



# YOU ARE TO BE THE JUDGE.

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**B**Y saying that you are to be the judge, we do not intend to cast any reflection on our own ability. We believe that by our ten years of experience, and by the large and increasing quantity of OLD GOLD coming daily into our hands, we have become qualified to accurately test and value it, and further, we endeavor to conduct every transaction with the strictest honesty, **NEVERTHELESS**, you are to be the judge as to whether the amount offered is satisfactory to you. Immediately a consignment is received it is accurately tested, and a cheque or money order sent by first mail. If our offer is not fully satisfactory to you the parcel will be returned in the same condition as received. The goods remain yours until our offer is accepted, so that you run no risk of not getting full satisfaction.

No one could conduct this business on a more economical basis, for we are at **NO EXPENSE** (other than this advertisement), of soliciting consignments, and by using the **REFINED GOLD** in our own factory we are at no expense in disposing of it. The profits after deducting the cost of refining are very slight, but we must buy gold in any event, and we are satisfied to make a percentage, however small.

Many jewelers have been continually sending their Old Gold to us ever since we began the refining business, and the number of patrons is constantly increasing. We have many complimentary replies from jewelers in every part of Canada, proving that we give satisfactory returns. It has paid them to send their Old Gold to us. Why not you?

## WE PAY FOR OLD GOLD AS FOLLOWS, NET CASH:

6 K., 24 cents.	10 K., 40 cents.	14 K., 56 cents.	18 K., 72 cents.
7 K., 28 "	11 K., 44 "	15 K., 60 "	20 K., 80 "
8 K., 32 "	12 K., 48 "	16 K., 64 "	21 K., 84 "
9 K., 36 "	13 K., 52 "	17 K., 68 "	22 K., 88 "

## TESTS FOR GOLD.

For testing 18k., take 2 oz. of chemically pure nitric acid and add 2 drops of muriatic acid. This will not affect 18k. but will leave a brown mark on 14k. C. P. nitric acid alone will not affect 14k. but will attack any lower quality, the effect being greater and leaving a darker mark the lower the quality.

Acids should be mixed frequently. Old acids lose their strength and cannot be relied upon.

## TESTS FOR SILVER.

Water, 2 oz.; sulphuric acid, 2 drs.; powdered bichromate of potash, 4 dwt. A drop of this mixture placed on Sterling Silver will turn a bright blood red; on lower qualities a duller red. On no other metal will it turn this color.

With a little experimenting and experience any jeweler may become fairly expert in making these tests. Care should be taken to always scrape the spot to be tested as there may be plating on the surface, and also grease, which would not allow the acid to work.

Great care should be taken in buying cases as frequently the lids are of a good quality of gold while the body is of a low quality, and sometimes only plated.

# GEO. H. LEES & CO.,

## Gold Refiners, HAMILTON, ONT.