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A Message from the President

When the first number of the *Canadian Numismatic Journal* appeared in January last, I wrote, in part:

Publication is, of course, in itself something of a venture, and will depend for its success on the continuing support of an adequate membership and — fully as important — of an adequate supply of contributions to fill the pages.

One factor of prime importance was omitted in this statement, perhaps because it seemed so obvious as not to need mentioning. The need for an adequate advertising content was not stressed. It must be stressed now. The *Journal* is running badly behind, in a financial sense, and unless the advertising revenue can be brought more in line with the cost of publication we shall certainly have to cut down on the number of pages per issue, and quite probably on the number of issues. This would be unfortunate, but we simply cannot continue on the present basis.

Members generally are therefore urged to do whatever they can to remedy this situation. The *Journal* is published for their benefit. If they wish it to continue, more help is needed, and needed quickly.

G. R. L. POTTER,
President.

NON-RECEIPT OF JOURNALS

If members who have failed to receive any numbers of the *Journal* will advise the undersigned, the missing issues will be forwarded immediately. — G. R. L. Potter, 12 Dalhousie St., Ottawa, Ont.

Editor's Page

Our C.N.A. Chapters are increasing in number, which is as it should be. At the time of writing, another Chapter is being admitted to the Association, with further applications pending, including one from the southern United States. No names are mentioned here, since official announcements of acceptance lie outside of our jurisdiction, but we feel sure that the swift growth of the Association will gratify all our friends.

Election reports from the Calgary Chapter show that four of their leading officers live in the four principal divisions of that city. We hope these officers are on the best of terms with one another, and that their geographical distribution is merely by coincidence.

Suggestions and comments regarding the *Journal* are always welcome. Every letter of suggestion or comment is carefully noted, even though it may not be possible to implement all suggestions received, but you may be sure they are all given due consideration and kept for further reference. Recently, the most frequent suggestion has to do with the use of illustrations. We all agree that the idea is excellent, but cost limitations at present preclude the extensive use of illustrations in the *Journal*. Cuts for this purpose are expensive and would bring the price of our publication out of line with what is financially feasible just now. However, with a larger membership and more advertising, illustrations will come in due course.

The monthly report of the London Numismatic Society gives clear indication that the Third Annual Convention of the C.N.A. should be an excellent affair, deserving of support from all members and friends who live in that part of Canada. Anyone who has been there will tell you of the cordial and helpful reception given visitors by Byron Swayze and other local numismatists. All C.N.A. members who can arrange to spend two days of their holidays at our London Convention, next September 21 and 22 (a Friday and Saturday), will find themselves in one of the most prosperous and beautiful cities of our glorious Dominion.

Mr. L. J. P. Brunet has recently been promoted to Assistant Dominion Archivist, and in view of his increased responsibilities he has asked to be relieved of his editorial duties with the C.N.A. Mr. A. E. H. Petrie, who is associated with him at the Public Archives in Ottawa, very kindly consented to take over as our Assistant Editor. We know that the C.N.A.'s membership will wish to join in extending heartiest congratulations to Mr. Brunet, whose counsels and practical aid have meant so much to our Association from its formative years to the present, and we are happy that he is to continue as official Historian. We welcome Mr. Petrie's interest and help, and hope to enjoy his cooperation for many years to come.

Exhibition of Military and Historical Canadiana

by J. D. FERGUSON, F.R.N.S.

The 17th Duke of York's Royal Canadian Hussars, one of Canada's most historic regiments, held an unusually interesting exhibition of military and historical Canadiana at their Armory in Montreal from April 17th to 28th. It took precedence among the best exhibitions of its kind to be offered in this country. The Colonel of the Regiment, Lt. Col. James Domville, Mr. Charles P. De Volpi, the General Chairman and their various committees deserve heartiest congratulations on this splendid show.

Major-General Bernatchez gave valuable cooperation on behalf of the Quebec Command of the Canadian Army. The exhibition was made possible by generous loans of selected material from Canadian private collections. All objects displayed were arranged in specially constructed cases, with descriptions on clearly printed cards, and a detailed outline of the material was given in an excellent printed catalogue some eighty pages in length that also indicated source collections from which the loans came.

The material consisted of notable examples of early Canadian prints and pictures, plans, maps and charts, books and pamphlets, Canadian silver, miniatures, firearms, manuscripts and documents, as well as medals and decorations. The more than two hundred historic

Canadian medals, including decorations won by Canadians in the armed services, were largely from the Ferguson Collection. Fifty-two medals presented to Indians in Canada, including a number of unique or unpublished examples, were a featured part of the displays. Some of the unique or extremely rare items shown from the Ferguson Collection were:

- a) The gold medal presented to General Townshend, third in command at the siege of Quebec;
- b) The silver medal offered to William Pitt, Prime Minister of Great Britain, commemorating the same event, as well as the medal given to him on the capture of Montreal and the completion of the British conquest of Canada;
- c) Gold Beaver Club medal of Wm. McGillivray, chief partner in the North West Company;
- d) The Reward of Merit silver medal presented by Captain Broke to Coxswain Stack of H. M. S. Shannon for his conspicuous service at the capture of the Chesapeake (the most famous frigate action of the period);
- e) Gold medal given to Lieut. James Fitzgibbon of the 49th Regiment for the capture of five hundred Americans on the shores of Lake Ontario, June 24, 1813;

f) Field Officer's gold medal for the Battle of Chateauguay, inscribed to Major G. Macdonnell;

g) Five decorations and medals given to Major-General Sir Thomas Pearson, including the Field Officer's gold medal with bar for Chrysler's Farm;

h) Military General Service Medal with three bars for Chateauguay, Chrysler's Farm and Fort Detroit given to a Canadian private soldier;

i) Silver Confederation Medal offered to Sir MacKenzie Bowell, former Prime Minister of Canada;

j) The Albert Medal (V.C. of the Merchant Navy) given to a seaman of St. John, N.B., for saving the lives of the Barkentine Bend Or's crew in 1881;

And k) Gold and enamel badge of the Baronets of Nova Scotia (instituted by King James I in 1624).

The following Canadian holders of the Victoria Cross were present at the opening ceremony: Sgt.

Major Colin Barron; Lieut. D. V. Currie; Brigadier the Honourable Milton F. Gregg; Cpl. F. Konowal; Colonel T. W. MacDowell; Lieut. W. H. Metcalf; Lieut. Colonel C. N. Mitchell; Major-General G. R. Pearkes; Sgt. H. H. Robson; and Colonel Paul Triquet. These heroes took the salute of the Regiment at the opening ceremony. Only once before had a larger group of Canadian V.C.s been brought together in their own homeland.

The exhibition was well advertised on TV, radio and in the press, both before the opening and while the event was in progress; because of this, and the excellent support received from the organizing committees, the exhibition enjoyed wide public attendance.

It is understood that the Department of National Defence may arrange to hold further public showings of these treasures in several other centres of the Province of Quebec.

Hamilton National Coin Week Exhibit

by Miss Thelma PELLETIER

The Hamilton Chapter of the C.N.A. exhibited coins in the newly opened Royal Bank of Canada, on James Street South, in Hamilton.

Our exhibition included a wide variety of coins, ranging from ancient Greek and Roman to sets of modern Canadian coins. Also

shown were a few pieces in odd shapes and sizes, as well as several of Biblical interest. The display afforded an excellent opportunity to view the development and transition of coining practices from earliest types to present-day varieties, in the two cases displayed.

The first case contained 35 ancient and mediaeval coins, along with several curiosities. These were selected for their public appeal, and had appropriate captions and labels. Among the ancient pieces were examples of the Athenian tetradrachm and Persian siglos. To illustrate Greek influence on oriental art and by way of comparison, there was a large flat Sassanian silver drachm of Varhanes II (A.D. 277-294) bearing representations of their royal family on its obverse. Among the Roman items, a superb portrait denarius of Julius Caesar, an "Ostia" sestertio of Nero and a gold solidus of Valentinian III were of particular numismatic interest. The mediaeval coins were all English and accompanied by two full-sized die models to indicate the methods of producing the various pieces. Noteworthy among the

curiosities were an example of Chinese "knife money", a crude bronze of Italy during the 3rd Century B.C., and a great copper 5-kopeck piece of Russia, beside which a tiny Nepalese gold morsel had been placed for comparison of sizes.

The second case contained a display of Canadian coins, comprising the designs from Queen Victoria to Queen Elizabeth II, including a few of the scarcer items. A set of large cents in a Whitman folder demonstrated an easy way of housing these. Coronation proofs of Great Britain and of the Union of South Africa, including the gold, were also shown in their special cases. The rest of the exhibition consisted largely of crowns and the 1797 "cartwheel" penny and two-penny of George III.

C.N.A. Chapters and Club Reports

CHAPTER # 1 (Ottawa) held its May meeting on the 14th of the month, with an attendance of twenty-five members and guests.

Our speaker on this occasion was Mr. J. Douglas Ferguson, F.R.N.S., Past President of the American Numismatic Association and Honorary President of the C.N.A., who gave an address on Canadian Medals and Decorations that provoked much thoughtful discussion. Mr. Ferguson illustrated his summary of this unjustly neglected field of numismatics with outstanding specimens from his own collections, including the Order of St. Louis and a badge of the Baronetage of Nova Scotia.

Business considered included two designs — one in silver relief, and the other in enamels — submitted by Ottawa jewellers for the proposed C.N.A. membership pin.

It was decided that programmes for next Fall as well as the auctioning of selected series of Canadian money, would be discussed at our June 11th gathering.

A good variety of Canadian coins and tokens were brought and shown for sale by some of our members, arousing much interest, as did Mr. Ferguson's superb examples of early Canadian medals and decorations.

A. E. H. PETRIE,
Sec.-Treas.

CHAPTER #2 (Calgary) held its regular monthly meeting on March 21, in the recreation room of the Manning Egleston Lumber Company, with twenty-eight members and visitors in attendance.

Business included plans for our forthcoming coin display in the T. Eaton Company store window early in May.

A highly interesting meeting concluded with a most successful auction of various coins, conducted by Mr. Wing.

Following are the officers that have been elected to office for 1956:

President: Prof. A. R. Prince, 1418 8th Ave., S.E., Calgary.

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Mrs. Eileen E. BROWN,
Secretary.

CHAPTER #4 (Hamilton) held its fifth meeting of the year on April 8th, at the Y.M.C.A., with ten members present. Many items of business were discussed, including that of running a poll to determine if another evening would be more suitable than Sunday for our meetings, and the appointment of Messrs. Bruce Brace and Rudy Sauro to the exhibit committee for the displays in the Royal Bank of Canada.

The usual trading session followed the end of the meeting.

Hamilton Chapter's sixth meeting of the season took place on Sunday April 22th with seventeen members in attendance. This was rather encouraging, as our attendance has been down for the last few meetings.

President Sam Baggs opened the meeting by welcoming Mrs. Shirley Christian and Mr. Albert Sentes as new members of our Chapter.

It has been decided to leave our display in the Royal Bank for another week owing to the public interest and favourable remarks from various quarters.

Bruce R. Brace reported on the Toronto Coin Club's banquet of April 21st, for the benefit of those who were unable to attend.

An auction followed.

Miss Thelma PELLETIER,
Corresponding Secretary.

LONDON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY now meets on the first Tuesday of each month in the London Y.M.C.A.—Y.W.C.A., in Room 114 at 8.00 P.M.

The meeting of May first was well attended; President Walter Holmes was in the Chair.

Plans of our Club's activities in the London Hobby Fair, May 5 to 12, were further discussed. A report of the Toronto Coin Club's banquet of April 21st was given by some of those who were in attendance from London.

Prolonged discussions were held regarding the plans for the C.N.A. convention we are sponsoring here on September 21 and 22. Big things are being planned to help make it an outstanding event.

The regular meeting of June 5th will be the last till September as no regular meetings are held in July and August. The Convention Committee will of course carry on the good work and meet as necessary.

Billie CLARKE,
Secretary.

TORONTO COIN CLUB held its Fourth Annual Banquet and Meeting in the Library of the Royal York Hotel on Saturday, April 21, 1956. The larger accommodation required for this event was not available on the fourth Saturday of the month, the day of our regular meeting (except December).

The exhibits and auction lots were on display by 2 P.M., with many members and visitors present to inspect them. Others came in response to our newspaper invitations.

Dr. J. S. Wilkinson called the meeting to order at 2.25 P.M., welcomed the assembled members and guests, and introduced our visitors. These included collectors from the Rochester, Buffalo, Hamilton, London and Ottawa Clubs and Chapters, some of them accompanied by their wives and families. We were happy to have with us once more Billie Clarke, the youngest member of the London Numismatic Society, and to learn that he is now their Secretary. Good going, Billie! It was also a pleasure to welcome Mr. G. R. L. Potter, President of the C.N.A., here on a special trip from Ottawa. The business of the meeting was shortened so that there might be more opportunity for those present to examine bourses and auction lots, besides allowing more time for meeting guests from out of town. Our principal business was the approving of a constitution for the Toronto Coin Club.

Announcement was made that the Club intends to invite the American Numismatic Association to hold a convention under our auspices in Toronto at an early date. This invitation will be submitted to the A.N.A. in Chicago within the next few months.

At the Banquet Mr. Byron A. Swayze of London, Ontario, was called upon to say grace, after which Dr. Wilkinson proposed a toast to the Queen. Mr. Walter Holmes, President of the London Numismatic Society, which is host to the C.N.A. Convention this year, gave us some details of their plans for that gathering in the Hotel London, next September 21st and 22nd.

The speaker, Mr. Peter S. Favro, told of the transition, one hundred years ago, of Canadian money from the pound "currency" to the "decimal" dollar system.

Our auction featured, in the main, Canadian material of the decimal series. In addition, it included tokens, paper money, gold, and some lots of United States coins. The highest price realized was for a \$25 of the 1935 Series in English: this, in V.F. condition, sold for \$60. Several other items obtained from \$25 to \$45, and all eight lots of ancient coins went at good prices.

Peter S. FAVRO,
Secretary.

VICTORIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY held its April monthly meeting on the 13th, at the Victoria Arts Centre. Attendance was excellent, with sixteen out of a total membership of nineteen present, and a guest who became a member before the evening was through.

Mr. M. R. Weynton, our Secretary, gave a talk on modern minting methods, and displayed many interesting mis-strikes.

A spirited auction concluded our meeting.

Robert C. SMITH,
Publicity Director.

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History of Coins

by Dr. J. S. WILKINSON

A lecture on "Coin Collecting" delivered in a museum appreciation course at the Royal Ontario Museum of Archaeology, 28th of November, 1955

(Continued from May issue)

It was at the shrine of this combined deity in an oasis of the Libyan desert that Alexander announced his divine origin and claimed descent from Zeus Ammon.

The large island of Crete is rich in mythological lore and illustrates upon its coins the familiar tales of Europa and the bull. Knossos sometimes shows the minotaur and many of its coins show the labyrinth.

Rhodes produced many attractive coins with the facing head of the sun god and on the back, the rose, which is the meaning of the island's name. The rose was depicted open, in bud and in various patterns, one of which is almost identical with the Tudor rose.

Cyprus had a fairly large number of mints, and their coins showed Egyptian and Assyrian influences in addition to some undiluted Greek types. Cnidus in Caria issued very attractive pieces with the forepart of a lion on one side and the head of Aphrodite on the other. During the fifth century these were the most attractive Greek coins made in Asia.

Aetolia is the home of Atalanta and the scene of the Calydonian hunt. Here the favourite types are of a local hero, Aetolus, wearing a sun hat, or *kausia*, and on the reverse, a snarling Calydonian boar.

Phocis has coins with a bull's head sometimes bound with a sacrificial fillet. The head of Apollo is the reverse type, with a poetic touch — a tiny lyre half-hidden by the god's curling locks — "a lute strung with bright Apollo's hair".

Locris Opuntii, so called from its chief city — Opus — copied the Arethusa of Euaenetus. The reverse die is also Sicilian in type — an armed hero making a vigorous defence with his sword and shield facing an unseen foe. The name Ajax is added to show that it is their home-town hero of Homeric fame.

In Thessaly, the land was given over to the worship of Poseidon, creator of the horse. Larissa displays a great variety of horses, galloping, trotting or standing proudly at ease. One small coin of Larissa shows a little girl tossing a ball as though she were playing a game of jacks.

The Thessalian youths practised a form of bull-fighting similar to the bulldogging of steers in the West.

Acanthus presents a savage lion attacking and overpowering a bull. This primitively cruel scene is a very effective coin device.

Thasos and Lete feature a drunken satyr carrying off a woodland nymph. The archaic coins are

coarse but full of vigorous action, the nymph apparently protesting strongly. The later coins are more attractive, the figures more graceful and the nymph much more relaxed.

Amphipolis, a colony of Athens, has beautiful tetradrachms with the most successful effort at presenting a facing head. Apollo is shown in unusually spirited and virile style. The other side shows a flaming race torch.

Olynthus was the mint for a beautiful series of coins with Apollo on the front and his seven-stringed lyre on the other side.

The coins of Macedonia were not of great importance until the time of Philip II. He first came to power as regent for his infant nephew but little Amyntas quietly disappeared and the ruthlessly ambitious Philip remained.

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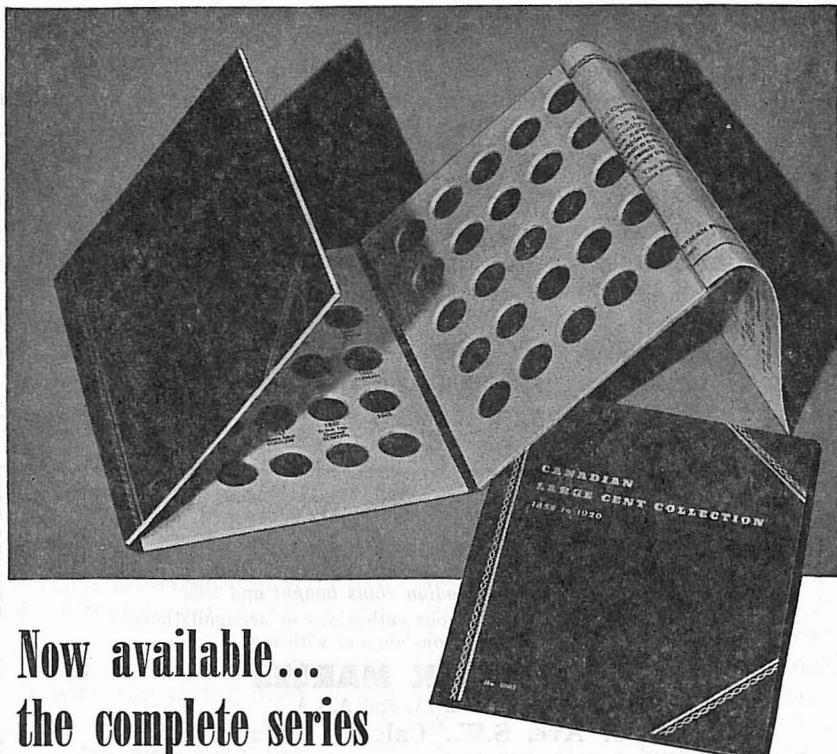
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