

To this letter was appended a written guarantee, of which the following is a copy:—

184 ARGYLE ST., HALIFAX, N. S., CANADA.

May, 1887.

I hereby guarantee that the Halifax Ferry Tokens, purchased from me by Dr. C. E. Fraser, Jr., of Sec. Centre, New York, to be genuine originals, being part of a lot secured by me from the parties who found them while tearing down the old Ferry House.

(Signed.) HENRY HECHLER.

(SEAL.)

(COPY.)

184 ARGYLE ST., HALIFAX, N. S., CANADA,

23rd August, 1887.

C. E. FRASER, JR., ESQ., M. D.,

Lee Centre, N. Y., U. S. A.:

Dear Sir,—Having waited a fortnight for a reply to my last card, I now write for the last time before publishing your name as a swindler, and sending it out as such to philatelists everywhere.

Perhaps I ought to have taken warning by your conduct respecting the coins, for you then kept me waiting on a transaction that was arranged to be cash by return mail for over two months, and cost me postage and valuable time on repeated letters before I got the money out of you. Still I accepted your excuses, relied on your honor and honesty once more, and thus again gave you the opportunity, which you embraced, to swindle me. Your prate about *wanting* to do what is right and to be honest is just so much nonsense, and you know it, for its falseness is proved by the course of SWINDLING which you have deliberately adopted in this matter.

If your Attorney, to whom you say that you submitted our correspondence, is as unprincipled a man as your conduct shows you to be, he is much more likely to lead you into trouble than out of it.

As for me I am willing that every word of our correspondence be made public, and to abide by the issue. You may write to any one in this city—I am well known here—and ascertain all about me. I defy any one to say about me one tithe of what you have given me the right and opportunity to write about you.

It may be that your practice is too limited to enable you to command the money to be honest to me, for if you conduct yourself professionally as you have philatelically you are simply a disgrace to an otherwise noble calling. Presuming, therefore, that you cannot raise the amount of \$17.50 that you owe me at one time,—and that is my only reason for making the proposition—I will accept ten (\$10) dollars now *on account*, reserving the right to fight you for the balance afterwards. Awaiting your reply by return mail, I remain,

Yours truly,

(Signed.) HENRY HECHLER.