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## President's Message



The 51<sup>st</sup> Annual O.N.A. convention is now a part of O.N.A. history. The Waterloo Coin Society has outdone itself again in hosting another blockbuster convention in the Waterloo region. This was the 6<sup>th</sup> Convention that the Waterloo Coin Society has hosted in the 51-year history of the O.N.A. I decided while taking the President's job that I would also make history by being the first person to make a marriage proposal at an O.N.A. banquet. Yes, if you were not one of the 65 people present at the banquet, then you missed the surprise proposal I made to Lisa Spinks. And yes, she accepted!

I would like to thank my convention committee for the relentless hard work and dedication that they put into organizing this convention. Each committee volunteer also deserves a big Thank You for all the hard work they put in working during the convention.

The O.N.A. convention got off to a great start with the Friday night President's reception. At least 50 people were in attendance to enjoy some social time. We had another special cake made for the event and had our guest speaker, Emily Damstra in attendance so that convention registrants could have the first opportunity to speak with her and purchase the highly sought after 2012 Lucky Loonies that she autographed. Prior to the 10 am opening of the bourse floor, there was actually a long line up of people waiting to get into the show and from that point on it was very busy all day long. Without having the final numbers yet, it looks like we might surpass our attendance record from the previous year. The new CAND kids table seemed to be a hit with the juniors as there were always some juniors browsing at the table with the parents looking on from a distance. Let's hope that we have brought some new collectors into the hobby with this new venture. (This CAND table is due to be setup at the upcoming Brantford show also). The Coin Kids auction enjoyed their new larger venue with plenty of room for all, another successful venture run by Chris Boyer and his family. The O.N.A. general meeting saw the official changing of the guard this year along with valuable input from the club delegates in attendance. Emily Damstra, our guest speaker returned in the afternoon for another signing session, there was a constant line up of people waiting to have items from the RCM that she designed to be signed along with signing her autograph in the souvenir program book. We were very lucky also to have Gabriel Kahn, Numismatic Product

**IN MEMORIAM:**

**Mr. Bruce H. Raszmann, 1934 – 2011**

*His 50 years of exemplary service will long be remembered.*

**Mr. Tom Rogers, 1942 – 2012**

*Past President; serving from 2003–2009.*

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**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES**

	Regular	Digital
Regular Membership	- \$ 20.00	\$ 15.00
Husband & Wife (1 Journal)	- \$ 22.00	\$ 17.00
Junior (under 18)	- \$ 10.00	\$ 5.00
Club Membership (Nov. 1 <sup>st</sup> )	- \$ 35.00	---
Life Membership†	- \$ 600.00	\$ 450.00

† Life membership is applicable after one year of regular membership

Send money-order or cheque (payable to the ONA) for membership to:

Brent W. J. Mackie, ONA Treasurer  
P.O. Box 40033, RPO Waterloo Square,  
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Manager for the RCM at the show with Emily. He spoke with some of the dealers to get feedback from the people that sell the products. The banquet finished off the exciting day and as mentioned at the start of my message was another history making event. Sunday, while not as busy as the Saturday, allowed people more time to check out the bourse floor. It was a busy day for anyone who is on the executive of the R.C.N.A. or the O.N.A. as both organizations held back-to-back meetings. By the time the O.N.A. meeting had finished it was time to start packing everything up for another year.

My time as Convention chairman has come to an end as I move on to take the President's position in the O.N.A. I must say it was a very rewarding experience taking on the role of Convention chairman for the last 2 conventions held in Kitchener. I would recommend to anyone in any of our clubs to take on this role and have your club host an upcoming convention. There is always lots of help from the O.N.A. executive to give you guidance. I went into that job 2 years ago and had never done anything like that before but nevertheless took it on with full confidence and help from the O.N.A. President Paul Petch.

Be sure to watch your Ontario Numismatist for updates on next year's convention in Windsor. The planning has already started with Brett Irick as the convention chairman.

As your new President of the O.N.A., I would like to get to know as many of our O.N.A. members as possible. A little bit about myself; I have been President of the Waterloo Coin Society now for over 7 years and a director for almost 20 years. I am a member of the R.C.N.A., FONA and the Silver Strikers Club. I am a collector of casino related items such as tokens and casino chips.

In the first executive meeting that I chaired on the Sunday of the convention, I made a few appointments, Lisa Spinks is the now the Secretary, this allows Len Trakalo to concentrate on the Audio/Visual and Paul Petch has been appointed Editor of the Ontario Numismatist. I also would like to announce that Sean Sinclair has accepted the Area 5 Director position and Steve Woodland has taken the Area 9 Director position. An important item discussed at the meeting was the fact that we need hosts for the O.N.A. conventions in 2015 and beyond. I would ask that you take the time to discuss with your local clubs about hosting an O.N.A. Convention. We would like to see the O.N.A. have conventions in Niagara Falls and in Northern Ontario such as Ottawa, Sudbury and North Bay areas. All it takes is for your club executive to submit a proposal to the O.N.A. executive.

Numismatically Yours,

*Robb McPherson*

ONA President

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# MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The applications for membership that appeared in the March - April 2013 issue of the Ontario Numismatist have been accepted.

We welcome:

C 0134 Vancouver Numismatic Society, Vancouver, BC  
HW 2100 Stacey Shewchuk, Oshawa, ON  
R 2101 Edward McNorton, Tecumseh, ON  
R 2102 Chris Faulkner, Ottawa, ON  
R 2103 Bryan Byng, Uxbridge, ON  
R 2104 Lisa Spinks, Cambridge, ON

The following application have been received.

C 135 London Coin Centre, London, ON  
J 2105 Laura Johnson, Unionville, ON  
R 2106 Marty Lamoureux, Markham, ON  
R 2107 Robert J. Graham, Kimberley, ON  
R 2108 Stephen Oatway, Moncton, NB  
R 2109 Angela Reinemo, Bradford, ON  
R 2110 Rob Turner, Fountain Valley, CA  
R 2111 Sean Sinclair, Kitchener, ON  
R 2112 Tom Malicki, Mississauga, ON  
R 2113 Michael Tylor McCabe, Toronto, ON  
J 2114 Kyle Woolard, Midhurst, ON  
J 2115 John Joseph Rutkowski, London, ON  
J 2116 Brianna Baisley, Kitchener, ON  
J 2117 Alexander Kimmich, ?, ON  
J 2118 Alexander Sulkowski, Waterloo, ON  
J 2119 Taylor MacLean, Kitchener, ON  
J 2120 Liam Heckenhofer, Cambridge, ON  
J 2121 Logan Heckenhofer, Cambridge, ON  
J 2122 Jadyn Hall, Kitchener, ON

The proposed amendments to the Ontario Numismatic Association constitution were approved at the Annual General Meeting on April 20, 2013 in Kitchener, Ontario. There were changes to article 4, sections 3, 4 and 5 which go into effect immediately. Starting with the next membership report published names will immediately become members of the O.N.A. There will be a period of two months for written objections of new members to be submitted to the Membership Chairman

David Bawcutt  
Membership Chairman O.N.A.

## FROM THE EDITOR



At the first O.N.A. executive meeting chaired by incoming President Robb McPherson, it was my pleasure to accept the position of Editor. I am only able to take on the task due to my trust and confidence in Henry Nienhuis, who has agreed to continue as Layout Editor. As a team, we do hope you enjoy the fruits of our labours.

This publication will continue to present the best content from O.N.A. member club newsletters, but please don't forget that your original articles are also most gratefully received. This time we have a nice submission from Jeff Fournier, who remembers that this is the 50<sup>th</sup>

anniversary of Canada Coin News. You will also find the Club News column from John Regitko reviewing club activities across the province.

Once again this issue is reaching your hands a little further into the month than is normal. This is so it can include reports from activities at the 51<sup>st</sup> O.N.A. Convention.

*editor@the-ona.ca* is the e-mail address for you to remember and use as you send in your club newsletters or articles. Please add this address to your club newsletter distribution list. If your club has not gone electronic, please mail your hard copy newsletter to:

**Paul R. Petch, 128 Silverstone Drive, Toronto ON M9V 3G7**  
**Remember, we can only pass along to the members what you pass along to us!**

# COMING EVENTS

## *MAY 11, 2013, Toronto, ON*

**Edithvale Hobby Show**, Banquet Room, Edithvale Community Centre, 131 Finch Ave. W. Hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., free admission, free parking, all sorts of collectibles and featuring coins, paper money, stamps, etc. Sponsor/Affiliate: North York Coin Club and Mississauga-Etobicoke Coin Stamp and Collectibles Club. For more information contact Paul Petch, telephone 416-303-4417, email p.petch@rogers.com. Website: <http://www.northyorkcoinclub.com>.

## *MAY 26, Windsor, ON*

**Windsor Coin Club Coin Show**, The Caboto Club, 2175 Parent Ave. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Buy, sell and trade at 40 tables of dealers featuring coins, medals, tokens, paper money, books and supplies; admission \$1, juniors under 16 free when accompanied by an adult; plenty of free parking. Sponsor/Affiliate: The Windsor Coin Club. For more information contact show manager Colin Cutler, telephone 519-962-2584 or email ccutler@cogeco.ca. Website: <http://windsorcoinclub.com>.

## *MAY 31 - JUNE 1, Toronto, ON*

**Toronto Coin Expo**, The Bram & Bluma Appel Salon located at the Toronto Reference Library, 2nd Floor, 789 Yonge St. Hours: Fri. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Canada's premium coin, bank note and collectible show. More than 30 dealers in attendance. Partnering with numismatic auction house Geoffrey Bell Auctions. Auction May 30-31. For more information, contact Jared Stapleton, email [torontocoinexpo@gmail.com](mailto:torontocoinexpo@gmail.com), telephone 647-403-7334. Website: <http://www.torontocoinexpo.ca>.

## *JUNE 9, Brantford, ON*

**Coin Show**, Woodman Community Centre, 41 Grey St. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free parking, admission \$2 donation to local charity, including ticket for door prizes. Coins, paper money, related supplies, jewelry, food services available. Sponsor/Affiliate: Brantford Numismatic Society. For more information contact Dave Jackman, telephone 905-905-8100, email [jacksond1@rogers.com](mailto:jacksond1@rogers.com).

## *JUNE 29 - 30, Toronto, ON*

**Torex - Canada's National Coin Show**, Hyatt Regency Toronto On King, 370 King St. W. Hours: Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Canada's Finest Dealers in Canadian, ancient, and foreign coins, paper money, hobby supplies and reference books; admission \$7, under 16 free; official auctioneer: The Canadian Numismatic Company. For more information telephone 416-705-5348. Website: <http://www.torex.net>.

## *JULY 24 - 27, Winnipeg, MB*

**Royal Canadian Numismatic Association 2013 Convention**, Delta Hotel, 350 St. Mary Ave. Hours: Thurs., 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Fri. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission \$5, juniors free. Dealers and displays from across North America. Official auctioneer: The Canadian Numismatic Company. Sponsor/Affiliate: Royal Canadian Numismatic Association, and the Manitoba Coin Club. For more information contact Bruce Taylor, telephone 204-479-0017, email [bvtay@shaw.ca](mailto:bvtay@shaw.ca). Website: <http://www.rcna.ca/2013>.

## *AUG. 11, Paris, ON*

**S.W.O.N.**, Convention centre, 139 Silver St. (Paris fairgrounds). Hours: 9 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Admission \$3, includes a ticket on a gold coin, 56 tables of coins, paper money, gold and silver bullion, jewelry, pocket watches and more. Buy, sell, trade, appraise. Sponsor/Affiliate: Teds Collectables Inc. For more information contact Ted Bailey, telephone 519-442-3474, email [tedscollectables@bellnet.ca](mailto:tedscollectables@bellnet.ca).

## *SEPT. 8, Brampton, ON*

**Brampton Coin Show**, Century Gardens Recreation Centre, 340 Vodden Rd. East. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission \$3, under 14 free, and free parking. Buy, sell, trade and appraisal at more than 40 tables. Sponsor/Affiliate: Rotary Club of Brampton. For more information contact Willard Burton, telephone 905-450-2870, email [willardb@bwcoin.com](mailto:willardb@bwcoin.com).

## *OCT. 4 - 5, Toronto, ON*

**Toronto Coin Expo**, The Bram & Bluma Appel Salon located at the Toronto Reference Library, 2nd Floor, 789 Yonge St. Hours: Fri. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Premium coin, banknote and collectible show, more than 30 dealers in attendance. Partnering with numismatic auction house Geoffrey Bell Auctions. Auction Oct. 4-5. For more information contact Jared Stapleton, email [torontocoinexpo@gmail.com](mailto:torontocoinexpo@gmail.com), telephone 647-403-7334. Website: <http://www.torontocoinexpo.ca>.

## *OCT. 19, Guelph, ON*

**Guelph Fall Coin Show**, Colonel John McCrae Legion, 57 Watson Parkway South, N1L 1E3. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission \$3, under 16 free, legendary lunch counter, free draw for gold coin; coins, banknotes, tokens, Canadian Tire money, medals, books and supplies at more than 30 dealer tables; buy, sell, trade or evaluate. Free level parking, fully accessible. Sponsor/Affiliate: South Wellington Coin Society. For more information contact Mike Hollingshead, telephone 519-823-2646, email [cholling@uoguelph.ca](mailto:cholling@uoguelph.ca).

## *OCT. 19, Oshawa, ON*

**Coin A Rama**, Five Points Mall, 285 Taunton Rd E. at Ritson. Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free dealer and membership draws and new hourly public draws, free admission, featuring paper, coins, tokens, medals and many other items.

Sponsor/Affiliate: Oshawa & District Coin Club. For more information contact Sharon, telephone 905-728-1352, email [papman@bell.net](mailto:papman@bell.net).

## *OCT. 20, Stratford, ON*

**Stratford Coin Show**, Festival Inn, 1144 Ontario St. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission \$2, under 16 free, banknotes, tokens, coins books and supplies. Sponsor/Affiliate: Stratford Coin Club. For more information contact Larry Walker, telephone 519-271-3352, email [lswalker@cyg.net](mailto:lswalker@cyg.net).

## *OCT. 26 - 27, Toronto, ON*

**Torex - Canada's National Coin Show**, Hyatt Regency Toronto On King, 370 King St. W. Hours: Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Canada's finest dealers in Canadian, ancient, and foreign coins, paper money, hobby supplies and reference books; admission \$7, under 16 free; official auctioneer: Lower Canada Auction. For more information telephone 416-705-5348. Website: <http://www.torex.net>.

# A BANQUET PROPOSAL

BY **ROBB McPHERSON**

This year's annual ONA convention banquet was host to one of those life altering events!

President elect Robb McPherson took advantage of the gathering to make a very special presentation. Robb publicly proposed marriage to his beautiful fiancée Lisa Spinks. A daring move by any standards. But luck was with him as Lisa accepted Robb's proposal. The date of the event is yet to be verified... stay tuned for further information.



*Congratulations to Lisa and Robb,  
We wish you all the Best!*

## ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL REPORT

ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

**BRENT W.J. MACKIE, TREASURER**  
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April 20, 2013

### 2012 O.N.A. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

To the Members and Directors of the Ontario Numismatic Association:

Please find enclosed herein the financial statements for the Ontario Numismatic Association for the year 2012 as well as a letter from our accountant, Cheryl Heavener, CPA, CA.

Sincerely yours,

**Brent W.J. Mackie**  
Treasurer

**Cheryl E. D. Heavener**  
**CPA, Chartered Accountant, Licensed Public Accountant**

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March 13, 2013

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Dear Directors and Members of the ONA,

The ONA executive committee, led by your President, Paul Petch and Treasurer, Brent Mackie, engaged me to assist in the preparation of the financial statements and report any deficiencies contained therein.

During this process, Brent and I discussed various areas of the statements including accounting for lifetime membership fees, insurance revenue and related expenses, classifications of accounts, general accounting procedures such as reconciling the bank accounts and correcting prior years accounting errors. Brent informed me of your operations and with a few adjustments the statements appear to be very well prepared. I do believe that the lifetime membership fees should have an accrual based on the average membership term and should not be fully recognized as income on receipt. Brent informed me that you view the receipt as a donation and that there is a GIC to provide for future cash requirements. If the members are actually donating to ONA than the accounting for the receipts is appropriate and is meeting ONA's objectives.

I must say it was a pleasure working with Brent and you should be happy to have him as your treasurer. If you require any advice or services in the future, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Cheryl Heavener, CPA, CA

# ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

**BRENT W.J. MACKIE, TREASURER**  
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Mr. President,

Please find herein the year-end, unaudited financial statements for the Ontario Numismatic Association for fiscal year 2012. Notes follow the financial statements.

## BALANCE SHEET ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2012

ASSETS	2012		2011	
<b>Bank Accounts</b>				
10100 · General	\$	4,671.09	\$	2,433.72
10200 · Insurance		10.00		1,632.73
10300 · Life Membership		484.63		887.57
12000 · PayPal		52.80		31.33
		\$ 5,218.52		\$ 4,985.35
<b>Notes Receivable</b>				
14010 · ONA Convention <sup>1</sup>	\$	3,000.00	\$	-
<b>Prepaid Expenses</b>				
15010 · Prepaid Misc. Expenses <sup>2</sup>	\$	39.00	\$	39.00
15020 · Prepaid Club Insurance Expenses <sup>3</sup>		3,132.00		3,040.20
		3,171.00		3,079.20
<b>Term Investments</b>				
16200 · Insurance Investments	\$	5,000.00	\$	3,900.00
16300 · Life Membership Investments		17,500.00		11,050.00
16400 · Contingency Investments		26,000.00		32,000.00
		48,500.00		46,950.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>\$ 59,889.52</b>		<b>\$ 55,014.55</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>				
<b>Liabilities</b>				
20200 · ONA Convention <sup>4</sup>	\$	(56.55)	\$	(995.05)
20300 · ONA Draw <sup>4</sup>		(12.00)		(2,400.64)
21000 · Cheryl Heavener, CPA, CA <sup>5</sup>		1,582.00		-
		\$ 1,513.45		\$ (3,395.69)
<b>Unearned Membership Dues<sup>6</sup></b>				
25112 · Reg. Member Dues (2012)	\$	-	\$	1,410.00
25113 · Reg. Member Dues (2013)		1,160.00		30.00
25114 · Reg. Member Dues (2014)		110.00		-
25212 · Jr. Member Dues (2012)		-		40.00
25213 · Jr. Member Dues (2013)		35.00		-
25312 · H/W Dues (2012)		-		170.00
25313 · H/W Dues (2013)		173.00		17.00
25412 · Club/Assn. Dues (2012)		-		785.00
25413 · Club/Assn. Dues (2013)		920.00		-
25414 · Club/Assn. Dues (2014)		25.00		-
		2,423.00		2,452.00
<b>Unearned Revenues</b>				
25020 · Unearned Club Insurance Premiums <sup>7</sup>	\$	2,730.00	\$	2,710.00
25600 · Albert Kasman Juniors Fund <sup>8</sup>		80.00		105.00
		2,810.00		2,815.00

<b>Equity</b>				
30000 · Members' Equity <sup>9</sup>	\$	53,143.24	\$	58,373.84
Net Income (Loss)		(0.17)	53,143.07	(5,230.60)
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>			<b>\$ 59,889.52</b>	<b>\$ 55,014.55</b>

**YEAR-END INCOME STATEMENT  
ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION  
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2012**

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>2012</b>		<b>2011</b>	
<b>41000 · Membership Dues</b>				
41010 · Regular Member Dues	\$	2,280.00	\$	3,729.09
41020 · Junior Member Dues		95.00		-
41030 · Husband/Wife Dues		340.00		51.00
41040 · Club/Association Dues		785.00		25.00
		\$ 3,500.00		\$ 3,805.09
42000 · Convention Revenue		4,599.14		479.37
42010 · Draw Revenue <sup>10</sup>		3,574.51		1,531.54
42020 · Auction Fees <sup>11</sup>		675.12		-
42100 · Table Cloth Rental		500.00		700.00
<b>43000 · Donations</b>				
43010 · Individual Donations	\$	62.00	\$	130.88
43020 · Club/Corporate Donations		2.00		90.00
43040 · Life Membership Fund Donations <sup>12</sup>		900.00		45.00
		964.00		265.88
44010 · Club Insurance Premiums		2,740.00		3,600.00
<b>45000 · Investment Income</b>				
45010 · Insurance Interest	\$	85.37	\$	81.20
45020 · Life Membership Interest		147.06		189.72
45030 · Contingency Interest		460.67		621.37
		693.10		892.29
46010 · Draw Club Rebate to ONA		186.00		88.00
46100 · ONA Archive/Asset Sales <sup>13</sup>		417.00		90.00
46410 · Advertising Sales		200.00		-
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>\$ 18,048.87</b>		<b>\$ 11,452.17</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		<b>2012</b>		<b>2011</b>
<b>60100 · Ontario Numismatist</b>				
60110 · Copying	\$	2,134.52	\$	2,530.03
60120 · Postage, Mailing Service		1,979.30		2,119.51
60130 · Editorial Fees		2,100.00		2,100.00
		\$ 6,213.82		\$ 6,749.54
<b>60500 · Awards</b>				
60510 · Award of Merit Expenses	\$	104.78	\$	-
60520 · Fellow of the ONA Expenses		241.13		-
60530 · Raszmann Award Expenses <sup>14</sup>		4,464.57		-
		4,810.48		-
<b>61000 · Executive Expenses</b>				
61010 · Meeting Expenses <sup>15</sup>	\$	64.98	\$	50.00
61090 · Misc. Executive Expenses <sup>16</sup>		70.06		61.00
61100 · Executive Allowance <sup>17</sup>		-		2,800.00
		135.04		2,911.00
62810 · Reusable Convention Supplies/Eq.		61.02		1,833.43
<b>63000 · Library/Archives/AV Expenses</b>				
63010 · Library Purchases	\$	-	\$	342.00
63020 · Book Binding		-		116.39
63310 · Audio-Visual Program Expenses		269.44		-
63510 · Archives Purchases <sup>18</sup>		117.60		-
63520 · Archives Supplies		14.13		-
63530 · Safety Deposit Box Rental		282.50		169.50
		683.67		627.89
64010 · Club Insurance Premiums Exp.		3,148.20		3,411.83
<b>65000 · Office and General</b>				

65010 · Postage, Mailing Service	\$ 227.88		\$ 129.34	
65020 · Printing and Copying	6.00		-	
65030 · Supplies <sup>19</sup>	-		356.08	
65050 · Post Office Box Rental	158.20		152.55	
65060 · Website Expenses	499.85		45.90	
65070 · Membership Dues Expense <sup>2</sup>	39.00		-	
65490 · Other Costs <sup>20</sup>	35.00	965.93	-	683.87
<b>65500 · Bank Charges</b>				
65510 · Bank Fees <sup>21</sup>	\$ 57.74		\$ 0.66	
65520 · PayPal Fees <sup>22</sup>	38.84		(1.42)	
65530 · Gain/Loss on USD Exchange	2.30		(4.59)	
65540 · Cheque Order Fees	-	98.88	45.80	40.45
65920 · Donations <sup>23</sup>		350.00		175.71
65980 · Petty Cash Writeoff <sup>24</sup>		-		249.05
66110 · Accounting Fees		1,582.00		-
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$ 18,049.04</b>		<b>\$ 16,682.77</b>
<b>NET INCOME (LOSS)</b>		<b>\$ (0.17)</b>		<b>\$ (5,230.60)</b>

**OUTSTANDING CHEQUES REPORT**  
**ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION**  
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2012

**Bank Balance** (10100 · General) \$ 4,701.16

Date	Cheque #	Payee / Memo	Amount
03-Dec-2012	331	Paul Petch <i>Postage, etc, for Insurance mailings</i>	\$ 30.07
<b>Total Outstanding Cheques</b> (1)			30.07
<b>General Ledger Balance</b> (10100 · General)			<u>\$ 4,671.09</u>

**CURRENT INVESTMENTS**  
**ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION**  
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2012

**Contingency**

Account	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Principal	Rate	Interest
72-8000218-19	04-May-2012	03-Nov-2014	\$ 15,000.00	1.95%	Compounded annually
72-8000218-20	01-Jun-2012	30-Aug-2013	\$ 5,000.00	1.75%	Compounded annually
72-8000218-21	26-Nov-2012	24-Feb-2014	\$ 6,000.00	1.55%	Compounded annually

**Life Membership**

Account	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Principal	Rate	Interest
72-8000196-22	04-May-2011	05-May-2014	\$ 2,600.00	2.00%	Payable annually
72-8000196-23	05-Apr-2012	02-Oct-2014	\$ 5,000.00	1.75%	Compounded annually
72-8000196-24	04-May-2012	31-Oct-2014	\$ 8,500.00	1.95%	Compounded annually
72-8000196-25	07-Aug-2012	05-Nov-2013	\$ 1,400.00	1.45%	Compounded annually

**Insurance**

Account	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Principal	Rate	Interest
72-8016076-22	04-May-2012	02-Aug-2013	\$ 5,000.00	1.70%	Compounded annually

## Notes to the Year-End Financial Statements

1. The Convention is loaned \$3,000 to cover the 2014 hotel deposit. The loan bears interest at 1.75% per annum and is due May 31, 2014.
2. RCNA membership dues for the following year.
3. Club insurance premiums paid in advance to the insurer for the following year.
4. These accounts exist to facilitate short-term amounts owed between the ONA proper, the Convention and the Draw. These accounts help reduce extraneous inter-account transfers.
5. Accrued accounting fees for the current year to be paid upon future invoice.
6. These amounts represent future years' membership dues paid prior to or in the current year. At the beginning of the next year, amounts for that year will roll over into revenue accounts.
7. These amounts represent the future year's club insurance premiums paid in the current year. At the beginning of the next year, this amount will roll over into a revenue account.
8. LM61 Albert Kasman has made several donations intended to pay for the first year's membership fees for new junior members. As new junior members enroll, this account is drawn down.
9. Members' Equity is the cumulative sum of net income and loss year after year. It is also equivalent to the sum of the organization's assets after deducting all its liabilities.
- 10a. 2012: This is the net of \$434.55 representing the ONA's "host club" share of the draw profits, and the balance of the draw profits.
- 10b. 2011: Revenue from the 2011 draw was not transferred to the ONA General account in 2011. The 2011 financial statements have been restated since being tabled at the AGM on April 14, 2012 to properly reflect the revenue earned on the 2011 draw and a "float" amount loaned to the draw from the general account.
11. 2012: Jeffrey Hoare Auctions provided a cheque for \$1,000 to cover their meeting room and the balance is to be considered the auction fee.
12. 2011: One new life member (#115) less partial refund of a resigned life member (#114).
13. The ONA annually sells surplus archive items to the Convention for banquet door prizes.
14. The bulk of this expense is the cost of dies, a model and 25 44mm medals produced by the Mississauga Mint. This is a one-time expense that includes enough medals for another 23 years.
- 15a. 2012: January executive meeting. Costs split between ONA and Convention.
- 15b. 2011: Meeting room rental at the Cambridge Newfoundland Club.
- 16a. 2012: Executive nametags for Peter B., Len T., Dave H., David B. and Brent M.
- 16b. 2011: Lunch for unspecified executive members when accessing Bruce's apartment.
17. For a period of several years, certain executive members received an allowance in lieu of minor expenses and as compensation for some of the expectations of their position including travel, etc. As of 2012, the executive committee discontinued this practice in favour of reimbursements for relevant expenses incurred.
18. 2012 convention medals (gold-plated, silver, brass, lead).
19. 2011: This amount includes the purchase of QuickBooks Pro accounting software, a filing cabinet, folders, labels, and receipt books.
20. 2012: Licensing fee for the Convention trailer. This is a one-time expense.
- 21a. 2012: TD Canada Trust erroneously charged us \$57.20 on 31-Dec-2012. This fee has since been reversed, with the credit appearing on the 2013 income statement.
- 21b. 2011: Fee incurred for depositing more than 30 cheques in a single month into one account. More diligent deposit management has prevented similar charges since.
22. 2011: In addition to a series of small deposits made by PayPal in setting up our PayPal account and verifying bank accounts, this amount includes fees paid on a few incoming payments as well as the revenues received to offset said fees. We have a negative amount (eg: a net revenue) primarily because one person slightly overpaid.
- 23a. 2012: This amount represents \$150 for flowers for Tom Rogers' visitation, and \$200 to the Canadian Cancer Society in his memory.
- 23b. 2011: Donations consisted of flowers for the funeral service of Bruce Raszmann and a donation to the Monkton United Church. The ONA and Waterloo Coin Society each paid half the total expenses.
24. In the inherited financial bookwork, references were made to cash received, but they could not be traced back to a deposit. It is possible that this was used for various and minor expenses paid in cash, but there are no records of such transactions. The Treasurer did inherit some cash, but substantially less than expected. This amount is the balance that is unaccounted for and is being written off as an expense to get the books in line with actual cash-on-hand.

Sincerely yours,



**Brent W.J. Mackie**  
Treasurer

# CHECK IT OUT!

## INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR O.N.A. LIBRARY

The adage “*buy the book before you buy the coin*” is a saying with which you may be familiar. But do you know how many holdings your Ontario Numismatic Association Library has? There are nearly 900 print resources on a wide variety of topics, including:



Chris Boyer  
O.N.A. Librarian

- ***Canadian, United States and International coins and bank notes***
- ***ancient coinage***
- ***municipal trade tokens***
- ***guides and check lists***
- ***medals***
- ***error coinage and bank notes***
- ***publications from the O.N.A. and the Royal Canadian Numismatic Association***
- ***auction catalogues***
- ***and many, many more!***

### How to borrow items from your O.N.A. Library

Ask your Librarian for assistance in locating items, or request (by postal mail, fax or email) a listing of the holdings to conduct your own search, by author, title, or publication date.

The O.N.A. Librarian will send out your requests by postal mail (postage paid), you simply return the items by return mail. It's that simple!

### How to contact your Librarian

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## THE ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION IS LOOKING FOR A SAFE!



**The Ontario Numismatic Association is in need of a larger capacity, fire-resistant safe to house miscellaneous archival material and documents.**

**If you are in possession of such a safe that you no longer need or know of someone that does please contact the Association's treasurer Brent W. J. Mackie at [treasurer@the-ona.ca](mailto:treasurer@the-ona.ca)**

# O.N.A. AWARDS FOR 2013

BY WILLIAM WAYCHISON, AWARDS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Once again, for 2013, I was pleased to serve as the O.N.A. Awards Chairman and participate at our annual convention in Kitchener. The annual Awards Banquet is when we recognized those members of the O.N.A. whose collecting passion has taken them beyond the simple accumulation of specimens for their collection and has brought them to the forefront of the organized hobby of numismatics in the Province of Ontario. To recognize such people, it is the purpose of the O.N.A. Awards Committee to accept nominations from O.N.A. members for the Award of Merit and the Fellow of the O.N.A. Award.



This year, your O.N.A. Awards Committee consisted of:

- *Mr. Don Robb, the 1990 recipient of the O.N.A. Award of Merit*
- *Mr. Chris Boyer, the 2002 recipient of the O.N.A. Award of Merit*
- *Mr. Dick Dunn, the 2006 recipient of the O.N.A. Award of Merit*
- *Paul Petch, O.N.A. President and the 2000 recipient of the O.N.A. Award of Merit and myself,*
- *William Waychison, Awards Chairman and the 2005 recipient of the O.N.A. Award of Merit*

## FELLOW OF THE ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION AWARDS

### 2013 Fellow of the O.N.A. Presented to Brent W.J. Mackie



The first Fellow of the O.N.A. Award winner began his collecting interest at the age of two, when his parents took him to the Royal Canadian Mint in Ottawa; he subsequently received an annual uncirculated coin set and began adding to his collection with older coins and notes he obtained from circulation. It was not until early 2002, with the introduction of the Bank of Canada Canadian Journey series, that he became more involved and attended shows and used the power of the Internet to reach out to other members and groups. His primary collecting passion is Canadian government paper money, but he also collects Canadian chartered and international banknotes, Canadian Tire “Money,” and convention medals.

It has been said that his greatest talents include developing websites, application of computer programs to numismatics, and organizing meetings and providing much needed structure as clubs work to identify procedures and systems that will serve them into the future.

He is a life member of the Canadian Paper Money Society, the Ontario Numismatic Association, the Royal Canadian Numismatic Association and the International Bank Note Society. He is also a member of the Waterloo Coin Society and the Canadian Tire Coupon Collectors Club.

He has maintained the Canadian Paper Money Society forums and has created a Serial Number Database, which presently boasts over \$8,000,000 and 375,000 notes. He has also facilitated the creation of several other CPMS publications including indices and note registers. At the Waterloo Coin Society, he played a key role in the use of digital equipment, which has revolutionized their monthly auctions. He is a director of the RCNA and has assisted in changes to their constitution; and also helped write the new O.N.A. Constitution. His greatest contribution to the O.N.A. was after Treasurer Bruce Raszmann passed away; he stepped up to organize and modernize the O.N.A. financial books, introduced electronic payments, and is a leading force in the efforts to incorporate the O.N.A. He is a director and past newsletter layout editor and Webmaster for the CPMS, an RCNA Director, and the O.N.A. Treasurer. He is also a director of the Waterloo Coin Society, their Newsletter Layout Editor, and Vice-President.

In 2011, he received an RCNA Presidential Award for his contributions to their electronic board meetings.

## 2013 Fellow of the O.N.A. Presented to John Regitko



The second Fellow of the O.N.A. Award winner was born in occupied Czechoslovakia and moved with his family to West Germany

at the age of two years. This was fortuitous and made it possible for his family to relocate to Canada when he was 12 years old. He started in numismatics as a teenager. While working at a cigar store and delivering newspapers, he often discovered older coins from the 1920s. He would replace these, and later traded them for one of his passions - error coins.

In 1961 he graduated from an accounting program and for the next 30 years he worked at the head office of a major computer and manufacturing firm moving up to Manager of Marketing Services before retiring. Shortly thereafter he started and operated his own company. He distributed UNIVAC computer supplies for Canada for the next 20 years before selling that business and retiring a second time. Again, within a short period, he returned to work as a Manager of a Flea Market in Etobicoke for four more years. Work did not impede his collecting activities; he also purchased and with his wife managed, the Toronto

International Coin Fair (TICF) and held two annual coin shows for years before selling that business.

He is a Lifetime Member of both the R.C.N.A. and O.N.A., and an Honorary Life Member of the North York Coin Club and several other clubs. His contributions as a speaker, course presenter, course creator, and editor for various clubs, are numerous. He has won various awards including both three consecutive R.C.N.A. and ANA Newsletter awards for editing the Toronto Coin Club Newsletter, and also as editor for the Ontario Numismatist. He has also served on several executive committees. Highlights include his editorship of the O.N.A. Numismatist, executive roles on the R.C.N.A. board including General Convention Chair for four R.C.N.A. conventions, R.C.N.A. Public Relations & Publicity Director and that of Convention Coordinator for over 10 years, R.C.N.A. Liaison to the Royal Canadian Mint for over 30 years, and R.C.N.A. Executive Secretary for four years. Did I mention that he is also an R.C.N.A. Past-President?

A few of his numismatic awards include O.N.A. Award of Merit (1983), first recipient of Fellow of R.C.N.A. (1991); two R.C.N.A. Presidential Awards; the ANA President's Award (2006), the Carmody-Lebo Award in 2004 for repeatedly and consistently serving and enhancing the numismatic hobby, In 2010, he was awarded a scholarship to attend the ANA Summer Seminar in Colorado Springs. His highest award was receiving the J. Douglas Ferguson Award in 1991.

## 2013 Fellow of the O.N.A. Presented to Scott Douglas



The third Fellow of the O.N.A. Award recipient became interested in collecting coins when the principal of his school presented him

with a newly minted 1958 5-Centavos coin of Peru on the occasion of his 6<sup>th</sup> birthday.

The Whitman folders were next and interest grew from there. Around 1992 Canadian Tokens and Medals caught his eye and he has never looked back.

He is an active member of several clubs and has made significant contributions to several clubs to celebrate

their milestones and enhance their membership. He has routinely and regularly both researched and published articles for various club publications, and both individually and in cooperation with other numismatists published several numismatic publications.

He has served in executive roles including that of Past President of the Buffalo Numismatic Society. In 1997, he helped revitalize the Club from 6 to over 200 members. On the Club's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2002 he wrote a brief history of the Club and currently serves as their Historian.

He is a member of the O.N.A., currently Past President of the London Numismatic Society, archivist for the Toronto Coin Club, and Canadian Director of the Encased Collectors International.

He is a Fellow and current President of the Canadian Numismatic Research Society (CNRS), and a past Secretary-Treasurer and the current Vice-President of the

CATC, and regularly contributes researched articles to their joint publication. He is a life member of the R.C.N.A. and has served as a presenter at some of the Annual One Day Courses at Humber College. He also he made presentations at the Education Forums at the 2004 and 2008 Conventions.

He is a Charter Member of the South Wellington Coin Society and their first President, and currently serves as Vice-President, Archivist, and membership chair. He also writes a "Did You Know" column for their monthly Newsletter. He has also contributed these and other articles to the O.N.A. Numismatist, the R.C.N.A. CN Journal, and the London Numismatic Society publications.

He cooperated with Len Buth to publish a book on the life of W.R. McColl and later published a booklet about Jeremiah Gibbs, one of Canada's most influential numismatists.

Both in 2005 and again in 2008, he received the Bowman Literary Award from the CNRS for his booklet "*Early Canadian Numismatists and Their Tokens*" and for his co-authored publication with Chris Faulkner on a book about the Pritchard and Andrews Company of Ottawa. In 2012, he privately published a 77-page, full-colour book titled *Did You Know? The First Fifty*. The publication contains his first fifty Did You Know articles modified with colour images. To help celebrate the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the South Wellington Coin Society, he gave copies of the publication to club members and a number of friends.

In 2010, he received the O.N.A. Award of Merit and in 2012 he was awarded Fellow of the R.C.N.A.

He has made significant contributions to numerous clubs of his time, organizational skills, and research capabilities; these have both helped retain members, and left a lasting record for future generations.

## THE BRUCE H. RAZSMANN AWARD

### Bruce H. Raszmann Award for Outstanding Service for 2013 Presented To Fred Freeman



The 2013 winner of the Bruce H Raszmann Award is a retired teacher and long-time coin collector. He is a member of both the Woodstock and Ingersoll Coin Clubs near where he resides. He is and has been very active in promoting numismatics for many years, and is well known to many clubs in southern Ontario. He is a long-serving director of the O.N.A and has regularly attended and participated at their club meetings. His activities also extend to a larger area. In 2004, he acted as Chairman for the O.N.A. Convention held in Woodstock, Ontario, where he extended free promotional tables to the R.C.N.A., a practice that has continued to this date.

His claim to numismatic fame and his biggest contribution to numismatics in Canada commenced quietly in 2002. It was that year that "a teacher invited the longtime collector to be the guest speaker in a local Woodstock

classroom". He was surprised and shocked to learn the void in knowledge of Canadian numismatic history. This became more striking when he witnessed "the students' enthusiasm, amazement, and eagerness to know more about the country's numismatic past".

At the time, he said, "*It soon became clear that this was an area that had been overlooked. No one, to my knowledge, had developed a Canadian coin course for kids.*"

He commenced developing his own program that incorporated humor and numismatic knowledge in a manner that only a retired teacher can achieve. With the principle that you do, what you can, with what you have, he took this program to various schools in Woodstock and the nearby town of Ingersoll.

"By 2003, with ringing endorsements from RCNA presidents Geoff Bell, Charles Moore, and John Regitko, a Coin Kids Committee was struck and donations solicited to put together comprehensive starter kits for every junior newcomer."

That initial encounter of 2002 led him on an extended voyage that would last for several more years, and which, with the help of several other R.C.N.A. members and teachers, such as Chris Boyer, culminated in publication and release in 2006 of the Canadian Coins 101 Course. This 100-page course book is designed for young collectors under 18 years, and includes several pages of short tests plus envelopes so that students can mail them out for mark-

ing. Since its publication, he has administered the course, and mailed both the course and test results to a multitude of young students.

For his contribution to numismatics, he was named Fellow of the Ontario Numismatic Association in 2003. His numismatic contributions since 2003 have extended very positively to the national level. He has both made significant contributions to the Canadian numismatic scene and the R.C.N.A. For these contributions, he was named Fellow of The Royal Canadian Numismatic Association in 2008.

#### A Note of Thanks From Fred:

Please accept my sincere thank you for choosing me for the Bruce H. Raszmann Award at the annual O.N.A. Banquet on April 20, 2013 at the Kitchener Holiday Inn. The plaque itself is beautiful and with the included bust of Bruce Raszmann along with the Ontario Numismatic Association crest, both contribute to an eye catching display. It is now proudly displayed in my home office.

The Coin Kids program now has 274 enrolments in the Canadian Coins 101 program along with well over 150 Junior Members in the RCNA. Both of these groups receive a substantial amount of coin related materials in a 12" X 12" x 2 1/2" box. The Canadian Coin News is included with each package at no cost to the program, thanks to the generosity of that organization.

The name Coin Kids is a Canadian term as compared to our American friends who use the term YN for their junior members. My contention is that 'Coin Kids' is more easily recognized by the general public as to its purpose as compared to YN for Young Numismatists. And it is another subtle way to show our unique identity as compared to other Junior Numismatists in the United States.

## THE ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION AWARD OF MERIT

### 2013 O.N.A. Award of Merit Presented to Edward Anstett



The Award of Merit recipient for 2013 grew up near Walkerton, Ontario. His introduction to numismatics was at the age of 10-14 years, when a particular gentleman would sometime give him a special coin as a tip for shoveling snow.

At the age of 22 years, he joined a unit of United Auto Parts in Walkerton in 1953. The following year he moved to Stratford and took on the role of a salesperson to earn more money. While there, he eventually joined and traveled regularly to meetings of the London

Numismatic Society. In 1960, he helped found the Stratford Coin Club and became their first President. In 1967 he was transferred to Brantford as Manager of the UAP office, a position he held for 20 years before retiring after 42 years with UAP.



Shortly after moving, he joined the Brantford Numismatic Society and eventual became a pillar of the club. By 1976 he became a club director, a role he has held since. In 1979, he became the club's president, and held that position for 8 different years through to 2006. In 1987, he became the Brantford Show Chairman; he held that post for the next 25 years through to 2012. Because of his dedication, the show never had difficulty selling out its tables to dealers. In 2002, he was recognized by the O.N.A. with the award of Fellow of the O.N.A.

# O.N.A. EXHIBIT AWARDS FOR 2013

## BY PAUL JOHNSON, HEAD EXHIBITS JUDGE

Here are the official ONA Judging results for the 2013 ONA convention :

<b>Category “A” 1st</b>	-	Chris Boyer	<i>“The JOP Dollar”</i>
<b>2nd</b>	-	Bill Kamb	<i>“Rutherford Tokens”</i>
<b>3rd</b>	-	Ed Hagen	<i>“1967 Silver Dollar”</i>
<b>Category “B” 1st</b>	-	Henry Nienhuis	<i>“Edme Henry :A Man &amp; His Bank”</i>
<b>2nd</b>	-	Bob Graham	<i>“1931 Bank of Montreal \$5 Note: They only Look Ordinary”</i>
<b>Category “C” 1st</b>	-	Judy Blackman	<i>“Enamelled Coins”</i>
<b>2nd</b>	-	Colin Cutler	<i>“British West Africa 1956 One Penny”</i>
<b>Category “D” 1st</b>	-	Colin Cutler	<i>“China Paper Money”</i>
<b>Category “E” 1st</b>	-	Laura Johnson	<i>“Maundy Money of 1955”</i>
<b>2nd</b>	-	Kirsten Boyer	<i>“Manitoba Momentos”</i>
<b>3rd</b>	-	Clay Morris	<i>“Canadian One Cent Coins”</i>
<b>Best of Show</b>	-	Chris Boyer	<i>“The JOP Dollar”</i>
<b>People’s Choice Award</b>	-	Judy Blackman	<i>“Enamelled Coins”</i>



Paul Johnson presenting  
Best-of-Show to Chris Boyer (right)

### Judges:

Paul Johnson - Head  
Dick Dunn  
Norm Belsten



Dick Dunn presenting Junior  
1st-Place to Laura Johnson (right)



Peoples’s Choice Award  
winner Judy Blackman

Images by Henry Nienhuis  
and Judy Blackman

# EVENTS FOR JUNIORS, 2013

## The Coin Kids Auction - co-sponsored by the Royal Canadian Numismatic Association and the Ontario Numismatic Association

According to the event organizer, R.C.N.A. Coin Kids Chairman, Chris Boyer, the second-annual Coin Kids Auction held at the O.N.A. convention was a resounding success. Building on the success of last year, the registration and venue was expanded to hold 50% more participants. And, once again, we filled to capacity with 50 young people attending the event!

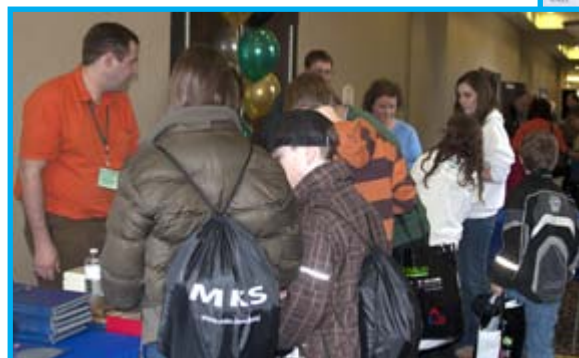


Images by Chris Boyer and Judy Blackman

## The Terry McHugh Juniors Table - sponsored by the Canadian Association of Numismatic Dealers (CAND)

This year the Canadian Association of Numismatics Dealers sponsored a Junior Collectors Table which was located just outside of the Bourse area. The table was manned by volunteers from the O.N.A. and Waterloo Coin Society.

Robb McPherson, this year's convention committee chairman, reported that the initiative, to revive the concept started by the late Terry McHugh, was a great success due to the efforts of numismatic dealers. We would like to especially thank the folks at Colonial Acres who catalogued, packaged and specially priced the items that were donated.



Images by Henry Nienhuis

# O.N.A. CLUB NEWS

by John Regitko

## OPENING COMMENTS

I was pleased to see the participation of most O.N.A. member clubs at the recent O.N.A. Convention in Kitchener, hosted by the Waterloo Coin Society. Clubs send official club delegates, and a number of clubs had members turn up to attend various functions. They came from all corners of Ontario, such as Windsor and Sarnia in the West; Sudbury and Timmins and North Bay in the North; Ottawa and Kingston in the East; and virtually every club located in Central and South Western Ontario. A strong O.N.A. is the direct result of local clubs and their members working towards a common goal: the enjoyment of the hobby!

## CLUB NEWS

### MISSISSAUGA-ETOBICOKE COIN STAMP & COLLECTIBLES CLUB (first Tuesday)

A recent meeting featured “Bubbles Night” where members brought along collectibles material of all descriptions that exhibit bubbles on the surface. I am interested to find out if a medal exists with Bubbles the Stripper that my neighbour used to tell me about.

### SCARBOROUGH COIN CLUB (first Wednesday)

Their newest member, Kevin L., gave a presentation entitled “Using Canadian coins to teach geography and history” at a recent meeting. At another meeting, Dick Dunn narrated a PowerPoint presentation on Canadian Large Cents. The club also scheduled a member show and tell session, which appear to always get enthusiastic support from many members.

Because of its closeness to the active collectors located in the Central/South Western Ontario area, the club placed a half-page promotional ad in the O.N.A. convention souvenir program booklet (other clubs might want to consider doing the same next year).

In each bulletin a brief listing appears of members’ buy and sell items. This is a complimentary listing that benefits both the buy and the seller. Other clubs might wish to see whether their members would also like to see such a feature in their club bulletin.

### SOUTH WELLINGTON COIN SOCIETY (first Wednesday)

Recent meeting programs involved “Fool’s Gold” about numismatic hokey-pokey through the ages, “The Twelve Caesars” via a PowerPoint presentation by Seaby’s of London, England, “Early Canadian Scrip” by Scott Douglas, and “Hudson Bay Company tokens” by Scott Douglas.

Their bulletin featured “Toronto Industrial Exhibition Prize Medals” by Scott Douglas (one of which is illustrated at left), “The 1700–1800s County Cork Tokens and Conders” by Judy Blackman, “195th Battalion of Regina,” “The Medals of the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada (illustrated at left) and “Coins of Austria.” The bulletin also published a brief wisdom by Mike Hollingshead when a dealer thinks that attendance is down at the club’s show: “It’s not the people through the door. It’s the dollars through the door.”

Their editor, Judy Blackman, also published background on the New York man that bought a cottage and discovered \$30 million of art in the attic and garage with the moral of the story addressed to me, I think: “Clean out your attic and garage.” She also publishes information on the hundreds of gold coins that fell from the ceiling when workmen renovated a building at a former French winery. The moral of that article: “*Check your ceilings.*” Still another write-up covered the \$85 million vase found in an attic and the \$1.5 million worth of coins found in an attic, kitchen cupboards dresser drawers and under beds. The moral: “*Dig up your yard if your relative didn’t believe in banking.*” Although I have read at least 100 of editor Judy’s bulletins, I thought the issue featuring all these money finds was her best one yet!

Peter Becker, O.N.A. Convention registration chairman, presented SWCS member Lowell Wierstra with a 1-ounce silver bullion coin (photo). Lowell’s name was drawn from 80 registrants in the O.N.A. Convention registrants” draw.



Lowell Wierstra (right)

### **WATERLOO COIN SOCIETY (second Tuesday)**

The post O.N.A. Convention meeting in May recognized the many hard working volunteers and award winners. It was also their 600<sup>th</sup> meeting. The club probably has higher attendance, more valuable draw prizes, more activities and better snacks at the coffee break, than any other O.N.A.-member club.

Their bulletin, edited by Peter Becker, covered news about the Club Promo Day at Conestoga Mall, including photos showing the many volunteers from the club. It is not unusual to see some new guests at the meetings following the Mall exposure.

And here is what I believe to be another first for the club: at least one recent guest saw the club's ad on the Internet website Kijiji.

The club also received excellent coverage of the O.N.A. Convention from CKNXAM920, which invited the O.N.A. Convention chairman, Robb McPherson, to speak on-air on multiple occasions.

The club's In Attendance draw reached \$25, the most it has been for a number of years, thanks to the great turnout of the membership at club meetings. High attendance speaks well for a club because, obviously, there are many activities to keep their interest . . . and their desire to keep coming back.

Just after I typed the above, I opened the next issue of the club bulletin and, low and behold, read that at the following meeting saw the six-month dry spell broken. The \$30 was won by Lisa Spinks.

Lisa Spinks has accepted the newly created position of Special Events Coordinator. This involves organizing future events such as the club's Christmas party, Conestoga Mall promotion and other events such as a banquets and awards presentations. New ideas for new activities are solicited from members.

### **WOODSTOCK COIN CLUB (second Thursday)**

Richard Johnson was a recent speaker at the club, covering antique chopstick holders. Another speaker, Glenn Forster, explained about investing in silver Maple Leaf coins, while Chris Boyer displayed and spoke on encased coins, one of which is illustrated at right.

Their bulletin, edited by Judy Blackman, featured a nice tribute to Ross Irwin who passed away recently, a feature on the Coin Kids project, unusual world coins about Lord



of the Ring coins, the history of some of Canada's \$100 gold coins, "Mythical Creatures: The Vampire," "Medicis' Florence" about Bank Medici, "Bird's Eye View" about birds on coins, "Rare animals of the South Pacific" and interesting world paper money (including Zimbabwe's inflationary notes that went from 100 billion dollar notes to a 100 trillion dollar note, which is illustrated below). Judy Blackman was thanked for her excellent handling of the club's bulletin.



Their June meeting is their Annual Strawberries & Ice Cream Social, which is the last meeting until September when the new executive takes over.

A number of clubs hold a 50/50 draw, where half of the proceeds of ticket sales go to the club, while the other half is distributed among 2 or 3 people. They recently instituted a different distribution of funds. Two people will win \$25 each, regardless of how much money remains for the club. It is felt that will increase ticket sales.

### **INGERSOLL COIN CLUB (third Monday)**

Articles published by Lorne Barnes, club editor, included articles on chopmarked coins by D. White, a member of the Chopmark Collectors Club (a close-up of a chopmark made by a banker is illustrated at right); Silver coin treasure hoard found on farm; Fake U.S. silver eagle coins soaring through



Hamilton—about 500 counterfeit brass filled silver coins being sold in the city over the past few months; and details about borrowing books from the O.N.A. Library.

Recent programs featured Chris McClean on coin grading,

Harry Eisenhower and Lorne Barnes keep donating material for the club's donation auction, which they have done for every meeting for a long time. Funds obtained assist the club in making

donations to worthwhile local charities and causes such as their latest donation of a further \$300 to the Thames Valley organization and the Senior's Centre.

It was announced that Tom Masters donated the cost of the club's membership renewals in the R.C.N.A. and CPMS, a nice gesture of his support of the Ingersoll Coin Club as well as the R.C.N.A. and CPMS.

### **TORONTO COIN CLUB (third Monday)**

As has been the program at meetings, the editor, Don Bunjevac, publishes a brief description of interesting historical events taking place in the month of the meeting and asking members to bring numismatic material to the upcoming meeting tying in to any of the events. The list is rather lengthy, so every attendee is bound to have at least one item to be able to participate in the show and tell presentations.

### **STRATFORD COIN CLUB (third Wednesday)**

Recent programs featured Rick Craig speaking on alternative collecting themes (he recently began collecting mythical characters of history on coins and medals) and a PowerPoint presentation on Military Payment Certificates created by the London Numismatic Society.

Their bulletin, edited by Judy Blackman, included an article on "The Shakespeare Route!" about a Stratford-upon-Avon and Midland Junction Railway halfpenny red prepaid newspaper stamp; an Ann Hathaway Cottage vintage horse brass (the cottage is where William Shakespeare lived); the history of Stratford, New Hampshire; the cat medals of the Isle of Man; background on the Nova Scotia fishing village featured on a new non-circulating \$20 coin from the RCM; Timothy R. Parsons' Medal (awarded by Fisheries and Oceans Canada to recognize achievement in ocean sciences); Alaskan Commercial fishing company tokens; the Toronto Star award for tagged black bass fishing contest (illustrated); the Helin Tackle's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary medal, and much more.



I cannot recall a club publishing door draw prizes in advance of a meeting, except for Stratford. If you are the editor of your club bulletin, you might want to coordinate with the person responsible for draw prizes and publish a list as one more inducement to have members turn out to meetings . . . but only if the prizes are "worthwhile" and, hopefully, plentiful.

Peter Becker and Brent Mackie travelled from Waterloo to a meeting to present a PowerPoint presentation about the upcoming O.N.A. Convention, showing slides on the many activities that were planned.

### **BRANTFORD NUMISMATIC SOCIETY (third Sunday)**

Recent meetings featured a video presentation on "Counterfeit Coins" by the RCMP and a guest speaker from the Lansdowne Children's Centre Foundation. The Foundation will be the recipient of the \$2 admission charge from the club's June 9 show. Colonial Acres Coins has donated \$1,000 in supplies and numismatic material such as coins, tokens and medals for the kids' table that will be set up at the show. Only young numismatists can purchase material at deep discounts. This is the second show that Colonial has agreed to host a kid's table (the first one was at the recent O.N.A. Convention). Other dealers have also been supportive at previous shows, donating numerous items for the door draws.

A few club members received awards at the recent O.N.A. Convention. The highest honour, the 2013 O.N.A. Award of Merit, was presented to Ed Anstett. The photo shows last year's recipient, Len Trakalo, congratulating Anstett. One of the donation auction lots at a meeting was a Lucky Loonie autographed by Emily Damstra, the guest speaker at the O.N.A. Banquet.



Edward Anstett (right)

Tom Kostaluk was honoured in a recent bulletin for over 55 years of serving the numismatic community, including his involvement with the Brantford Numismatic Society. He wrote numerous articles over the years (including for the O.N.A. Numismatist), won numerous exhibitor awards at a number of Canadian and U.S. shows (including the O.N.A. and R.C.N.A.) and served on club executives over a 55-year span. One of Tom's articles, "Pauline Johnson Canadian Indian Poetess," is published in the same bulletin.

Members can order coloured golf shirts with "Brantford Numismatic Society" imprinted on them for \$25. A BBQ for August is also being planned.

For privacy and security reasons, their bulletins will only be publishing first names in future, with the exception of the executive whose full names will continue to be published.

For anyone planning to visit the club, note that meetings now start at 7:00 p.m., giving parents plenty of time to take the kids along and get them home for bedtime.

Judy Blackman, club editor, points out that the two Brantford Numismatic Society medals illustrated here are listed in the National Archives of Canada.



#### **OTTAWA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY (fourth Monday)**

If I were to publish even the headings and authors' names of the articles that appear in their bulletins, and included a few photos, it could take a page. Although I will mention teaser information in future columns, I will simply mention here that you can get their whole bulletins over the Internet because the club made a decision to share their hard work with everybody. They are educational. They are in full colour. They are free. Go to [www.ons-sno.ca](http://www.ons-sno.ca)

When you review the contents of their publication "Moneta," you will understand why it takes a lot of teamwork to churn out each issue. Headed by chief editor and layout artist Serge Pelletier, he is assisted by an editorial committee (Ron Cheek, Steve Woodland), copy editors (Ron Cheek, Wilfred Lauber, Regent St-Hilaire, Steve Woodland) and translation committee (Serge Pelletier, Steve Woodland).

I am not aware of any other O.N.A. member club making their current bulletins available for free on the Internet. (Going in the opposite direction, a club recently felt it necessary to raise their annual dues to \$20 and then requiring a payment of \$2 for every meeting a member attends . . . without publishing a bulletin other than the occasional reminder of the upcoming meeting).

#### **NORTH YORK COIN CLUB (fourth Tuesday)**

A recent speaker was Ben Boelens, who had just returned from a four-month trip to the East, spending nine weeks in India, a month in the Philippines, two weeks in Malaysia and another week in Singapore.



His presentation was entitled "The 7-kilos of coins I brought back from vacation" which covered the date-range from the Maghal era right up to 2012. Bill O'Brien, club president, presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Ben for his presentation (photo).

Another recent speaker was Michael Rogozinski (known to most people in the hobby as Michael Rogo) of Empire Auctions, Toronto. He spoke on the most interesting coins he has come across in his 50 years of being involved with numismatics and other collectibles. He was a regular bourse dealer, along with his father Abe, at C.N.A. and TICF shows. His PowerPoint presentation included the famous 1936 dot cent and other rarities that he owned.

Addressing the group at another meeting was Joseph Leduc, a professional photographer and member of the Richmond Hill Camera Club, on macro photography.

The bourse at the Edithvale Hobby Show, hosted by the NYCC (they meet at the Edithvale Community Centre, hence the name of the show), was sold out many months prior to the May 11 show. Many club members and people from the neighbourhood and beyond visited the show to view and acquire the collectible material on hand.

Recent bulletins, edited by Paul Petch, covered a hoard of 66 gold coins unearthed in Iraq that are at least 1,400 years old; the Treasure That Sank the Spanish Empire about a Spanish galleon that sank 400 years ago; illustrations of a different kind of "folding money" (think origami); the 1913 scheme for a uniform standard of classifying the condition of coins; and background on various issues of historical coins recently issued by the Royal Canadian Mint.

The passing of May Bunnett, a charter member of the club who served as secretary in the 1960s, was also announced. She was 99. Her daughter donated May's numismatic library to the club. They are being auctioned off at future meetings.

#### **CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODEN MONEY COLLECTORS (CAWMC - Southwestern Chapter)**

The Association's recent bulletins, edited by Judy Blackman, appropriately named "Timber Talk," covered background on woods involving the Order of Eastern Star; Priebe Orthodontics; Uncle Tom's Tavern; Boatmen's National Bank; Cool Wood Chips; 1991 C.N.A. Convention woods.

Judy donated the April "Wood of the Month" honouring the 2012 London Olympics.

#### **CANADIAN TIRE COUPON COLLECTORS CLUB (CTCCC)**

It always amazes me the fun that can be had looking for varieties and errors, without having to spend a lot of money. Their bulletins detail other people's finds.

## ROYAL CANADIAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION (RCNA)

“NumisNotes,” the R.C.N.A. publication e-mailed to any member requesting it, has announced that Judy Blackman, who has been the editor since its inception nearly 3 years ago and 24 issues under her belt, has decided to move on to new endeavours. Steve Woodland, who is currently president of the Ottawa Numismatic Society, has consented to take over from Judy. In his first issue, a major illustrated article on “Siege Notes of Mafeking” that he co-wrote is published. Also included was information on new circulating RCM issues, the O.N.A. and R.C.N.A. conventions, the 1936 dot cent auctioned off by Heritage Auctions, background on local coin clubs and coin shows, and more. To be added to the complimentary distribution, send your e-mail address to [numisnotes@rcna.ca](mailto:numisnotes@rcna.ca).

Recent issues of the Canadian Numismatic Journal, sent to members ten times a year, contained a variety of well-researched articles, mainly on Canadian numismatics. To view a sample copy, go to [www.rcna.ca](http://www.rcna.ca).

## TIP OF THE MONTH

One of the best ways of disposing of your duplicates as well as material that you no longer wish to collect is to man a table at a local club meeting.

Placing a few items into the auction might also be considered, however, if you have more than a few items to dispose of, it would take you years to go that route exclusively.

I do not know of a single club that charges members for bringing material to a club meeting, placing it on a table and attempting to sell it. Both you and the buyer are bound to benefit. The buyer obtains another item for his/her collection at a good price. You convert it to cash to either acquire something else for your collection, or you get to keep 100% of the proceeds since you do not have to replenish your inventory as a dealer must. Chances are that you are not in competition with a dealer that has taken the time to attend a meeting, since they tend to have mainly Canadian decimal coins or RCM non-circulating material in their offerings. So everybody wins!

## CONTENT CHANGES

In the future, I want to give credit in this column to photographers, just as I do to editors, speakers and other contributors. Since I lift photos directly from the bulletins e-mailed to me, I will recognize the photogra-

phers if they are identified in the bulletin.

Starting with my next column, I will include the club name and the meeting day of all clubs, even if there is no additional news in their newsletter. I want all O.N.A. members to know when ALL clubs meet, and it might just jog an editor’s memory to include me in future mailings, or prompt someone . . . anyone . . . from a club to e-mail me their bulletin or telephone me.

## CLOSING COMMENTS

In reading your local coin club bulletins over the past month, I read a bit of disturbing news that I hope does not become a trend. Without mentioning the clubs involved, two published comments read something like “Due to the absence of the auction coordinator, there was no auction” and “There was no draw this month due to there being no prizes available at this meeting.” Previous comments I recall involved a lack of planning for a program, no draw tickets due to the individual that was responsible for bringing them to meetings being absent, and no coffee and cookies being available during the coffee break because, again, a member was unable to make it to the meeting.

People get sick in the last minute, are called away due to changes in their work schedule, the car breaks down on the way to the meeting, or the baby sitter didn’t show up. There are many reasons why the individual responsible for bringing draw prizes, draw tickets, coffee supplies, projector and screen, 50/50 draw prizes or auction material might not show up. It has happened to clubs before and you can be sure that it is going to happen again and again.

If your club does not have an emergency plan in place for assuring the smooth running of the meeting, then I suggest a volunteer be appointed to draft up a plan and table it at an upcoming executive meeting. (If your club does not hold executive meetings, even from time to time, I am sure you probably have bigger problems than worrying about this recommendation.)

*To obtain mention in this column, please telephone the information directly to John Regitko at (416) 407-4122 (10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.), or better yet, e-mail it to [coinman@look.ca](mailto:coinman@look.ca). The very best idea is to also include [editor@the-ona.ca](mailto:editor@the-ona.ca) in your electronic newsletter distribution list. That way your material will be simply and efficiently be put into the hands of both the editor and the Club News columnist with a single transmission.*

# CCN Enters 51<sup>st</sup> Year of Publication in June

By Jeff Fournier

Volume 1 #1 of "Canada Coin News" (as it was then known) was officially launched on June 3, 1963 by publisher Chester L. Krause of Iola Wisconsin. Cale B. Jarvis, a Torontoniant, took on the position of editor.

Gracing the front of this premier issue was a set of 1963 Canadian coins and a large prominent title "CANADA COIN NEWS".

The opening editorial posed the question "Where do we go from here?" and proceeded to explain that in the future, CCN hoped "to be all things to Canadian Numismatics". To this end, it went on to promise "on-the-spot reports of major conventions, in depth studies of current trends, mint reports, feature stories, club news and introductions to noteworthy personalities of the hobby."

A standard price guide was inaugurated, giving collectors of Canadian coinage "up-to-the-minute" trends. Ray Hobin of Stittsville, Ontario was responsible for compiling the data for what would become an immensely popular feature.

Winfred Mather of Toronto - well known in numismatic circles for her coin articles in the Toronto "telegram" - was also added to the list of regular columnists.

Advertisers flocked to market their wares including the likes of Edward Knight, Ottawa Coins and Maple Leaf Collector's Exchange Ltd. They signed on with a promise from CCN of "a regularly scheduled newspaper devoted exclusively to Canadians and those interested in Canadian Numismatics."

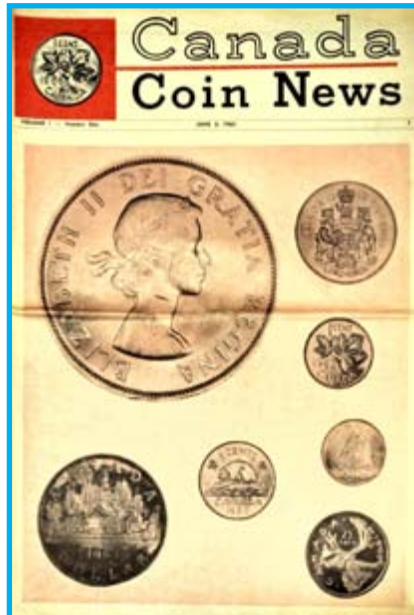
In little time, Canada Coin News had delivered on all of these promises and more!

## Wide Variety Featured In First Issue

Among some of the many features in the first edition was an article on the Bank of Montreal's Money Museum; a report on the O.N.A. convention; a French article about the early coinage and currency of Canada and of course, the price guide.

A quick glance through the guide revealed a plethora of information including current prices for the Canadian series from the large cent to the silver dollar and Maritime

coinages. An 1858 one cent piece in brilliant uncirculated condition trended for \$100. The 1921 50-cent piece in uncirculated condition was valued at \$8,000, while the 1948 silver dollar in uncirculated was \$150.



## Publishing Moves To Canada

Several problems had arisen for Coin News mostly due to its unusual publishing arrangement. While the content of the paper and its writers resided in Canada, the publishing took place in Iola Wisconsin. Krause realized that this arrangement could not go on for too long and by August of 1963, operations were moved to Canada. Now, with the exception of the owner, Coin News was an entirely Canadian operation.

## Numismatic History In The Making

Canada Coin News made good on its promise to cover major happenings in Canadian Numismatics. This was proven time and time again during the first year of operations.

In the November 16<sup>th</sup> issue, CCN covered the sale of the famous 1911 silver dollar to a prominent California collector for the princely sum of \$50,000. In March of 1964, urgings by the Numismatic community for the government to produce a gold coin in 1967 were voiced within CCN's pages. And when John McKay-Clements purchased a 1921 brilliant uncirculated Canadian half dollar, CCN provided the reporting.

Numismatists saw a boom in their hobby during 1964, as speculators helped push the price for current year mint sets through the stratosphere and again, the pages of CCN were filled with the details.

Clearly, Canada Coin News was well on its way to filling a void which had previously existed in Canadian Numismatics.

Through the years ownership changed hands, as did the paper's name, but CCN continued to provide collectors with news about the latest happenings in the coin collecting hobby throughout the 1970s, 80s, 90s and into the new millennium.

## ROSS G, BLAKEY (1947-2013)

Ross' introduction to collecting was rather adventurous, Influenced by certain dealers more intent on selling what they had rather than finding out where his interests lay, Ross first assembled a small collection of Roman-Egyptian tetradrachms and later a larger accumulation of world bullion coins.

Ross first attended meetings of the Society in the fall of 1974. Here he met various collectors and saw other coins that were of greater interest to him. He joined the Society in January 1975 and was to become an active member for the next 38 years, serving as a director, editor and president over 34 of them,

Early in his membership Ross saw other collections and was introduced to the variety of coins available. His focus changed and his interest in history drew him to coins of the Tudor monarchs (Henry VII to Elizabeth I) which was to become his passion over the next 38 years of his collecting life.

Ross took as much pleasure in seeing what his fellow collectors had added to their collections as he did in sharing his new acquisitions with them.



As a true numismatist, Ross recognized that one does not collect coins alone. He built up one of the finest libraries in his field and used it continuously. He also had a network of friends in both Canada and Great Britain with whom he exchanged ideas and information. He took pleasure in owning pieces that had formed parts of earlier collections and could recite pedigrees of most of the major coins in his Tudor collection, English colleagues referred to him as a “collector’s collector”.

Ross also enjoyed the social side of the hobby attending meetings and conventions as well as the informal get togethers following the London meetings.

We will miss Ross as a true student of our hobby, but more so as a fellow collector and a friend.

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Remembering an Educator, Soldier, Engineer, Numismatist, Historian by Judy Blackman

Professor Ross Weston Irwin passed away peacefully on Sunday, March 17, 2013, in his 92<sup>nd</sup> year. In September 2012, I (your Editor) received the Irwin family history as provided by Ross himself. There are folks around like Fred Freeman who have been friends and volunteers with Ross for over 50 years, some even worked alongside him in their paying jobs, and some may have served in Canadian Armed Forces with Ross. To know the son (Ross) you must first know the father (James) and the mother (Myrtle).



James Oswald Irwin was born August 3, 1889, the second son to John King Irwin and Isabella Rodgers. He was born at the home farm (Fenelon Township). He attended the white brick, two-room, public school, one mile east of Cambray, when the pressures of farm work allowed (in 1902 he was in Sr. 3rd class, his brother Bernie in 2<sup>nd</sup> class, and his sister Evan in 5th class). James worked with his father on the home farm as other sons left to take up farms in the west. At the age of 22, his older brother Robert encouraged him to come to Saskatchewan to look for land to homestead. He left for the northwest on March 24, 1911. Feeling that much of the good land was already taken up he worked for Etter Bros., at Imperial, Saskatchewan, for a year steam ploughing the virgin prairie and then threshing wheat. During 1912 he worked with an elevator crew building grain elevators along railway branch lines. James returned home in December 1912 but went west again in 1913 to work on another elevator crew. It was hard work driving spikes with a sledgehammer. He came back to Cambray that fall. His brother Bernie (“Burn”) joined the 109<sup>th</sup> Battalion C.E.F. in 1915 and James (“Jim”) remained on the farm to help his 65-year old father, John. His brother returned to the farm after his discharge from the army in 1919. James married Myrtle Eugenia Wakelin on January 16th, 1918 at the Cambridge St. Methodist Church (Lindsay), and for some reason the couple were not pleased with the local minister at Cambray. The Wakelin family had moved from Norland to the farm on top of the ridge immediately west of the Irwin farm (Fenelon Township). James and Myrtle left the farm in April 1921 and moved to Cambray where they

lived in a house at the southeast corner of the village crossroad. James obtained work for two years with the County of Victoria operating a steamroller building roads. In 1922, James went to work for his sister Mary’s husband at Hogg & Lyle Ltd. (Mariposa Station). Next the family moved to the Jenkins farm (Mariposa Township) where they stayed for 6 weeks. It was a dreadfully cold house, snow drifted in on the floor. At Hogg & Lyle, James worked 6 days a week, 10 hours a day for \$80 per month.

Moving grain by hand in bags was heavy work. He retained his tight handgrip until he died in 1983. James became the millwright for the company and in later years worked in other company plants in Bethany, Picton, Oshawa, Cambray, Lindsay, Baden, Dunsford, Fenelon Falls and Port Perry to install, repair and make changes to seed cleaning equipment. In early 1923 the family moved to the small Eakin house on East King St. North in Little Britain. The yard was subject to annual flooding from the Mariposa Creek and the woodpile often drifted away. It was here that James and Myrtle bought their first used automobile, a 1924 Model T Ford. He later owned a 1928 Model T Ford Sedan, a 1932 Pontiac, a 1940 Plymouth and a 1965 Plymouth. James played bass horn in the Cambray brass band under his father’s leadership. He continued to play bass with the Little Britain band. The family, now too large for the small house in Little Britain, moved to 45 King St. W. in Oakwood on April 9, 1929 (Ross was 8 years old). This was the old Cunninghams house with an adjacent office and post office building. The house had neither water nor indoor toilet facilities. Drinking water was carried from a private well at the hardware store across the highway. Wash water was caught and stored in a cistern in the cellar. The family used an outdoor privy. James took down the old post office and built a garage at the rear of the house. He did have the first television in the village. While James never played in the Oakwood band, he was active in the community as a Trustee for Police Village of Oakwood 1930–1936; Board of Stewards for Oakwood United Church; and Hogg & Lyle donated James’ time as he took the lead in building the Oakwood Curling Rink (a sport he enjoyed as well as horseshoes). James joined the Masonic Order Faithful Brethren Lodge No.

77, Lindsay, in 1916. He was presented with a 50-year jewel in 1966. James retired on January 31, 1960, from Toronto Elevators—Master Feeds Division. He was presented with a tablesaw and a monthly pension of \$38 after 38 years of employment. James and Myrtle built a new home in Oakwood in the southwest corner of Perry and Eldon Streets. They moved in to it in 1970. They celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary 1968 and 60<sup>th</sup> in 1978. They were within a few days of their 65th Wedding Anniversary when James died (1983). Myrtle fell when cleaning a light fixture in the bathroom and lost much of her sight. James had become infirm and also needed care greater care than the community could provide. In May 1982 they both entered the new Caressant Care Nursing Home in Lindsay. Myrtle remained there until her death; both are buried in the Eden Cemetery (Mariposa Township).

Myrtle was born on a farm (Somerville Township) near Norland in August 1888, the eldest daughter of James A. Wakelin and Francis Maria (nee Bowins). She was educated at Norland and played the organ at Norland Methodist Church from the time that her Aunt Rosa moved to Newdale until 1914. She sang in the church choirs when she lived in Little Britain and Oakwood until 1955. The Wakelin family had moved to Fenelon Township in search of better farming land. They remained there until 1922. It was here Myrtle met James who lived just east of her farm. James Wakelin gave her a cow as a dowry. She was Chancellor of the Exchequer of the Irwin household—the depression experience developed a saving attitude. At Oakwood Myrtle took in the schoolteacher as a boarder. She was active in most church and community events. James and Myrtle's 50th Wedding Anniversary was held in the Oakwood United Church in January 1968 when over 150 friends extended congratulations on the occasion. Myrtle died at the Ross Memorial Hospital (Lindsay) on Saturday, March 16th, 1985.



The family (pictured here in Oakwood 1932) of James and Myrtle: Son Ross Weston Irwin born September 11, 1921 married to Doreen Alice Webster; son Lorne Harold Irwin born September 3rd, 1923 married to Doris Mary Start, then later to Willow

May Smith; and son Stewart James born February 15, 1926 (never married, and died June 17, 1953).

Ross Irwin was born on September 11th in the Village of Cambay, Victoria County, in 1921 to parents James and Myrtle (nee Wakelin) Irwin. The family lived in a frame house located at the southeast corner at the village crossroad. This house was later moved south to the adjacent lot and was later destroyed. James was working for Victoria County building a new road at Dunsford. Ross attended Sunday school and had just started public school when the school burned in 1928. School continued in the basement of the community hall. In 1929 his family moved to the Village of Oakwood in the Township of Mariposa. Ross attended the Oakwood Public School and graduated in 1935. His parents could not afford to send him to Lindsay Collegiate Institute so he attended the Little Britain Continuation School. It was at this time that he began to date Doreen Webster who lived on a farm adjacent to the village. Both joined the Oakwood United Church on March 28, 1937. Ross was employed at 25 cents an hour for the summer months shovelling dirt and gravel on county road reconstruction work. Ross was pumping gas at the R. C. Barry Garage in Oakwood when the war broke out in 1939. He obtained a higher paying job at the Dominion Arsenal (Lindsay). The work was with the 'bull gang' breaking up concrete and relaying it. It was hard laborious work but much experience was gained. Ross then moved to an inside job in the grinding room of the machine shop. At this point most of his friends had joined the services so he enlisted in the army (Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers [RCEME]) at Peterborough in October 1942.

After basic training, and based on his arsenal machine shop experience, he was assigned to the Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps where he entered a training program to become an Instrument Mechanic to repair clinometers, compasses, gun-sights, binoculars, tank gyroscopes and anti-aircraft gun sight predictors. He left for



overseas on the RMS Queen Mary in October 1943 and was shortly sent to Sicily with the 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Corps Troops Workshop. The unit got as far north in Italy as Florence when it was sent to the Netherlands with the 1<sup>st</sup> Corps. After the armistice Ross was stationed in north Holland where he took leave and educational courses. He served 45 months in Italy and Northwest Europe. Following his discharge in 1946 he obtained work through his brother

Lorne, working for Canadian General Electric Co. in Peterborough. A downturn in the economy moved him from the grinding room job to a 4–12 p.m. shift line job. This interfered with his seeing Doreen so he looked for an alternative. He had 44 months of war service gratuity, which he used to attend the Ontario Agricultural College where he graduated from the Agricultural Mechanics option in 1951. He had joined the Canadian Officers Training Corps in 1947, as it was the highest paying work available, and spent two summers as a Lieutenant at Camp Borden in the R.C.A.S.C.

Doreen and Ross were married April 7, 1949 and they lived at Allendale for the summer while Ross was at Camp Borden. John was born at Lindsay on February 28, 1950. Living space in Guelph was very scarce so the family bought a small trailer and lived in the O.V.C. trailer camp until graduation. It was a fun place. Carol Anne was born at Lindsay on October 24, 1953, while Ross was in Iowa. Ross spent the last two summers at OAC doing farm drainage surveys in the Niagara Peninsula. Upon graduation in May 1951 he was offered a permanent position as an Assistant in the Ontario Department of Agriculture and Draining Supervisor and was sent to the Chatham and southwestern Ontario areas. He surveyed farms and drew up a proposed plan of drains for contractors to install. At this time the OAC was improving the qualifications of staff and they offered Ross an opportunity (take it or leave) to earn a higher degree. He took a one-year paid leave of absence to attend the Department of Agricultural Engineering at Iowa State College at Ames where he obtained his M.S. degree. Glen Downing, Department Head of Engineering had graduated from Iowa and influenced this decision, which proved to be a good choice. Returning from Iowa in the fall of 1954, Ross was assigned to the teaching program at Guelph and over the years taught most of the courses in surveying, drainage, water management, ice and snow mechanics and soil mechanics and foundation engineering. He did research at the Holland Marsh from 1955 to 1970 monitoring the loss of soil due to subsidence. He was appointed Extension Coordinator for the School of Engineering in 1969 and in 1984 was awarded the Distinguished Extension Award of the University, an armchair position. Ross retired from the University at the end of 1986 with 35 years service. Ross is survived by his son John



married to Joan Frances Taylor since August 1984, and his daughter Carol Anne Pinkney (was married to Brian George Pinkney in September 1974). Ross was a loving grandfather to Trevor, Tim, Troy, Robbin and Christine. Ross's hobbies were many. An amateur historian, like his grandfather, he wrote many historical books and articles. He collected war medals and memorabilia, postage stamps and coins. Scott E. Douglas shared, "Ross's first sentence was '*Coin collecting is a poor second cousin to Stamp collecting.*' Ross did like a little controversy and I always rose to the bait."

Doreen Irwin (nee Webster) was born in Ross Memorial Hospital (Lindsay) on April 1, 1924, the only child of Roy Webster and Laura (nee Rich). The Webster family lived on a farm just west of the Village of Oakwood. Doreen attended the Oakwood Public School and upon graduation attended the Lindsay Collegiate Institute from September 1937 to June 1943. Doreen helped her father with farm work during the war but entered the Training School for Nurses at the Ross Memorial Hospital September 1st, 1943. She affiliated at the Toronto General Hospital and the Hospital for Sick Children in 1945–1946. She graduated from the Lindsay nursing program on June 19<sup>th</sup>, 1946. In 1954 Ross and Doreen bought their first house in Guelph at 38 Paul Avenue, a 1½ storey house of 1,050 square feet. The street was still being upgraded when they moved in. The house cost \$10,000. Ross had to make a larger down payment, as his salary was too small to get a government mortgage. Doreen and Ross, with his dad's help, built a larger garage. After 10 years they built a new house at 14 Tamarack Place, which they occupied in 1964. The Paul Avenue house was sold for what they paid for it a decade before! Tamarack Place was a wonderful quiet neighbourhood, having 33 children on the street, and 12 homes. People took turn at hosting Christmas parties.

In late 1984, Doreen fell and broke her hip. She recovered but the fall seemed to have affected her stability as she again fell breaking her pelvis in February 1993. Her reduced mobility meant that the many steps in their home became unmanageable. They sold the house and Ross moved to a condominium on Marilyn Drive in June 1993 and Doreen became a resident of the St. Joseph Hospital & Home (Guelph). Ross and Doreen were active in Trinity United Church. Ross attended the

founding meeting and became Secretary-Treasurer of the new Sunday school, a post he kept for 20 years. He was also an Elder of the church and Chairman of the Building Committee for the new church. Doreen was active in the women's programs and both were co-chairs of the Couples Club.

Ross's work in land drainage took Doreen and him to International Congresses on Irrigation and Drainage in Mexico City in 1969, and Athens (Greece) in 1978. They also attended conferences in Amsterdam in 1971, Wageningen, The Netherlands in 1978, and at Southampton University, U.S. in 1986. Ross and Doreen spent a 6-month leave in Newcastle-upon-Tyne in 1974–1975. They made three trips to Ireland. After Ross retired, they holidayed on an Alaska cruise in 1990 and a Panama cruise in 1992. Hobbies were numerous and enjoyable. They offered an excuse for travel across Canada. Band music was probably the first. Ross played cornet in the Little Britain's Boy's Band 1936–1939; alto horn with Peterborough Civic Band 1946–1947; and cornet in OAC Band 1947–1951; and Chatham Kiltie Band 1952–1953. He took up the cornet again in 1964 when he joined the Guelph Musical Society Band. He transferred to euphonium in 1976 and then played bass until he retired from band music in 1998.

Philately started at age 10 when 'Aunt' Nel (Allely) gave him his first 'world wide' 50-page postage stamp album. In later years he specialized in collecting Canada prior to 1953, Ireland prior to 1949 and the metered mail of Canada and Newfoundland. He also specialized in the postal history of Victoria and Halliburton Counties.

Numismatics involved collecting Canadian decimal coins and tokens from 1952. He assembled a specialized collection of the tokens of Wellington County. Military war medals were collected from 1958. The collection contained many rare items.

Ross's friends called him "*meticulous and detail-oriented.*" Guelph historian Gil Stelter said, "*Ross was a details man. He collected all sorts of things—coins, stamps—but he also collected facts. And he particularly wanted to distinguish between the myths and the facts surrounding Guelph's history.*" Peter Anderson, another good friend, said he and Irwin met through Guelph's founder, John Galt, "*In 1979 I was part of the committee that erected the statue of Galt outside City Hall, and Ross was a huge John Galt supporter. Six years ago we worked together to change the Civic Holiday to John*

*Galt Day. And it was his wish to see Wellington Street renamed the John Galt Parkway. I think John Galt deserves what we can give him and Ross felt that way, too. We're going to miss him.*" John Parkyn said Irwin had a great curiosity and a love of learning, "*He loved researching and we would often find him at the Guelph Public Library, working away on something. To have a mind such as he had been a blessing. He will be sadly missed.*" Elysia DeLaurentis also knew Irwin through the historical society and spoke of his matter-of-fact mind. "*Ross tolerated elegant prose but thought it an unnecessarily time-consuming way to convey essential information. One day I suggested he read a pertinent and well-written local history article and I remember him saying of the author as he waved his hand over the page, 'If only he'd forget all this and just give me a list; all I need is a list.'*" Ernie Kalwa remembered Irwin as an accomplished musician who played the euphonium in the Guelph Concert Band. He was also an organizer and helped set up for concerts.

Retired Engineering Professor Ross W. Irwin and the late OAC Professor Stan Young were 2 of 8 people who were inducted in 2006 into the Ontario Agricultural Hall of Fame in Milton on June 11th. "Irwin, who taught at U of G for 35 years, helped chart the course for drainage and soil water management throughout Ontario and parts of the United States. Young, who died in 2004, taught crop science and co-ordinated agricultural extension at U. of G. for 33 years. He also served for 5 years as Director of the Associate Diploma Program in agriculture." Ross was with the OAC since 1951.



The GHS was founded February 21st, 1961 (as an affiliate member of the Ontario History Society) to encourage and stimulate interest within the community in the history of Guelph and its environs, to bring together individuals interested in the research, preservation, promotion and advancement of the history of the area, to hold meetings for the presentation and discussion of historical information relating primarily to the Guelph area, to public books, articles, papers, etc. about the history of Guelph, to identify local sites of historical interest, and to cooperate with other historical societies and related organizations. Ross was President of the Guelph Historical Society (GHS) for 5 years and remained on the Board until his passing; President of the Guelph-Wellington Men's Club; and an original planner

of Trinity United Church. He compiled an Index of Historic Guelph for 1978–2004, and when Ross became society President in January 1995, he established a committee to write a new Society constitution and a new history of the city entitled “*Guelph: Perspectives on a Century of Change.*”

Ross Irwin, Veteran of WW2, appeared on several occasions to various organizations in 2011, to give an illustrated theme and overview of the Military History of Wellington County. In Ross’s words “*The first soldiering started in 1832 and will be traced through to 2011. The Wellington County militia was a rather safe occupation, not many wars, some small pay, time off work, girls like a uniform, and in hamlets like Douglas there wasn’t much else to do. The military changed with the times from a volunteer militia to a trained professional force.*” Surveying the contributions and involvement of people from Wellington County in military engagements over the years, Ross Irwin’s presentation and messages was an important one leading up to the 2011 Remembrance Day services being held across Wellington County. Ross wrote that used surplus bugles were used to “*rehearse in The Armoury, the Legion and on a hill in a field at Victoria Rd near the Keleher Foundry, which drove the cows to the other end of the field.*” Ross donated 2 photograph collections to the U. of G. Archival & Special Collections Library on Legion of Frontiersmen—“F” Squadron, 1940s.

From 1998, Ross served on the Executive for the Land Improvement Contractors of Ontario (LICO). An interesting point Ross shared was “*The beautiful stone wall confining the Speed River through Royal City Park was built with relief labour in the depression years of 1930s.*” Ross wrote a paper “*Building the Wall*” and gave several location presentations about the use of labour, but also the political problems in its construction along with a brief introduction on the early recreational use of the river and the development of Guelph’s early park system in 1909. He was full of interesting information about the land condition and the historical significance of Wellington County.

Ross was President of the Guelph-Wellington Men’s Club (GWMC). During 1995–1996, the GWMC decided that something should be done to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Club that would occur in 1997. One of the things approved was to write a comprehensive history of the Club. This was not done, so in the summer of 1998, Elmer L. Menzie agreed to Chair an Ad Hoc Committee that would help to develop

such a report. While he took on the task of writing the report, the help from other committee members in gathering the information and in editing early drafts was most valuable and deeply appreciated. It was a slow process requiring a lot of research, resulting in a useful and enjoyable read. The main source of information had been in the archives, kept over the years by the Club members. Interviews with various Club members also proved helpful, but most forgot the details of events gone past. That made it all the more reason for developing and maintaining a Club history ongoing. The committee members were Ernie Barber, Deane Sherman, Bill Richardson, Bill Arbuthnot, and of course Ross Irwin.

Records shared by Ron Greene from the 1960s has Ross as Canadian Numismatic Association Member 585 (later renamed Royal Canadian Numismatic Association), Ontario Numismatic Association Member 135, Canadian Military Medal and Insignia Society Member 9, Orders and Medals Research Society of Great Britain Member 462, Royal Philatelic Society of Canada Member 8589, Waterloo Coin Club (later renamed Waterloo Coin Society), Victoria-Simcoe Coin Club, Guelph Coin Club (later resurfaced as South Wellington Coin Society), and noted Ross had begun a small coin collection of large cents prior to World War II and began to collect in an organized way about 1952. Ross likely held other memberships after the date of the paper Ron refers to, for example the Canadian Tire Coupon Collectors Club.

Professor Ross Irwin donated 1.2m of textual records and other materials for the period 1893–1980, his fonds he created, to the Trent University Archives. The donation fonds consists of research materials collected by Professor Irwin for his book on Mariposa Township, Victoria County. Material added August 1992 includes a copy of “*Mariposa: The Banner Township*” and a series of 8 scrapbooks created by Mrs. Alex McIntyre of Oakwood, Ontario and donated via Professor Irwin. Additions of 1994 include slides of Lindsay, Ontario and other scenes in Victoria County taken in approximately the 1960s. Additions of 2002 include 2 notebooks of Robert Irwin, Cambray. Genealogical resource. Additions of 2010 include studio portraits of ancestral family members. Additions of 2012 include items related to the history of the Wakelin family and a scribbler with house building notes.

Ross Irwin began research of his Irwin family in 1959. He was fortunate in locating resource material

to build a provable story to the mid-1700s in County Cavan, Ireland, a very difficult task for many due to the lack of early records. This family tree begins with a John Irwin born about 1751 and is traced through six generations to another John Irwin born in 1950. Early Irwin family members emigrated to Canada in the 1840s, principally to Darlington Township, Durham County, Ontario. Many of their Cavan friends had preceded them. Families then pioneered in Fenelon Township, Victoria County; Howick Township, Huron County; and Plympton Township, Lambton County. Second generations of these pioneers went west to Manitoba in the 1880s and farmed at Souris and Neepawa. Others went to Two Harbours, Minnesota, to work in the shops of the iron ore railway. Third generations moved further west to Saskatchewan and beyond. Many remained in Ontario. The story of his Irwin family is told in three parts. Each part is a basic research document for which other family members can add more personal detailed information for the benefit of their later generations. His Irwin family had its origin in the Bailieborough area of County Cavan, Ireland. Most were associated with Presbyterian churches at Corroneary and Corglass near Bailieborough and some with the Church of Ireland Knockbride Parish. The family is traced with solid research to about 1750 and a further probable generation to 1725.

- Part 1 traces the family from a distant James Irwin, born about 1725, through John (1751) to John (1789). These people lived and died in Co. Cavan, Ireland. Robert Irwin (1826), a son of John (1789), with his brothers and sisters immigrated to Darlington Township, Ontario, and then settled in Fenelon Township, Ontario. In the 1880s Robert's family went west and farmed at Souris and Neepawa, Manitoba. John King Irwin remained in Fenelon Township and Part 1 continues the direct line through his son James of Oakwood, to Ross of Guelph, to John of Ottawa with their children and grandchildren.

- Part 2 includes available information on the brothers and sisters of Robert Irwin. These families generally married in Fenelon Township, Ontario, moved west to settle at Souris, Minnedosa and Portage La Prairie, Manitoba; Two Harbours, Minn.; Liberty, Saskatchewan; Port Hope and Cavan Township, Ontario; and at Oshawa and Lindsay, Ontario.

- Part 3 includes the families of John Irwin (1751). These Irwin's immigrated to Darlington Township, Ontario, in 1843. In the 1860s they farmed at Lindsay in Victoria County, and at Gorrie in Huron County. Another branch farmed in Lambton County later moving to Sault Ste. Marie in Northern Ontario. This part includes other Irwin families who were neighbours in Ireland but for whom a relationship has not been established.

Ross was a well-accomplished journalist and author. This was most evident when he was awarded the Ontario Numismatic Association (O.N.A.) Award of Merit in 1986. Then he was presented the J. Douglas Ferguson Award (the highest award of the Royal Canadian Numismatic Association) for 1988 by the authority of the Board, Ross was awarded for his distinguished service to Canadian Numismatics. The J. Douglas Ferguson Award, the highest award of the R.C.N.A., is in the form of a 1½ inch gold medal accompanied by a framed citation. It is presented annually to the living numismatist who has contributed most to the science of numismatics, either through research, writing, publishing or in any other manner. The award was established in 1969 by the late J. Douglas Ferguson who at that time was the Honorary President of the C.N.A. (now R.C.N.A.). The medal was designed by the internationally known artist, Arnaldo Marchetti of Montreal.

September 2012, C. "Mike" Hollingshead (SWCS) shared: "Wellington County's own Ross Irwin will present an illustrated talk on 'The Introduction of Decimal Coinage to Canada.' His talk will detail the changes from the British pound, shilling and pence based economy to the decimalized coinage currently in use in North America. This will focus on the issues between 1858 and 1871. Ross has been a collector and researcher for 'many years' and has interests in postal, coins and currency, as well as historical research into Wellington County and Guelph in particular. Expect the unusual with a little dry humour tossed in!"

During a period of 25 years, he contributed many well-researched articles on Military Medals and other numismatic subjects to The Canadian Numismatic Journal. He was a Past President of the R.C.N.A., and had served as Editor of the Transactions of the Canadian Numismatic Research Society (CNRS, which was founded in 1963). Ross also served as Deputy Chairman of the J. Douglas Ferguson Historical Research Foundation and Chairman of its Publications



Committee. Ross was an Editor of the Canadian Military and Insignia Journal and co-authored a book on the War Medals and Decorations of Canada and one on The Medal Roll of the Red River Campaign of 1870. Ross's contributions to Canadian numismatics education by 1988 had already been recognized by the Royal Canadian Mint (RCM) when he was presented with the RCM Award in 1984. In the Guelph Public Library (GPL) you will find Ross's book "Guelph: Origin of City Street Names (1998) along with other publications credited to him. Ross has been published in the local press for articles but always comments, e.g. "To Market, To Market I Early Guelph" (Nov. 2011, Guelph Mercury). In the period 1950–2010, Ross is credited with 84 works and 105 publications in 2 languages and 288 library holdings, 436 photographs : 266 slides, ca. 200 maps and 260 aperture cards.

In addition to those already mentioned above, some of the key, most widely held works by Ross include:

- *The Charlton Standard Catalogue of Canadian Tire Cash Bonus Coupons (book, 2 editions published 1991–1994)*
- *Pitney Bowes Metered Mail Covers (Philatelic Records—Collection)*
- *Newfoundland Meter Stamps (Textural Records, Philatelic Records)*
- *Handbook of Drainage Principles (book, 3 editions published 1989–1997)*
- *Drainage Guide for Ontario (book)*
- *Farm Drainage (book, 1981)*
- *The Wooden Gavel of Waverley Lodge, G.R.C. (book)*
- *On-Farm Drainage Policy of Canada 1984 (book)*
- *The Sylvester Auto-thresher: A Canadian first in grain harvesting (1950s paper)*
- *Combine Harvesting in Ontario, 1925–1956 (book)*
- *Bands of Music: Guelph (1993, book)*
- *Origin of Early City Parks to 1960 (Guelph), (soft cover book)*
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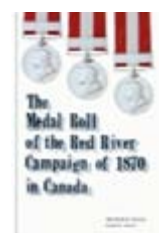
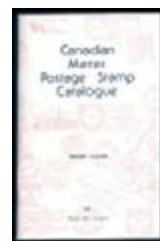
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