

AN EXTRAORDINARY AMENDMENT.

Now while the amendment is in itself extraordinary, unusual, and, I think, we can all admit most unexpected, it may perhaps be explained by the speech that was made in its support.

BASED ON WRONG IMPRESSIONS.

The hon. member in supporting his amendment worked along two particular lines that were entirely his own, and in both of which he was wrong. He did not say so, but he did what he can do so well, he gave an "impression" that leads altogether further than any words to which he would venture to commit himself. The two particular premises on which he bases his amendment are what? First, "labour conditions, the suffering from unemployment and all the attendant surroundings in this Province are worse than elsewhere."

MR. ROWELL: I did not say so.

MR. HANNA: While the hon. member did not say so in actual words, the "impression" that anyone listening to the speech must have carried away was that owing to the lack of proper measures on the part of the Government we have a most lamentable condition in the Province, and particularly in the City of Toronto.

The second point was—and this he did literally state—that we in the Province are behind in the matter of social legislation.

CONDITIONS BETTER IN ONTARIO THAN ELSEWHERE.

These are the two propositions on which the amendment now before the House was based. I say that both propositions are wrong. I am not overstating it when I say that here in this Province, and in the Dominion of Canada as a whole, we have suffered less during the past twelve months from unemployment and the conditions brought about by over-production and by the different things that can be accounted for and are well understood, than they have in other parts of this continent. No-