



# Champlain Coin Club Bulletin

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**MONTHLY MEETINGS 1st Thursday 7:30 P.M.** (except July and August)

**St. David Anglican-Lutheran Church Basement**

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## THE BULLETIN FOR DECEMBER 2020

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Bob Durrant



Goodbye 2020 or should we say so long!

This year has not been very good for most people's health and mental well being. As executive members it has been a challenge to keep the club active, relevant, and going strong. Our club is all about connections, getting together to learn, explore and laugh together. I am pleased that we have this newsletter to share ideas, encourage participation and allow our members to join in the dynamic future of our club. Communication is so important even more so now given our current global situation. Thanks for staying with us and we want to hear from you!

For the matter of open positions, no more submissions came to our attention for VP and membership roles. Given that we have asked Chris Liantzakis if he would look after membership and Murray Smith to be our interim Vice President until our official election in May 2021. At that time, we will vote on all executive positions for the next 2 years.

We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

#### December 3<sup>rd</sup> Club Meeting –on ZOOM

Zoom details will be sent to members via email. Zoom can be used on personal computers as well as mobile devices. If you are unable to join by Zoom you can call in via telephone.

Meeting line will open at 6:30 pm and begin promptly at 7:00 pm

Thanks to the [Royal Canadian Numismatic Association \(RCNA\)](http://www.rcna.org) for inviting its member clubs to use its annual Zoom subscription – for free – through June 2021.

## Our Next Meeting

December 3<sup>rd</sup> – Zoom Meeting



The Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting will be held online using Zoom meetings.

### We Need Your Input!

We are looking for articles for our newsletter. If you have a numismatic or philatelic story or event you would like to share, please email us!

Remember social (physical) distancing does not mean isolation.

Stay in touch with your club!

Email

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Check out our website

[www.champlaincoinclub.com](http://www.champlaincoinclub.com)

## News of the November 2020 Meeting



By Doug McGarvey

Attendance: 6                      Guests: 2  
50/50 Draw: \$0.00      Draw tickets: \$0.00  
Auction: \$0.00      Membership dues: \$0.00

In November we welcomed our first ever virtual guests, Peter Becker and Bret Mackie, from the Waterloo Coin Society. News of our October virtual meeting had appeared in the Canadian Coin News since our last meeting and they were curious to see how we conducted ours.

The meeting was opened by President Bob Durant who mentioned that we have our bank notes back from grading and hoped everyone had read the latest newsletter about choosing a new Vice-President and Membership Secretary. VP Rob Morrison had resigned since our last meeting and Rob Durrant is stepping down from the Membership Secretary position. Bob mentioned that Rob Durrant is also the Newsletter Editor and has expanded the position to including a website and arranging and setting up the Zoom meetings and now needs someone to step in his other position. Bob mentioned that we have two candidates for the VP position but we also need a volunteer to fill the Membership Secretary position. Both Murray Smith and Chris Liantzakis would stand for the position, but a vote would have to be taken. A brief discussion on how we would conduct a mail in vote took place before Brent Mackie from the Waterloo Coin Society, made a sensible suggestion that since we have two candidates for one position and volunteers are far and few between why not fill both positions if one is interested in the Membership Secretary position.

Chris Liantzakis responded by stating “I agree, I am willing to take either” and finished with “I’m good with doing membership chair and felt all of us had enough of elections as what was happening over the US election results.

Bob Durrant felt it was a bonus getting two people interested and he would phone Murray to let him have first pick of the positions. Chris felt that “with Murray’s

experience I think giving him the VP position is probably the best way to go”. In the end Chris Liantzakis volunteered to be our new Membership Secretary and Murray is our new Vice-President.

Bob Durrant mentioned we are still looking for people to send in submissions for the 60th anniversary medallion. Doug McGarvey read the minutes of the October meeting which were adopted by Rob Durrant and seconded by Bob Durrant.

Doug also read the November birthdays including our Past-President Dan Horne, Murray Smith, Rick Fagan, Bob Browne and Roger Sherman.

The floor was opened by Bob.

Cliff Whitfield expressed his appreciation for the work by members Bill Beattie, Doug McGarvey and Rob Durrant in arranging the coin and bill grading. Bill mentioned that Rob had transported the coins from his place to the graders and back.

Bill Beattie also said that he is planning another run at ICCS grading in 2021 possibly by the end of January as he already has over a hundred items for submission. Bill would like members to let him know how many coins they are planning on grading.

Bob Durrant asked if any members are getting 2020 coins in their change. Guest Peter Becker displayed his 2020 colourized Victory toonie which he obtained two rolls of from the Beer Store. Bret Mackie introduced himself as the Treasurer of the Waterloo Coin Society and answered some inquiries about their club activities during the pandemic.

Peter Becker asked if anybody had seen the article on the Covid-19 medallion featured in the Canadian Coin News. The medallion was the result of six contestants submitting a dozen designs. This led to a discussion about our planned 2022 medallion. Rob Durrant reported that he had RCNA Past President Henry Nienhuis onboard to assist and work with the Mississauga Mint. Rob also mentioned that our club was featured in the Canadian Coin News as a club holding Zoom meetings. He also

mentioned that even though the online Canadian Coin News is accessed by subscription there are still a lot of news available without a subscription. He also mentioned that there are a lot of interesting articles available at the Bank of Canada Museum online and showed examples from his computer.

Rob also mentioned that our members were welcome to join the Waterloo clubs online Zoom meetings which is the following Tuesday. He will forward this information to the members by email.

Bill Beattie mentioned that the RCM is not selling special wrapped rolls of the UN looney and only circulation rolls will be available. They will not likely be available at the banks but Shoppers, Tim Horton or the Beer Store may have them.

Bill Beattie commented on how he had two US coins returned from ICCS that they said they lacked the expertise to grade. They were 1798 and 1800 dollars. Doug mentioned that his 1797 cartwheel two penny was returned as it was too large for their holders. Bill mentioned he also had a 1797 cartwheel he wanted to see if it was real as it looked almost new.

Rob Durrant gave an interesting presentation from the London Numismatics Society on the history of Newfoundland currency. It touched on the establishment of Newfoundland decimal currency and about the designs and issues of their coins from 1865 to 1947. After the presentation Bob closed the meeting.

## Upcoming Club Meeting & Activities



**Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>** — Zoom meeting - **Dominion of Canada Bank Notes**

**Jan 7<sup>th</sup>** — Zoom meeting – **Medals, Tokens and Paper Money of HBC**

**Feb 4<sup>th</sup>** — Zoom meeting – TBD

**Mar 4<sup>th</sup>** — Zoom meeting - TBD

## Did You Know?

[The Reluctant Bank Note - Bank of Canada Museum](https://www.bankofcanadamuseum.ca/2020/06/reluctant-bank-note/)

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The \$50 bill issued in 1975 heralded the end of the traditionally engraved vignette. Lithography took over most of our bank note imagery for all the following series. The vignette on the \$50 bill was a wild departure from the monochrome images of the rest of the series and, indeed, all previous Canadian bank notes.

## Call for ICCS Coin Certification Submissions - Jan 2021

We are starting to organize another Group Coin Certification process with ICCS by mid-January 2021.

Bill Beattie will be the contact person at either of his email addresses as before [bill.beattie@sympatico.ca](mailto:bill.beattie@sympatico.ca) or [bssbtt199@gmail.com](mailto:bssbtt199@gmail.com).

If you missed the last time for whatever reason, this is another opportunity to get those coins in your collection certified at a reasonable price. The price per coin is the same as 2020, \$7.00 per coin plus tax 13%--which applies to Canadian, USA and Great Britain Circulation Coins. Note Foreign Coins, Gold Coins and Tokens are \$15 per coin plus tax. Forms are available



on the ICCS website [www.iccscoin.ca](http://www.iccscoin.ca) you do not have to register to print out the PDF form.

We are setting the deadline date as January 16, 2021 so when you are ready to submit your coins with your completed form, cheque or cash for the total amount. Please advise Bill Beattie so we can arrange for your delivery to a local club member as before. The uncertified coins will be delivered to ICCS in the later part of January and the certified coins will likely be available to pick up in early April 2021.



## Champlain Coin Club Celebrates 60 years in 2022

**This is a reminder for our members and friends to submit your ideas and designs to mark our 60th anniversary in 2022.** In 2017, we marked Canada's sesquicentennial with a medal featuring the club's namesake Samuel de Champlain. Using the 2017 design as the obverse die, we are looking to you for the reverse design to commemorate our 60th anniversary.

### Submission instructions:

Die size: 38 mm

Please submit all questions, ideas and artwork to [champlaincoinclub@gmail.com](mailto:champlaincoinclub@gmail.com)

You do not have to be an artist to submit what you have. All ideas will be accepted and reviewed. We have not had many submissions so please give us your thoughts and ideas today!

# Vick & Sons Store and Mill of Orillia Ontario

By Member Judy Blackman

From what I gather, **George Vick & Sons** were bakers, confectioners, wholesalers of grain / flour / feed, millers (Orillia Roller Flour Mills), grocery and tea merchants, and store owners. George started the retail store in 1856 which expanded to include a bakery by 1859, and later by acquisition the roller mill in 1880.



**Museum image (Documentary Artifact): 1915 inside Geo. Vick & Sons Store, Orillia**

bread was baked in three massive hearth ovens and delivered door-to-door by horse drawn wagon. In 1911 the Vick family replaced the original wooden structure with the grand brick building which is the same building Mariposa is today. In 1929 the building was sold and became Orillia's leading furniture store for over 50 years, most notably as Anderson's Furniture. The baking operations were moved to the rear of the building and continued until the 1960's.

The business operated under various names but were under the same legal entity: Orillia Roller Flour Mill, Vick & Sons, Geo. Vick, Geo. Vick & Sons, George Vick & Sons.

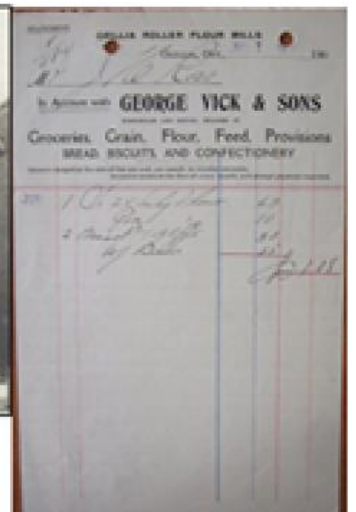


The mill was located at the bottom of Tecumseth Street near the waterfront. Before George acquired the mill, it was originally established in 1870 by R. A. James. The mill was 50 ft x 50 ft with the elevator 10 ft x 50 ft with a 14-inch wall between the two. The brick engine house was 18 ft x 30 ft and held a 55HP engine to power the mill.

The roller mill produced flour and grain: straight grade flour, oatmeal, cornmeal, cracked wheat, graham flour, buckwheat flour. In 1911 brands of Lilly were made from spring wheat. The Eclipse brand was made from winter wheat. In 1897 the mill produced up to 500 bushels per hour. The business closed during the 1930s before Canada entered the Second World War. Today the Geo. Vick store is the home of the Mariposa Market. When it was Geo. Vick Store & Bakery, the



**Museum image 1911 photo of Geo. Vick & Sons Store and order/invoice form**



George Vick (1825 Isle of Wight, England-1898 Orillia, Ontario, Canada) was succeeded in 1895 by his sons Robert Henry Vick (1868-1924), Albert Linton Vick (1870-1912), and James Herbert "Herbert" Vick (1873-1953) under the name George Vick & Sons.

The bakery issued two types of aluminum tokens, one for a 1/2 loaf (20 mm) and one for a full loaf (25 mm) of bread. Supposedly the patrons would purchase tokens in advance, and then when the bakery's delivery wagon delivered bread, the driver knew how much break to drop off based on the tokens in the customer's drop-off-box. This was similar to how the dairies delivered milk. Houses used to have little cupboards with two doors, one that opened from inside the house and one that opened from outside the house, and that's where the occupants would put their bakery and dairy tokens to await being collected and food goods left in return.



George and Eliza had a daughter Emma Vick (1861-1883) (who married Alfred Haywood in 1882 but her grave marker makes no reference to her married name) and six sons—three listed above, plus Frederick Vick (1863-1887), Joseph T. Vick (1856-1889), and W. Alfred “Alfred” Vick (1858-1897). As you can see, four of the couple's seven children died before George did, hence why only three sons succeeded George in the business.

George came to Canada from England, having been born on England's second largest island. The Vicks of the Isle of Wight can trace their lineage back to at least 1640. Episcopalian George Fred Vick was married to Eliza Emily Vick (nee Bailey) (1832-1920) in Ontario in 1855, and the grave references her as “Orillia's First White Child”. According to Ancestor Quilt—Stone Circle Press, “Eliza Bailey was the first white child to arrive in the village and she came in the arms of the Chippewas. During the time of the settlement of Orillia by Settler-Colonization in 1832, a newborn baby of Scottish parents was on a boat that capsized in the waters known today as the Narrows at Lake Couchiching. She was rescued from the channel and brought to safely to shore by a kind member of the Chippewa (Ojibway) Nation.”

The family remains are in the Vick's private family mausoleum located in the St. Andrews & St. James Cemetery in Orillia. This is a marker on each side of the entrance listing the family members' who have passed.



NOTES: What a valuable source of historic information is available to Orillia. In researching the Vick & Sons Store and Mill, there was an abundance of material from the registered charity The Orillia Museum of Art & History (OMAH) (admission is \$5 weekday afternoon but due to COVID-19, it's by appointment only) which houses the Vick Family Collection. Now the OMAH has had a tough year with the pandemic affecting planned fundraising events and forcing the OMAH to adjust to virtual fundraising efforts. The collections in this museum are amazing, and it certainly deserves local support (patronage and donations) to keep the history intact.

Other valuable references are the Orillia Public Library archives; Huronia Museum; Simcoe County Pioneer & Historical Society 1908 (North York Public Library resource); Queen's Library-Canada: Immigrants from England 1800-1900; The Canadian Echo 1914 (Grey-Bruce County Museum resource); 1984 issue of the Orillia Sun; 1971 issue of Coin World; and Orillia Heritage Centre (Preserving Industrial History).

## Numismatic Terminology (Answers below. Do not cheat!)

1. A Bourse is commonly known as?
  - a) the name of a coin's obverse side
  - b) a term for the sales floor of a coin show
  - c) the vehicle that takes you to club meetings
2. In US coinage, an Eagle is the name of?
  - a) a US Feather cent
  - b) a money bag from the bank
  - c) a \$10 gold coin
3. When grading coins, the Field is known as?
  - a) the flat surface area between the various devices
  - b) the sales floor of a coin show
  - c) the place you lose your coins
4. When assessing the quality of a coin, Hairlines refers to?
  - a) what you get from squinting your eyes
  - b) fine scratches on a coin's surface that may affect its grade
  - c) fine threadlike strands on a monarch's bust
5. When using the word Hoard, it refers to?
  - a) an empty piggy bank
  - b) a counterfeit coin
  - c) a large accumulation of coins, often of the same or similar type
6. When a collector speaks about a coin's Intrinsic value, it means?
  - a) the value of a coin's metal, irrespective of its face or collector value
  - b) the face value of a coin's irrespective of its collector value
  - c) the collector value of a coin irrespective of its face value.
7. When observing a coin for grade quality, Luster is?
  - a) a marking on the reverse of a coin
  - b) the reflected light from a coin grader's head
  - c) the reflected light from a coin as determined by its surface texture and quality
8. When inspecting a coin, what is its Obverse?
  - a) the back side of a coin ("tails")
  - b) the front side of a coin ("heads")
  - c) the obvious verse inscribed on it
9. In the coin making process, a Plancet refers to?
  - a) the holder that stamps the coin.
  - b) a foul smell that bothers most people.
  - c) a blank disc that will be stamped between dies to produce a coin
10. In the coin collecting business, a Slab is?
  - a) a large, thick, flat piece of stone
  - b) a slang term for an encapsulated coin
  - c) the stack of cash paid out to obtain your numismatic purchase

## Answers – Numismatic Terminology

Answers to the above: 1) b 2) c 3) a 4) b 5) c 6) a 7) c 8) b 9) c 10) b

## COMING EVENTS FOR Winter 2020

Listings are courtesy of Canadian Coin News

Owing to the COVID-19 pandemic, many shows, auctions, club meetings and other numismatic events are being cancelled. For the most up-to-date information, visit CCN's online 'Events' listings at [canadiancoinnews.com/events](http://canadiancoinnews.com/events) or contact event organizers.

### DEC. 6, OTTAWA, ON

#### Westboro Coin Show, Westboro Legion

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 480, 389-391 Richmond Rd. Originally planned for Oct. 25, the Westboro Coin Show has been rescheduled to Dec. 6 in light of the new COVID-19 restrictions enacted in Ottawa and other Ontario regions. The 12-dealer coin show on Dec. 6 will follow the City of Ottawa's public health guidelines, including mandatory masks and hand sanitizer.

For more information, email [ecoins@sympatico.ca](mailto:ecoins@sympatico.ca).

### DEC. 6, BRAMPTON, ON

#### Rotary Club of Brampton Coin & Trading Card Show,

**\*\*CANCELLED\*\***

For more information contact Willard Burton, email [willardb@bell.net](mailto:willardb@bell.net), telephone 416-254-6569.

### FEB. 7, 2021, PARIS, ON

#### Paris Coin Show, **\*\*CANCELLED\*\***

For more information, email [pariscoinshow@gmail.com](mailto:pariscoinshow@gmail.com), telephone 647-403-7334. Website: [www.pariscoinshow.com](http://www.pariscoinshow.com)

### FEB. 21, 2021, OSHAWA, ON

#### Coin-A-Rama,

Jubilee Pavilion, 55 Lakeview Park Ave. One day only, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., featuring paper money, coins, tokens, medals, books, supplies and many other items. The show also features a mini-auction at 2 p.m. plus free dealer and membership draws, new hourly public draws and free admission. Come out and look for that special item for your collection or for a gift. We're sure you'll find what you need. The show is sponsored by the Oshawa & District Coin Club.

For more information contact Sharon MacLean, email [papman@bell.net](mailto:papman@bell.net), telephone 905-728-1352. Website: [www.oshawacoinclub.com](http://www.oshawacoinclub.com)

### FEB. 27 – 28, 2021, TORONTO, ON

#### Winter 2021 Torex **\*\*CANCELLED\*\***

For more information contact Brian Smith, email [brian@torex.net](mailto:brian@torex.net), telephone 416-705-5348. Website: <http://www.torex.net>

### MAR. 7, 2021, MISSISSAUGA, ON

#### Mississauga Coin & Stamp Show,

John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre, 4300 Cawthra Rd. Sponsored by the Troyak Club, the Mississauga Coin and Stamp Show will be open from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., with 60 tables and more than 30 dealers. There's something for everyone, with Canadian and world coins, stamps, paper money, tokens, medals, trade dollars, official mint products, hobby supplies, reference books and more. Free evaluations plus buying, selling and trading. Admission is \$5 (children under the age of 16 are free), and parking is free.

For more information contact Les Plonka, email [leszekp@rogers.com](mailto:leszekp@rogers.com), telephone 416-505-7999. Website: [www.troyakclub.com](http://www.troyakclub.com)

### MAR. 13, 2021, CAMBRIDGE, ON

#### Cambridge Coin Show,

Cambridge Newfoundland Club, 1500 Dunbar Road Hours: Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission! Voluntary cash donations will be gladly accepted at the door in support the Cambridge Self Help Food Bank. A portion of the show proceeds will be donated to the CSHFB and the R.C.N.A. to benefit the local community and help promote the hobby. Buy, sell, trade and have your collection or inheritance evaluated at over 50 qualified dealer tables with coins, paper money, tokens, medals, trade dollars, official RCM products, hobby supplies, reference books and more. Fully accessible with free parking and a convenient lunch counter. Sponsor/Affiliate: Waterloo Coin Society.

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