

NORTH YORK COIN CLUB NEWS BULLETIN

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LAST MEETING: The 15th., meeting of the North York Coin Club was held on April 25th., with 39 members and guests present. We welcomed the Presidents and members of 3 out of town Clubs, namely Oakville, Oshawa, and Preston. 5 applications for membership were received from,-

Mr George Blake, 371 Amelia St. Newmarket, Ont.
Mr Kenneth Orser, 1414 Bayview Ave., Toronto 17 Ont.
Mr Brian E. Goddard, 123 Ronan Ave., Toronto 12 Ont.
Mr L.A. Duncan, 281 Sheppard Ave. East, Willowdale, Ont.
Mr J.G. Rae, 67 Sir Williams Lane, Islington, Ont.

The 16 mm., film "City of Gold" was shown and caused much interest with the shots of the Klondyke in the Gold Rush days, and how it appears today. Mr Leon Safer conducted the Floor Auction of approx 35 lots.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the North York Coin Club will be held on May 23rd. 1961. at the North York Public Library 5126 Yonge St. in the Committee Room . 815pm.

For this meeting our President Mr John Curtis will give a talk on the Puffin Coins of Lundy Island. Anyone wishing to bring a display to the meeting, get in touch with the Sec. BA 1-9662 We have 2 cases available for use during the meeting.

THERE WILL BE A DRAW for a GOLD coin. Tickets 25¢ each, or 5 for \$1.00

There will also be a TABLE AUCTION. and REFRESHMENTS.

NEWS ITEM

THE OAKVILLE COIN CLUB BANQUET May 27th. Country Club Randall St Oakville. This is a first for this Club, Let us help to make it a success. Speaking of success, The Toronto Coin Club 25th Anniversary dinner held at the Royal York Hotel April 22nd. was something to remember. Seldom has such rare numismatic items been displayed together at one time.

CLUB NOTICE

The North York Coin Club has ordered 15 1961 mint sets from the mint. They will probably be delivered late summer.

See you all on Tuesday May 23rd. Dont forget to bring along your items for display, or for the auction.

Ken. Bunnett

Secretary-Treas.

LOOKING BACK

Here are a few extracts from old Numismatic Sale Catalogues of 1802-1839.

Sale conducted by Leigh, Sotheby & Son, at their House, in York Street, Covent Garden. A note of interest appears that, "In the following Catalogue care has been taken, that the best only of every specimen should be inseted; the others having invariably consigned to the furnace.

Lot 178. A cabinet containing one of the most complete collections of tokens of the last century (18th) ever formed. More than 2600 in number, many not published by Snelling. 72 slide drawers. This realised £21. Approx. \$58.00

Lot 1. May 14th 1817, Greek Copper. A small Mahogany cabinet, containing 374 coins. realised two guineas. a little over \$5.00

Lot 79. Proofs in Gold of William IV Maundy Money. Extremely rare five guineas

Lot 2147. Charles I, Treble Unite, or Three Pound Piece, struck at Oxford, realised £4.

The Coins and Medals of the late Mr. John Shepherd, Curator of the Botanic Gardens, Liverpool, were sold on June 8th. 1837. (Any relation John ?)

DID YOU KNOW ?

Did you know that probably the rarest and least known of the Canadian non-local series is the "Bon Pour Deux Sous" Token, of which not more than three are known?, although it is thought that others may exist in England. The description of this coin is as follows,- Obverse; Laureate and draped bust of George III to right. The laurel wreath has ten leaves and is tied below with a ribbon having a double bow knot. The two ends of the ribbon hang straight down and touch the drapery. The drapery is gathered over the right shoulder and held by an oval rosette fastening. A small H appears on the truncation of the drapery at the left. Legend around; BON POUR DEUX SOUS and below; 1812. Reverse; Female figure seated to left on a bale of goods. A pair of scales suspended from her outstretched right hand, left hand supports a cornucopia. The bale of goods rests on a pile of cannonballs. A small H appears on the ground to the right of the cannonballs. A three masted ship in distance at left. Legend,- ONE PENNY TOKEN. beaded border. Edge,- Diagonal milling.

And did you know that the "Indian" on the American Indian Head Cent is not really an Indian Head at all,? but the head of a little girl, Sarah Longacre, wearing the headdress of her friend a big Indian Chief. Mrs Sarah Longacre Keen. who lived and died in Philadelphia, was first in a number of her metal photographs (coins) her face as a girl of twelve is seen on every American cent issued since the year 1859 from the U.S. mint up to 1909. It seems that in 1835 a competition was open for a new cent. One bright morning Indians with their chief were shown thru the mint. They were introduced to J.B. Longacre, chief engraver of the Mint at that time, his daughter Sarah attracted the old chiefs eye, and he placed his headdress on her head. The effect was so novel that a sketch was soon made, and from this the coins.