



# North York Coin Club

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MONTHLY MEETINGS 4TH Tuesday 8 P.M. AT  
Edithvale Community Centre, 7 Edithvale Drive, North York

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### Thank you Harvey!

*We believe that Harvey Farrow has done his time... and more. This month Paul Petch takes over the bulletin and solos without the benefit of Harvey's sharp eye for detail and newsy contributions. The club owes a great debt to Harvey for his stalwart monthly bulletin service which has lasted for so many years. Your editor thanks the President for agreeing to supply a monthly message, and we all thank you Harvey Farrow for a job well done!*

### President's Message

Well, it's time to turn our attention to North York Coin Club meetings once again. I hope everyone had a great summer and a relaxing break. The CNA Convention in Hamilton was truly a great success. There's much to recount and remember. If you didn't make it to Hamilton, you'll be able to catch up on everything you missed if you come out to the next meeting. Copies of a press release provided at the Mint Reception are reproduced with this bulletin. Plans for our Annual Show on October 1 at Edithvale are shaping up very nicely. We have bourse tables available at a price of \$15. See Ron if you need a table. Hope you can make it to the August meeting.

### Next meeting

*The next meeting of the North York Coin Club will be held on Tuesday, August 23, 1994, at the Edithvale Community Centre, 7 Edithvale Drive. As the President says, we will have lots of news from the CNA annual convention. We'll also be featuring a CNA slide show on British paper money. This is one of our more slow-paced meetings of the year, so amble on around by 8:00 p.m. and don't miss any of it.*

### Coming Events

1. Collingwood Coin and Stamp 20th Annual Show, August 20, 10am-4pm, Leisure Time Centre, 100 Minnesota St., Collingwood  
Info: Jim Alexander (705) 445-5744
2. Woodstock Coin Club's Fifth Annual Coin, Card and Stamp Show, September 11, 9am-4pm, UAW Hall, 126 Beale St., Woodstock  
Info: Woodstock Coin Club, c/o 549 Grace St., Woodstock, N4S 4N7
3. London Numismatic Society Show, September 18 10am-5pm, Ramada Inn, 817 Exeter Road, off Highway 401  
Info: Phone (519) 472-9679
4. 1994 International Collectors' Fair, September 23 1pm-9pm, 24 10am-6pm, and 25 10am-5pm, Skylon Tower, Plaza Level  
Info: Phone (905) 646-7744, Fax (905) 646-0995
5. North York Coin Club Annual Show, Saturday, October 1, 10am-5pm, Edithvale Community Centre, 7 Edithvale Drive, North York, FREE ADMISSION

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## News from the June 28, 1994 Meeting

The 386th meeting of the North York Coin Club was held on Tuesday, June 28, 1994. The President, Ron Zelk, opened the meeting at 8:00 p.m., welcoming 22 members and 1 guest. The on time attendance draw for \$4 was won by Russ Brown, who had to suffer a bit of teasing as he walked up to collect the pot. We're back to a \$2 prize for the August meeting. There were no juniors present to draw from the mint box.

Ron made comment on the loss of access to the old name button machine. New members will now use plastic name tags and there are no plans to retire the buttons which are serving old members very well.

Harvey advised that the ONA Convention Report will be ready for the August meeting. We know that the club has more than covered all of its investment and costs and that the hard work of our members has paid off in an overall profit.

Jack Rabkin came to the floor to express his concern with the very large difference between the buying and selling prices of coins. "What is the reason", he asked. Al Bliman cautioned that coin investment is not a quick profit opportunity and that buying should be for the pleasure of owning. He reminded the floor that while there is a large minting of some collector pieces, there is world-wide interest in many items with massive shipments heading out of the country to such places as Japan, the U.S. and Germany.

Following some discussion it was moved by Al Bliman and seconded by Graham Page that the July meeting be cancelled. The motion was carried in the interest of a break and the time that many of our members would be contributing to the CNA Hamilton Convention.

We thank Ted Boxall for preparing refreshments which were enjoyed by all. This was a back to front break, coming ahead of the guest speaker.

The lucky draw winners were: Ron Zelk, Harvey Farrow(3), Paul Petch, Jack Rabkin, Paul Johnson, Norm Belsten and Russ Brown.

We thank Bob Porter for running a small 7 lot auction and Tom Gottschalk for his donation.

The meeting closed at 10:05 p.m.

## Guest Speaker

Paul Johnson very capably introduced Don Bunjivac with his topic "**The United Church and Its Paper Money for use in China Missions**". This was a detailed talk, rich in the

history of 19th and 20th century China, the work of Canadian Missionaries and some obscure paper money which they issued during the 1920's.

The search for information began when he acquired some of the previously unknown paper money at an auction and ends with research that still continues through the archives of the United Church of Canada. Don has concluded that the money was produced without the official sanction of the main church office because there are no official records of it. All references come from letters issued by missionaries. The letters recount the hard financial times and the difficulty of keeping good money with true value in circulation. They also paint a vivid portrait of a country divided into North and South factions, rebellions, economic disaster and the coming of the Communist regime.

The notes themselves were printed on the same presses used to produce religious literature. It circulated only within the mission itself in denominations of 1, 2, 5, 10, 20 and 50 cents and \$1, \$2, \$5, \$10 and \$20. The higher denominations seem to have been printed in very small quantities. So far, 13 of the actual notes have surfaced. None are in the archives.

Don confirmed that the research has been very interesting and rewarding. He is continuing his search for information because many questions remain to be answered. He looks forward to publishing his original research material some day when it is complete. Don was thanked by the President and presented with a set of North York Coin Club trade dollars. Handouts provided by the speaker are reproduced (as well as we could) with this bulletin.

## Question-of-the-Month

The question of the month for August is quick... and easy: we have lots of commemorative \$1 coins, but what is the smallest denomination commemorative coin issued? What was the event? What is the design? Who is the designer? Well, I guess that's really four questions... but they all are easy.

Our June question challenged you to find out which individual, who eventually served as Mayor of Toronto, issued his own notes, and what were the circumstances? The answer may be found, among other places, in the 1993 Charlton Catalogue of Canadian Government Paper Money. The material explains that, following the collapse of the 1837 Rebellion in Upper Canada, William Lyon Mackenzie, the rebellion's leader who eventually went on to become the first Mayor of Toronto, fled to the United States. Setting up a camp on Navy

Island, about 3 miles above Niagara Falls, Mackenzie resorted to issuing scrip when all other means of acquiring supplies failed. In a bid to make his scrip more appealing to the businesses of Buffalo, he had the signature of David Gibson forged on the notes. This is the same David Gibson whose old home still

stands in North York and was featured on this year's ONA medal. The ruse did not work and the scrip did not circulate. Finding no other use for the scrap paper, he eventually came to use them for wrapping his newspapers. Congratulations to Al Bliman for knowing the answer to the question!

See you at the next meeting.

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# ANNUAL COIN SHOW

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Saturday, October 1, 1994

10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

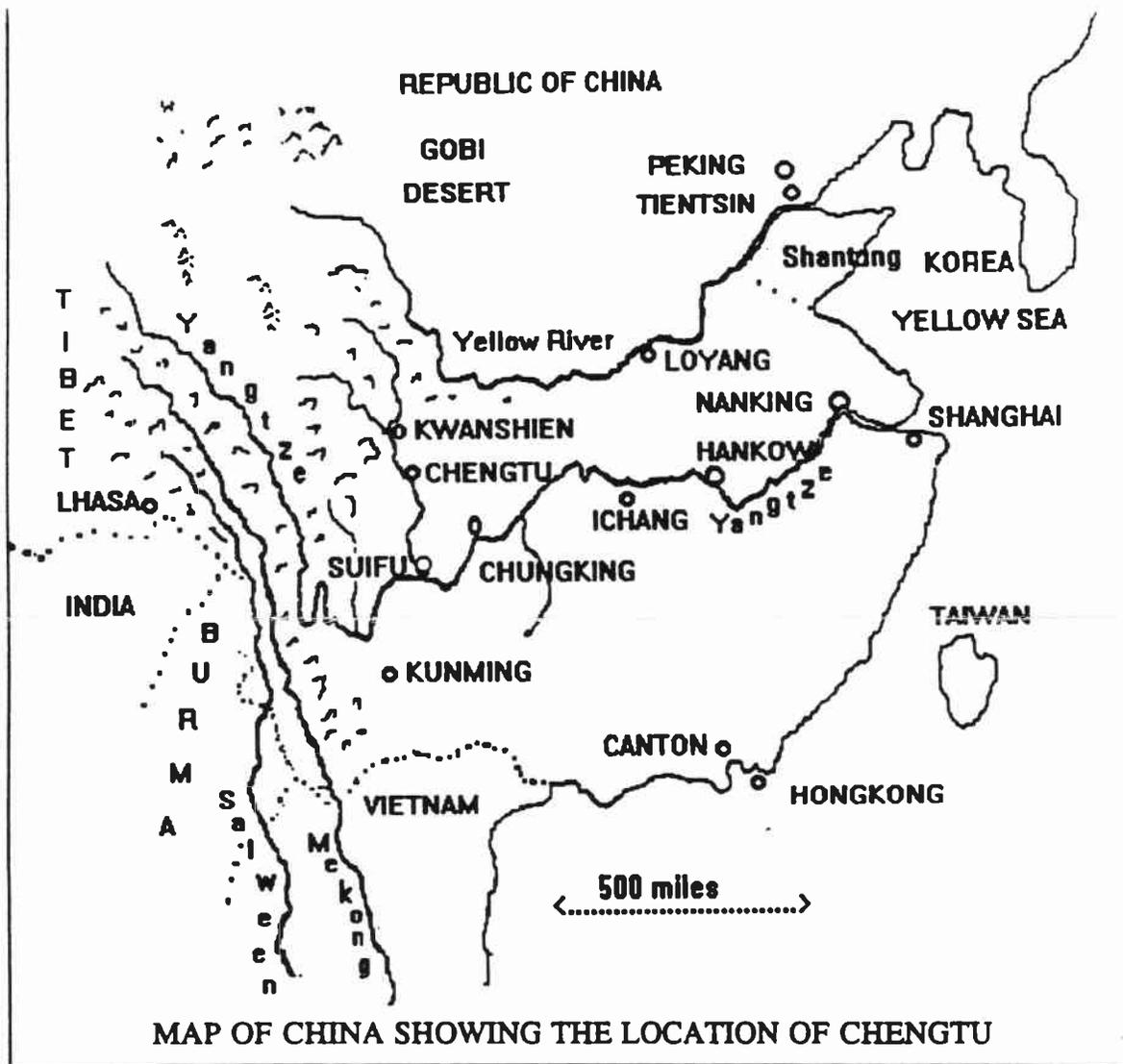
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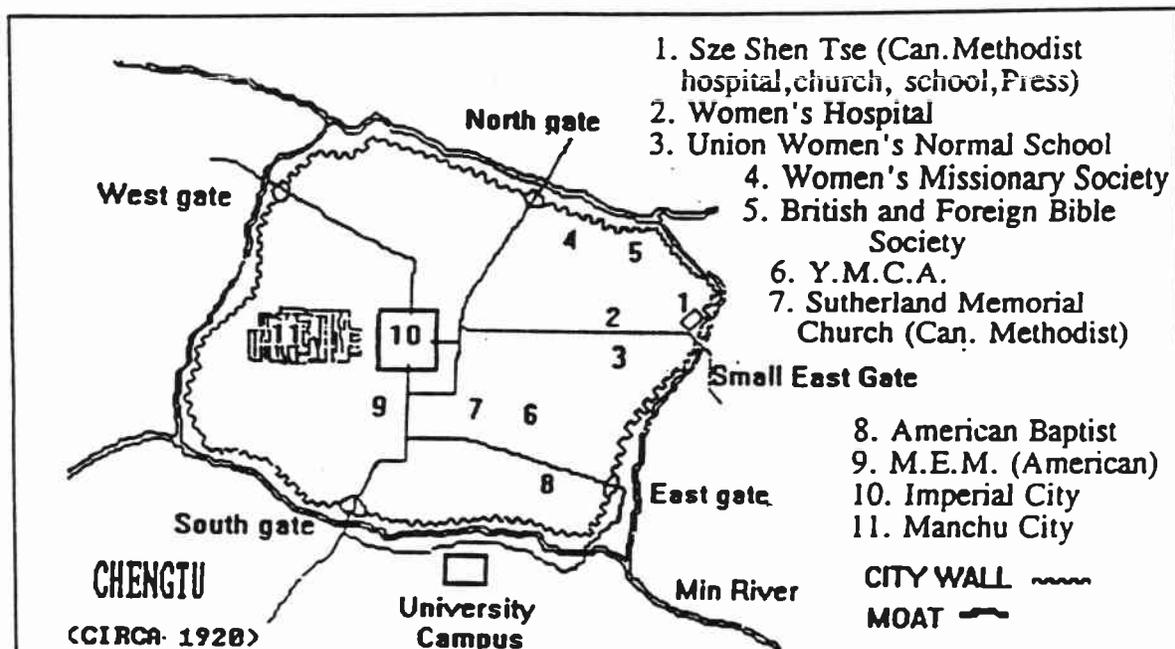
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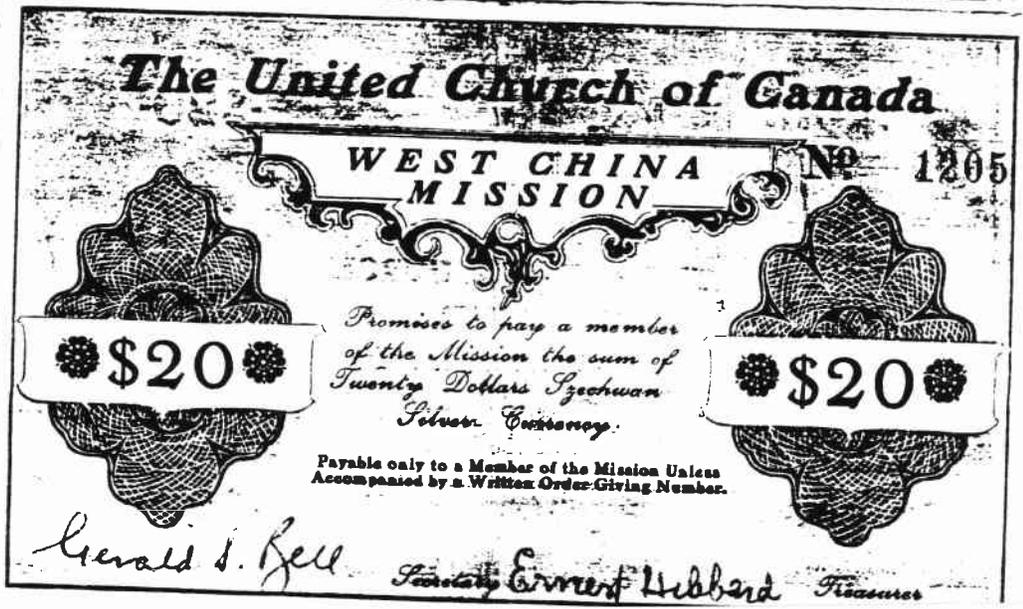
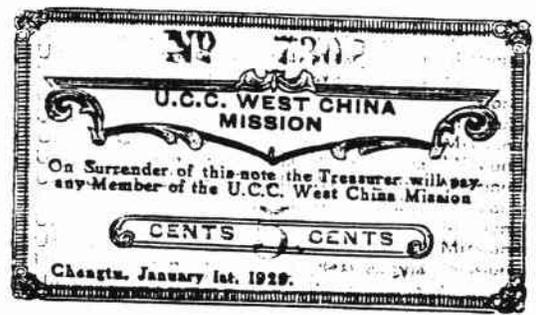
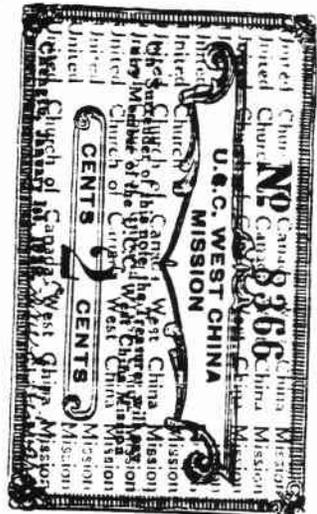
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By 1919 the missionary effort in West China was in full flower. Although there were many mission stations the focus of the effort was in Chengtu, the capital city of Szechuan, a city with a population of about half a million. The University campus was laid out to the south of the city, not far from the city wall.







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## Communiqué

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### SEA OTTER DEPICTED IN ROYAL CANADIAN MINT 1994 PLATINUM SET



Hamilton, Thursday, July 21, 1994 — During a reception held at the Canadian Numismatic Association Annual Convention, the Royal Canadian Mint launched the last Set in its current five year Platinum Series dedicated to Canadian wildlife.

Designed by British Columbia artist Ron S. Parker, each coin reverse in the 1994 set features sea otters in different natural settings. Previous designs in the series were by Robert Bateman (Polar Bears in 1990), Martin Glen Loates (Snowy Owls in 1991), George McLean (Cougars in 1992) and Claudio D'Angelo (Arctic Foxes in 1993).

The platinum sets have been successful in terms of sales and there is still a demand for the previous sets. The public reacted well to the set because of the theme as well as for the beauty, quality and craftsmanship of the coins.

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## Theme Information

The sea otter is the largest and the most aquatic of all mustelids. During the last half of the 18th century, overhunting threatened its existence. Fortunately, the sea otter was protected and its survival was thus ensured. A viable breeding population can be found in Canadian waters on the west coast of Vancouver Island, and the species continue to live and breed along the coast of British Columbia.

The sea otter is well adapted to its aquatic environment and seldom comes ashore to rest or to groom. It feeds mainly on sea urchins and shellfish and will dive as deep as 80 metres to catch its food.

## Coin Specifications

	1oz	1/2	1/4	1/10
Purity	99.95%	99.95%	99.95%	99.95%
Weight (g)	31.1035	15.552	7.776	3.111
Diameter (mm)	30	25	20	16
Face Value	\$300	\$150	\$75	\$30
Design	Two otters in bed of kelp	Mother carrying her pup	Otter feeding on an urchin	Close-up of otter's face
Finish	Frosted relief on brilliant background			
Obverse	Effigy of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, by Canadian artist Dora de Pédery-HUNT			

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Authorized by the Government of Canada, the coins are .9995 pure platinum and bear a face value of \$300 for the ounce, \$150 for the half ounce, \$75 for the quarter ounce and \$30 for the one-tenth ounce.

The maximum mintage has been reduced from 3,500 sets worldwide in 1993 to 1,500 this year.

The proof finish (frosted relief on brilliant background) coins are individually encapsulated and presented in a walnut case, housed within a burgundy flocked box. A numbered Certificate of Authenticity accompanies each set. The obverse bears the effigy of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II by Canadian artist Dora de Pédery-HUNT.

The set will be available as of August 15, 1994 directly from the Royal Canadian Mint for \$1,995.00 CAN (\$1,690.00 US) plus applicable taxes and a \$4 shipping and handling charge per order. The sets can also be purchased in Canada at the Royal Bank and at coin dealers. To order direct from the Mint, please call 1-800-267-1871.

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