

NORTH YORK COIN CLUB NEWS BULLETIN
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NEXT MEETING

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE NORTH YORK COIN CLUB WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY OCT 24th. 1961, at the North York Community Hall, 5090 Yonge St. Willowdale Ont. Room open from 7.30pm., business meeting at 8.30pm.

This month the President Mr John K. Curtis and Secretary Treasurer Ken Bunnett are collaborating with a talk and exhibit of early Canadian numismatic books and literature. There will be a few of these rare old books on display, including a copy of the first Catalogue of Coins & Tokens issued in Canada, by Alfred Sandham in 1869.

There will be our usual DRAW, also a FLOOR AUCTION, bring your duplicates.

The President wishes to announce a DONATION AUCTION will be held at this meeting. The proceeds to go to the UNITED APPEAL FUND.

THE LAST MEETING

32 members, and 6 guests attended the September meeting. One application for membership was received from,-

Mr Douglas M. Foster, 16 Parmbelle Cres. Don Mills, Ont.

It is very gratifying to note that since the formation of this Club ~~xxxx~~ one year and 8 months ago, there has been applications for membership at every meeting.

NEWS OF THE NORTH YORK COIN CLUB MEDALLION

The President made the announcement that a design had been chosen for our Club Medallion, commemorating the founding of the Club.

The sketch submitted by the Secretary Treas., was the one chosen for the obverse. The reverse which portrays the coat of arms of North York, was submitted by the President John K. Curtis.

An order of 100 medals in bronze has been put in hand to Henry Birks of Toronto, and delivery is expected early in the New Year.

1962 EXECUTIVE

~~Announcing~~

A Nominating Committee for the 1962 executive was appointed. The following members agreed to serve,- Louise Graham, Ken. Beavis, Laurence Young. A full report will be given at the October meeting.

The Mint Set was won by Harvey Farrow, and the Coin Book by Ray Youngren.

A successful floor auction conducted by Leon Safer, with (30 lots) concluded a very busy yet interesting evening.

Hope to see you at the next meeting, Oct. 24th.

Ken. Bunnett Secretary Treas.

1960 - 1962
FOUNDING MEDAL
NORTH YORK COIN CLUB

The NORTH YORK COIN CLUB was formed on February 19th, 1960 by fourteen local numismatists who met in the North York Memorial Community Centre, 5090 Yonge Street, Willowdale, Ontario. From a small membership and limited financial resources, the club has within a two year period become strong and confident. It has been accepted as Chapter #28 of the Canadian Numismatic Association.

To commemorate the founding of the club, a medal is being struck shortly before the club's second anniversary. The engraving and striking of the medal is being carried out by Birks and Sons Limited of Toronto, Ontario. The medal is being struck first in bronze and later in sterling silver and goldfilled to complete encased sets of medals. One hundred of the bronze medals make up the first striking.

The obverse of the medal consists of the club crest, which was designed by the club's first Secretary-Treasurer and now club President: Mr. Kenneth Bunnett, of Willowdale, Ontario. The central figure of the crest is taken from the obverse design of the Lesslie Twopence (Charlton 99, Breton 717), with the words "North York Coin Club" engraved around the top rim and the words "est.1960" at the base of the medal.

The reverse of the medal shows the arms of the Township of North York: A Shield showing a sheaf of grain and scales, surmounted by a beaver on crown, and border of maple leaves on the right and left-hand sides, the whole surrounded with the words "Progress with Economy".

The Lesslie Twopence was selected as the basic design of the club crest because of its local historical significance. The firm of Lesslie and Sons was established in the year 1822 in the Town of York, Ontario which later became the City of Toronto. For many years the firm carried on a druggist business, with which was associated a book store. It is said that William Lyon MacKenzie (Toronto's first mayor and leader of the Rebels during the period 1837 to 1838) was for a short time (about 1822) a partner in the firm of Lesslie and Sons. The store referred to was located on the north side of King Street near Frederick Street. Lesslie and Sons later opened similar business establishments at Dundas and Kingston, Ontario:

The Township of North York, represented by its arms on the medal's reverse, is a rapidly expanding suburban municipality in Metropolitan Toronto. With a 1961 population of nearly 270,000, the Township is in fact larger than most Canadian Cities. It is interesting to note that the Township was formed into a separate municipality in 1922, exactly one hundred years after the firm of Lesslie and Sons was established.

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