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THE LAST MEETING of NYCC was held on March 23rd, 1976, but unfortunately the guest speaker, Ingrid Smith, was unable to deliver her talk because of ill health. In attendance at the meeting were C.N.A. President A. L. Munro and O.N.A. Past President W. E. Pat Lambert. This meeting followed in much the same vein as the February meeting, since, unfortunately, the compromise formerly worked out never really took effect (and there were various problems with this compromise, perhaps, as well).

FRENCH TREASURE TROVE.

Two boys offered some German gold pieces for change in a Paris shop. When required to give a satisfactory account of how they had come by them, they said they had found the corpses of two Prussian soldiers in the old quarries of Montrouge, and on searching the pockets got the pieces of gold. An officer of police went to the spot indicated, and in an abandoned gallery found the two bodies in an advanced state of decomposition. One of them had been killed by a bullet, and the other by a bayonet thrust.

A journal of Toulouse states that at Bassoues, (Gers,) some workmen were building an oven for a baker in the basement story of a house, when they dug up a copper ball curiously worked, and containing one hundred and nineteen silver coins or commemorative medals of the time of Charles IX., the three Henrys, II., III. and IV., and Philip of Spain. They are supposed to have been buried there during the siege of Bassoues by the Huguenots.

-- American Journal of Numismatics, April, 1876, p. 89.



Two types of the Gros Tournois or twelve deniers of Saint Louis IX (AD 1226-1270)
LVDVICVS REX. BNDICTV: SIT: NOME: DNI:
NRI: DEI: IHV, XPI. Rev: TVRONVS CIVIS.

Applying for membership in the club are Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Pat Lambert of St. Catharines and Mr. Bruce Watt, I know they will be welcomed to the club. Mr. Robert Aaron, pursuant to Article 12 of the Constitution, gives notice to the members of his appeal of the executive's decision of March 18, 1976, to suspend his membership, and requests consideration of his appeal at the April 27th meeting.

C.N.A. News of Concern to N.Y.C.C. Members: Members of the C.N.A. executive have asked me to pass on the following fact to the membership, as it is of immediate concern to them.

At the last meeting of the C.N.A. Executive, held on April 3, 1976, a motion was passed stating that the [CNA] Executive was of the unanimous opinion that the North York Coin Club must abide by its Constitution and that the junior members of the North York Coin Club should have a vote. A letter was drafted and forwarded to the Club immediately after the April 3 meeting advising the Executive of the N.Y.C.C. of the C.N.A. decision, and requesting a reply within two weeks. If this request is not adhered to, the President of the C.N.A. was authorized to take the appropriate action under the Constitution against the Club, including censure, suspension or expulsion.

It is hoped that such action will not become necessary, and that our club, as a C.N.A. member, will be able to come to a reasonable understanding with the national numismatic body.

O.N.A. '76 AUCTION: Auction catalogues for the McKay-Clements Numismatic Collection, to be sold at the O.N.A. convention May 13-16, 1976, are now available from Frank Rose Enterprises Ltd., Suite 1000, 347 Bay Street, Toronto, Ontario. The catalogue, a relatively massive 150-page volume, naturally enough features the 1911 Canadian silver dollar. In the more than five pages devoted to this coin alone, the 1911 dollar is styled "The Emperor of Canadian Coins," and is described along with its numismatic history. This is not, however, the only recommendation of the catalogue. The auction also includes the Canadian 1921 fifty cent piece and the British Columbia \$10 and \$20 silver gilt patterns. Along with the usual Canadian 'colonials', decimal coins, tokens, and paper money, the auction includes a selection of foreign coins unusually large for a Canadian sale. In the introduction of the Catalogue it is stated that "John's goal of collecting every token listed by Breton and every coin listed by Yeoman's Modern World Coins, has practically been achieved." Notable among these are the Austrian 1958 proof 25 schilling, New Zealand 1935 proof set, Hawaiian 1883 EF dollar, Peruvian 1952 gold set, and a Russian 1912 EF memorial rouble. More information on the convention, hosted by North York Coin Club, was given in the March issue of this bulletin.

The scheduled programme for the April 27th meeting of NYCC will be a talk by a gentleman known to us only as Mr. X. Mr. X, it is claimed, used to accept orders for rare and scarcer numismatic material, found out where he could 'acquire' it and then used apparently not so legal means to obtain it for sale to the willing buyer at bargain prices. It should be interesting to hear from him some of his escapades and hopefully he will offer suggestions to us on how to better protect our numismatic treasures and any other valuables we might keep at home.