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INTRODUCTION

We have been having some fun in past issues about the millions of dollars that have been offered to us mainly from corrupt Nigerian officials...providing we send them “fees” and “taxes” first. Appeals to have them deduct these amounts from our percentage just didn't seem to work. It would appear that even offers of widow's millions will soon be a thing of the past.

The Associated Press advises that the Nigerian government has been cracking down on the scams. The head of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission told Associated Press that cash and assets worth more than \$700 million were recovered between May 2003 and June 2004. More than 500 people have been arrested, more than 100 cases are before the courts and 500 others are under investigation. The agency won its first big court victory in May when Mike Amadi was sentenced to 16 years in prison.

If the Nigerians stop sending us these wonderful offers, we will have to find some other Internet scams to keep us entertained. Maybe the British or Belgians can take up the slack by sending us a few more e-mails congratulating us on yet another winning lottery ticket that we didn't buy in a lottery that we didn't know existed.

WE HAVE MAIL

From J.R. Tinning: “Thank you for continuing to send the e-bulletin. I am a relative newcomer to the hobby of coin collecting--I started only 8 years ago. I seem to be the only person in my section of the province (northern B.C.) who collects coins, so joining a coin club is not an option for me. I rely on CCN and the CNA Journal, along with long-distance contacts with coin shops to help keep my coin collecting interesting. I would love to have regular personal contact with a coin club or even a local coin shop! But coin collecting is a very interesting hobby just for the coins themselves, and that is what fires me. Personally, I find your e-bulletins to be interesting and informative. I am not offended by the occasional use of terms like “wife” because I feel it is your intent that counts more than anything, and you have clearly stated that you intend to inform and amuse. My advice to those who are constantly on the lookout for new ways to feel offended: get a hobby!”

From Doug Andrew: “Dan Gosling has posted a great set of photographs of the C.N.A. Convention on the C.N.A. Website! The pictures of the younger numismatists (not unlike you and I!) are especially positive because they help convey the message that the hobby is open and accessible to all. Good job!” – To view the photos, go to <http://www.canadian-numismatic.org/2005calgary.php> and at the top are links to all of the other pages with images.”

From Bill Waychison: “There is a reason to bring your wife to a coin show. While attending the ANA in San Jose, my wife, France Waychison was very pleased to win one of the three US Mint raffle draws. The draws were held at the US Mint area daily from Wednesday through Friday. The prize consisted of a free, signed and dated, plaster bas-relief cameo of Benjamin Franklin. The sculpture is neatly framed within a shadow box and is one of three produced and donated by John Mercanti. Mercanti is a sculptor and engraver with the United States Mint and was present at the ANA Show to explain his work with the Mint. He also

presented the sculptures to the winners. France also had her name drawn for a US Bureau of Engraving and Printing intaglio proof sheet. Each sheet displays the reverse of a US note and is numbered, dated and signed by Mike Beck, Plate Printer with the BEP. An edition of 100 of the intaglio proof sheets were produced in a special colored ink for the ANA convention.”

From A Newbie: “Thank you for adding me to your bulletin mailing list. I am a relatively new collector even though I qualify for your ‘senior’ life membership rate. I am a male, with a wife...pardon me, spouse...who has no interest in numismatics. I was surfing the Internet recently and happen to come upon a link to Women in Numismatics at win.anaclubs.org. Would you please give me the Website address of Men in Numismatics. I could not find it.

NEVER TOO OLD TO PARTY

What have we started? Now even my wife is getting in on the act.

We recently celebrated my birthday and the serviettes carried the wording “Never to old to Party.” Something that my wife, who does the proofreading of this E-Bulletin before it finds its way into cyberspace, arranged.

Does this, by any change, have something to do with our previous bulletin which talked about old vs. young, male vs. female, etc., I asked her. She tells me that since my coin collecting friends that were invited are all old and male, this is the most appropriate she could find.

\$83 MILLION STOLEN FROM BRAZIL BANK – PART 2

In the last bulletin, we reported that a gang of thieves tunneled into a bank in northeastern Brazil while it was closed and stole the equivalent of \$83 million Canadian by digging a tunnel for three months from a house to underneath the vault.

We now read in an Associated Press release that this robbery was remarkably similar to a tunnel heist last year in which almost \$2 million was stolen from a Sao Paulo company that transports money for banks. The robbers broke through a bathroom of a money-transport company after digging a 122-metre-long tunnel from a nearby house. The suspected mastermind of that caper reportedly had escaped from prison three years earlier – by digging a tunnel.

C.N.A. EDUCATION CHAIRMAN TO DISPLAY MEDALS AT MASC EVENT

Paul Johnson, Chairman of the C.N.A. Education Committee, has accepted an invitation to showcase his magnificent collection of architectural medals at the 2005 Annual Meeting of the Medallic Art Society of Canada (MASC) scheduled for September 24, 2005. It will be held at the George Brown House, 186 Beverley Street, Toronto, a designated architectural heritage site administered by the Ontario Heritage Foundation.

Not only will you have chance to hear Paul talk about his collection, you will also have the opportunity to bid on original art medals in a silent auction. The event is scheduled from 10 am to 12:30 pm. Refreshments will be provided. Tickets are \$20 per person or \$30 per couple.

The annual meeting coincides with Toronto Arts Week as well as the opening of the MASC exhibit at the Canadian Sculpture Centre that is scheduled to run from September 20 to October 15. Following the annual meeting and Johnson’s presentation, you may wish to join

MASC at the Canadian Sculpture Centre for their opening of the "Monumental Miniatures" at 64 Merton St. Toronto. Admission for the opening is free.

For further information about the MASC annual meeting, contact Paul Petch at 416-303-4417. For more information about the George Brown House, visit their Website at www.heritagefdn.on.ca. For more information on the benefits of joining MASC, e-mail newcar@sympatico.ca for details.

NESA TO FUND MASC EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR

The non-profit Numismatic Educational Services Association (NESA) has agreed to fund the educational aspects of the annual meeting of the Medallic Art Society of Canada (refer to previous article). This includes costs associated with the meeting location and audiovisual equipment requirements.

BRITS CAN'T SPOT EURO

Canadian Stamp News, published by Trajan Publishing of St. Catherines, Ontario, reports that according to the Royal Mail, 49 percent of Britons do not recognize euro-denomination banknotes. While the UK didn't join in the euro, the figure is still surprising because it is the most popular currency sold by the post office.

And where does Canada place on the recognizability scale? Third, behind the U.S. dollar!

BULGARIA UNEARTHES GOLD ORNAMENTS

Archeologists have unearthed about 15,000 tiny golden pieces that date back to the end of the third millenium B.C. – a find they said yesterday matches the famous treasure of Troy.

The golden ornaments, estimated to be between 4,100 and 4,300 years old, have been unearthed gradually during the past year from an ancient tomb near the central village of Dubene.

The press release did not indicate if any other numismatic objects have, or are expected, to be uncovered.

FROM THE FILES OF THE S.O.B. BULLETINS

Now that the ANA Convention is over for another year, we thought it timely to reprint the following item published by the late Jack Veffer.

In 1977, the ANA refused bourse tables to some dealers because they allegedly broke the rules. The following article was published in SOBServations, official publication of the Society of Bearded Numismatists.

A.N.A. REJECTS 10 DEALERS

Reportedly, ten dealers have been refused bourse tables at the A.N.A. Convention in Atlanta for "bourse room violations" in New York in 1976. Says Fitts III: "At the insistence of a board member, I notified the board that these dealers were apparently not present on Sunday, August 29th."

Complains Donlon: "At 86, one does not plan very far ahead, so I had wanted to come." Bob Lecce, of Coinways, Inc. claims he was not absent. Someone must have been checking while he was relieving himself (*we suggest he secure an affidavit from the washroom*)

attendant). Robert Batchelder of Ambler, Pa. also claims he was there (*at least one S.O.B. can attest to the fact that he was still there around noon*).

Be of good cheer men. It so happens that the Society of Bearded Numismatists is having a convention at the Marriot Hotel at the same time the A.N.A. is having its convention.

We have one bourse table available at the price of \$350.00. If the dealers want to share time at this table, it would only come to a paltry sum of \$35.00 per dealer. In fact, any dealer who does not want to show up at all would only be charged \$20.00.

Don't miss out on this offer. Remit a minimum deposit of \$2.00 immediately.

Since our organization has no rules or regulations you may close shop as often as you wish to go to the washroom, or any other place.

To all dealers who were fortunate enough to obtain tables at the A.N.A. bourse we make the following offer:

We supply stand-ins at \$10.00 per hour if you feel the need to leave your table. These stand-ins are professional actors, well briefed for the job. We guarantee all male personnel to be clothed in suits without pockets. Females will be wearing bikinis.

LOTTERY TICKET BACKGROUND – PART 3

In C.N.A. E-Bulletin Number 6 of March 10, under the guise of wishing to publish background on lottery tickets, we made you aware of the fact that Robert Edmonds, who always played the same string of lottery numbers, purchased a ticket at Coby Variety in Coboconk, Ontario, validated it in Fenelon Falls, returned to Coby Variety and handed two tickets to the store owner's wife, Phyllis LaPlante, to check. He was only told of winning a free ticket, not the big one. Days later, Edmonds grew suspicious and contacted the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation (OLGC).

To make a long story shorter, Edmonds sued Coby Variety for allegedly cheating him out of a \$250,000 winning Encore ticket. He settled with the store owners, who have denied any wrongdoing and admitted no liability, for \$150,000. Then he sued the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation to recover the other \$100,000, because he says it refused to properly investigate a retailer. The OLGC argues a retailer is an independent contractor, not an agent, employee or partner of the corporation. Therefore, it says, the corporation isn't liable for Edmonds' alleged loss. You can go to www.canadian-numismatic.org, click on the E-Bulletin, Issue #6 of March 10, for the full write-up.

In Issue #7 of March 20, we wondered why the storeowners would agree to give Robert Edmonds \$150,000. The answer was provided in court testimony when a police officer testified that the retailer at Coby Variety asked officers investigating the theft what would happen if she admitted the offence rather than be found guilty of it. When she was told that the end result would be the same, she said, "Then what's the point of saying anything?" In the same issue, we stated that we would be publishing one more column on whether or not the OLGC has to pay the other \$100,000 and if the store owners will be found guilty of fraud and theft. Well, here it is:

According to yesterday's Toronto Star, the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corp. spent \$426,900 of taxpayers' money on legal fees in a court battle over a \$100,000 claim that ended up

being settled at the last minute. That figure does not include the amount paid to Edmonds in the settlement, which the lottery corporation refuses to disclose. In a battle that resembled David versus Goliath, Mr. Edmonds squared off with the lottery corporation in the Superior Court of Justice over a three-week period where it was discovered that the store owner could not even answer simple questions about where the ticket had come from or the sequence of numbers played. The store owner was eventually charged with theft and fraud, charges which were stayed as a result of a settlement of a lawsuit against them by the OLGC.

The case between Edmonds and the OLGC was settled minutes before the jury was to begin deliberating. The Ontario Taxpayers Federation said it was “unconscionable” to fight this to the tune of \$500,000.

WIRE SERVICE FEATURES ALEX COLVILLE

Canwest news service recently circulated a story on Alex Colville to its subscriber newspapers. Alex Colville designed all of the circulating coinage for Canada in 1967, Canada’s centennial year.

The article pointed out that the Canadian army didn’t know what to do with him when he signed up for duty in 1942, since he was fresh out of Mount Allison University in New Brunswick. His only contribution to the war effort prior to volunteering for battle had been a poster he’d created for the government showing Canadian warships dropping depth charges on U-boats in the Atlantic.

Colville tried out for infantry officer training but didn’t fit the criteria. He applied for the paratroopers, but was too small and light.

He became a Canadian war artist. Equipped with a jeep and driver, he was ordered to link up with Canadian forces in Europe and document on canvas whatever subjects he could find. He spend the next year mostly with the Third Canadian Infantry Division - the battalions that had come ashore on D-day – amid the mud and fear and horror of war-torn Europe.

“Would I rather serve as an infantry officer – the ultimate point of which was to run across fields while people shoot at you – or would I rather paint and draw? Well, the painting looked pretty attractive.”

CANADIAN VETS STILL GETTING THEIR SERVICE MEDALS

According to the Canadian Press news service story, a lot of first time medals are still being issued to veterans.

“You’d be astounded how many,” said Janice Summerby. “There were 171 in March alone and 2,000 over the last fiscal year. Yes, these medals are still being struck.”

After the war, Summerby said, some vets had relocated and were more concerned with getting on with their lives than seeking out awards. “But we’re getting more and more requests either from veterans or their families,” she said.” They want something to hand on to their grandchildren.”

CANADIAN VETS STILL GETTING U.S. DEVIL’S BRIGATE MEDALS

No sooner had we typed the above and picked up The North York Mirror, we read that earlier this year, the American government announced it is awarding the Combat Infantry Badge to

Canadian soldiers who were in combat as members of the First Special Service Force (Devil's Brigade) during the Second World War.

Any Canadian member or kin of a member who qualifies should apply for the medal by contacting Charles Mann at (519) 396-2774.

LAST VICTORIA CROSS WNNER DIES

And while we are on the subject of military medals, the last surviving Canadian winner of the Victoria Cross - the British Commonwealth's top military honor - passed away recently at age 91. Esnest Alvia "Smokey" Smith of Vancouver, BC, earned his Victoria Cross for bravery in WWII when a Canadian Infantry Brigade was ordered to establish a bridgehead across the Savio River. Private Smith killed 4 of the enemy, drove others back, destroyed an enemy tank, helped the wounded and protected his comrades until tanks and anti-tank guns arrived some hours later.

Wouldn't it be a coup if the 2006 C.N.A. Convention could boast a display of some of the medals referred to above? Anybody connected to the Canadian War Museum receiving this?

A COIN COLUMNISTS OTHER COLUMN

We mentioned on a previous occasion that Robert Aaron is the only person to ever have three different columns run simultaneously in Canada's largest daily newspaper, The Toronto Star. He writes a coin column, a stamp column and, each Saturday, a column in the Real Estate section entitled Title Page (a reference to the "title" of a house). Your C.N.A. E-Bulletin editor was moved to respond to two of his recent columns dealing with real estate.

The first one was in response to a column that mentioned that the buyers of a house in the country were suing to obtain their money back and have a court declare the sale null and void...because the seller did not reveal that there was a nudist colony next door. I replied: "If I was selling a house next door to a nudist colony, I would publicize that fact prominently in my ad. I would add at least \$20,000 to the asking price and wait for the offers to roll in."

The second one was in response to a column that dealt with whether or not to declare that a house being sold was previously used as a grow operation. One of Aaron's clients felt that the seller should have declared that fact, but problems arose from police who would not make such lists available. When he published a number of the responses in the following Saturday's column from people that gave both pro and con positions, he included the following ending: "The last word goes to John Regitko, an old friend with a marketing background. He wrote to say: 'If I was selling a house that had been used as a grow operation, I would leave a bunch of plants behind during open house and raise the price by a few thousands! What's the matter with people? Don't they know how to promote any more?'"

And you thought your editor reserves his attempts at humor exclusively for this E-Bulletin!

CONDOLENCES

To the family of Ted Boxall, on his recent passing. Ted was a member of a number of Toronto-area coin clubs and served on a number of C.N.A. Convention committees. He was awarded an honorary life membership in the North York Coin Club in February 1995.

2004 C.N.A. CONVENTION MEDAL'S CENTRAL DESIGN IN THE NEWS

With the recent opening of the annual Canadian National Exhibition and the imminent anniversary of the unveiling of the Princess' Gates on August 30, 1927, the Winged Goddess of Victory is in the news again.

To refresh everyone's memory, the Winged Goddess of Victory appeared on the 2004 C.N.A. Convention medal held in Toronto. The design, engraved by the Royal Canadian Mint from a digital photograph taken by Convention Chairman Paul Petch, is the top part of the monumental east entrance of the gates to the Canadian National Exhibition Grounds. The Gates were commissioned by the City of Toronto through the CNE Association, sculpted by Charles D. McKechnie, and was build in 1927 to celebrate the 60th anniversary of Confederation

The name of The Princess' Gates was selected after officials heard that Prince Edward and Prince George would both be visiting the CNE. Prince Edward cut the ribbon and officially opened the gates on August 30, 1927. The gates themselves were designed in the decorative beaux arts style and feature a Roman archway and nine Ionic columns, which represent the nine provinces of Confederation in 1927 (Newfoundland did not join Confederation until 1949).

McKechie modeled the statue on a classical Greek model, Winged Victory, adding a head and arms of his own design. This famous statue, found on the island of Samothrace in the northern Aegean sea in 1863 by French archeologist Charles Champoiseau, is now in the Louvre in Paris. The Greek statue originally stood on the prow of a stone ship and was intended to represent the goddess as she descended from the skies to bring victory to the fleet.

The reason we are actually mentioning this is a come-on for you to consider purchasing the 2004 C.N.A. Convention medal, in either silver or bronze. This might be your last opportunity to acquire them at this pricing at original issue price. The .999 fine silver sells for \$45, the bronze for \$20. Please add \$4.00 per order to cover the cost of shipping and handling. All amounts in Canadian funds. Send orders to 2004 C.N.A. Medals, 4936 Yonge St., Suite 601, North York, ON M2N 6S3.

Although the actual statue that the central design of the convention medal came from sits high up on the Princes' Gates at the eastern entrance to Exhibition Place, convention-goers that signed up for the tour of Toronto did not get to see it in person. Streets around Exhibition Place were closed to traffic that week because of Toronto hosting The Molson Indy.

When the convention medal was first designed, the name of the statue was not as appeared on the final medal, but rather as "Goddess of Winged Victory." Sharp eyes Graham Esler, former Chief Curator of the Bank of Canada's National Currency Collection, unfortunately for error collectors, caught the juxtaposition before any medals were struck. In case you missed that, it's Winged Goddess of Victory, not Goddess of Winged Victory.

2005 C.N.A. CONVENTION BRONZE MEDAL STILL AVAILABLE

We hear from our friends on the 2005 C.N.A. Convention Committee that just a few of the bronze medals of the recent convention in Calgary remain. If you are interested in obtaining one or more at the original issue price of \$20, please send a money order or cheque (payable to "2005 C.N.A. Convention") to 2005 C.N.A. Convention, P.O. Box 633, Calgary, AB T2P 2J3. Please add \$4.00 per order to cover the cost of shipping and handling.

2005 C.N.A. CONVENTION WRAP-UP

One of the refreshments that was a big hit in Calgary was bottled water. People could be seen carrying it to educational seminars. It was placed on tables in meeting rooms. It was supplied in the Hospitality Suite. It was sitting beside members of the hard-working Convention committee at the registration/daily admission tables and in the committee room. I recall reading that Canadians consume as much bottled water as any other country in the world. This in the country that has more fresh water than any other area in the world. But if we have so much fresh water, why do we feel we have to purify it some more and bottle it before consuming it?

Where do you think the water being served in Calgary was bottled? Alberta, which has thousands of fresh-water lakes? Ontario, that has both fresh water and the consumers? British Columbia, which has the cleanest streams of any province rushing clean, clear melted ice water down the mountains just waiting to be scooped up by a bottler? Quebec, with its vast Northern rushing rivers? The U.S., our largest trading partner?

Answer: None of the above! It's Norway!

But, hey, as long as the beer is Canadian, eh!

2006 C.N.A. CONVENTION NEWS

It is never too early to make notes in your calendar. If you don't have a 2006 calendar yet, enter it at the end of your 2005 calendar and transfer the information when you get the new one.

The 2006 C.N.A. Convention is scheduled for July 20 to 24 at the Sheraton Fallsview Hotel and Convention Centre in Niagara Falls, Ontario. Full details right here over the next 10 months.

NEW MUNICIPAL TRADE TOKEN BOOK AVAILABLE

Serge Pelletier has reminded us that he recently released a new reference for the collector of municipal trade tokens: the second edition of the "Standard Catalogue of Canadian Municipal Trade Tokens, Volume 4 – Ontario."

The 139-page spiral-bound "The Standard Catalogue of Canadian Municipal Trade Tokens, Volume 4 – Ontario" is one of the six volumes that will constitute the complete work. It lists all the known municipal trade tokens of Ontario (more than 380 pieces). In addition to the 600-plus actual size photos, it has 49 enlarged photos to help in the identification of varieties. Two versions of this book are available: the book only and the book and CD, which contains an electronic copy of the book (locked pdf) with some of the photos in color. The book only version is priced at \$31.94, postpaid for Canada, \$29.20 for the United States and \$42.45 for overseas. The version with the CD-ROM is \$41.24 postpaid for Canada, \$39.20 for the United States and \$52.45 overseas.

And while you're at it, you might wish to include the 2nd edition (2005) of "A Compendium of Canadian Municipal Trade Tokens." The catalogue is a 124 page booklet size 5-1/2" x 8-1/2", spiral bound, with plastic cover. The catalogue is available for \$12.95 plus \$2.50 shipping and handling anywhere in Canada or U.S. If shipment is made to Ontario, add 15% PST & GST. Anywhere else in Canada just add 7% GST.

All items can be obtained from Bonavita, Box 11447, Station H, Nepean, ON K2H 7V1. Their telephone number is (613) 825-3092, e-mail bonavita@eligi.ca. Their Website is www.eligi.ca/bonavita.

16TH CENTURY BASQUE GALLEON FOUND OFF LABRADOR COAST

This Summer, a team of government archeologists will journey to Red Bay, Labrador, to excavate a 16th-century Basque galleon sitting in the chill waters of the Strait of Belle Isle.

The dig is likely to be the largest underwater archaeology project on the continent this summer. It will certainly be one of the most interesting.

The galleon wasn't supposed to be here. The team that will once again descend into the freezing waters off Labrador has been back and forth across the harbor bottom for years, tracing and tracking the remains of a huge economic boom of the 16th century. They have already found three full galleons and five smaller harpoon boats. They have mapped and catalogued hundreds of artifacts.

Red Bay is one of the most studied sites in the country. "I was routine monitoring," says Willis Stevens, an archeologist with Parks Canada who will be leading the team. "I was collecting whalebone when I came across a site under the water that just blew me away. We had been through that area my times and seen nothing."

Red Bay, once one of the biggest whaling ports in the world, its roll in European commerce was forgotten until 30 years ago. That is when historian Selma Barkham discovered references in Spanish archives to a Basque shipwreck in Labrador. That led to a survey of Red Bay in 1978.

Archaeologists have dated the Basque at Red Bay on 1534, long before Cartier officially discovered the Maritimes. In fact, Cartier reported seeing 1,000 Basque fish boats when he reached the western edge of the Atlantic.

Archeologists suspect that the prop wash from a cruise ship uncovered the galleon from the mud of the harbor. The cruise ship was stopped in Red Bay to view the historic site.

Divers will have only five weeks to explore the ship. They will work in 10 metres of water that hovers at about 3C, staying down for two hours at a stretch. They are looking for telltale signs of the period – the way the mast is stepped into the keel, the shape and line of the ship. Before they leave, they will rebury the ship under 200 tonnes of sand, cover it with a heavy tarp and weight that down, to make sure neither the pointy end of an iceberg nor the prop of a cruise ship chews through the ancient timbers.

We wonder what coins they will find before they complete their mission.

SHOW BUSINESS

August 26-28, Dearborn, Michigan - Central States Numismatic Society Fall 2005 Convention hosted by Michigan State Numismatic Society. At Hyatt-Regency Hotel, Dearborn, Michigan. Information from Joseph Le Blanc, (734) 453-6845 or msnsbm@aol.com.

August 28, Woodstock, Ontario – Woodstock Coin Club's 16th Annual Coin Show, South Gate Centre, 191 Old Wellington St. S., Woodstock, Ontario; 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Admission \$1.00, kids free. Door prizes. Displays. Information from Tom Rogers at (519) 451-2316.

September 10 - 11, Niagara Falls, ON - TLC Coin Show, Ramada Suites Hotel, 7389 Lundy's Lane. Hours: Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission \$3, seniors and students \$2. Children under 12 free. Free parking. Information from Linda Robinson at (905) 309-5967 or lindann@sympatico.ca or Tom Kennedy at (519) 271-8825.

September 18, London, ON - London Numismatic Society's 13th Annual Coin Show, Ramada Inn, 817 Exeter Rd. (off Hwy. 401). Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission \$1, includes draws. Information from Len Buth at (519) 641-4353 or lbuth@webmanager.on.ca.

September 23 - 25, Hamilton, ON – TNS The Numismatic Show, Ramada Plaza Hotel, 150 King Street East, level P3. Dealer set-up Friday from 2 p.m. Early bird admittance and show pass \$20. Public admittance Sat. and Sun. at 10 a.m. Adults \$4, seniors and young collectors \$2. Auctions by Jeffrey Hoare Auctions, Inc. Numismatic auction on Sat., militaria auction on Sun. Information from Terry MacHugh at (905) 570-2434 or rscoins@cogeco.ca.

September 24 - 25, Vancouver, BC - North Shore Numismatic Society's Coin Show, Oakridge Centre Auditorium, 41st and Cambie Street.. Hours: Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Over 30 tables. Free admission, free hourly door draws plus a raffle for 4 other great prizes. Free parking. RCMP counterfeit display. Information from Lynn Balmer at (604)925-2070 or balmoralnu@aol.com or Owen Wright at (604)922-5077 or orpwright@telus.net.

CONCLUSION

You know what I like best? When we receive letters from you: suggestions, criticisms, humorous articles, coming events, condolences, etc.

We would be kidding ourselves if we didn't state that we also like the compliments. For example, we received a number of e-mails since the last bulletin. Jerome Furre, Editor of The Collector, official publication of the Canadian Tire Coupon Collectors Club (CTCCC) and co-author of The Bilodeau Guide to Canadian Tire Money, simply e-mailed: "Keep up the good work!" Don Robb, who is or was involved with the Waterloo Coin Society, Ontario Numismatic Association, CTCCC and other groups and has won virtually all Canadian numismatic awards, says "Your latest adventure makes very interesting reading for someone like me (and others I'm sure). Keep it up."

As the saying goes, keep them cards and letters coming!

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