

If the above terms do not meet your views please return the specimens that I now send, as I know that I can easily dispose of them at those figures to another dealer.

I have a large number of rare coins and tokens of the British North American provinces of which I can dispose. If any of these would be useful to you please inform me, quoting numbers as per Dr. Le Roux's "Numismatic Atlas," and giving the prices that you are willing to offer for them respectively.

Hoping to be favored with an early reply, I remain

Very truly yours,

(Signed.) HENRY HECHLER.

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

19th May, 1887.

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

Lee Centre, New York, U. S. A. :

*Dear Sir,*—Your favor of the 15th instant is before me, and its contents have been duly noted.

Your proposal to return the Ferry tokens to me is simply preposterous, and such as I cannot entertain for a moment. I sold them to you with guarantee of their genuine character, which guarantee I now repeat unreservedly, adding that there *never were any restrikes* of these tokens. I obtained mine directly from the parties who found them in tearing down the old Ferry House. I cannot agree to support my guaranteed transactions to the bold and unsupported denials of dealers who are interested in temporarily decrying the value of these goods. The only acceptable authority in the matter can be the Halifax Ferry Company, who have fully satisfied me on the point of the impossibility of such restrikes ever having been made. Of course it is open to you, if you wish to do so, to enter an action against me on my guarantee, and I think the trial of the case would prove an interesting one.

In regard to the stamps submitted to your approval, while I am willing to sell them, I do not wish to even appear to force them on you, and shall be quite satisfied to have you return all or any part of them that you do not want.

The token transaction is closed and, besides, stands by itself, so that it cannot be mixed up with my stamp business in any case. I have entirely retired from the coin business and will not re-enter it.

Hoping that by return mail you will either send back my stamps or else remit for them. I remain,

Very truly yours,

(Signed.) HENRY HECHLER.