



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

Member: RCNA, ONA

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Auctioneer.....Peter Marcucci
Greeter.....Peter Marcucci

THE BULLETIN FOR DECEMBER 2021



VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Murray Smith

Hello to our members and friends,

Our first face to face meeting in two years was a success. The new meeting venue, St. Mark's Presbyterian Church on Jamieson Street, was excellent. We can now finally have the friendly get-togethers, have some mutual learning, and enjoy some numismatic presentations.

This month's agenda will include a small holiday gift exchange, a club auction (so bring in some things to sell), a short presentation and lively conversation.

Please remember our covid protocols to keep everyone safe at our meetings.

We look forward to seeing everybody again and we hope that you have a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Merry Christmas,

Murray

Our Next In Person Meeting

Wednesday, Dec 8th, 2021

St. Mark's Presbyterian Church
429 Jamieson Dr
Orillia, ON L3V 4Y6

Doors will open at 6:45 pm and meeting will begin promptly at 7:00 pm. Bring a \$5 gift for the secret Santa!

Presentation will be **"Coins and Conflict"** by Murray



If you wish to join remotely, Zoom details will also be emailed to members with the newsletter distribution.

Reminders:

- Yearly membership renewal due
- Check your email for cancelled meeting notice if bad weather

Stay in touch with us!

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Check out our website
www.champlaincoinclub.com

News of the November 2021 Meeting



By Doug McGarvey

Attendance: 12 Guests: 3
50/50 Draw: \$24 Draw tickets: \$34
Auction: \$7.00 Membership dues: \$60

We had 2 meetings for the month of November 2021, a Zoom meeting on our old night and an in-person meeting on our new night at St. Marks Church which was also online using Zoom.

Vice President Murray Smith welcomed back the attendees and introduced the new facilities and outlined the covid protocols in place. We had a moment of silence in memory of our late president Bob Durrant.

Secretary/Treasurer Doug McGarvey read the minutes of the October meeting which was adopted as read by Chris Liantzakis and Rob Durrant. He also read the minutes from the 4th of November Zoom meeting which was adopted by Joan Fenwick and Jeff Wilson.

Director Linda Huggins recounted how she and Doug McGarvey cleared out the club's property stored at St. David's and asked the membership about the 3 tables we had there. A motion was passed to leave the tables for St. David's.

Our guest Elinor Clarke drew Dan Horne's name in the 50/50 draw for \$12 prize.

Membership Secretary Chris Liantzakis displayed the material he had received from RCNA and ONA for young collectors including albums, catalogues, holders, and coins.

Murray Smith asked the members to pay their dues next month to Chris.

Doug correspondences included renewal for the RCNA, ONA and insurance through the ONA.

Murray mentioned that the executive selection is next year. Murray, Doug, and Rob indicated that they would stay in their current positions, but we will need a new President.

We discussed the 60th anniversary medallion and how we need to pre-sell medallions to raise the funds needed to produce the die and medals. A motion to pick Brent Mackie's design was passed as well as a motion to produce the medallions in copper and silver.

There were 28 prizes on the draw table and Chris Liantzakis was the luckiest with his name drawn 6 times, Joan Fenwick won 4 prizes, Bill Robertson and Dan Horne won 3 prizes each, Rob Durrant, Linda Huggins, Carol Casselman, and guest Elinor Clarke each won twice. Single prize winners included Bill Beattie, Joan Penley and Murray Smith.

Murray mentioned that the December meeting will include a gift exchange with a limit of \$5 for members who want to take part. We are eliminating the requirement that gifts be labelled for a man or a woman. Murray then reviewed our protocol for inclement weather. Members are urged to check their inbox or voicemail the afternoon before the meeting if the weather looks threatening.

Murray asked if anyone has a Krause catalogue that they borrowed before the shutdown. Chris Liantzakis will be the club librarian and there will be a list of publications published in the next newsletter. If members want to borrow something, please contact the club's email prior to the meeting.

Bill Beattie is collecting submissions for ICCS grading. If you want coins graded, they can be dropped off and picked up at Doug McGarvey's place for those living in Orillia.

Jeff Wilson did a presentation on the history of Canadian military medals.

We had our first auction since the Covid lockdown and Murray closed the meeting. Members stayed behind to give the room a thorough sanitizing.

Upcoming Club Meeting & Activities



Dec 8th — \$5 Holiday gift exchange, Presentation on Coins & Conflict

Jan 12th — TBD – Let us know if you want to present

Feb 9th — TBD – Let us know if you want to present

Mar 9th — TBD – Let us know if you want to present

Champlain Coin Club Celebrates 60 years in 2022



Thanks to all our members and friends for submitting your ideas and designs to mark our 60th anniversary!

In our November meeting a motion to pick Brent Mackie's design was passed as well as a motion to produce the medallions in copper and silver. More to come on the timing and pricing.



ICCS Coin Certification Reminder

The deadline is Saturday December 18th when the last submissions will be accepted.

The price per coin is the same as before, \$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 you do not have to register to print out the PDF form.

Please submit your coins with your completed form, cheque, or cash for the total amount and 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 early part of January and the certified coins will likely be available to pick up in early April 2022.

Bill Beattie will be the contact person at bill.beattie@sympatico.ca or bssbtt199@gmail.com.

New coin catalogues:

Note: Anyone that has ordered current catalogues, these will not be available at the meeting. Unfortunately, all shipments have been delayed until likely mid-December according to the suppliers.

The Cranston Novelty Company (DYK 084)

Reprinted with consent from the 2-volume Did You Know book
by Scott E. Douglas

Did You Know.....that James K. Cranston of the Cranston Novelty Company is credited with the invention of the trade due bill in Canada?

James Kersel Cranston was born August 14, 1856, on the family farm just five and a half miles from the town of Galt, Ontario. His first working situation came at age 15 as a junior clerk in the bookstore of A.L. Middlemiss of Port Hope, Ontario. After four years, Middlemiss sold out and Cranston took a similar position with Fleming & Co., of Galt. Cranston remained with Fleming until October 1880 when, at age 24, he partnered with H. Dickinson to purchase the stock of Woodstock, Ontario, bookseller F. Nesbitt & Co. The new firm was called Dickinson & Cranston and was doing very well until a disastrous fire struck a blow on November 24, 1880, while the store was preparing for a large Christmas trade.¹ Although not everything was lost, the damage to merchandise was \$20,000. While the two men set about selling what stock they had left, their creditors agreed to accept 66²/₃ cents on the dollar. When most of the remaining stock had been sold, both men found they could pay the debt at 100 cents on the dollar and notified their creditors of this fact. It was this single act of honesty that would stand both men in good stead for the rest of their working lives. This gesture was so unusual it was still being spoken of more than ten years later and was never forgotten by wholesalers. In January of 1885, with all debts paid up, Dickinson & Cranston dissolved. Dickinson remained in Woodstock and Cranston purchased the stock of Galt bookseller and stationer C. W. Youmans. Cranston's new business was located in Young's Block at 55 Main Street in Galt. For the next seven years Cranston built a business of good reputation but found it to be a trying experience.

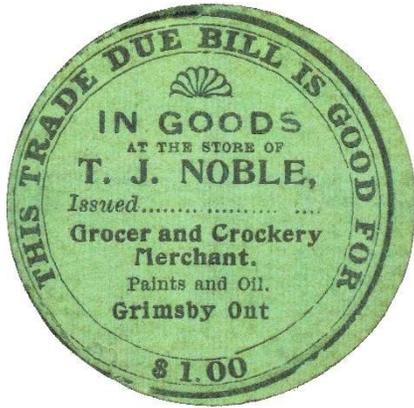
Sometime in 1892 Cranston came up with his most popular merchandising scheme the "Cranston Trade Due Bill." First advertised in November of 1892, these due bills were made of coloured Bristol board and warned "Pat. Applied for J.K.C., Galt, Ont."² In 1955, Cranston's grandson reminisced that his father had told him that the politicians had outlawed the use of the aluminum due bills which Cranston would later market successfully; however, I am sure he was referring to these Bristol board scrip pieces. Canadian patent law does not allow for a patent to be issued for printed matter with reference to a method of doing business. A patent cannot be obtained on a mere idea or suggestion. However, while waiting for patent approval, and for a \$20 fee, the applicant may market his or her invention with the appropriate "Patent Applied For" protection statement. After one year from application, if a patent is not granted the applicant may no longer sell the invention under "Patent Applied For" protection. In Cranston's case, a patent was not issued, but the existing Bristol board due bills in circulation were allowed to continue in use.

Later, around 1901, Cranston dedicated much of his time to promoting the aluminum trade due bill.



¹ *Books and Notions*, IX, 8: 8.

² *Books and Notions*, 8, 11 (November 1892): 9; *Dry Goods Review*, 11, 2 (November 1892): 11.



An example of The Cranston Trade Due Bill made of Bristol board.

Due Bill Coins.

Elsewhere will be found an advertisement of Mr. J. K. Cranston, Galt, who has produced a series of valuable aluminum and brass checks for bakers, milkmen and other traders. During the last session of Parliament an act was passed to govern or prohibit the use of the ordinary pasteboard bread and milk checks, thus making it compulsory to use either metal checks or paper tickets, the last-named of which must not be removed from the homes. This act was passed in order to lessen the danger of carrying contagious and infectious diseases from house to house. Paper tickets, as is well known, will and do carry disease germs, and are the direct cause of many epidemics. The metal check can be sterilized and used again, whereas the pasteboard check cannot.

Checks and Due Bill Coins
 Made in Aluminum or Card



For bread, soda, trade, slot machines, milkmen, and merchants. Send for samples, styles and prices. Please mention this paper. All kinds of printing, also punch checks and cards supplied.

J. K. CRANSTON, GALT, ONT.

USE OUR VOTE WINNERS.



Election Coins, Aluminum Cards and Calendars or Photo Postcards, \$20.00 per thousand printed with photo of Ross or the candidate. Send for samples and order quick.

Cranston Novelty Company, Galt.

Advertisements found in trade journals for Cranston's checks and due bills.

James Cranston had worked hard in the book and stationery business all his life. The Trade Due Bill system seemed to draw enough attention that Cranston put out ads to find a buyer for his book business in 1893. Mr J W Hamly of Campbellford, Ontario initially came forward and an announcement was made to the people of Galt that Cranston was 'selling out' and moving to Toronto. It is unclear exactly what happened but Mr Hamly had some financial difficulties which prevented the sale from taking place. Cranston would remain in Galt until 1905 when he was finally able to sell his business and move to 123 Bay St., Toronto, Ontario.



The Cranston Novelty Advertising Company was located in room 108, at 123 Bay St. This building was constructed for Fred W. Stair on the corner of Adelaide and Bay Streets after, and as a result of, the great fire of April 19, 1904, which destroyed much of Bay St. Cranston remained at 123 Bay for the rest of his life. His home was located at 122 Pembroke Ave. from 1905-1910. He then moved to 80 Homewood Ave. in 1911. Cranston remained there until his death in November of 1916.

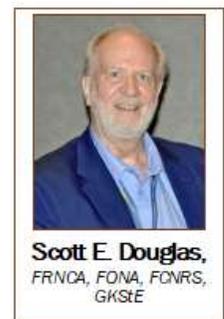


Examples of J K Cranston's advertising tokens. Most of Cranston's tokens were issued between 1901 and 1905 although a few were issued from his Toronto business from 1905 to around 1910.



Many of Cranston's advertising pieces had a popular theme of the time such as celebrating the end of the Boer War, Christmas or the International Saengerfest celebrated in many German communities.

The Cranston Novelty Advertising Co. was destined to continue on in business for another 15 years without the aid of the genius behind the name. Located at 57 Queen St. West, the company had two managers until it ceased operation in 1930: Mr. J.S. Robertson from 1917-1919, and Mr. Charles A. Wilson, 1920-1930.



*For further reading see *James K. Cranston and The Cranston Novelty Advertising Co.* by Scott E Douglas, CNRS Transactions, New Series One, 2013. 32 pages.

Club Library

We are looking at building up our library with newer publications and educational resources. For more information, please contact Chris Liantzakis. Chris will be sharing more information on this during our monthly meeting.

The following publications can be check out of our club library on a first come first served basis.

Books

Standard Catalogue of World Coins
1977-1980-1985-1991-1993-1998-2016 and 1801-1900

Charlton Catalogue Volume 2 2011
Charlton Coin Guide 1996

Coins of Canada 1995

Official Blackbook Price Guide to U.S. Stamps 2013
Official Blackbook Price Guide to U.S. Coins 2013

Unitrade Specialized Catalogue of Canadian Stamps

DVDs

Legendary Coins of the Smithsonian
Hunt for the Double Eagle 2 Copies

COMING EVENTS FOR WINTER 2022

Listings are courtesy of Canadian Coin News

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic events could be cancelled. For the most up-to-date information contact the event organizers.

JAN. 29 – 30, 2022, HAMILTON, ON

CAND Annual Convention & Coin Show, Sheraton Hamilton Hotel, 116 King St. W. The annual show and convention of the Canadian Association of Numismatic Dealers (CAND) returns to the Sheraton in Hamilton in January. The show and bourse will be held from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on Sunday. Admission on Saturday is \$5 for adults, \$2 for seniors and free for young collectors under the age of 12. Admission on Sunday is free. This popular show, which kicks off the Canadian coin show season each year, features dealers from across Canada. For more information contact Mike Walsh, email mwalsh@trajan.ca, telephone 289-969-1711. Website: www.cand.org

FEB. 6, 2022, PARIS, ON

Paris Coin Show, Paris Fairgrounds, 139 Silver St. Canada's best one-day coin and collectables show features more than 50 tables of coins, paper money, tokens, militaria and more with dealers buying, selling and appraising. The show will be open from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., and admission is \$4, which includes a draw ticket for a gold coin. Hot and cold food and drinks are also available. The night before the event, an auction is hosted by Geoffrey Bell Auctions in conjunction with the Paris Coin Show. Visit gbellauctions.com for auction details. For more info contact Jared Stapleton, email pariscoinshow@gmail.com, telephone 647-403-7334. Website: www.pariscoinshow.ca

FEB. 20, 2022, 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 info contact Sharon Maclean, email papman@bell.net, telephone 905-728-1352. Website: www.oshawacoinclub.com

MAR. 6, 2022, 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 leszkep@rogers.com, telephone 416-505-7999. Website: www.troyakclub.com.

MAR. 12 – 13, 2022, EDMONTON, AB

Edmonton Coin Show, Bedford Inn and Suites, 15540 Stony Plain Rd. The spring 2022 Edmonton Coin Show & Sale is Canada's largest numismatic event of the season. The show will be open on Saturday from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Admission is \$5 (children aged 16 and under are free), and the bourse will feature dealers from across Canada. See the appraisal table for free appraisals of your coins, medals, paper money, tokens, watches and other timepieces. Other highlights include educational coin and medal displays, a silent auction for adults and a youth auction (free for children aged 16 and under). The Edmonton Numismatic Society (ENS) sponsors the youth auction, which is held on Saturday from 1 p.m.-3 p.m. Participation is free, and parents are welcome. Register at the ENS club/show admission table prior to the auction. All material, including an auction catalogue plus play money for bidding, will be provided by organizers. Free parking. Cash machines and a food concession are available onsite for your convenience. For more information contact Marc Bink / Pierre Driessen, email info@edmontoncoinclub.com, telephone 780-612-8477. Website: www.edmontoncoinclub.com

MAR. 12, 2022, CAMBRIDGE, ON

Cambridge Coin Show, Cambridge Newfoundland Club, 1500 Dunbar Rd. From 9 a.m.-4 p.m., the Cambridge Coin Show offers fun for the whole family—and free admission! Voluntary cash donations will be accepted at the door in support of the Cambridge Self Help Food Bank (CSHFB). Buy, sell, trade or have your collection or inheritance evaluated at more than 50 qualified dealer tables offering coins, paper money, tokens, medals, trade dollars, official Mint products, hobby supplies, reference books and much more. A portion of the show proceeds will also be donated to the CSHFB and RCNA to benefit the local community and help promote numismatics. Fully accessible with a convenient lunch counter and plenty of free parking. The show is sponsored by the Waterloo Coin Society. For more information contact Brent Mackie, email info@cambridgecoinshow.ca Website: www.cambridgecoinshow.ca