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## Notice Regarding the Classified Advertising at the Back of the Bulletin

CATC members' advertisement change.

It was discussed and decided at the CATC meeting in Calgary (RCNA 2019) that the members' ad section needs to be regulated with reference to how long the ad stays active. Therefore, going forward, all ads in the members' section will require the advertiser to update his/her ad and re-submit the advertisement to Scott Douglas at [sdouglas333@gmail.com](mailto:sdouglas333@gmail.com) after the completion of a calendar year, ending with the December issue of Numismatica Canada. The cut-off date will be the first of February each year. If an update is not provided the ad will automatically be removed. If a new ad is desired during the year or an old ad is to be removed, notice should reach Scott Douglas one month before the scheduled issue of the newsletter i.e, February, May, August and November of each year.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Scott E Douglas

## Message from the CATC president

The Canadian Association of Token Collectors met (3 PM to 5 PM) on Sunday April, 11, 2021 at the ONA virtual convention. A great presentation by Ted Banning on *Frauds and Fabrications on the Canadian Numismatic Scene of 1891* was definitely a highlight and I hope you were able to attend. The presentation was followed by a question period which then led to a spirited discussion on many and various tokens and medals. The event was attended by 30 members and collectors across Canada from BC to Quebec, the United States from California to New Hampshire, Ireland and the UK. During the course of the meeting, I was inundated with positive feedback from our members and guests(via chat) expressing their thanks and gratitude for this event. Most participants said they could not remember a CATC meeting quite so lively. A couple of members phoned me the next day and chuckling said, '*so all of my Bretons are fakes*'? Thank you Ted for a most thought-provoking and inspiring presentation. The technical side of this Zoom meeting couldn't have run smoother and all of the possible problems I had conjured up in my mind beforehand never happened. A big thank-you to all who took the time to attend. I know you all gained something from the meeting.

The Royal Canadian Numismatic Association is planning to conduct its first virtual convention in July 2021. The CATC will hold a meeting during this event and I will pass along details as they become available. At this meeting, I will announce the Kenneth Palmer Literary Award winners for 2019 and 2020. I sincerely hope to see you there.

Scott E Douglas

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## Message from the editor

I would like to thank the contributors for another fine issue and look forward to seeing numismatic friends in the near future. In the meantime stay safe and healthy.

Lorne

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## Guide for Contributors

Contributors to Numismatica Canada are encouraged to adhere to the following guidelines;

1. Submissions should be in MS Word, Times New Roman, 12-pt, also please include a copy in PDF.
2. Single-spacing is acceptable, including between paragraphs. The first line of each paragraph should be indented.
3. Quoted material longer than seven or eight lines should be double-indented ½ inch from the left and right margins and separated by a space from the body of the text before and after it. It should not be enclosed by the addition of quotation marks or be italicized. All quoted material should be quoted with absolute fidelity, including any use of quotation marks, italics, capitals, spelling, punctuation, etc., as in the original.
4. For reasons of copyright and research ethics, the source of all quotations, paraphrased material, and borrowed ideas must be acknowledged accurately.
5. The preferred style for acknowledging source material is to embed the reference in the body of the text, preferably at the end of sentences or paragraphs, with the author's surname, the date of publication, and the page number, as follows (Breton 1894: 47). This reduces the proliferation of footnotes.
6. Footnotes should be reserved for expository material of a supplemental or explanatory nature. Avoid endnotes.
7. The bibliography, arranged alphabetically by author, should include all works cited in the text of the article, in the following style: Breton, P.N. 1894. *Illustrated History of Coins and Tokens Relating to Canada*. Montreal: P.N. Breton & Co.
8. Illustrations should be submitted with the article along with the desired captions.
9. All illustrations must be cleared of copyright and, where applicable, permission granted for reproduction.
10. Submissions will be reviewed and returned to the author for response, with corrections, suggestions, and comments in the track changes feature of MS Word.
11. Please do not number the pages of your work.
12. Please submit your images separately from your text in JPEG format. Indicate where you would like them to go and we will include them.

Scott E Douglas

## NEW TOKEN FINDS

### OXFORD HOTEL INGERSOLL, OXFORD COUNTY, ONTARIO

Contributed by Len Buth, FCNRS



512-F-C

The Oxford Hotel was built at 130 Oxford Street, during 1890-91 on grounds which were previously occupied by the Chamber Hotel that was lost during a major fire in the town in 1872. The owner and builder of the new hotel was William A. Kirwin. The hotel was called the Oxford Hotel, but it was also referred to as the Farmer's Hotel as it was surrounded by livestock sales yards and auction facilities. Due to its location's history, the hotel was also referred to as the Chamber Hotel or Chamber House. Later, the hotel then became known as the Kirwin Hotel. Ontario token collectors will be familiar with the livery token issued by the Kirwin House good for "1 / Hay", Bowman 512-E-A (brass). Researchers will know the term "house" and "hotel" were frequently used in early references and interchangeable with the same meaning.

Based on the data as above, it is reasonable to assume the Oxford Hotel livery token precedes the Kirwin House token, with both being William Kirwin issues.

William A. Kirwin was born at Ingersoll in 1864 and died in 1936. He and his wife Kathleen are buried at Sacred Heart Cemetery in Ingersoll.

The newly discovered token for the Oxford Hotel is a paper issue: rectangle, 61X32mm, blue cardstock with black print. This new token has been accorded Bowman 512-F-C.

#### Sources:

Various directories, incl: Bradstreet; R.G. Dun; Mights

Canada Census: 1901-1921

Websites: family search; automatedgenealogy; ancestry; Library and Archives Canada

Publication: *Oxford Street, Ingersoll, HeritageTour, June 1990*. Ingersoll Heritage Committee; *Celebrating Ingersoll's Centennial 1793-1993*, Town of Ingersoll Bi-Centennial Committee.

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**CHARLES LORENZO ROBERTSON**  
**GENERAL MERCHANT**  
**TOKEN ISSUER**  
**RUTHERFORD, ONTARIO**

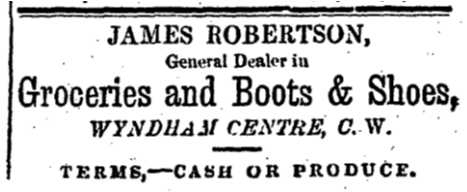
By Lorne Barnes, FCNRS

Charles Lorenzo Robertson was born April 11, 1856 in Teeterville, Windham Township, Norfolk County, Canada West. Charles was the oldest of seven children of James Robertson (Sept. 30, 1831 – Dec. 26, 1914) and Clarinda Dodge (Nov. 22, 1836 – Mar. 9, 1909).

James Robertson was born in Coupar Angus, Perthshire, Scotland and immigrated to Canada in 1846 with his parents Alexander Robertson (1789 – 1855) and Jennet Stewart (1788 – 1851). They settled near what is now Windham Centre and are buried in the Windham Community Cemetery west of Windham Centre. Clarinda Dodge was born in Oakland Township, Brant County, Upper Canada to David Hull Dodge (1805 – 1865) and Martha McCool (1811 – ?). Clarinda's parents left Teeterville in 1859 for Port Austin, Michigan, USA where her father David took a job as a lighthouse keeper. While living in Teeterville, David was a hotel keeper.

Of interest to note, Clarinda's brother, Godolphin Dodge was born in Teeterville and enlisted in Company C, 6th Michigan Cavalry. The unit mustered October 11, 1862. Corporal Godolphin was taken prisoner at Falling Waters, Maryland, July 14, 1863. He died on November 7, 1863, in a prison camp at Richmond City, Virginia, at the age of 23.

The 1861 Canada census lists Charles's father James as a cooper. In addition, James is listed as postmaster as early as 1864 under Windham Centre and served as postmaster several times. Charles's father is found in a few directories as a general merchant and sawmill operator in Windham Centre. Pictured above right is an advertisement



**VANESSA.** A country post office in Windham township, Norfolk County, 12 miles north-west of Simcoe, the county seat and nearest bank location, and 5 north of Winkham on the C div M.C.R.R., its nearest railway point. Settled in 1879. It contains a Methodist church and a public school, and ships lumber, lath, shingles, flour and produce. Stages daily to Windham and to Oakland, fare 50c to either place. Population, 300. Telegraph G.N.W. Mail daily. Henry Bartholomew, postmaster.

Andrews John, carpenter.  
 Bannister James, waggonmak r.  
 Barber E S accountant.  
**Bartholomew J & H.** Flour, Saw and Planing Mills, Box Mnfrs and Fruit Evaporators.  
 Bartholomew Wm, general store.  
 Beemer Peter, waggonmaker.  
 Bloomfield Ephraim, builder.  
 Day Charles, blacksmith.  
 Johnson Anthony, shoemaker.  
 Robertson Charles L, general store.  
 Rock James C, carpenter.  
 Smith James W, hotel.  
 Vanessa Cheese Mngf Co.  
 Welsh John, blacksmith.

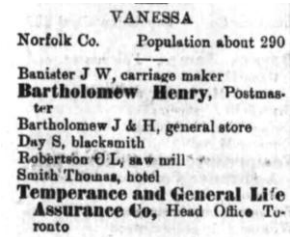
from the 1865-66 Mitchell & Co's Canada directory. James was also listed as the postmaster and a cooper. There is a strong possibility Charles worked for his father and later was a partner in the store at Windham Centre.

Charles married Emma Alberta Mabee on June 7, 1880. Charles is listed as a merchant on the marriage certificate in Windham, Ont. The 1881 Canadian census shows Charles and his father James as farmers and not merchants or in any other occupations. The census also shows Charles and Emma have a son, James Percy, born on March 26, 1881 - 1963.

In 1885, Charles purchased the store of Oscar Church in Vanessa, Ontario. The 1885 directory listing is seen to the left. Their second child, a daughter, Ilma Viola, was born in Vanessa on

September 7, 1885. The couple's third child a daughter, Ida Leota was born in Vanessa on November 16, 1887.

According to an 1889 directory clipping pictured to the right, Charles is the sawmill operator. The clipping also shows that Henry Bartholomew is no longer advertising as a sawmill operator as in past directories, but the 1891 census shows his main occupation as lumberman employing 25 people. It is possible Charles traded his store for the sawmill and the Bartholomews are operating both general stores, but at this time I have no definitive proof. After running the sawmill for a year it looks like Charles sold the mill back Henry Bartholomew in 1891. Bartholomew was an ambitious businessman who ran several enterprises in Vanessa. This is the same Henry Bartholomew who issued tokens for his store. Fred Bowman listed the following tokens in his 1972 edition of Trade Tokens of Ontario.



- H. Bartholomew / Gen'l. / Merchant / Vanessa, Ont.
- |          |   |        |
|----------|---|--------|
| 1080-A-A | Good For / 2 <sup>00</sup> / In / Merchandise               | B-R-35 |
| A-B      | Same but 100  | B-R-35 |
| A-C      | Same but 50   | B-R-30 |
| A-D      | Same but 25   | B-R-29 |
| A-E      | Same but 10   | B-R-25 |
| A-F      | Same but 5 small letters on obverse and no stars on reverse |        |
|          | (McColl 320a)   | B-R-19 |
| A-Fx     | Same but 5 large letters on obverse and 2 stars on reverse  |        |
|          | (McColl 320b)   | B-R-20 |

I have not been able to locate Charles and his family on the 1891 Canada census but in all likelihood the family was living in Vanessa. The next directory listing for Charles is an 1895 entry, pictured to the right.

Curios cor Catherine  
 Risdon & Livesey (John Risdon, J C Livesey),  
 hardware 286 Talbot  
 Robertson Charles L, grocer 81 Ross  
 Robertson James, dry goods 238 Talbot  
 Robinson & Macdonald (John A Robinson, Norman  
 Macdonald), barristers Talbot cor Elgin  
 Roche Gilbert, Insurance Agent 213 Talbot

He is now located in St. Thomas at 81 Ross St. as a grocer. James Robertson, listed at 238 Talbot St., may be Charles's younger brother. A 1900 directory shows he is still in St. Thomas, at 63



Ross Street. There is a strong possibility he sold the store in December 1903 and moved to Rutherford, Ont.

Charles Lorenzo Robertson purchased the east end store from John Prescott in January 1904 and became the storekeeper as well as a token issuer. Charles issued due bills for his store. At this time only two 1¢ varieties, 5¢, 50¢ and \$1 tokens are known. The tokens are pictured below. There is a strong possibility a set exists from 1¢ to \$1. As seen with the examples pictured below, there is a strong possibility there could be two issues for the Robertson store. Fred Bowman listed 894-A-F in his 1972 edition of Trade Tokens of Ontario. In keeping with Bowman's method of listing Ontario trade tokens, they will be recorded using his numbering system.



894-A-F

C.L. Robertson, / General / Merchant / Rutherford, Ont.

894-A-F      Good For / 1¢ / In Merchandise      A-R-19



894-B-A

894-B-B



894-B-E

894-B-F

C.L. Robertson / General / Merchant / Rutherford, Ont.

894-B-A	Good For / 1 <sup>00</sup> / In Merchandise	A-R-35
B-B	Same but 50	A-R-31
B-E	Same but 5	A-R-20
B-F	Same but 1	A-R-18

Charles made use of advertising in the Dresden Times on numerous occasions while a general merchant in Rutherford. The Rutherford Ripple, a section in the Dresden Times,

describes Charles on numerous occasions as “our popular merchant”. He was very involved in the drama club and other community social affairs.

**RUMMAGE SALE**

**At C. L. Robertsons Department Store Rutherford**

We will offer for next 20 days Bargains it will not pay you to overlook.

Prints worth 12½ for - **10c**  
 " " 10c " - **8c**  
 " " 8c " - **6c**

Short ends in dress goods at less than cost.

**MISSES COATS**

1 only worth \$2.25 for -	<b>\$1 50</b>
3 " " 3.50 " -	<b>2 25</b>
2 " " 4.00 " -	<b>2 50</b>
2 " " 4.25 " -	<b>2 63</b>
2 " " 5.00 " -	<b>3 00</b>
1 only ladies 10.00 " -	<b>6 50</b>

Boys Overcoats at less than cost.  
 Do not miss this sale or you will miss bargains.  
 Butter & Eggs taken at Highest Market Prices.

**C. L. ROBERTSON**

**VERY IMPORTANT**

Mr. Editor ---It's marvellous what a little ad. will do in an up to date paper. Since the announcement of our Clearing Out Sale, of Dry Goods, Boots and shoes, we have hardly been able to handle the people. They have been flocking here from every corner of the township, picking up bargains and all saying "We will come again."

Children's Shoes at 65c. and 75c. are moving fast, but we still have some left.

Our Prints at 8c. are getting low, but we still have a nice assortment to choose from.

**C. L. Robertson**

Rutherford, Aug. 10, '05.

Charles's daughter, Ilma Viola, a music teacher, married Enos Chancellor Hebden (1881-1973), a farmer in Dawn Township, on November 6, 1907. The couple had four children, all born in Dawn Township, near Rutherford. Enos and Ilma lived within a few miles of Rutherford for the rest of their lives. Charles's son James Percy, a brakeman living in Kenora, Ont., married Elizabeth Jane Atwell (1881-1973), a milliner from Dawn Township, on June 24, 1908 in Rutherford.

**Giving up Business**

Having disposed of my store and business to Mr. Talbot of London, I take this opportunity of thanking my many friends and customers for the very generous support they have given me for the past five years and I hope it will be continued to my successor. Parties holding any claims against me or parties holding coupons or store cash will kindly hand same in for settlement. All parties indebted to me will kindly call and settle on or before April 7th if possible and greatly oblige.

**C. L. Robertson**  
**RUTHERFORD**

By December 1908 Charles had expanded his store with an addition and advertised he needed extra help for the Christmas season. In the March 25, 1909 Dresden Times under the Rutherford Ripple section he advertised that "C.L. Robertson had exchanged his store for a farm near London". In the same edition, Charles ran an advertisement stating that he was giving up the store in Rutherford. Charles mentioned he disposed of the store to Freeman Talbot of London, Ont. Charles asked all parties holding coupons or due bills to hand them in for settlement and anyone indebted to call and settle on or before April 7<sup>th</sup> if possible. The only other advertised recalls of due bills by Lambton County merchants were James Maylor and Sons and W.H. Stinson, both of Forest, Ont. The advertisement of Charles recalling his due bills from the Dresden Times is seen above right. This may explain the scarcity of the Robertson tokens. The decision to part with the store must have been an offer he could not refuse, as business was prosperous and he had just built an addition to the store and paid for a 1909 directory advertisement seen to the left.

**RUTHERFORD, Lambton Co.—5 C**  
 X, Tel; Ex., Δ Dresden, 8 M.—Pop. 50  
 \*Law Walter.....G. S. J 3½  
 S Morningstar Samuel.....Blacksmith. M. 4  
 \*Robertson Charles L.....G. S. J 3½

The 1911 Canada census places Charles, Emma, and their daughter Ida Leota on a farm near Thorndale, Nissouri West Township, Middlesex County, northeast of London. Charles and Emma were still living near Thorndale when their youngest daughter married Dr. Frank Harton Pratten (1886-1932) on July 5, 1919 in London, Ont.

The 1921 Canada census places the couple in Pelham Township, Welland County, as fruit growers. Charles passed away of pneumonia caused by an abdominal obstruction on November 6, 1927, and was buried in the Windham Community Cemetery. His son-in-law F.H. Pratton was listed as the physician on the death certificate. His wife Emma passed away in 1953 and is buried beside Charles.



Descendants of Charles and Emma Robertson still lived in Lambton County as of 2020. Their grandson Charles Chancellor Hebden, born in 1908, joined the RCAF in Brandon, Manitoba, on February 9, 1941, as a wireless operator and air gunner. Charles Chancellor married Leila Hazel O'Dell of Dawn Township on October 18, 1941. His plane was shot down on June 30, 1943, and reported missing after air operations. His remains were never recovered. The memorial site for Charles Chancellor Hebden is located at Runnymede Memorial, Englefield Green, Runnymede Borough, Surrey, England. The residents of Dresden, Ontario and area also have a memorial site at the Dresden Cemetery for the fallen of WWI, WWII, and the Korean War.

HEBDEN, Flying Offr. CHARLES CHANCELLOR, J/8036. R.C.A.F. 407 Sqdn. 30th June, 1943. Age 33. Son of Enos Chancellor Hebden and Ilma Viola Hebden, of Dresden, Ontario, Canada; husband of Leila Hebden, of Toronto, Ontario. Panel 173.

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Local Historians: Audrey & Gordon Stinson; Max & Maisie Deline; John, Betty, Darlene & Tom Coke; Tom Mackesy and Clayton Crummy

Ontario Canada Deaths 1869-1946

Ontario Canada Marriages 1826-1936

UK, Commonwealth War Graves, 1914-1921 and 1939-1947

*Various Canadian directories from 1884 to 1909*, including those of Ontario Gazetteer, R.G. Dun and Union Publishing

\$1 token was found with the aid of a metal detector by Lee Hormick and George Alman

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Louis Pfaff  
Union Buss, Fare Token, New Hamburg, Ontario

By Harry N. James, FCNRS, FRCNA

A round 28mm aluminum token good for one return fare, issued by Louis Pfaff of the Union Buss business in New Hamburg, Ontario, was reported by Alan Weigell, a CATC member, in *The Canadian Token*, Volume 13, Number 4, of July, 1984.

New Hamburg, according to *Union Publishing Co's Ontario Gazetteer & Directory for 1905-06*, is located on the river Nith and on the G T R 75 miles west of Toronto in Wilmot Township, Waterloo County, 13 miles west of Berlin, the county seat. It has flour mills, a foundry, brewery and other industries, a public school, a mechanics' institute, a public hall, a bank, and two weekly newspapers. Grain, produce, and the products of the various manufactories are shipped. Population about 1,500.

Louis Pfaff had been born on the 5th of September, 1862 in Mornington Township, Perth County, Ontario, the son of farmer, John Pfaff, and his wife Marie.

At the age of 27, on March 2, 1890, Louis Pfaff married Emma Moser in Milverton, Ontario. His occupation was given as a liveryman.

The Canada Census for 1891 gives his occupation as a manager of a livery stable in New Hamburg. By the time of this census he and his wife had a daughter, Bertha, four months old. He is listed in *R. G. Dun & Co's Canada Gazetteer and Business Directory for 1896* as having a transfer business. By 1901 he is listed as a drayman. The couple had now a son, Herold, one year old, as well as their daughter.

The birth records of another daughter, Vernotta Katie Mary, born on May 11, 1906, list his occupation as a drayman. The marriage record of his daughter, Bertha, who married Lorne J. Schierholtz on December 22, 1911, mentions that her father's occupation had been that of running a dray and bus business.

Louis Pfaff died five years previous to his daughter's marriage in 1906, at the age of 44.

It was very common for livery companies of that time period to also run a bus service. This service would usually transport people back and forth between local hotels and train stations. Louis Pfaff's token would have been in use sometime

between about 1890 and 1906.



Sources:

Canada Census for 1891 and 1901.

Ontario Canada Births, 1858-1913.

Ontario Canada Marriages, 1826-1938.

R.G. Dun & Co., *Canada Gazetteer and Business Directory for 1896*.

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## TOKENS OF ALMONTE, ONTARIO

By Harry N. James, FCNRS, FRCNA

Almonte, Ontario, according to Union Publishing Co's Ontario Gazetteer and Directory for 1905-06 is an incorporated town on the Mississippi River (which supplies excellent power) and on the C P R, 35 miles southwest of Ottawa in Lanark County, 47 miles by rail northeast of Perth, the county seat. It has extensive woolen mills, knitting works, and other manufactories. It contains high, public, and separate schools, a bank and two weekly newspapers, the Times and the Gazette, electric light owned by the town, and a public library. Stage daily to Clayton, West Huntley, Powell and McKinley three times a week. Woolen goods are shipped. Mail daily. Population 3,500. George Cook is listed as having a confectionery here in this directory.

### **Bakery tokens of Almonte**

#### **G. F. Cook, Baker**

The Canada Census for 1901 shows George Cook, 28, and his wife Annie, 26, living with her parents, George and Nancy Illingsworth in, Almonte. George Illingsworth was a grocer. His son-in-law was working s a baker. By 1911, George Cook and his wife were living on their own and he was operating a bakery and confectionery. Ten years later they had a niece, Nellie Cook, recently moved from England, as a helper in the business.

George Cook died in Ottawa, Ontario, at the age of 59 on the 2nd of March, 1931. His obituary gives a short history of his life.

From the *Ottawa Journal* of Tuesday, March 3, 1931, page 4:

#### **George F. Cook Dies After Short Illness.**

George F. Cook, a former resident of Almonte and known throughout the Ottawa Valley as a cricketer, died yesterday at a local hospital after two weeks illness. Mr. Cook, who was 58 years of age had lived the greater part of his life in Almonte and Ottawa.

Born in London, England, he came to Canada at the age of 12 and went out west where he learned the trade of baker. In 1900 he settled in Almonte where he opened a bakery shop. In 1915 he retired from active business and moved to Ottawa where he had lived ever since.

Always deeply interested in sports, Mr. Cook was particularly interested in cricket. He was a member of the Almonte Cricket Club and had played the game since coming here. He belonged to Mississippi Lodge AF and AM, Alpha Lodge, I.O.O.F. and the Sons of England in Almonte. While in Ottawa he attended Calvin United Church. Surviving are his wife, formerly Anna Illingsworth of Almonte and one sister, Mrs. A. Ware of Vancouver.



**G. F. COOK / BAKER**

Ast. 0025a    GOOD FOR / 1 / LOAF

A-R-24

**McLean's Steam Bakery**

Albert James McLean was born in Almonte, Ontario, the son of Alexander and Catherine McLean. His father was a miller. In 1881 Albert, then 17, was living with his parents and five siblings, Robert, who worked with his father as a miller, Alexander Jr., listed as a baker, Christine, Vina and Maule. Albert married Mary Campbell of Renfrew on the 27th of May, 1889. He was listed as a baker in Renfrew at this time.

Albert J. McLean was listed in Almonte as a baker in the Canada Census for 1901. There was no mention of Alexander Jr. At this time, both Albert and his wife, both 34, had five children, Rupert, James, Hector, Lillian and Isabel. Albert's mother Catherine was also living with them. Another son, Alexander Rupert, born in 1890, was working with Albert in 1911. This son died in 1943 in Ancaster in a T. B. Sanatorium after working 22 years as a baker. Albert J. McLean was still working until at least 1940. Their bakery had been located on Mill Street in Almonte.



**MCLEAN'S / STEAM / BAKERY**

Ast. 0027a    GOOD FOR / 1 / LOAF

A-R-24

**A. B. Merilees, Merchant, Baker**

A bakery token was used by a third baker in Almonte, Andrew Bayley Merilees. It was good for one loaf and struck in both brass and copper. The token was 28 mm in diameter and shaped with four scallops. A. B. Merilees is listed in directories of both 1896 and 1908 as a merchant of flour, feed, &c.

Andrew B. Merilees had been born in Strathroy, Ontario on the 24th of June, 1872. He was the son of John Merilees, a miller, and his wife, Helen Bayley. He grew up in Almonte and started his business life there as a flour and feed merchant and baker. On the 6th of April, 1904, at the age of 31, he married the former Maude Howe, 29, in Almonte. He eventually moved to



## Strathburn Dairy

The Strathburn Dairy was started by the Rosamond Woolen Mill, date unknown. The Strathburn farm was located to the north of the Malcolm and Strathburn Streets intersection and was noted for Guernsey milk, which has more butter fat than milk from Holsteins.

It was purchased in 1944 by James Millard Brown. He was attracted to the farm because it had its own dairy, which meant a sure market for the milk. When he was growing up, the dairy his father shipped milk to went bankrupt causing great hardship. Fifty-six head of cattle being a combination of Guernsey and Holstein were milked twice daily. J. M. Brown was a master breeder and showed his cows in fall fairs including the Ottawa Winter Fair.

All milk cans and bottles were washed by hand. Tickets or tokens were used by customers to purchase milk. Cream was also sold.

The dairy farm had two DeLaval pasteurizers, an oil-fired steam boiler, a cream separator, and a homogenizer. In 1953 Strathburn Dairy put its first truck on route. In 1956 a second and a third truck followed. These were open pickup trucks.

Various Canada Voters lists from 1945 through until the 1960s list James Brown as a dairyman in Almonte.

The tokens:



STRATHBURN DAIRY / J. M. BROWN / PROP. / ALMONTE

GOOD FOR / 1 / QUART MILK (top hole, red)

A-HS-38x42

GOOD FOR / ONE / QUART / GOLDEN GUERNSEY (top hole, gold)

A-CR-40x38



GOOD FOR / 1 / QUART / OF / HOMO MILK (top hole, blue)

A-TR-41x38

STRATHBURN / DAIRY / ALMONTE

(Reverse not seen)

A-R-24

### **Metcalfe's Dairy**

Metcalfe's Dairy was located on King Street next to the present day Naismith School. William Arnold (Barny) Metcalfe was born in Almonte in 1900, the son of Henry Metcalfe, a farmer, and his wife, Elizabeth Reilly. On November 19, 1924, he married Mary Warren. He is listed as a farmer's son in the 1921 Canada Census. He was then living with his mother at 4 King Street in Almonte. His mother was listed as a farmer. Both the 1935 and 1958 Canada Voters Lists give his occupation as a dairy farmer. William A. Metcalfe passed away on the 7th of March, 1977.



METCALFE'S / DAIRY

GOOD FOR / 1 / PINT

A-R-26



### **J. J. Gorton Dairy**

This dairy was possibly but not definitely operated by an Almonte area farmer, John James Gorton. Descriptions of a 1 pint token and another token (probably a quart) partially given are listed.



J. J. GORTON / ALMONTE, / ONT.  
GOOD FOR / 1 / PINT / MILK  
J. J. GORTON / ALMONTE / ONT.  
Reverse not seen

A-R-23

A-Oc-23

### **Clearview Dairy, J. T. Wright**

A half pint cream token and a 1 pint milk token are known from this dairy.

CLEARVIEW DAIRY / J. T. WRIGHT, / ALMONTE, ONT.  
GOOD FOR / ½ / PINT / CREAM  
GOOD FOR / 1 / PINT / MILK

A-R-25

A-Oc-27

### **Communion Tokens of the Almonte Reformed Presbyterian Congregation.**

Two different tokens were used by the congregation of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in Almonte. These tokens were given out as proof that the communicant was fit to receive communion.

The Reformed Presbyterian Church has been located for nearly two centuries on the side of Bayhill in Almonte, Ontario.



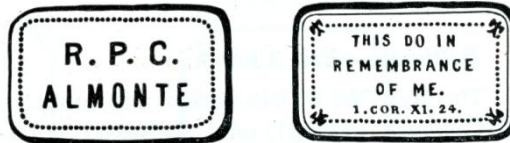
Present day view of the Almonte Presbyterian Church, built in 1925.

The current Presbyterian Church in Almonte was established in 1925, however its beginning goes back to earlier churches; the congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church was established in 1833 and the congregation of St. John's Presbyterian Church in 1845. These two churches amalgamated in 1912 and took the name Almonte Presbyterian Church. In 1925, however, the majority of this congregation voted to enter church union. The minority, which wished to remain with the Presbyterian Church in Canada, then formed a new Almonte Presbyterian Church and purchased and renovated the old St. John's building. It was opened in October of 1925.



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Bowman number 46, illustrated above, is made of tin and measures 23.4 mm by 18.8 mm. It saw use during the 1860s.



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Bowman number 47, illustrated above, is made of aluminum and measures 32 mm by 19 mm. The second token was probably used in the 1890s.

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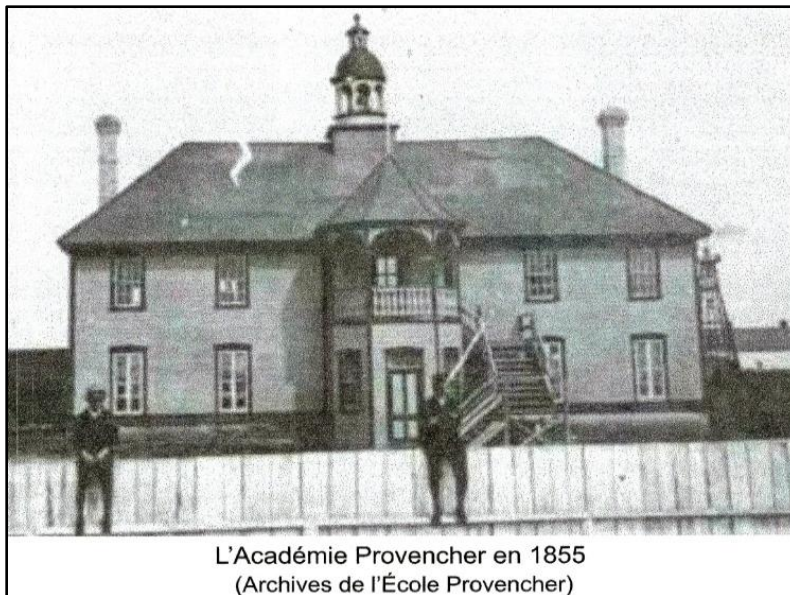
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## MARIUS CINQ-MARS A SCHOLARLY MANITOBAN

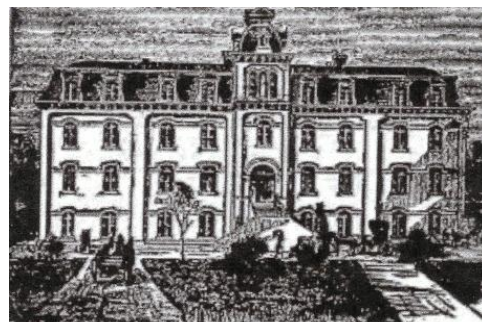
By Jim Astwood, FCNRS

Marius Cinq-Mars was born in Sainte-Claire, Quebec in 1879, the youngest son of Gedeon Cinq-Mars and Eulale Cayouette. They had two other children, Aime, born in 1877 and Maria, born in 1878. Marius' father Gedeon was a carpenter by trade and sometime during the 1880s the family moved to St. Boniface, Manitoba. They appear in the 1891 census and Gedeon's occupation is listed as builder, carpenter, and painter with the children listed as students.

The two brothers attended L'Académie Provençer, which was established in 1855 and up until 1885 was known as L'École Provençer. Although Aime was two years older than Marius by grade 5 they were both in the same class as Marius apparently skipped two grades. They were both excellent students and won many prizes and honours while at L'Académie, usually finishing 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> in every subject.



The two brothers then went on to St. Boniface College, where they continued to excel, finishing first or second in almost every subject. In 1894 and 1896 Marius received bursaries of \$40 and \$120. In 1895 Marius was president of the St. Boniface College Athletic Association and vice-president of the Literary Society. In 1896 he won the Lt. Governor's gold medal in Physics.



COLLEGE DE SAINT-BONIFACE.



1896 Lt. Governor's Gold medal for Physics

Marius graduated with a B. A. in 1897 and won the Lt. Governor's gold medal in Natural History as well as a silver medal for "Mental and Moral Science – Latin".



1897 Lt. Governor's Gold medal for Natural History

The "gold" medals illustrated are actually gilt silver, approximately 38mm in diameter.

For the next few years Marius apparently worked with his father in the construction business. A December 26, 1900 article in "Le Manitoban" reports that the two of them had just returned from Wapella Saskatchewan, where they were building a new church. Again, on September 4, 1901, it was reported that they had returned from finishing the construction of a "beautiful church". (Shown below)

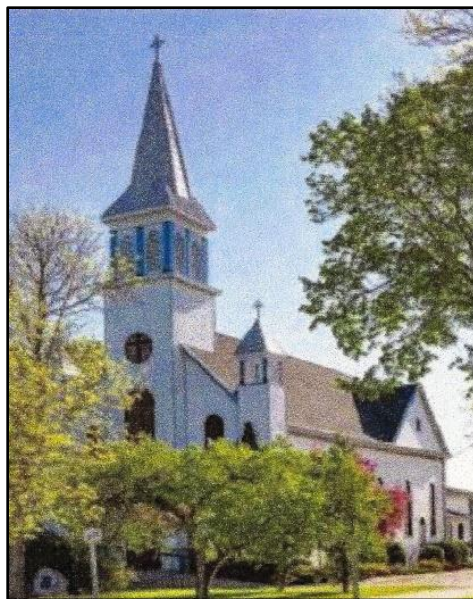
The October 30, 1901 edition of "Le Manitoban" reported that Marius had left for Montreal to study civil engineering. On October 15, 1902 the paper reported that Marius had finished at the head of his class at L'Ecole Polytechnique and noted that L'Ecole Polytechnique was the only French-speaking school in America teaching applied sciences. The January 25, 1903 edition had a glowing report about how proud they were that Marius was again the head of his class. The article went on to say they were not surprised because of his long-standing work habits and talent, and congratulated his parents. On June 15, 1904 the same newspaper reported under "Our Manitobans in Montreal" that "At L'Ecole Polytechnique M. Elzear Beaupre and M. Marius Cinq-Mars continue to be at the head of their class". A request for Marius's academic

records from Polytechnique has so far been unsuccessful, although he would have graduated in 1905 or 1906.



E'COLE POLYTECHNIQUE c. 1930 – 228 RUE ST. DENIS

Marius returned to Manitoba after graduating and in 1908 was appointed city engineer by St. Boniface at a salary of \$2,000. per year. It is uncertain how long he was with the city but in 1914 it was reported that he had designed the new church in St. Adolphe, Manitoba. He then disappears from the records but apparently moved to France. He died in Paris and was buried on July 19, 1923 in the cemetery at Ivry-sur-Seine, Val-de-Marne.



Pictured above in ST. Adolphe, Man. is a church designed by Marius Cinq-Mars and built in 1914 by Gedeon and Marius Cinq-Mars.

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## BANK HOTEL

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GOOD FOR / ONE / DINNER / AT / BANK HOTEL // reverse blank      A R 25 R10

The Bank Hotel in Winnipeg was located at 186 McDermot Avenue at the corner of McDermot and Main. It was built about 1895 as the Belleview Hotel, with Jos. Pelissier as the proprietor. It apparently changed hands in 1898 or 1899 and the name was changed to the Angel Hotel, with Dan. J. Murphy and C. N. Johnson as the proprietors. It again changed hands and in 1900 was known as the Beliveau Hotel with John McDonald as the proprietor. He changed the name to the Bank Hotel in 1902 and it remained that until it went out of business in 1933 after a series of owners. At the time the name was changed there was an influx of eastern banks that congregated on a three-block stretch of Main Street adjacent to the hotel, which likely prompted the change. The area became known as “Bankers’ Row”. It is not known for certain if this token is from this Bank Hotel but there are no other “Bank Hotels” listed in “TokenCatalogue”, which contains a listing of over 500,000 trade tokens. This token was found in Winnipeg so it is likely from this hotel.

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WELLINGTON 1814 HALFPENNY  
 BRETON 979 - COURTEAU 37 - WITHERS 1571a  
 DIAGONALLY REEDED EDGE  
 UNRECORDED COUNTERMARK OF THOMAS CHURCH

By Lorne Barnes, FCNRS



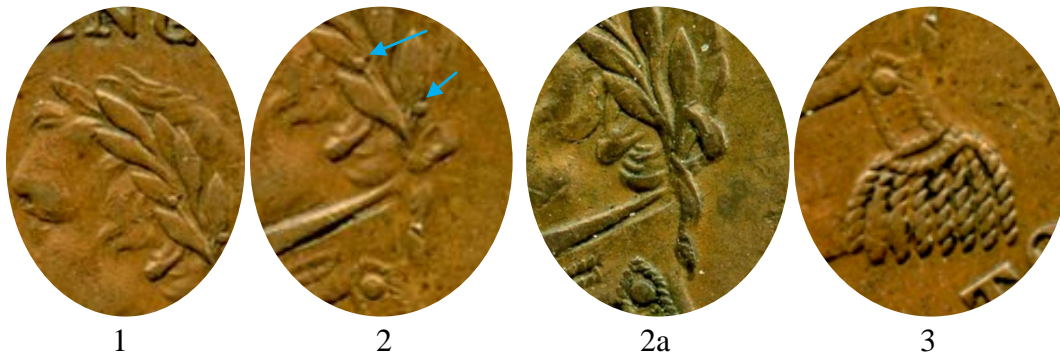
979.37.1571

979.33.1572

P.N. Breton listed the above tokens as number 979 with three varieties, but did not describe the details of the varieties in his publication. In 1915, Eugene Courteau, M.D., designated the tokens thusly: to the left as number 37 and to the right as number 33. In all, Courteau described five varieties and one mule of Breton 979.

The description of Courteau's number 37 is as follows.

Obverse: WELLINGTON / bust of Wellington facing left; the wreath has eight leaves, a single one at the top, with two berries, one berry seen above the bow and the other above the leaf at top of ear; the ribbon-bow is single and smaller than number 33; the tassels of the epaulette end in a straight line, giving it a square appearance / HALFPENNY TOKEN.



Picture 1 shows the eight leaves with a single one at the top; picture 2 shows the location of the two berries; picture 2 and 2a show the difference of the bow size between number 37 and 33; picture 3 shows the epaulette ending in a straight line.



Reverse: Britannia seated, facing left, within a wreath of oak leaves; the acorn is missing behind the leaf above the head of Britannia; an olive sprig in right hand and a trident in the left; the barbs of the left and centre tines are seen, the right tine is concealed under an acorn / 1814. The average weight of the series that are engrailed is 6.15 grams and the average diameter is 27.6mm.



Picture 4 shows the acorn is missing behind the leaf above the head of Britannia, picture 4a shows an acorn behind the leaf; picture 5 shows the barbs of the left and centre tines and the right ends at the acorn.

Withers simplified the descriptions of the Breton 979 series in his 1999 publication, which is just as convenient to attribute as Courteau's descriptions. In 2012, Branko Marelic published, *The Wellington Tokens of Colonial Canada*, his number WEL-44 is the same as Withers 1571, and stated "*Withers listed it with only one berry, same as what I observed*". In my opinion, this is not the case, as I can see two berries in Branko's publication. Picture number 2 on the previous page clearly shows two berries, arrows indicate the location of the berries. Withers also did not state "only one berry", he simply stated "*small bow to wreath tie, a berry just above it*", as there was no need for Withers to say two berries as he simplified the description. In addition, Withers only needed to state one berry to identify the variety as this is the only instance a berry is seen above the bow in the series.

Withers not only simplified Courteau's description of 979.37.1571, he also listed this variety with a reeded edge in his 1999 publication and assigned it as number 1571a. Withers gave an opinion that it is *extremely rare, very few specimens seen, or most known are in "captivity"*. The reeded edge of Withers 1571a is pictured to the right. Courteau added in his publication that all edges from number 33 to 39 are engrailed, so it appears he had not seen a diagonally reeded edge type.



The author's only example of a Withers 1571a reeded edge type is countermarked with Thomas Church dies. Of interest to note, not only the host coin was not listed by Fred Bowman but also the Church die pairing was not recorded in his write-up titled, *The Tokens of Thomas Church* in 1959.

The host token weighs 5.83 grams, like in Withers publication it is lighter than the engrailed edge type by approximately 0.4 grams. In all likelihood 979.37.1571a.8-33 pictured below, countermarked with Thomas Church dies is unique.



979.37.1571a.8-33



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In 1959, Fred Bowman plated 58 different Church obverse and reverse examples and listed 55 various die combinations. In addition, Bowman listed seven different host coins countermarked with four different die combinations. Bowman number 8 pictured above, is without a doubt identified at the left of Wellington's bust and number 33 is easily recognized to the left of Britannia. Not only is the scarce edge type missing from many advanced collections but the Church countermark just heightens the desirability of this token.

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