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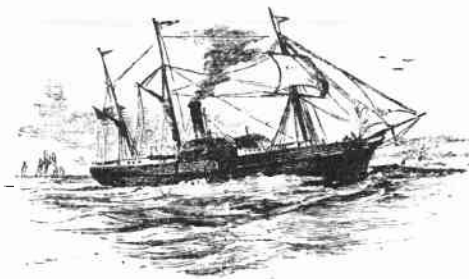
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SO SUCCESSFUL a Coin Show has never occurred in the history of the North York Coin Club as the one which was held last March 22. Attendance for the day was very high, the display space was completely filled with exhibits of rather high quality, and the club was able to raise a large amount of money for its treasury through the White Elephant, Book Sale, Door, and Snack Bar: almost \$400 profit.

At the meeting on March 25, 1975, Lucille Colson was unable to attend, so Paul Johnson filled in for her in taking minutes. Stan Clute reported on the Show with George Fraser reporting on the financial aspect and Paul Johnson on the displays. Fred Jewett was appointed the club's delegate to the O.N.A. convention, where, on the request of Al Bliman, he will investigate the reasons for the O.N.A.'s refusal of North York's nominations to its executive. Tony Gordon commented that the O.N.A. refused the nominations of North York Coin Club and several other clubs on the grounds that they were improperly filled in, and suggested that Mr. Jewett, if the club so wished, make the nominations from the floor at the convention.

With all business concluded, Al Bliman introduced John Dewyze, who began a slide program on the Trade Tokens of the Yukon. With examples of tokens from such establishments as the Floridora Billiard Room, Del Monte Saloon, Red Feather Saloon, Tanana Hotel, and James Mervyn Trading Post, John indicated how numismatics can be intertwined with history. His slide program was enhanced with some slides of the buildings which once housed these turn-of-the-century Gold Rush businesses, and, where possible, related some of their history in brief terms. One can imagine, when studying these tokens, the spirit of the pioneering gold hunters who steamed up the West Coast to Skagway, made the rough crossing through the White or Chilcat Pass into the interior, and trekked on to Dawson and the Klondike gold fields.



New Members to the club include Terry Campbell and Norman Belsten; applying for membership are Leslie Brown of Toronto and Robert Ryan (Junior) of Willowdale. Welcome to the N.Y.C.C.

The NEXT MEETING, on Tuesday, April 22, 1975, will be a Junior Night, with the entire evening's program run by the junior members of the club. Good luck to the juniors, and I hope that the other members will turn out to give them support in their efforts.



In the light of the upcoming United States bicentennial, I thought it might be appropriate to reprint the following short article from the American Journal of Numismatics, July, 1875, p. 18.



LOCAL CENTENNIAL MEDALS.

A NUMBER of "Centennial Medals" have been struck to commemorate historical events at the opening of the Revolution, in various localities. One of the first was that for the "Lexington Centennial," of which the above cut is a representation. The obverse represents the seal of the town of Lexington, which is, in fact, a condensed history of the town -- the minute man of 1775 being the prominent figure in the shield, and the device encircling it being the memorable utterance of Samuel Adams, "What a glorious morning for America!" The die was cut by Mr. Henry Mitchell of Boston, and the medals were struck at the Philadelphia Mint. Prices in the different metals: gold, to order, \$30 in coin; silver, to order, \$3 in coin; bronze, \$1 in currency. Orders for these medals may be sent to the Rev. Edward G. Porter, Centennial Committee, Lexington, Mass.

The first impression of the medal struck at the Philadelphia Mint to commemorate the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, has been received in Washington. In size and value it is equal to the half-dollar pieces. Its execution and finish are said to be creditable. On one side is a hornet's nest, which is typical of the announcement by the king's officers that Mecklenburg was a hornet's nest of rebels. On the same side is also a liberty cap, surrounded by the rays of the rising sun. Beneath are two clasped hands, which are typical of the united North and South at the close of the last war. On the reverse side, within a circle, are the inscriptions: "May 20, 1775 and May 20, 1875 -- Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence." Two thousand silver medals have been ordered by the Executive Committee of the Centennial Celebration, and a large number of copper impressions.

Also from the American Journal of Numismatics, April, 1900, p. 108:

SOUTH AFRICA NECESSITY MONEY.

A DESPATCH from Mafeking, South Africa says that Colonel Baden-Powell is issuing paper currency, which is used by the inhabitants without objection. Though not metallic, it will take its place with other ~~seige~~ necessity money. If any of the Journal readers have correspondents there, it would be well to secure some examples for their cabinets.

