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# 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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## 35th ANNIVERSARY MEETING

### Next meeting

The next meeting of the North York Coin Club will be held on Tuesday, February 28, 1995, at the Edithvale Community Centre, 7 Edithvale Drive. This is our 35th anniversary meeting with a special speaker and some special refreshments planned.

For this meeting we are pleased to welcome Mr. Ted Leitch presenting his talk on Prisoner of War money. This is a specialized collecting area in which Ted has done quite a bit of research. It promises to be a memorable talk. Ted is a member of the London Numismatic Society. He will be travelling on business that will bring him to our area at the end of February... we are fortunate that he will be able to join us. Ted is a Past President of the Canadian Numismatic Research Society, a founding member of the Canadian Association of Token Collectors and a Governor of the J. D. Ferguson Historical Research Society. He is a life member of both the Canadian Numismatic Association and the Canadian Paper Money Society. In 1991 he received the Ontario Numismatic Association Award of Merit. As a member of the CNA Education and Library Committee he has produced many audio-visual presentations, photographing much of his own collection.

### NOTICES

Time is up! This is your last chance to renew your membership for 1995 if you have not already done so. Final notices are enclosed with this bulletin and they should be either mailed back or brought along to the next meeting.

Ontario Numismatic Convention draw tickets are available once again this year. This Club earns \$2 for every book of tickets sold by a Club member. A book of tickets has been included with selected mailings of this Bulletin.

### Coming Events

1. Cambridge Coin Show, March 25, 9am-5pm Newfoundland Club, Dunbar Rd., Cambridge, FREE ADMISSION  
Info: Ted Bailey (519)442-3474/Bob Schelhas (519)442-3254
2. Hamilton Coin Club Semi Annual Show, April 1, 9am-4pm Royal Canadian Legion, Barton St., (across from Centre Mall) Hamilton, FREE ADMISSION  
Info: N. Kanerva (905) 319-3817
3. Kent Coin Club 27th Annual Coin & Card Show, April 2, 10am-4pm Wheels Inn, 615 Richmond St., Chatham, FREE ADMISSION  
Info: Lou Wagenaer, P.O.Box 95, Chatham, N7M 5K1 (519) 352-4150
4. ONA '95 Annual Convention, April 21-23, College Inn, Stone Road & College Streets, Guelph  
Info: Stratford Coin Club, P.O.Box 21031, Stratford, N5A 7V4  
Reservations 1-800-563-9240

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### News from the January 24, 1995 Meeting

The 392nd meeting of the North York Coin Club was held on Tuesday, January 24, 1995. The President, Ron Zelk, opened the meeting at 8:10 p.m., welcoming 27 members and 3 guests to this, our Annual Meeting. Basil Latham won the \$4 on time attendance draw. The prize returns to \$2 for the February meeting. The mint box was passed to one junior.

The major item of business at this meeting was the presentation of the annual financial report. Treasurer Harvey Farrow provided copies to all in attendance. A copy of the statement will be mailed to each member not in attendance with the next bulletin. The club continues to operate with a strong bank balance. Income was enhanced by the ONA show and expenses continue to be reduced because North York Parks and Recreation provide our meeting space. A motion to accept the report was moved by George Fraser, seconded by Norman G. Gordon and passed unanimously.

Ron reported several items of news. Our Club's request for storage space at Edithvale has not been accepted because there is virtually no space available for another cabinet. The Club will repeat its request as opportunities arise. The Oshawa and District Coin Club Show will be held on February 11 at the Pickering Town Centre. A 35th anniversary dinner is being planned for June 24, during the time of the Spring Torex Show. The date selected for the next North York Coin Club Annual Show is September 23.

Applications for membership have been received from Avram Zak (#493) and Dion Van Laetham (#494). These applications will become memberships at the February meeting if no objections are received.

We thank Ted Boxall for providing refreshments during the break. Thanks also go to Bob Porter for running a 5 lot auction with the assistance of Basil Latham.

The lucky draw winners were: Randy Barbe, Gary Doran, Pamela Heifetz(2), Joan Powers-Madsen (Paul Petch is holding the prize for you Joan), Harvey Farrow, Jim Heifetz(2), Bob Velensky, Rick Chadwick, Ted Boxall and Lucille Colson.

The meeting closed at 9:50 p.m.

### Member Participation Presentations

There was a member participation theme for this meeting. Six members provided interesting talks and comments.

**Al Bliman** proudly announced that he continues to collect things others don't. As an example, he displayed some colourful specimens from his growing collection of Casino Chips. These chips have no value outside the casino where they were issued and very soon have no value there either... their designs are frequently changed for security reasons and old, uncashed chips are not honoured.

**Marvin Kay** expressed his delight in receiving an addition to his medical collection from Al Bliman just before the meeting. The new piece is a token from the Free Nurses' Institute showing a nurse with patient and the motto "open your purse to support a nurse." It was thought the piece comes from the 1929-1935 era.

**George Fraser** brought along a variety of both old and new material. He showed some of the Club's medals and a McKay-Clements auction catalogue, issued for one of the Club's shows, that featured the 1911 pattern dollar. George donated three medals: a NYCC founding medal in bronze, a NYCC/ONA 1976 bronze medal and a Borough of North York 1967 bronze medal and a Frank Rose Enterprises 1976 ONA/NYCC auction catalogue for sale by auction at the February meeting. He also brought along a supply of the new Peacekeeping Dollar just released. This is a circulating commemorative which ties closely with the 1994 Remembrance Dollar. George kindly traded his new dollars for old dollars as long as supplies held up.

**Paul Johnson** passed around a new collection of tokens he has recently started from American Prisons. He had a catalogue, **Prison Tokens of the United States** by J. Zara, that revealed that use of the tokens is intended to prevent an inmate from holding too much money and also to prevent the misuse of money. We look forward to interesting stories as Paul adds new items to this collection.

**Norm Belsten** brought along a page from a 1975 North York Coin Club Bulletin featuring pictures of members at a combined North York/Richmond Hill club Christmas Party. Many of the members in the picture continue to be with us 20 years later.

**Paul Petch** entertained the club by assembling a 100 year old family heirloom. It was a cast iron bank originally owned by his grandfather while he was a boy. These banks were produced by the banking industry to encourage young people to save their money and open an account. It shows the words "Home Savings Bank" and Al Bliman commented that this particular bank failed in 1923.

**Question-of-the-Month**

At the January meeting we learned about casino chips and prison tokens. At the February meeting we will hear about Prisoner of War money. All of these items are forms of money which are not intended to enter general circulation. Some, such as modern-day trade dollars may hold their value for only a limited time. There must be hundreds of examples of limited-circulation money... think of a few categories and we will discuss them at the next meeting.

The January question asked you to identify the first local club organized in Canada and to give the year of its formation. The most accurate answers from the floor came from Rick Craig and Al Bliman identifying the Montreal Numismatic Society. Rick commented that he had found an initial meeting date of December 9, 1862, in some writings by Dr. Joseph Leroux. An answer is also found in Alfred Sandham's **Coins, Tokens and Medals of the Dominion of Canada** in a short article titled "Numismatic & Antiquarian Society of Montreal. It states:

*In the month of December, 1862, several gentlemen of Montreal, desirous of cultivating the study of Numismatics,—and judging the formation of a properly organized association as the most efficacious means of attaining that end, assembled and formed "The Numismatic Society of Montreal."*

*On the formation of the Society, the attention of members was directed to Numismatics in general. It was not long, however, before several members very naturally directed their researches towards the Coins of Canada. The comparatively great variety,—the artistic excellence of numerous specimens,—and divers curious incidents bearing on these coins, furnished ample material for many interesting reflections and surmises.*

*In January, 1866, the name of the Society was changed to that of the "Numismatic and Antiquarian Society of Montreal". In addition to study of Numismatic science, the members now directed their attention to Antiquarian research, and the result of the extended sphere of study has been to largely increase the membership, and the interest in the Society.*

The founding seal of the Montreal Numismatic Society is reproduced at right.

**Money, Math and Marvin**

Marvin Kay has provided us with two interesting math problems involving money. For those with a numerical bent... here they are:

- 1) Can you change one dollar into exactly fifty coins using at least one 1, 5, 10 and 25 cent piece.
- 2) I have 100 coins (1, 5, 10 and 25 cent pieces) worth \$7.50. The number of 5 cent pieces is one more than have the number of 10 cent pieces. There are three times as many 1 cent pieces as quarters. How many of each denomination do I have?

Remember, these are Marvin's questions... let's hope he can get the answers!!



We hope to see you at our 35th Anniverary Meeting