and Lucille Colson for their donations.

There was no auction, and, there being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:55 p.m.

Question of the Month

Since the September meeting feature will be doing a proper job of exploring the answer to the August question, we're going to keep this month's question nice and simple. What part of a coin or medal is the exergue?

Look for a review of members' answers to the August question in the next issue of *The Bulletin*! Remember, we are looking for British North American coins, medals and paper money showing ships that have a mast.

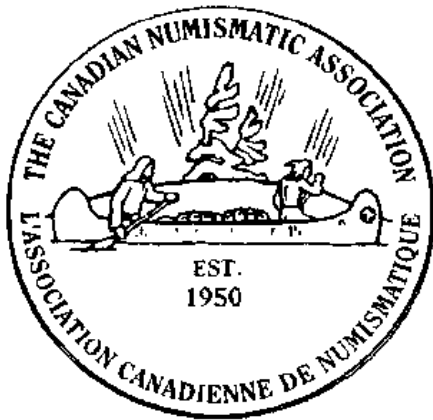


Auction List

There has been a general lack of interest in the listed auction, but let's try again for the October meeting. Bring material you would like to sell to the September meeting to Rick Craig. The items should be presented for consideration in person in an ordinary envelope showing your name, phone number and your estimated value (i.e., reserve bid). Rick is assisting us by assuring consistent descriptions of quality and by pegging fair pricing for the listing.

C.N.A. Ottawa 50th Anniversary Convention by Harvey Farrow, NYCC Club Delegate

Ron Zelk and I left Toronto around 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, arriving in Ottawa shortly after 3:30 P.M. We didn't stay at the Novotel, the convention hotel site which is about 1 1/2 blocks away from the Congress Centre in downtown Ottawa and about 2 1/2 blocks south east of the Parliament Buildings. After resting an hour we made the 4 1/2 blocks walk to the Congress Centre.



I picked up my registration kit, which I ordered about 3 weeks before the convention. Unfortunately, Ron had been on a 2 week vacation and he e-mailed his. They didn't receive it and by the time we arrived on Wednesday, over 200 registrations had been received. The convention committee had hoped for 200, but Ron was 212. There was a shortage of contents and he got about 20% to 25% of what was in a full kit. All of the silver medals had been sold out. I understand that only 40 were struck.

We were too late for the only scheduled event for Wednesday, the 9:45 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. tour of the National Capital Region. It included a trip through Government House, the official residence of the Governor-General of Canada. There was also a C.N.A. Past Presidents' Dinner in the evening, with only 2 past Presidents unable to attend. Included in the registration kit was information on an unpublicized event. A reception was hosted by the City of Ot-

tawa Coin Club to honour the late Sheldon Carroll, the first President of the C.N.A. It was scheduled between 9:30 P.M. and 11:00 P.M. at the Marble Works Restaurant and Tavern, only 2 1/2 blocks away from the Congress Centre. Ron and I decided we wouldn't take this in and left the Centre after 6:30 P.M., walking back to our hotel and having supper across the street and an early night.

Scheduled for first thing Thursday morning was the traditional Bourse and display preview followed by the Official Opening at 10:00 A.M. The bourse room was open both Thursday and Friday until 6:00 P.M. The bourse and exhibits were in a single large room, with about 100 cases of exhibits and over 50 bourse dealers. There was lots of room to move around in the room between dealers and the displays. According to Tim Henderson, the Head Judge of the exhibits, it was the best exhibits he had seen at the convention in the 20 years that he has been involved with the judging.

The next big event was the tour of the Royal Canadian Mint. It was attended to capacity and gave everyone participating the opportunity to walk the produc-

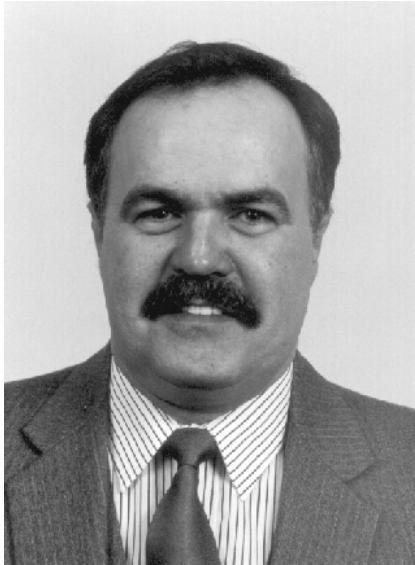
tion floor in the rolling mill, a melting room where bars are formed, and a working vault area where the raw metal is received and assayed. A highlight was the opportunity for each visitor to strike four sterling silver twenty-five cent pieces with the August 2000 millennium design. The visitors were allowed to keep one, while turning the other three in. The Mint was shut down for vacation for three weeks during the time of our visit, so it was both unfortunate that visitors did not get to see actual operations, but also fortunate that they were able to move about so freely in each area.

The launching for the C.N.A. 50th anniversary book, *A Half Century of Advancement in Numismatics*, by Stanley Clute, occurred at 2:00 P.M. and lasted for about 30 minutes. The book details both history and events over the last 50 years. The book was \$15.00 to buy at the convention, but is still available by mail for \$18.00 through the C.N.A. office in Barrie, Ont. Also for sale was a 50th anniversary goldene medal featuring the image of Sheldon Carroll, the first President. It is available for \$10.00. In addition, a special souvenir script note was issued along with a commemorative lapel pin. Both are available for

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The Royal Canadian Mint Reception



*Maurice Bissonnette
Medallion Designer*

2000 MILLENNIUM MEDALLION The Maple Leaf Forever

The 2000 Millennium Medallion entitled "The Maple Leaf Forever", features the work of Maurice Bissonnette, of Chapeau, Quebec. Mr. Bissonnette's design depicts the provinces and territories as maple leaves which together make up the map of Canada. Mint President Danielle Wetherup said, "The Millennium Medallion complements the collector series by symbolizing our natural and cultural diversity." The 2000 Millennium Medallion is a limited edition piece. The Medallion is only available through the purchase of the 2000 Millennium Souvenir Set.

Obverse: The year 2000 surrounded by repetitive stylized Maple leaves of the RCM logo

Reverse: The image on the 2000 Millennium Medallion depicts the Provinces and territories as maple leaves which together make up the map of Canada.

Coin Specifications

Composition: Nickel (circulation coin)
Weight: 5.9 grams
Diameter: 23.88
Edge: Reeded
Finish: Uncirculated: Brilliant relief and background

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\$5.00 each, also from the C.N.A. office.

The social event for Thursday evening was the Royal Canadian Mint reception starting at 7:00 P.M. and lasting until about 9:00 P.M. The Mint has hosted a reception on the first evening of the Convention for a few years now, but this is the first time that the event has actually taken place at the Mint. Buses left the Novotel Hotel starting at 6:30 P.M. for the trip up Sussex Drive. The reception was held on the 3rd floor of the Mint where senior offices and meeting rooms are located and overflowed out onto a roof-top patio which overlooks the War Museum. Back in 1950 the War Museum was the Public Archives building which is "Where It All Began" for the C.N.A.

During the reception wine and beer flowed along with cold and hot food. During the reception there was a short ceremony for the unveiling of the Mint's Millennium Medallion. It included a speech by Danielle Wetherup, Master of the Mint, and Maurice Bissonnette, the Medallion's designer. Buses started leaving around 8:30 P.M. for the trip back to the hotel. As each guest left through the main gate guardhouse they were given one of the encapsulated 25-cent piece silver coins struck earlier in the day during the Mint tour. I would estimate that about 300 attended the event.

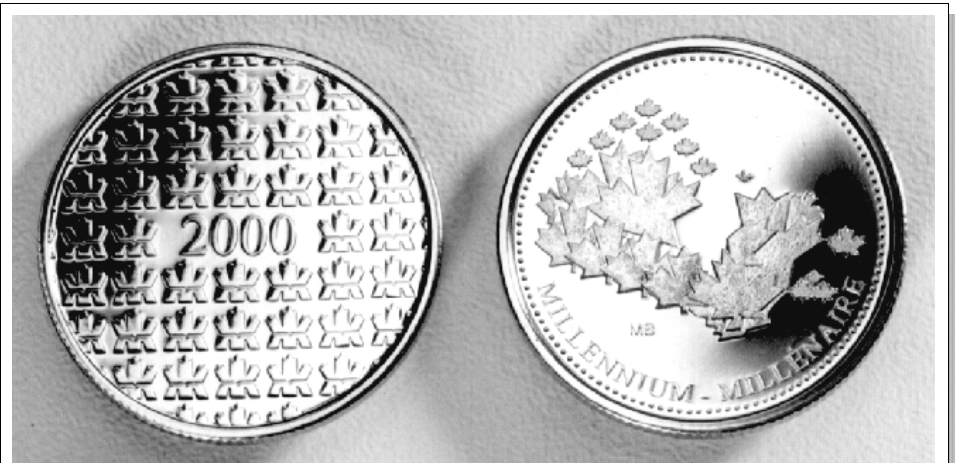


*August 2000 Millennium 25-cent
Struck on the tour and distributed to
the reception guests*

I used Friday as the day that I would have the most time to go through the Bourse room and see the displays. Also on this day were the C.P.M.S. luncheon and general meeting at noon, immediately followed by the Classical & Medieval Numismatic Society meeting.

Friday's social event was the Bank of Canada reception. This was an outstanding event. It was the first time for all of the Ottawa conventions that the Bank of Canada hosted a reception for the convention goers. The museum was opened in 1980, which was after the last C.N.A. Ottawa convention held in 1976. Buses again left the Novotel Hotel at 6:30 P.M.

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*Royal Canadian Mint Millennium Medallion
Unveiled at the C.N.A. Convention Mint Reception*



Education Forum Speakers, from left to right, Ron Greene, Philip Carrigan, Paul Berry and Geoff Bell with Moderator Paul Johnson

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and dropped us off at the east entrance of the Bank of Canada on Sparks Street. Graham Esler, as the General Chairman of the Convention the Curator of the Bank of Canada Money Museum, greeted us. After some food and drinks where served we had a tour of the museum. This lasted until around 8:30 P.M. when buses took us back to the hotel. About the same number of attendees participated as at the mint reception the night before.

The C.N.A. Club Delegates Breakfast was held at 8:00 A.M. on Saturday. Unfortunately there were only 15 people who turned out. This included C.N.A. Club Services Chairman Barry McIntyre, who chaired the meeting, President Tom Kennedy and Executive Secretary Ken Prophet. Representing the clubs were 3 people from Quebec City, location of the 2001 convention, 4 people from Ontario representing the Scarborough and North York Coin Clubs and the London area. Another two people were there from Edmonton with one person from Calgary. The Vancouver area, where the convention will be held in 2002, was represented by one person. After the breakfast a round table discussion took place on "why more people don't turn out to this function of the convention".

Barry McIntyre, who moved last Octo-

ber, has had problems receiving the monthly bulletins from the various clubs. It seems that Canada Post has let him down in re-directing mail since the move. The direct result is there were no best club bulletin or regional bulletin awards presented at the convention this year because it was not felt that all bulletins to be considered had been received. This is very unfortunate since the North York bulletin was forwarded each month and would have been in the competition. The meeting lasted until 10:00 A.M.

At 10:30 A.M. the Annual General Meeting of the C.N.A. was held with a large turn out. The President mentioned that the auction had been very successful bringing in over \$10,000 in revenue to the C.N.A. When this is combined with other revenue and sponsor support, he declared the convention a financial success. This was followed with the awards session including display awards and the presenting of certificates to those C.N.A. members with 25, 30, 40 and 45 years of membership. I received both my 35 and 40 years certificates along with the North York Coin Club's 40-year certificate. The display Best of Show was saved for the banquet in the evening.

Saturday afternoon was very busy with meetings. This included the Canadian Association of Token Collectors, from noon to 1:30 P.M. at which the concept of circulation and collectible trade dollars was debated. Also starting at noon and running to 1:00 P.M. was the ANFC meeting. The Canadian Tire Coupon Collectors Club had their meeting from 1:30 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. that I was able to be present for the majority of. It included a spirited 95 lot auction featuring a particular 3-cent coupon with a re-

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Education Forum Keynote Speaker, James E. Charlton (on left) with Technology Panel members (from left to right) H. Robert Campbell, Jean-Pierre Tremblay, Wendell Wolka, Brian Cornwell and Moderator Paul Johnson (on right)

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serve of \$200.00 but climbed to \$358.00 before the bidding was over.

The C.N.A./N.E.S.A. Educational Forum was scheduled from 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. but actually ran 30-minutes over time. James E. Charlton opened the five seminar sessions with some very worthwhile comments. The sessions included four individual presentations with

- Geoff Bell speaking on *Highlights in Canadian Numismatics During the Last Century*,
- Philip Carrigan giving *A Review of Canadian Numismatic Research* and the wealth of information in select auction catalogues,
- Ron Greene on *The Role of Medals in Canadian Numismatics* and
- Paul Berry on *Canadian Paper Money and Its Significance In Numismatics*.

The fifth and final session was a panel discussion on *Technology and Its Significance in Numismatics* with

- Jean-Pierre Tremblay, Vice-President of Manufacturing at the RCM
- H. Robert Campbell, President of the A.N.A.
- Brian Cornwell, President of I.C.C.S. and
- Wendell Wolka, Vice President of the Society of Paper Money Collectors.

An effort was made to record all of the sessions, so hopefully this material will be available some time to Clubs across the country. The Education Forum was so long that the number of people who sat through it from start to end was relatively small, but many people did stop in for sessions of specific interest, so attendance, overall, was very good. North York Coin Club member Paul Johnson was responsible for co-ordination and serving as moderator.

The bourse and exhibits room closed at 4:30 P.M. on Saturday. Attendance from the general public was not very good for all 3 days. I don't know if this was because the Congress Centre is located right downtown and that parking was \$7.00 and up for the day. I understand that the local TV stations did pro-

vide coverage.

The banquet was held on Saturday evening with over 120 people in attendance. Serge Pelletier was the master of ceremonies Mr. A. Trevor Hatch, a retired professor from Carleton University in Ottawa, was the guest speaker.

The Guy Potter Literary Award went to Wayne Jacobs, for his 4-part article on the pistorine in the Journal during 1999.

Two C.N.A. Fellow Awards were presented this year. The first went to Stanley Clute for his 50th anniversary book project. The second was presented to Ingrid Smith for her involvement in numismatics and the Torex show in Toronto. This is the first time a woman has been so honoured. Earlier this year, Ingrid turned the running of Torex over to her son Brian who helped this Club with cases during the recent ONA 2000 convention.

The Best of Show went to Ron Greene, of Victoria for his paper money display.

50 year members were then honoured with 2 clubs, the Toronto Coin Club and the City of Ottawa receiving their 50 year certificate. Following this, 8 regular members received their 50 year certificates: Jim Charlton, L.M.#6, Honorary President of the C.N.A.; Kenneth E. Bresset L.M.#46, (the only one from the U.S.); George Gray, #235; Leslie C. Hill, L.M.#3; David Moore, L.M.# 38; Jerry Remick, #128; Charles Taylor, #107, and Allan R. Townsend, #124.

All of the living Past President's were honoured with a package of the items unveiled at the book launched on the Thursday afternoon. The only one not in attendance was North York local member John Regitko who was prevented from attending at the last minute due to business problems at the flea market he manages.

The J. Douglas Ferguson Award went to Earl Salterio, of Calgary, for his involvement over the last 5 years on the 50th Anniversary Committee.

Since the convention wasn't held at a

hotel site, there was no in-suite C.N.A. President's reception after the banquet. Instead, the bar was kept open in the banquet room of the Congress Centre for about an hour after the banquet finished at 10:10 P.M.

With the convention officially closed on Saturday, the only function on Sunday was the CAWMC breakfast meeting and auction. About 20-25 stayed over for this event. Since Ron attended this function, I had everything packed to go when he got back to our hotel. We were on our way out of Ottawa shortly before 11:00 A.M. and stopped at Brockville to have lunch, making it back to Toronto around 4:00 P.M.

For your information 17 members of our club were at the convention including 6 members of the elected executive.

Next year's 2001 convention will be held in Quebec City from July 26 to 29. For the first time in 5 years it will include a Sunday bourse. The 2002 convention is set for Vancouver. The years 2003 and 2004 are open, but it has been decided Calgary will be the host in 2005 because it is the 100th anniversary of Alberta and Saskatchewan becoming provinces and entering Canadian confederation. They already have their committee formed for this convention now.

This is my report on the C.N.A. 50th Anniversary Year Convention in Ottawa—where it all began.