



Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Sunday November 25 at the Qualicum and Graham Park Community Centre on Esquimalt Avenue in Graham Park, commencing at 1:30 pm (Doors open at 1:00 pm)

Unfortunately, at the time of printing this news letter, certain major presentations which we had planned to include in the program for this meeting have not yet been finalized. If completed in time they will form the major items in the program, otherwise they will be held over for a future meeting,

If at least one major item is not available by the meeting date, the program will consist of short presentations by Maynard Dokken and Ben Roberts, plus any show and tell items which members would like to bring along. In this case the absence of a formal program will provide more time and opportunity for talk and discussion between our members

There will of course be the usual Mart and Display tables.

Clock Repair Workshop

Prior to the Chapter meeting on September 23, Dan Hudon held his first clock repair workshop at the Community Centre. It commenced at 9:00 am and continued until about 12:30 pm when people started to arrive for our regular meeting. This first session was attended by four members, and covered the disassembly and cleaning of the movement. The participants agreed that it was a very successful session.

At the time of printing, four further sessions have been held on subsequent Sundays, and by common consent, these ran from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. These have apparently also been highly successful.

The final session of the workshop will be held on November 25, the morning of our meeting. For more information contact Dan at 820-8039.

Timely Quotes

You will never find time for anything. If you want time you must make it.

Charles Buxton.

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The Chapter meets five times a year on the fourth Sunday of the months of Jan., March, May, Sept., and Nov., at 1:00 pm. Annual dues \$16.

Membership in the NAWCC is obligatory.

Association dues: U.S. \$50.

Last Meeting

Our last meeting was held on Sunday September 23 at the Qualicum and Graham Park Community Centre.

The meeting was opened by President Maynard Dokken, who extended the Chapter's thanks for the many contributors to the success of the Chapter picnic on July 15. There had been no nominations for Chapter officers or positions, and when called for there were no nominations from the floor. Maynard then polled all existing incumbents individually to ascertain that they were willing to continue in their present capacity. He then called for a motion from the floor, calling for the re-election of all existing officers and positions by acclamation. The motion, proposed by Brian Hollebone and seconded by Peter Bomford, was carried unanimously.

It was agreed that the Chapter should make a voluntary donation of \$100 to the Community Centre funds for our use of their facilities.

New items are urgently needed for our future meeting programs. Members are asked to consider contributing a presentation on any horological subject, ideally of approximately 30 minutes or so duration. Members were also requested to review the NAWCC list of videos and slide presentations and identify any they would like to see at future meetings.

There was general agreement that a Wine and Cheese Party be held this year. The date will be Saturday November 17. The location will be finalized within the next few weeks, and notices will be sent out well in advance. Maynard asked for help with setting up and re-stacking tables and chairs prior to and after each meeting. Any help from members in this regard would be appreciated. The Show and Tell items which formed the main part of the program were many and varied. The following members made Show and Tell presentations:

Charles Beddoe, Brian Hollebone, Barry Mathews, Gary Fox, John Kennedy, Archie Smith, Maynard Dokken, Allan Symons and Ben Roberts. (Details of the Show and Tell items with pictures appear on pages 2 and 3 of this issue.)

There were of course the usual interesting Mart and Display tables which drew lots of attention.

Note for future presentations:

For his presentation, Ben Roberts used a computer based device which can display digital pictures on the Community Centre's TV set. A remote control is used to manipulate the display on the TV screen.

As this was the first use of this device for one of our presentations, members were asked for their opinion on this method of displaying pictures and text to an audience of this size. All present agreed that the images could be readily seen by everyone, and it appears to be a satisfactory and convenient method for us to use.

It can utilize images imported directly from a digital camera, or the images can be scanned from ordinary photographs. Anyone interested in using the device for their future presentations should contact Ben.

Seen At The Last Meeting



Various articles on the Display Table



Charles Locke examines Articles on Leo Sayants Mart Table

Show and Tell

In addition to the items below, Maynard Dokken spoke about the information he had gleaned during a recent visit to both the Westclox warehouse in Peterborough, and the Peterborough Centennial Museum. The warehouse was about to be closed down, and Maynard was able to retrieve some valuable historical information before it was destroyed.



Charles Beddoe Showed and spoke about his summer acquisitions. These included a Ceramic Plate Clock made between 1920 and 1930, with what appeared to be a Hamburg/American symbol: An Alarm Clock, made in England ca.1950 with a most attractive peti-point dial: An Ansonia one day strike "Brittanica" Gingerbread clock dated 1891.



Left: A closer view of Charles' attractive Peti-point dial alarm clock.



Ben Roberts displayed pictures on the Community Centre's TV, which gave details of a French cloisonne enamel clock ca. 1898, which was sold to the Ottawa Knox Church by Aaron Rosenthal, a watchmaker and jeweller in business on Sparks Street in Ottawa in that period. According to engraving on the clock, the Knox Church presented the clock to Geo. Hay in December, 1900 "In recognition of 50 years of eldership in the church.



The clock is still in the possession of Geo. Hay's great-great-granddaughter in Ottawa. Ben thanked Gary Fox for the historical information regarding A. Rosenthal.



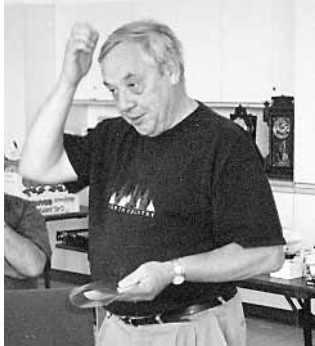
Also shown were details of the case, dial and movement of an English, single hand, single weight long case clock dating from the late 1700's. Ben and Maynard had examined and photographed this clock at an Ottawa auction on August 8. Shown is the dial of the clock (the single hand was missing) which bears the inscription " R. Felton. Bridgenorth ". (See the report on the Spooner Auction on Page 5)



Bryan Hollebone showed two Canadian made Mantel clocks with very similar cases. Both cases have similar hinged front doors. One of the clocks was made by Forestville and the other by Waterbury.



Show and Tell Continued



Barrie Mathews showed a photograph of the Salvador Dali sculpture of a clock located on the south Bank in London England.

Right: The Picture of the Dali sculpture shown by Barrie. The clock appears to be one of Dali's "Melting Clocks" which are also seen in his paintings.



Left: As well as Ottawa watches, Gary Fox also collects watchmakers tools. For Show and Tell, he had brought along three of the more unusual tools from his collection. These consisted of a small lathe used to polish screw heads, a jewel remover and an 'Uprighting' tool.



John Kennedy showed and talked about an attractive Welch Gingerbread clock (shown at right) which is part of his collection.



Above: Archie Smith showed an iron front clock (possible made by Welch) ca 1800, from the estate of the late Ted Jessup.



Left: Allan Symons provided the latest update to his on-going research into the Snider Clock Companies of Toronto. Right: He also discussed several items from his display of some of the more rare and unusual Snider clocks.



Dan Hudons Workshop

On September 23, prior to our Chapter meeting, Dan Hudon held the first session of his clock repair workshop. The first session appeared to be very successful. Further sessions will be held on subsequent Sundays at the Community Centre, and will cover all aspects of mechanical clock repair.



Left to right: Dan Hudon with workshop participants, Peter Clarke, Bob Lyon, Arnold van Nieuwburg and George Royer



Above: The classroom in session



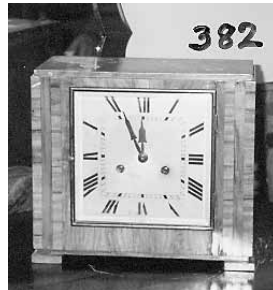
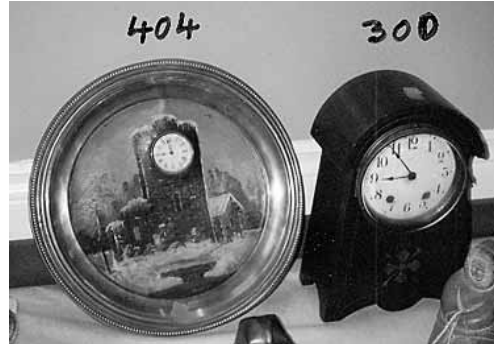
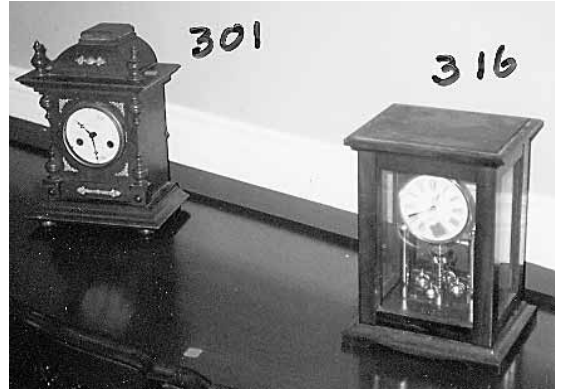
Right: Bob Lyon cleans a movement.

A Spooner Auction

By Maynard Dokken

Items sold at a Spooner auction held on September 18, 2001 as follows:

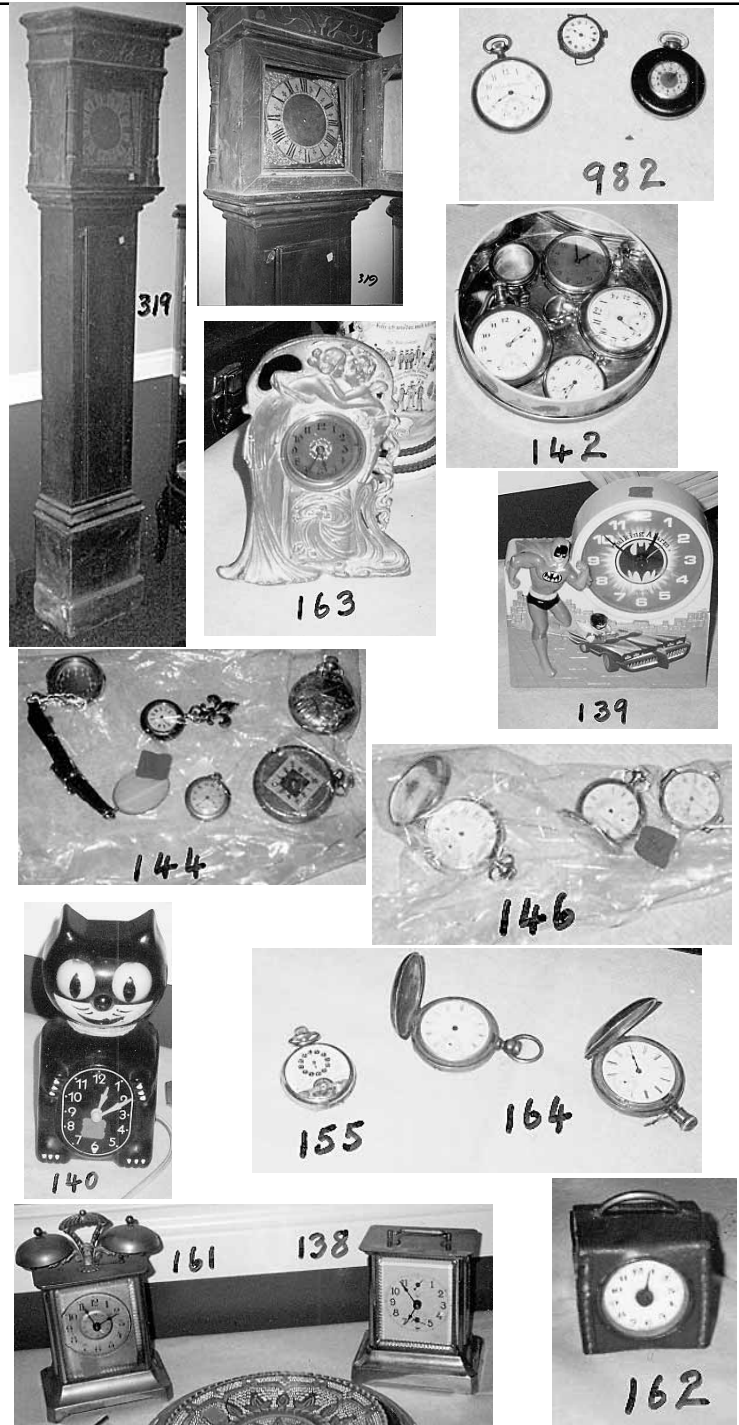
- 79. New Haven Electric Tambour. \$10
- 301. Seth Thomas Shelf Clock. \$110
- 301. Junghans Mantel (German). \$70.
- 303. German Chime Mantel clock. 75.
- 316. Wood Case 400 Day Battery Seth Thomas
Made in Germany by Westclox. \$55
- 317. Copper New Haven Art Nouveau. \$65
- 319. Gingerbread. - make ? \$135
- 321. French Figural. \$305
- 322. French Figural \$305
- 333. United. \$50
- 335. 9 1/2 inch Balloon Clock. \$40
- 338. Korean School Clock \$10
- 350. Seth Thomas Mantel. \$40
- 360. United Ship Clock. \$45
- 361. Gustave Becker Tambour. \$45
- 363. Korean school Clock. \$25
- 375. Case only. \$25
- 376. Open Escapement Marble, French. \$155
- 382. German Wood Shelf Clock. \$60
- 392. Ceramic on Metal 8 day. No Movement. \$30
- 396. English Figural Clock. \$50
- 397. English 1939 Royal Vista Decal. \$15
- 403. Seth Thomas Banjo. \$275
- 404. New Haven Plate Clock. \$60
- 405. Seth Thomas Lever. \$25
- 408. Wall Clock - Made up. \$300
- 410. 400 Day. \$20
- 424. Pig. Painted on wood. \$25



Spoooner Auction August 8, 2001

By Maynard Dokken

138. German Alarm Clock. Carriage style.\$60
 139. Batman novelty clock. \$55
 140. "Kit Kat" Electric Clock, no tail, original. \$60
 142. Five pieces. \$45.
 Elgin Ser. 8069930 1899 7 jewels, swing out mount,nickel silver size 18 case 4272274; Century U.S.A. size 18; Rodeo Swiss dollar movement; Regina Watch Co. Swiss 7 Jewels, Adj 2 positions 5710869." J. A. Ashby, Montreal" on dial. Small Sterling Silver case. A.W.C. Co. 961986
 144. 5 pieces. Nothing special. \$70
 146. 3 Small watches, including a Waltham. \$70
 155. Herdomas WC 8 day, 7 Jewel, 1 adjustment Swiss. \$60.
 161. Hamburg American, Germany. \$60.
 162. Small leather outer cased Travel Alarm. \$30
 163. Art Nouveau small clock. \$40.
 164. Two Pocket Watches. \$100
 Waltham PS Bartlet, Ser. 3636334 1888 KW KS.
 Elgin National Watch Co. Ser. 176572 1885 LS SW. Coin Silver case, Gold jewel settings. Missing Balance Bridge and Balance. Embossed case.
 319. Single Hand Longcase Clock. "R. Felton Bridgenorth" on dial. Single weight movement. Ca 1780 ? Crude case. Hand and weight missing. Movement and dial match. \$700.
 868. Three pieces. \$50 Abra Swiss "Lady May"; Pilot Dollar Watch 1941; Ingraham Dollar Watch.
 982. 3 Watches. \$50
 Small Wrist Watch, Swiss, Quartier Freres.
 Wallingford Watch Co. 21 Jewels.
 Half Hunter U.S. Dollar Watch. Ingraham.



Robert Hawley Auction

By Maynard Dokken

The following Pequegnat clocks were sold at a Robert Hawley Auction, which took place between Merickville and Eastman's Corners on July 30, 2001:

1. A Simcoe Mantel clock. All original, dial faded. \$475 + 15% tax. No buyers premium.
2. A Brandon #1 wall clock. Dial replaced. Pendulum replaced ? Backboard replaced with one having a Sessions label. \$2700. No buyers premium.

It is my impression that the family bought these clocks for sentimental reasons.

A New Generation of Clocks

By Ben Roberts

Several articles have appeared in the press recently regarding the research which is going on in various countries to develop the worlds most precise clock. According to these articles - two of which appeared in the Ottawa Citizen - on July 13 and August 23 respectively - the new clocks are being called all-optical atomic clocks - so named because of their reliance on laser technology - and will measure the shortest intervals of time ever recorded. They promise to be far more accurate than the current top standard in time measurement -

cesium-based microwave atomic clocks - and a U.S. physicist is quoted as saying that in fact, they have the potential to be 100 to 1,000 times more accurate.

The new clocks all function on the basis of a single atom hanging in a motionless state in a vacuum. Sophisticated laser technology is then used to direct a beam of tiny precise pulses at the atom.

According to Scientists at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) in Boulder Colorado the U.S. clock will produce about one quadrillion "ticks" per second.

Different countries in the race use atoms of many types. The Americans are claiming that they have developed such a clock using mercury; two German groups use ytterbium and indium atoms respectively; someone else is using calcium, and our own National Research Council (NRC) here in Ottawa continues to experiment with a strontium atom.

The small world of these super-clockmakers "hasn't really defined itself as to which is the best system" says research officer Alan Madej of the NRC's Frequency and Time labs.

I recently spoke on the telephone to Dr Madej at the NRC here in Ottawa, and he has kindly consented to come along to one of our meetings talk to us on this subject, probably in January 2002.

NAWCC Auction

By John Kennedy.

John Kennedy supplied the following list of items and prices for the NAWCC Auction Sale in Syracuse, NY, on August 17, 2001. All prices quoted are in U.S. dollars.

4002. 3 DRAWER WOODEN CASE & CONTENTS. \$70
 4003. WATCHMAKERS CASE WITH TOOLS. \$150
 4004. ANSONIA PORCELAIN CHOCTAW MODEL. \$170
 4005. FRENCH MARBLE T&S. \$110
 4006. GERMAN ALARM CARRIAGE CLOCK. \$20
 4007. FRENCH STATUE CLOCK GRO. \$120
 4008. FRENCH T & BELL S. \$330
 4009. MINIATURE TOWER CLOCK. \$625
 4010. WOODWORKS, WGT DRIVEN CLOCK,
 NO WGTS, HOME MADE. \$35
 4011. GILBERT BEEHIVE T&S GRO. \$70
 4012. T.G. ROOT, T & A WALL CLOCK,
 NEEDS LOTS OF WORK. \$70
 4013. SETH THOMAS BEEHIVE T&S. \$130
 4014. JUNGHANS, T&S. \$40
 4015. WATERBURY COTTAGE CLOCK, T&A. \$55
 4016. BOX LOT, 4 CLOCKS, 2 STATUES. \$70
 4017. BOX LOT, 3 CLOCKS. \$25
 4018. PILLAR & SCROLL REPRO, BY NAWCC
 MEMBERS. \$900
 4019. FRENCH 8 DAY MOVEMENT. \$120
 4020. FRENCH 8 DAY T&S RUNNING. \$325
 4021. AUSTRIAN T & A WAG ON WALL. \$570
 4022. NEW HAVEN GALLERY CLOCK. \$130
 4023. GILBERT WALL CLOQK. \$75
 4024. MINIATURE CARVED.COLUMN & SPLAT,
 T&S WW NEW HAVEN. \$1000
 4025. MINIATURE WAG-ON-THE-WALL T & A. \$200
 4026. ANSONIA WHITE MARBLE MANTEL 8 DAY
 T&S. \$190
 4027. OAK GOTHIC MANTEL CLOCK 15 DAY
 T&S. \$375
 4028. SETH THOMAS PLYMOUTH HOLLOW WW.
 (BRASS MVMNT.) \$225
 4029. E. INGRAHAM & CO.WALNUT 8 DAY
 T&S GRO. \$160
 4030. E.N.WELCH 8 DAY T&S ROUND TOP. \$100
 4031. KROEBER 8 DAY WITH ALARM. \$250
 4032. INGRAHAM CLOCK MANTEL 8 DAY. \$20
 4033. INGRAHAM MANTLE CLOCK. \$80
 4034. AMERICAN MANTLE CLOCK. \$50
 4035. NEW HAVEN KITCHEN CLOCK. \$150
 4036. ATMOS 15 JWL. BY LE COULTRE. \$475
 4037. FRENCH BAKERS CLOCK 8 DAY. \$150
 4038. PORTESCAP VC-10 WATCH CLEANER. \$75
 4039. GORHAM CYMA STERLING STRUT
 DESK CLOCK. \$85
 4040. SETH THOMAS SHIPS BELL. \$425
 4041. L. F. & W. CARTER 8 DAY WEIGHT
 TIMEPIECE. \$600
 4042. THREE QUARTERS SIZE SINGLE WEIGHT
 VIENNA. \$650
 4043. WEIGHT DRIVEN, TIME ONLY CLOCK in Box. \$55
 4044. 23 GLASS DOMES. \$20
 4045. 3 MISCELLANEOUS CLOCKS. \$50
 4046. 21 JEWEL 18 SZ. "ABE LINCOLN". \$225
 4047. SETH THOMAS CITY SERIES "RENO"
 8 DAY T&S GRO. \$275
 4048. 30 DAY WALL REGULATOR GRO T&S. \$60
 4049. NEW HAVEN BLACK MANTLE 8 DAY
 T&S, METAL, GRO. \$90
 4050. SETH THOMAS CITY SERIES 8 DAY T&S GRO. \$300
 4051. SETHTHOMAS T&S SCHOOLHOUSE. \$225
 4052. ITHACA # 4 DOUBLE DIAL WALL CLOCK. \$800
 4053. CUCKOO & QUAIL PLUS MUSIC. \$225
 4054 . FRENCH MANTEL ORMALU T&S. \$150
 4055 . SETH THOMAS 8 DAY GRO. \$80
 4056. MORBIER LONGCASE CLOCK. \$500
 4057 ANSONIA BRASS CO. 8 DAY BEEHIVE. \$120
 4058 BREWSTER & INGRAHAMS 8 DAY
 STEEPLE. \$325
 4059 FIGURE 8 REPRO. 8 DAY T&S. \$150
 4060 LARGE BELLDOME. \$80
 4061 SETH THOMAS CRYSTAL REGULATOR. \$325
 4062 ITHACA DOUBLE DIAL MANTEL. \$525
 4063 GILBERT 8 DAY MANTEL. \$45
 4064 GILBERT GINGERBREAD 8 DAY GRO. \$100
 4065 E.N.WELCH "ALEXIS" GRO. \$300
 4066 KROEBER #40 TIME ONLY WALL. \$800
 4067 WAG0-ON-THE WALL CLOCK. \$60
 4068. 4 PILLAR CLOCK 1840, NO MAKERS
 NAME. CASE ONLY. \$80
 4069. WATCHMAKERS TOOL BOX. \$300
 4070. ELGIN 14K 17J G M WHEELER. \$150
 4071. ENGLISH FUSEE WITH FOB STERLING
 CASE. \$75
 4072. HAMPDEN 19 JEWEL POCKET WATCH. \$75
 4073. WELCH CABINET #3. \$500
 4074. SETH THOMAS NUMBER 2 REGULATOR. \$825
 4075. BAIRD CLOCK COMPANY. \$275
 4076. SETH THOMAS 8 DAY COLUMN & CORNICE. \$175
 4077. FRENCH PORCELAIN MANTLE CLOCK. \$450
 4078. FRENCH THIRTY DAY CALENDAR T ONLY. \$450
 4079. SHIELD FORM PORCELAIN & BRONZE
 8 DAY, ALL ORIG. \$450
 4080. 30 HR.SETH THOMAS COLUMN CLOCK. \$160
 4081. ADVERTISING PAPER WEIGHT CLOCK. \$140
 4082. KROEBER CASE MOVEMENT MAKER
 UNKNOWN. \$100
 4083 TUTTLE HALF COLUMN OSWEGO, NY. \$350
 4084 HOWARD 16 SIZE POCKET WATCH
 14 K CASE. \$250
 4085 S.B.TERRY CANDLESTICK CLOCK WITH
 BALANCE WHEEL. \$2200
 4086 NEW HAVEN SHELF CLOCK WITH
 WILCOCK STRIKE. \$475
 4087 SETH THOMAS PILLAR & SCROLL. \$?
 4088. NEW HAVEN BANJO T&S. \$375
 4089. JUNGHANS T&S. \$375
 4090. ANSONIA GRANDFATHER QUARTER
 HOUR STRIKE. \$700
 4091. SESSIONS SCHOOLHOUSE T ONLY. \$200
 4092. SIMPLEX TIME RECORDER. \$300
 4093. PEPSI COLA ADVERTISING ELECTRIC. \$125
 4094. FRENCH ORMOLU W GOLD PAINT. \$150
 4095. WATERBURY WALL CLOCK. \$175
 4096. SELF WINDING CLOCK CO. \$75
 4097. SETH THOMAS 8 DAYT&S OG GRO. \$110
 4098. CROSBY & VOSBURGH 30 HR. OG. \$85
 4099. SETH THOMAS ADAMANTINE MANTEL. \$225
 4100. ELISHA MANROSS 30 HR. OG. \$150
 4101. ENGLISH SHIPS CLOCK. \$125
 4102. BANJO CLOCK T ONLY MAKER
 UNKNOWN. \$1000
 4103. SCHMID SCHLENKER ANNIVERSARY
 PORCELAIN FIGURES. \$350
 4104. GERMAN BOX CLOCK T&S. \$85
 4105. AMERICAN BANJO HOWARD STYLE
 MAKER UNKNOWN. \$700

Wanted Items

Pete Graham wants a movement for a Pequegnat "Tokio" and a pendulum bob for a Pequegnat "Toronto". Telephone: 722-0235. John Plewes is looking for an "Empire" style clock case. Telephone 831-2507. Arnold van Nieuburg needs 8mm Collets for his new watchmakers lathe. Telephone: 514-630-9841. Anyone having these items, or knowing of a source, please contact the above people.