

**Ontario Watch Company (Montreal) - Silver Coin  
Open Face Case - 18s Pocket Watch - (Most Likely a  
Swiss Fake Using an Elgin Movement Sold Under the  
Name of a Private Label) - (circa 1870s)**



**WNS-PW-6070 - Ontario Watch Co. - 18 size - Open Face Silver Coin Case - ca. 1870 - Inside of Back Case Markings View**



**WNS-PW-6070 - Ontario Watch Co. - 18 size - Open Face Silver Coin Case - ca. 1870 - Dust Cover Markings View**



**WNS-PW-6070 - Ontario Watch Co. - 18 size - Open Face Silver Coin Case - ca. 1870 - Full Back View**



**WNS-PW-6070 - Ontario Watch Co. - 18 size - Open Face Silver Coin Case - ca. 1870 - Full Open Case View**



**WNS-PW-6070 - Ontario Watch Co. - 18 size - Open Face Silver Coin Case - ca. 1870 - Inside of Back Case Markings View**



**WNS-PW-6070 - Ontario Watch Co. - 18 size - Open Face Silver Coin Case - ca. 1870 - Movement View no1**



**WNS-PW-6070 - Ontario Watch Co. - 18 size - Open Face Silver Coin Case - ca. 1870 - Movement View no2**



**WNS-PW-6070 - Ontario Watch Co. - 18 size - Open Face Silver Coin Case - ca. 1870 - Side Case View**

**Case:** 18 size Open Face Case, 56 mm outside case diameter, 26 mm bow and stem length. Inside of Case Back marked Warranted, Silver Coin and 27. The Dust Cover is marked 2 ½ and 27.

**Dial:** A near mint porcelain dial (no cracks or chips) with a white background color, black Roman numerals and a seconds sub-dial at the 6 o'clock position.

**Movement:** Marked Ontario Watch Co., No 60999, Montreal and Patent.

**Comments:** A mysterious pocket watch as there was no Ontario Watch Company documented in the 1870s (See the following comments from a Watch Historian who did some research on this timepiece.)

**Item ID:** WNS-PW-6070

**Additional Information from a Watch Historian:**

**It sure looks to me to be an 18 size Elgin Model 1 movement. Elgin did many private labels, so I am not put off by the Ontario Watch Co. label.**

There are, however, a couple of bothersome details like Montreal is not in Ontario! The other problem is that the serial number belongs to a 10 size Lady Elgin. If this is a Swiss Fake, it is a VERY good one. Usually there are signs that it is a Swiss fake, like oversize jewels or the balance cock jewel settings are screwed in from below. This REALLY looks like an 18s Elgin model 1.

Take a look at <https://pocketwatchdatabase.com/search/result/elgin/6000> and compare. Look at the examples. The word "Patent" is in the right font and in the right place. It is even at the right angle. The damaskeening on the foot on the balance cock is right. Perhaps the Elgin records are wrong on the serial number. That happens from time to time. Regardless, with a A solid silver case and a real or copy Elgin model 1 - I would date the watch to about 1870.

If it were mine, I would be taking it apart. I would look for serial numbers on the other parts. I would be looking for parts that do not belong in an 18 size Elgin Model 1. Perhaps a Swiss style mainspring. You can find details on parts including mainsprings here <http://watchrepairinfo.com/1915ElginMaster.pdf>

- Other information indicates that this movement was a Swiss made Elgin replica.