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# 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
133 James Street, Orillia, Ontario

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## **THE BULLETIN FOR Sept 2020**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Bob Durrant** 



Greetings fellow collectors and members!

Our September meeting is approaching, and we have been working hard to see how we can continue our club activities during this extraordinary time. Most coin clubs

(if not all) have cancelled their meetings since March. There are a few options we have looked at and we asked for your input via email.

#### The options were

- 1. A September outside meeting at a location to be confirmed.
- 2. Continue our meetings with online meetings using Zoom.
- 3. Find a suitable venue where we can sit 6 feet apart, wearing masks, using hand sanitizer, and respecting social distancing.

The responses tallied up in this order

- 3. Suitable venue
- 1. Outside meeting
- 2. Online meetings rounded out the bottom of the list.

We have decided to have an outside meeting so we can catch up on past business and gather input on how to move forward. For safety and security reasons we are asking you to email the club and we will send you the details of the location and time. Be prepared to vote on the direction we should take this season. If you are attending we ask you to bring a chair, mask and follow social distancing.

Hope you can attend and stay safe.

## **Our Next Meeting**

Sept 3th – Outside Meeting



The Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting will be held outside, weather permitting. Covid-19 protocol will be in place to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. If you want to attend please email the club to confirm.

## 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 <a href="mailto:champlaincoinclub@gmail.com">champlaincoinclub@gmail.com</a>

Check out our website

## **News of the June 2020 Meeting**



By Doug McGarvey Attendance: 0 Guests: 0

The May meeting was cancelled. Thanks for being patient and staying safe. Looking forward to seeing you all again when the time is right.

## **Upcoming Club Meeting Activities**

**Sept** — Outside meeting. Please email or call to confirm attendance

Oct — TBD

## **Historical Moments – Our Club History**

Let's look at some of our interesting history over the years.

**1962:** Founder and President - Howard Johnson. The Champlain Coin Club was formed in June.

**1981:** President - Wm. Gage. Successful coin show was held in May.

**1984:** President - Ken Huggins. The club had a successful coin show in April.

1993: President - Jelle Hesselius. Our first Boy Scouts annual April meeting.

**1996:** President - Scott Jermey. June meeting we saw a film on the life of Emanual Hahn and Elizabeth Wyn Wood. Elizabeth Wyn Wood was member #64 of the coin club.

#### Did You Know?

The study of modern numismatics covers research and examination of coins from the 17th century onwards since the machine production of coins started from then.

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## Numismatic Trivia — Canadian Coins (Answers on next page. Don't cheat!)

- 1. The dollar is the unit of Canadian currency. Which British monarch is on the face of the first Canadian dollar coins minted for circulation?
  - a) George VI
  - b) George V
  - c) Edward VII
  - d) Elizabeth II
- 2. The areas which would become Canada merged together in a gradual process during the 19th and 20th centuries. Which colony which would later become part of Canada issued its own series of coins (in several cent denominations) in the 20th century?
  - a) Newfoundland
  - b) New Brunswick
  - c) Nova Scotia
  - d) Prince Edward Island
- 3. The Canadian five cent coin or nickel of 1943-1945 is known as the "Victory Nickel". In which language is the statement "We win when we work willingly" inscribed?
  - a) Latin
  - b) English
  - c) Morse Code
  - d) French
- 4. For the 125th Anniversary of Confederation in 1992, Canada released a series of twelve circulating commemorative coins for the 12 Canadian provinces and territories (at the time). In which denomination were these coins released?
  - a) One dollar
  - b) Five cents
  - c) Fifty cents
  - d) Twenty-five cents
- 5. In 1858-1859, the Province of Canada issued several circulating coins. When the Dominion of Canada issued circulating coins in 1870, which denomination was absent?
  - a) One Cent
  - b) Ten Cents
  - c) Five Cents
  - d) Twenty Five Cents

- 6. While several of Canada's coins contained silver for much of the 20th century, the amount was not always the same. How did the silver content of the 5 cent, 10 cent, 25 cent, and 50 cent coins change from 1919 to 1920?
  - a) It dropped from 75% to 40% silver.
  - b) It dropped from 99% to 90% silver.
  - c) It dropped from 92.5% to 80% silver.
  - d) It dropped from 90% to 50% silver.
- 7. The humble but often useful Canadian cent has undergone many changes in its history. What significant change occurred to the Canadian cent in 1920?
  - a) The coin grew larger.
  - b) The shape of the coin changed.
  - c) The alloy of the coin changed.
  - d) The coin grew smaller.
- 8. One of the more recent circulation coins introduced in Canada is the two dollar coin or "toonie". Which Canadian animal is found on the reverse of the 1996-1998, 2001-2007, 2009-2010 "toonies"?
  - a) Beaver
  - b) Moose
  - c) Lynx
  - d) Polar Bear
- 9. In Sudbury, Ontario, Canada, one can find a 30-foot replica of a specific denomination of Canadian coin. Which denomination is portrayed?
  - a) Ten Cent Coin
  - b) One Cent Coin
  - c) Twenty Five Cent Coin
  - d) Five Cent Coin
- 10. Which denomination of Canadian coins has featured a version of the Canadian coat of arms on general circulation issues since 1937?
  - a) Ten Cent Coins
  - b) One Dollar Coins
  - c) Fifty Cent Coins
  - d) Twenty Five Cent Coins

## **Answers - Canadian Coins Trivia**

#### 1. b- George V

The Voyageur Dollar was first minted in 1935 to commemorate the Silver Jubilee of King George V (1910-1936). In 1936, a coin bearing the likeness of George V and with the same reverse design (two men paddling a canoe) was used on dollar coins released to general circulation. About 429,000 silver dollars were issued in 1935 and about 308,000 in 1936.

#### 2. a - Newfoundland

Newfoundland issued coins in several denominations between 1865 and 1947. Coins were issued in the values of one cent, five cents, 10 cents, 20 cents, 25 cents, and 50 cents. (The 25 cent coins were issued after the last issue of 20 cent coins.) An issue of gold two dollar coins occurred between 1865 and 1888. Newfoundland became part of Canada in 1949 and formally changed its name to Newfoundland and Labrador in 2001.

#### 3. c - Morse Code

The sentence is inscribed in Morse code on the reverse of the coin near the rim. The reverse design also features a flaming torch and a large Capital V that represents both the word victory and the Roman numeral for five. Thomas Shingles created the design for the coin. The 1943 coins were made of a copper and zinc alloy known as tombac and the 1944-1945 coins were made of chrome-plated steel.

#### 4. d - Twenty-five cents

One commemorative 25 cent coin was released each month of 1992 as part of the program with the mintage of each coin in the 10 to 15 million range. No coin commemorating Nunavut was issued in 1992 as that territory was created out of the Northwest Territories in 1997. The program was very successful and is seen as an inspiration for the "State Quarters" circulating commemorative program (1999-2008) in the United States.

#### 5. a- One Cent

The Province of Canada (roughly equivalent to southern Ontario and southern Quebec) issued coins in the denominations of 1 cent, 5 cents, 10 cents, and 20 cents in 1858. An additional issue of 1 cent coins was released in 1859. Because of the large number of cents issued in those two years (approximately 10 million), the first issue of 1 cent coins by the Dominion of Canada did not occur until 1876. By comparison, 5 cent, 10 cent, 25 cent (not 20 cent), and 50 cent coins were all issued in 1870.

#### 6. c - It dropped from 92.5% to 80% silver.

Until 1919, Canada's coins could be considered sterling silver since they contained 92.5% silver (and 7.5% copper) - the same standard as British coins of the period. The new standard of 80% silver and 20% copper for these coins largely held until 1967-1968 when the alloy was again changed, first to 50% silver and 50% copper and then to cupro-nickel with no silver. The main exception was the five cent coin which switched from silver and copper to a 99% nickel alloy in 1922.

#### 7. d - The coin grew smaller.

From 1876 until partway through 1920, the Canadian cent weighed 5.67 grams, had a diameter of 25.4 millimeters, and was made from an alloy of 95.5% copper, 3% tin, and 1.5% zinc. While the alloy and shape (round) was the same at the end of 1920, the cent shrank to 19.05 millimeters and only weighed 3.24 grams. Production of Canadian one cent coins ended in 2012.

#### 8. d - Polar Bear

The polar bear on the reverse is portrayed on an ice floe on the water. Brent Townsend designed the reverse of the toonie. Many commemorative reverses have also been used on 21st century toonies. Over 375 million toonies were minted in 1996.

#### 9. d - Five Cent Coin

Specifically, the 30 foot "nickel" is a replica of a 1951 five cent coin issued to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the discovery of nickel as an element. The replica is located on the grounds of the Dynamic Earth museum in Sudbury and was unveiled in 1964. Canada is one of the major world producers of nickel. Steve Trenka was the designer of the reverse of the "original" 1951 five cent coin and Bruno Cavallo led the team who created the "replica".

#### 10. c - Fifty Cent Coins

Before 1937, Canadian fifty cent coins showed the denomination surrounded by a wreath. The fifty cent coins were often produced in smaller quantities than many other denominations. The largest number of fifty cent coins issued occurred in 1965 when about 12.6 million were issued. Thomas Shingles created the reverse featuring the coat of arms that first appeared in 1959.

## **COMING EVENTS FOR Fall 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 or contact event organizers.

SEPT. 12, BURNABY, BC Coins, Stamps & Collectibles Show, \*\*CANCELLED\*\*

For more information contact L. Balmer, email balmoralnu@shaw.ca, telephone 604-336-1828. Website: www.northshorenumismaticsociety.org

SEPT. 12 – 13, CALGARY, AB Calgary Numismatic Society Annual Fall Money Fair, \*\*CANCELLED\*\*
For more information contact James A. Williston, email jawilliston@shaw.ca, telephone 403-461-2663.

SEPT. 12 – 13, MISSISSAUGA, ON Fall 2020 National Postage Stamp & Coin Show, \*\*CANCELLED\*\*
For more information contact Mike Walsh, email info@trajan.ca, telephone 1-800-408-0352.
Website: www.stampandcoinshow.com

SEPT. 17 – 19, LONG BEACH, CA Long Beach Coin, Currency, Stamp & Sports Collectible Show,

\*\*CANCELLED\*\*

For more information, email info@longbeachexpo.com, telephone 888-743-9316.

Website: <a href="http://www.longbeachexpo.com">http://www.longbeachexpo.com</a>

SEPT. 19, MEDICINE HAT, AB Medicine Hat Coin & Stamp Club 12th Annual Fall Show, \*\*CANCELLED\*\*
For more information contact Ron, email medhatcsc@live.com, telephone 403-526-5158.
Website: www.mhcasc.ca

SEPT. 20, LONDON, ON London Numismatic Society Coin Show, \*\*CANCELLED\*\*

For more information contact Ron Confortin, email rconfortin39@gmail.com, telephone 519-636-0862.

SEPT. 26 – 27, WINNIPEG, MB Manitoba Coin Club Fall Coin, Stamp & Collectibles Show, \*\*CANCELLED\*\*
For more information contact Howard Engel, email mbcoin@shaw.ca, telephone 204-253-0419.
Website: www.manitobacoinclub.org.

SEPT. 26, GUELPH, ON Guelph Fall Coin Show, Colonel John McCrae Legion Branch 234, 57 Watson Pkwy. S. Hours are 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Admission is \$2, and each attendee will receive a coupon for free admission to the Toronto Coin Expo the following week! Free level parking, fully accessible. Legendary lunch counter. Coins, banknotes, tokens, Canadian Tire money, medals, books and supplies at more than 35 dealer tables. Featuring some of Canada's and Europe's top numismatic dealers. Club-sponsored Kid's Table for under 14; buy, sell, trade or evaluate. Sponsor/Affiliate: South Wellington Coin Society.

For more information contact Mike Hollingshead, email cholling@uoguelph.ca, telephone 519-823-2646. Website: www.southwellingtoncoinsociety.com

SEPT. 27, BRAMPTON, ON Rotary Club of Brampton Coin & Trading Card Show \*\*CANCELLED\*\*
For more information contact Willard Burton, email willardb@bell.net, telephone 416-254-6569.

OCT. 2 – 3, TORONTO, ON Fall 2020 Toronto Coin Expo, \*\*CANCELLED\*\*

For more information contact Jared Stapleton, email torontocoinexpo@gmail.com, telephone 647-403-7334. Website: http://www.torontocoinexpo.ca

OCT. 3, STRATFORD, ON Stratford Coin Club 60th-Anniversary Celebration, Avondale United Church, 194 Avondale Ave. The Stratford Coin Club will host a 60thanniversary celebration this October featuring musical impressionist Mat Gauthier. The event will begin at 7:30 p.m., and tickets are \$25 with proceeds going to local Stratford charities. Tickets can be ordered through club President Doug Hamilton via hamilton@quadro.net. For more information contact Doug Hamilton, email hamilton@quadro.net, telephone 519-777-0142. Website: stratfordcoinclub.com.

Web: http://www.ctccc.ca/eng.html