



North York Coin Club

Founded 1960 — 50th Anniversary Year

MONTHLY MEETINGS 4TH Tuesday 7:30 P.M. AT
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THE BULLETIN FOR NOVEMBER 2010

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well finally, the new Edithvale Community Centre is open to the public and fully operational. I've recently toured the new facility and found that we will be meeting from now on in the Gibson room. The Gibson room is located on the 2nd floor of Edithvale, right at the top of the stairs. There is an elevator for anyone not able to use the stairs. We have a large room, with south facing windows. This is a huge improvement over the meeting room of the last few decades. One oddity, Edithvale's new address is 131 Finch Avenue W. The community centre address is not on Edithvale any longer, even though we still enter the parking lot from Edithvale.

Our Christmas dinner for members and guests will be held Tuesday December 14th at Edithvale. It will be our traditional Swiss Chalet dinners with potluck salads and desert. The price this year is \$15.00 per person and includes three draw tickets. You can, of course, buy more door tickets on your own. A 50-50 draw will also be held along with an optional gift exchange and bingo.

Membership Is Important! Club Treasurer Ben Boelens reminds everyone that it is time to pay your 2011 membership dues, still only \$10. Payment will be accepted at the meeting or may be mailed. The operation of this club depends upon the revenues from membership dues. Cheques may be made out to the North York Coin Club and mailed to the club address shown on the masthead.

Although this is not an election year we are trying to fill an opening on the executive. I am looking for a volunteer that will be appointed to the club's executive committee to help with decisions regarding club business.

One quick note to those who ordered the club's 50th anniversary medal: work is still on schedule with medals to be delivered at the December dinner to those in attendance. For those not at the meeting and those out-of-town, the medal order will be mailed.

Our guest speaker for November will be Rev. Lindsay King who will be speaking to the club on barter as it continues in the community today. It will be a very interesting evening, so please attend to see the new community centre and hear a very interesting speaker.

The final item that I would like to cover is to offer Steven Bell and his company B.C.S. a sincere thank you. Steven's generous donation to the club of those twenty complimentary note certifications was very much appreciated. They were used to generate some revenue for our club. We wish Steven and Banknote Certification Services continued success in all future endeavours.

Hoping to see you at the November 23 meeting,

Bill O'Brien

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

We start gathering at 7:00 p.m. with meeting start scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

We are very pleased to announce that our next meeting will take place in the Gibson Room at the new Edithvale Community Centre: same old location, but much better new building!

Our guest speaker will be the Rev. Lindsay King whose topic will be Community Dollars. This is actually about how the barter system continues in the communities of today.

Rev. King was the minister at Willowdale United Church from 1966 until he retired in 1993. While he was the minister of WUC, the Rev. King wrote a regular column for the *North York Mirror* community paper and he was frequently heard on radio and television, including CTV and the CBC. Because of his life-long interest in bringing psychology, religion and health together, in 1973 he initiated the founding of the Family Life Foundation of Willowdale. It is a registered federal charity encouraging the development of healthy community and family life—including body, mind and spirit—regardless of race, creed or religion.

We appreciate all donations to our supply of draw prize material.

Remember to bring some items for the auction!

Members are invited to pre-list their auction items in the bulletin. Send a description of your planned auction item to the editor at p.petch@rogers.com at least two weeks before the meeting.

PLEASE SEE INSIDE FOR NEWS OF OUR ANNUAL DECEMBER CHRISTMAS PARTY MEETING AS WELL AS AN OBITUARY ON MEMBER GEORGE V. FRASER WHO PASSED AWAY ON NOVEMBER 1, 2010.

MEETING NEWS OF THE OCTOBER 2010 MEETING

The 558th meeting of the North York Coin Club was held on Tuesday, October 26th, 2010 at the Mitchell Field Community Centre, 89 Church Ave. Our regular meeting facility was not available due to final construction activities at the new Edithvale Community Centre building. The Mitchell Field facility was quite cramped; but it did afford us the ability to hold our meeting. In light of the short notice we were lucky to be able to arrange for a facility at all. We owe a great deal of thanks to Betty Fallis-Trow, the administrator of the Edithvale Community Centre, for her support in arranging for the meeting space.

The meeting was hammered to order at 7:45 p.m., somewhat late due in part to the rainy evening and the unfamiliar meeting facility. Unfortunately past president Nick Cowan was unable to attend the meeting as guest chair. He was under the weather. The current president Bill O'Brien assumed the chair in his stead. The turnout for the meeting was a reasonable 25 members and 1 guest; with a few members who planned to attend not able to do so.

Our on-time attendance draw was the first order of business; member Phillip Simms' name was drawn. Unfortunately Phillip was not present at the time of the draw and so was not eligible to receive his prize of \$2. The pot will increase to \$4 for the November meeting.

The secretary, Henry Nienhuis, asked the members present if there were any errors or omissions found in the minutes of our September meeting as published in the October newsletter. No changes were identified; member Terry O'Brien made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, which was seconded by member Dr. Marvin Kay. Motion carried. In addition, past president Roger Fox took a moment to congratulate Henry Nienhuis on the quality of the NYCC history articles that have been published in the Bulletin as part of the 50th anniversary celebrations. Roger said that reading the articles was like reliving the history, that he help create, once again.

The next order of business was the Treasurer's report by Ben Boelens.

Bill O'Brien continued the meeting by inviting the members present to share their experiences at the recently concluded Torex coin show held at the Airport Hilton on Airport Road.

Roger Fox stood to tell the members about one of his finds on the Torex bourse. He acquired an encapsulated United States wheat penny dated 1947. The aluminum ring surrounding the 1-cent coin identified that the item was a piece of numismatic exonomia issued by the York Coin Club. The club was founded at York, Pennsylvania in 1947. The club is still active, holding a local coin show for the past 50 years.

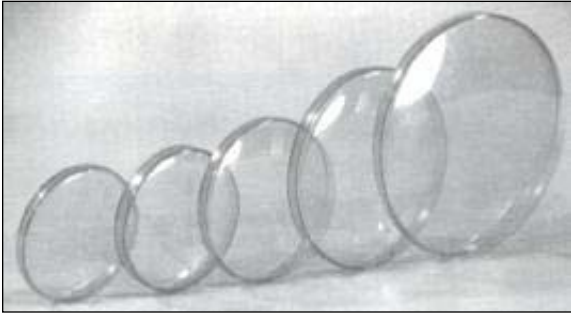
Roger also brought with him a pamphlet produced by the United States printing bureau to help explain the various security features that are present in the new U.S. \$100.00 note that is expected to be released in the spring of 2011. The note continues to feature the portrait of Benjamin Franklin by artist Joseph-Siffred Duplessis. Among the new security features is a special 3D Ribbon that runs vertically down just to the right of the centre of the note.

Henry Nienhuis mentioned that there were three auction sessions, conducted by the Numismatic Company, associated with the October Torex show. Among the many numismatic lots up for sale there were a large number of Canadian tokens from a consignor in the US. Henry said that he attended all three sessions. He also reported on the highlights of the busy bourse floor. He mentioned that the bourse on Saturday afternoon was so busy it was hard to find room to view dealer tables.

Terry O'Brien rose to bring an interesting article that appeared in the Toronto Star of Saturday September 8th to the attention of those present. The article dealt with the closure of the Women's College Hospital site. Terry explained that this was relevant to the NYCC club members because it featured a picture of Lucille Colson, past secretary of the club, who was born at Women's College Hospital in 1920.

Paul Petch asked for the floor to talk about a coin holder that he came across recently called a Kointain. These holders consist of a thin round shell that fits snugly around the coin or medal. Kointains come in various sizes to fit common coinage diameters. They are made from a clear triacetate plastic and are relatively safe for long-





term storage even being used by some museums. Because of the tight fitting nature of the Kointain they can either be used by themselves or in combination with other holders to display your coins.

Mark Argentino asked for the floor to ask the members if they had seen the standard 2010 loon dollar in circulation. Mark believes that the various commemorative dollars issued in 2010 are often spotted in circulation but that the standard loon design is in fact very rare. The feedback from those members that comment seems to support Mark's premise. If this preliminary investigation holds, the 2010 loon may become a numismatic rarity.

The last news item of the evening came from Henry Nienhuis who reminded the members as well as those serving on the executive that the next club executive meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, November 9th, at the Edithvale Community Centre. He extended the open invitation for all club members to attend the executive meeting.

The evening's guest speaker was Terry O'Brien. Terry presented her Club Delegate's report from the Royal Canadian Numismatic Association convention held July 14 to 17 in Saint John New Brunswick. Terry began her report with a very detailed, firsthand account of the numismatic symposium associated with the convention.

Terry continued her firsthand account of the various tours and convention events that took place in Saint John. She reported on Bret Evan's talk at the Club Delegates' breakfast on the problems that coin clubs have in staying relevant. Terry felt that he did a great job in outlining the issues facing numismatic clubs today.

After her talk she invited the members to come up and view the various items she brought back with her from the convention.



To support Terry's talk Henry Nienhuis showed a power point presentation he put together from pictures he took at the convention. The pictures helped put some context to the details that Terry had reported on.

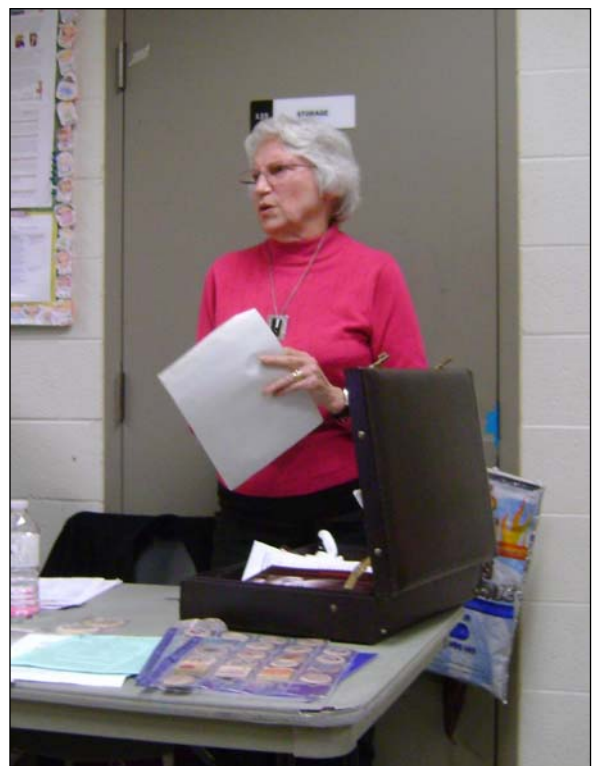
At 8:50 pm, Bill O'Brien called for the refreshment break. Our thanks to Bill for handling the refreshments.

The last portion of the meeting was devoted to Lucky Draws and Auction. Lucky Draw winners were- Leon Saraga, Ben Boelens (2), Richard Duquette, Roger Fox, Bill O'Brien, Phillip Simms (2), Bob Velenski, Paul Petch, Terry O'Brien, Norman G. Gordon. The club earned \$26.00 through the sale of the draw tickets! The lucky draws were intermixed throughout the evening's auction, called by our expert auctioneer, Bob Porter, and guest runner Paul Petch. Mark Argentino, auction manager, reported that receipts from the auction added \$11.60 to the club's coffers.

The club executive would like to thank the club members for supporting the club through the purchase of draw tickets and for draw prize donations. Please mention your donations to the club secretary so that your support can be recognized in the minutes and newsletter. The executive wishes to thank Terry O'Brien for donating items she obtained while at the R.C.N.A convention in Saint John to the lucky draw.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

As a reminder, our next club meeting is November 23th, 2010. This will be our very first meeting in our new home in the Gibson room, on the second floor at the top of the stairs, in the new Edithvale Community Centre building!



Terry O'Brien presented an outstanding, detailed delegate's report on the R.C.N.A. 2010 Convention in Saint John, NB

GEORGE VICTOR FRASER

The North York Coin Club lost one of its most ardent and supportive members on November 1, 2010 with the passing of George Fraser. George was life member number 12, having joined the club in 1970. He served on the executive, was always a worker at early coin shows and assisted in organizing its programs. He was elected a member of the Canadian Numismatic Research Society in 1984. In 2004 he was the Honorary Chairman of the C.N.A. Convention and was also made a Fellow of the R.C.N.A. at the banquet.

He started looking at his change around 1967, when he operated a taxi, and used much of it as the foundation of a decimal collection. George had diverse numismatic interests, which included medals, notes, wooden money, tokens as well as decimals. He continued to attend North York Coin Club meetings until about a year ago.



Honorary C.N.A. President James E. Charlton (far left) and Honorary 2004 C.N.A. Convention Chairman George V. Fraser (far right) hold the ribbon as C.N.A. President Charles Moore (left) makes the cut and Convention Chairman Paul Petch looks on.



FRASER, George Victor 1911-2010

Passed away peacefully, on November 1, 2010, at Shepherd Lodge, with family by his side. He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Doris, daughter Fern (Bruce) Woodruff, Londonderry, NH, son John (Kien) of Boston, MA, daughter Karen (Jack) Eaton of Thornhill, ON and son G. Richard of Scarborough, ON. Grandchildren, Rob (Teresa) Huggins of Richmond, VA, Michael Huggins of Manchester, NH, Ian Woodruff of Londonderry, NH, Angie (Alex) Blake of Canaan, NH, Aaron (Kerri) Eaton of Burlington, ON, David (Barbara) Fraser of Merrimack, NH, Deborah Fraser of Woburn, MA, seven great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. George was pre-deceased by his son Charles Vernon and by brothers Charles and Daniel and sisters Agnes and Frances.

George was born on May 24, 1911 in Porcupine, ON and was a survivor of the Porcupine Fire. He served in the RCAF during WWII and while stationed at Gander, Nfld he was privileged to march in the honour guard for Sir Frederick Banting. He worked as a baker at Hunt's Bakery and was known for making wedding and Christmas cakes for friends and family. For most of his working life he was a taxi driver/owner in Toronto.

Visitation took place on Saturday, November 6 from 11am to 1 pm at the Church in the Village at Shepherd Lodge; 3760 Shepherd Avenue E, Scarborough, ON with a service at 1pm followed by interment at Pine Hills Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Jerrett Funeral Homes.



C.N.A. Awards Chairman Tim Henderson presents Fellow of the C.N.A. to George Fraser during the C.N.A. 2004 Convention banquet.



**PLAN FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14
AND THE ANNUAL DECEMBER CHRISTMAS MEETING**

*Set up begins at 7:00 p.m. and dinner starts at 7:30
with meeting festivities to follow dinner*

To supplement the purchased Swiss Chalet food, we also appreciate whatever family specialties including salads, cookies, cakes, etc. you are able to donate to the “pot luck” buffet table. Because the room is set for dinner, we’re sorry but there will be no dealer tables at this meeting. Plans include our traditional lucky draws and bingo.

If you want to participate in the optional gift exchange, please bring along a numismatic or non-numismatic gift with a value of around \$10. Exchange of the gifts will be intermixed with the lucky draws.



This year the flat rate food order is set at \$15 and includes three lucky draw tickets. You can still purchase more lucky draw tickets at the meeting. To help avoid possible errors in the ordering of the Swiss Chalet food, we will now use a Dinner Order form. Please see the last page of this Bulletin for your Swiss Chalet food order form.



COMING EVENTS FOR FALL 2010 & WINTER 2011

NOV. 20, Niagara Falls, Niagara Falls Coin Club Show, Our Lady of Peace Hall, 6944 Stanley Ave. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free parking, admission \$2. *Free gold coin draw, coins, tokens, jewellery, paper money, medals, and more.* For more information contact 905-227-3534.

DEC. 5, Woodstock, Woodstock Toy And Collectibles Show And Sale, Auditorium and Mutual/Market Buildings, Woodstock Fairgrounds, 875 Nellis Street. Hours: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission \$3, children under age 12 free when accompanied by an adult. *More than 210 vendor tables.* For more information, contact Ian Ward at 519-426-8875, Monday to Friday before 8 p.m., email: toyshow@kwic.com.

DEC. 5, Windsor, Essex County 6th Coin Show and Sale, Fogolar Furlan 1800 EC Row AveE. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. *Excellent selection of United States and Canadian coins, paper money, merchant tokens, bank notes, bullion, coin supplies, mint products. Co-Sponsored by Canadian Diabetes Association.* Admission by free-will donation to the Canadian Diabetes Association. Dan Jones club president, telephone 1-519-733-6296.

DEC. 11, Brampton, Brampton Coin Show, Century Gardens Recreation Centre, 340 Vodden Rd. E. Hours: 9:30 a.m to 4:30 p.m. Admission: \$3, under 14 free. *Buy, sell, trade and appraise at more than 40 tables of dealers, featuring coins, medals, tokens, paper money, trade dollars, militaria. Children’s table. Free parking.* For more information contact B&W Coins & Tokens, Willard Burton, telephone 905-450-2870, email b_and_w@sympatico.ca.

FEB. 6, Paris, S.W.O.N., Special Events Building, 139 Silver St. (Fairgrounds). Hours 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission \$3, *includes ticket on a gold coin draw, 55 tables of coins, paper money, jewellery, nostalgia and more. Food and drinks available. Buy sell trade and appraise.* For more information, contact Ted Bailey, email tedscollectables@bellnet.ca, telephone 1-866-747-coin(2646) or 519-442-2634.

FEB. 19, Oshawa, Durham Coin-A-Rama, Five Points Mall, 285 Taunton Rd E. Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. *Free dealer public, and membership draws. Free admission. Featuring paper, coins, tokens, medals and many other items. Celebrating 50 years.* For

more information contact Sharon at 905-728-1352, e-mail papman@bell.net.

MARCH 19, Cambridge, 20th Annual Cambridge Coin Show, Cambridge Newfoundland Club, 1500 Dunbar Rd. *Free admission. Buy, sell, trade and evaluate at 52 tables. Tokens, trade dollars, coins, paper money, militaria, sports cards, CTC coupons.* For more information, contact Wolfe, email wolfe1937@hotmail.com, Vincent Nevidon telephone 519-740-1416, or Louie Schmidt telephone 519-653-7838.

MARCH 26, Guelph, South Wellington Coin Society Spring Show, Colonel John McCrea Legion 919 York Rd. Hours 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Admission \$2. *Free parking, fully accessible, large display area, hot food available, free gold coin draw, selling 50 cent pieces for 49 cents.* For more information, contact Lowell Wierstra, 8 Smart St. Guelph ON, N1G 4K9, telephone 519-824-6534, e-mail ljwierstra@sympatico.ca.

Listings are courtesy of Canadian Coin News Coming Events

NO COMMEMORATIVE HIGHWAY OF HEROES COINS PLANNED

submitted by Paul Petch

Are you aware that discussions were underway with the RCM and that there was consideration of commemorating the Highway of Heroes with a special coin? Joe Warmington, the Toronto Sun columnist, was a supporter of fellow Sun employee Pete Fisher's idea, but on November 4 Mr. Fisher received a letter saying that, as worthy as the idea is, this particular theme for a commemorative coin is not going to happen. While the reason in the communication was that it was too complex an idea to be reduced to a coin design, my guess is it has more to do with the highway being a grass roots regional initiative that is not national in scope.

Here are Joe Warmington's comments from the Toronto Sun of November 5, 2010:

"So we are not going to have a special coin for the Highway of Heroes after all! Who got to the Royal Canadian Mint? And why?"

These are the kind of questions we are hoping Prime Minister Stephen Harper and others will ask in the wake of the Mint deciding it will not produce a coin commemorating the stretch of Hwy. 401 between Trenton and Toronto. It's strange because for a while it was looking like they were going to do one.

"I would like to thank you again for your e-mail proposing that the Royal Canadian Mint issue a coin featuring the Highway of Heroes," Francie Baltzan, communications



coordinator wrote Sun Media journalist Pete Fisher last February. "This suggestion is one that we like very much and, in fact, one that received very favourable response when tested with coin consumers. The Mint is therefore in the process of considering how best to honour this solemn route and those who have travelled it, as well as to underscore the spontaneous outpouring of public support for our fallen heroes."

But something mysteriously changed.

"I want to let you know that it is not likely that we will be doing a specific Highway of Heroes coin," Baltzan wrote back this week. "The sentiment behind this theme is an honourable one, but designing a coin that accurately depicts the Highway of Heroes while honouring the sentiment has proven to be difficult. I am sorry to pass on this disappointing news, but please know that we are working on several other products, for 2011 and beyond, that honour the Canadian Forces — past and present — and their sacrifices."

Needless to say Pete, who has attended most repatriations and was instrumental in urging the province to create the Highway of Heroes in honour of our fallen troops, was ticked off. "A simple image of people on a bridge with Canadian flags would have been more than enough to show support for the highway," he wrote back. "Unfortunately I can't help but wonder if there was some political involvement in the decision." You can find Pete's incredibly moving pictures from dozens of repatriations along the

Highway of Heroes on www.nesphotos.ca. Bring some Kleenex.

I have a call into the Mint but they ought to know that Fisher won't be letting this go. Ask former governor general Michaëlle Jean how relentless Fisher was about getting a bravery medal for slain Cobourg copper Chris Garrett. He's like a dog with a bone. Good luck in getting him to heel.

And if the decision was made not to go ahead with the coin because of some lefty peace freaks not wanting to honour our fallen, watch for the reaction of Canadians in the next few months. You'll learn something about patriotism. "I find it absolutely incredible when the Royal Canadian Mint produces coins including ones for whales, and the Saskatchewan Roughriders, they wouldn't be able to produce a coin honouring the grass roots of something started by thousands of ordinary Canadians for our fallen heroes," Fisher said.

You can do something about it. Mississauga resident Caroline McIntosh has put together an online petition — www.petitiononline.com/hhyoh123/petition.html — to try to get them to change their minds.

I am not worried. There is always some lefty stiff in the way of doing what is right."

Perhaps enough people will see the worth in this idea and this rejection will not be the end of a good idea. Perhaps there will be cause to use this theme in some future year on the annual Remembrance Day 25-cent piece.



FROM 100 YEARS AGO: *THE NUMISMATIST* PRESENTED TO THE A.N.A.

It was announced 100 years ago this month that a Canadian, A.N.A. Vice-President W. W. C. Wilson, arranged for the magazine's purchase and presentation to the American Numismatic Association. From the November, 1910 issue:

Plans have now progressed to where it may be positively stated that commencing with 1911 the American Numismatic Association will, for the first time, own its official organ. Title to the publication will be by gift, made possible by the generous spirit of Mr. W. W. C. Wilson, of Montreal, who has arranged for the purchase of the publication. The present management of *The Numismatist* has for more than a year made it known that they desired to be relieved of the publication, and it was only to maintain the interests of the association that he (this was Farran Zerbe, Ed.) has continued it this year. The A. N. A. has long desired to have control of *The Numismatist*, which has always been its official organ, but it neither had the means for acquirement nor could it see the way for continuing the publication if acquired. It was decided at the recent convention that the A. N. A. should arrange for its own publication and that *The Numismatist* should be acquired if ways and means could be provided, the matter to be in charge of the board of governors. Mr. Howland Wood, a member of the board, and who has been our faithful associate editor for more than two years, was looked to by the other members for the information it desired and in a sense as a committee of one to propose ways and means for establishing a publication for the association.

Mr. Wood, knowing of the liberal spirit of Mr. Wilson towards numismatic organizations, made it known to him what a good and elegant thing it would be if the association could in some way acquire *The Numismatist*. (I believe that discussions with W.W.C. Wilson, requesting his help in acquiring *The Numismatist*, began in August 1909 during the A.N.A. Convention held in Montreal. Ed.) Mr. Wilson was quick to see the opportunity to render the association a service, along lines of his selection, and negotiations were started

at once for the purchase of the magazine and its tender to the association. Mr. Wilson asked the present editor-publisher to join with him and Mr. Wood as a body of three trustees to tender the publication to the board of governors of the A. N. A. and to hold it for delivery to the board of governors upon satisfactory evidence that the association was prepared to publish it.

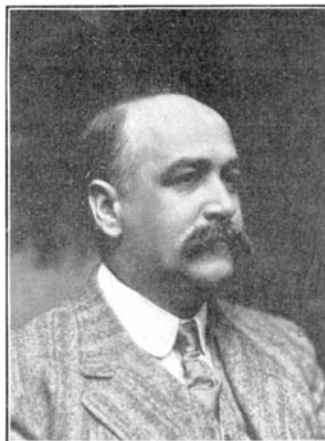
Mr. Wood, acting as chairman of the trustees and as a member of the board of governors, proceeded to ascertain probable editors and managers, making a report to Mr. W. F. Dunham, chairman of the board of governors. Acceptance of the proposals is attested in the following announcement from Chairman Dunham:

To the Members of the American Numismatic Association:

The Board of Governors respectfully present the following report regarding the progress of negotiations in securing *The Numismatist*. Our First Vice President, Mr. W. W. C. Wilson, of Montreal, Canada, has purchased and generously presented to the Association, as a gift, *The Numismatist*.

The title is now held by three Trustees, who are under instructions to transfer the ownership of *The Numismatist* to the American Numismatic Association, as soon as the necessary arrangements for its publication can be made.

The deed of transfer directs that the publication continue the property of the Association, subject to the control of the Board of Governors, who are an elective body and therefore represent the membership of the Association more truly than a committee; that



the Association through the Board of Governors keep this publication non-partisan in character, and have a general oversight over *The Numismatist*.

Mr. A. R. Frey, of New York, has been appointed Editor-in-Chief, and our new Secretary, Mr. G. L. Tilden, Business Manager.

Fraternally yours,
W. F. DUNHAM,
Chairman of Board of Governors.
Chicago, Nov. 1, 1910.

It will be noted that control of the publication is to be with the board of governors. As the board is an elective body the entire organization will be represented in the control. Mr. A. R. Frey, who has been selected as editor in chief, is well known as a student of numismatics and an able writer on the subject. Mr. Frey's associates on the editorial board will probably be geographically distributed and selected by the board of governors. With time, ability and enthusiasm for the purpose, Mr. Tilden, the general-secretary elect, seems to be the logical man for business manager. Material assistance may be expected from Mr. Wood. It is probable Worcester, Mass., will be the place of publication and that the first issue under the direction of the A. N. A. will be ready for our members early in January. The present volume and year will be completed by the present management with one more issue, to be published late in December.

With the work of publication in favourable progress all the property, right and title to *The Numismatist* will be presented to the A. N. A. by Mr. Wilson. In doing this Mr. Wilson renders a valuable service to numismatics and the A. N. A. acquires the most essential factor for its successful existence—ownership of its official organ.

Mr. Wilson is an enthusiastic collector, has an extensive numismatic library and, by recent purchases, is believed to have the finest collection of Canadian specimens on this continent. That he has become one of the association's benefactors it is hoped that he will have every reason to know that his gift is appreciated, that it will ever continue to serve a good cause and that his interest in the A. N. A. will be long in evidence.

WHO WAS — WILLIAM WALTER COULTHARD WILSON

W.W.C. Wilson b.1869 d.1924
From "The Storied Province of Quebec
Past and Present"
Edited by Col. William Wood,
Dominion Publishing Company, Limited,
Toronto 1931



Head of J.C. Wilson, Limited, paper manufacturers of wide industrial renown, William Walter C. Wilson was one of Montreal's foremost financial figures, and a leader in cultural progress. He was a native of Montreal, born in 1869, eldest son of the late James Crockett Wilson, who was founder of the paper manufacturing enterprise bearing his initials and surname, and grandson of Samuel Wilson, concerning whom we deal with briefly here.

Samuel Wilson lived in County Antrim, Ireland, and with his family immigrated to Canada, taking residence at once in Montreal. Here he spent the balance of his years, as a car builder for the Grand Trunk Railway Company.

James Crockett Wilson, son of Samuel Wilson, was born in County Antrim, July 19, 1841, and was a youth when his parents removed to Montreal. He attended school here, graduated from McGill Normal School, and for several years thereafter taught in public schools of Quebec, later, 1863, becoming manager of the publishing house of T.W. Strong, New York City where he worked four years. In 1867 he returned to Canada, became cashier and bookkeeper for Angus, Logan and Company, paper manufacturers of Montreal, and in 1870 founded a paper manufactory of his own, under the name style of J.C. Wilson. First he manufactured paper bags, having been at the time the only one to supply the Canadian trade with bags made by machine process. In time he incorporated as a public concern, and his business grew to be one of the largest in the Dominion, having mills at Lachute and St. Jerome, Quebec, together with a factory and warehouse at Montreal, and warehouses at Winnipeg and Vancouver. He established a branch of the business in London. His firm was the sole manufacturer in the Dominion of jute-manilla wrapping paper and jute-manilla tissues. He served as Alderman of Montreal several years, as member of the Dominion Parliament for Quebec, being elected in 1887 and serving until 1891, when he declined nomination for re-election, and was a conservative of considerable following. He was a communicant of the Presbyterian Church, held many offices of prominence in the Free and

Accepted Masons, was president of the Fish and Game Protection Club and Irish Protestant Club Benevolent Society. For a number of years Mr. Wilson was governor of the Protestant Asylum for the Insane, and was life member and vice president of the Montreal Dispensary. He also served on the board of Protestant Schools of Montreal. In November 1865 James Crockett Wilson married Jeanne Kilgour, daughter of William Kilgour. She died in March 1897, leaving five children, one of whom was William Walter C. Wilson. James Crockett Wilson survived until 1899, and was interred in Mount Royal Cemetery.

William Walter C. Wilson secured his academic instruction in the public schools in Montreal, and after he completed high school went to work in the paper manufacturing enterprise, which his father had founded. He succeeded to management of the limited organization, and upon his father's demise acquired full control, which he exercised continuously, for thirty-two years, after which extended period he retired from active business pursuits. He added materially to its scope of business, and today, in great measure, it endures as a monument to his ability and sage direction. He died, at his home in Crescent Street, Montreal, March 16, 1924, and was interred beside the grave of his father at Mount Royal.

William Walter C. Wilson enjoyed various interests; from those of business and his career proper. He was fond of social meeting and intercourse, was a member of the St. Jervis and other clubs of Montreal, attended by the Presbyterian Church, and made a hobby and close study of numismatics. He was a rare judge of old coins, and the American Numismatic Association has cause to remember him with high regard, not alone for

his contributions to the advancement of numismatic lore, but for the more material gift which he gave the society in the "Numismatist," an illustrated monthly periodical for those interested in coins, medals and paper money, founded in 1888. Mr. Wilson purchased the magazine early in 1911, and management has been most successful through the years that have followed.

The retiring editor wrote in 1911:

"In doing this Mr. Wilson renders a valuable service to numismatics, and the American Numismatic Association acquires the most essential factor for its successful existence—ownership of its official organ. Mr. Wilson is an enthusiastic collector; has an extensive numismatic library, and by recent purchases, is believed to have the finest collection of Canadian specimens on this continent. As he has become one of the association's benefactors, it is hoped that he will have every reason to know his gift is appreciated, that it will ever to continue to serve a good cause, and that his interest in the A.N.A. will be long in evidence."

Mr. Wilson's library was disposed of in New York - it taking twelve days to complete the sale. William Walter C. Wilson married Mellie Marx, of Norwich Connecticut. She survives her distinguished husband, continues to reside in Montreal, and does all that she can to continue the many worthy undertakings, which he put in motion during life. She was deeply interested in his numismatic collection, and today is well versed in this lore, retaining the enviable collection which was inherited, and which she helped acquire.

Mrs. Wilson presented as a memorial gift a fine example of the art of J.M. Barnsley to the permanent collection of the Art Association of Montreal. The canvas was painted by the master at Dieppe in 1886.

Tributes attending on the demise of William Walter C. Wilson came from all sides, and from many countries. At the services Albert Lodge, No. 25, Free and Accepted Masons, was strongly represented, and dignitaries of the Dominion were in attendance. He is gone, but his works will live.

Collectors familiar with Wilson are aware he was sometimes successful in acquiring every known specimen of a rare piece. The sale of his collection in 1925 took place over several sessions. The auction catalogues of these sales are now collectors' items in themselves.



North York Coin Club

December 14 2010 Meeting Swiss Chalet Dinner Order



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Dinner, including three draw tickets, is \$15 per order.

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