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Editorial.

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The case of J. R. Hooper.

As will be seen by the reports of the D. P. A. Convention, as published last month, resolutions were unanimously passed in favor of John Reginald Hooper once the honored President of Canada's National society. Without a single dissenting voice, the convention voted another appeal to the Minister of Justice.

This case is without a parallel, inasmuch that the very persons who are the ones to demand justice and most connected in the case, are strong in their belief in Hooper's

innocence. His wife's parents and all her relatives, without exception, ask for his release. Forty clergy of all creeds have signed the petition. The delegates to the convention took blank petitions home with them. They will, no doubt, help to redeem Hooper's life from prison, where he has already spent four years, suffering in ill-health.

No matter the opinion of a person as gathered from sensational reports, the fact still remains that the whole case is one of vague circumstantial evidence, calculated to breed suspicion and prejudice. We feel certain that Hooper is bound to be released very shortly. It will be a creditable action on the part of those who are placed in the position to extend mercy tempered with British Justice, as asked for by thousands of people.

One thing sure is that Hooper's previous life was an honorable one, so we need not be afraid that we are letting out a criminal. His life's military service for his country, and the Queen's decorations which he holds, are well known. Had he been in England he would have been pardoned on Jubilee Day.

A most pitiful outcome of this sad case is the overwhelming sorrow of the prisoner's aged father and mother. His mother has passed a long illness and is now out of mind. The doctors say she will never recover her reason.

The *ADVOCATE* has just received word that the Premier has approved of the application for release. In a letter from London, England, July 19, through the High Commissioner's office, Sir Wilfrid Laurier states that he has forwarded Hooper's appeal to the Dep't. of Justice with its recommendation.

The P. S. of A. at the convention recently held passed strong resolutions in favor of Hooper.

Parties wishing to assist in securing Mr. Hooper's release are requested to send to Mrs. Katie Baulch, Box 145, Port Hope, Ont. for petitions or information.