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EDWARD J. B. PENSE, publisher and editor of The Kingston Whig, who has for five years been the active and able president of the Kingston Reform Association, received a splendid tribute on retiring from his position last month. The opportunity was seized upon to present Mr. Pense with a testimonial from the Reform party for his services and to make an acknowledgment of his personal popularity in the city. Not only were leading Reformers present, but prominent members and officers of the local Conservative party also attended to do honor to Mr. Pense. An address embodying the views of those

present was accompanied by a beautiful cabinet of silver costing \$200. Replying, Mr. Pense referred to his friendly relations with his associates and his amicable connection with his political opponents. Now that he was retiring from several offices which would give him time for recreation (which duty had formerly deprived him of), he could truthfully say that there was not a man he could not take by the hand and greet at least as a friend. Mr. Britton, M.P., referred to Mr. Pense's success in life, owing to his own endeavors, and to the standing of The Whig both in Canada and the United States. Hon. Wm. Harty, M.P.P., also spoke, as did Jno. McIntyre, a Conservative, who referred to Mr. Pense as an unqualified success in newspaper work. Dr. Ryan, another Conservative, alluded to Mr. Pense's career in municipal life in the warmest terms. Other speakers also made references to the character and ability of the publisher of The Whig, after which Mr. Pense entertained his friends to refreshments and a concert. The occasion was unique in the entire obliteration of party lines and the good feeling which was manifested on all sides. Mr. Pense has rendered a great service to his fraternity all over Canada by so conducting himself as to be able to earn such a handsome tribute as men of both parties have just paid to the editor of a sturdy party journal.

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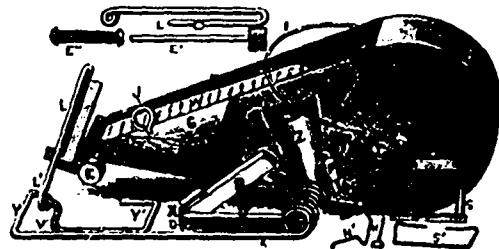
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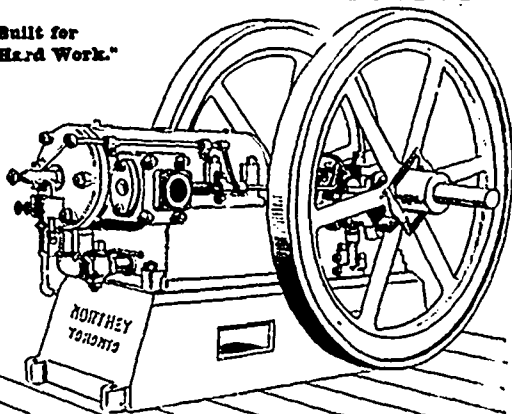
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