

In the early part of last October the "Herald" of this town made some serious charges against the Postmaster of Guelph, and against the management of the post office. It even went the length to say that "the part taken by some Government employees during the late contest will leave no alternative to the new Government, and in order to make an example and show that the public servants must be neutral, they must be dismissed."

These charges first appeared on the 7th of October, and two days after they were reiterated with the promise that in a few days, "the Herald" will publish such evidence as will leave no doubt on this point. The "Herald's" charges against Mr. Flaws' management of the post office are, several cases of incivility, undue delay of letters, general carelessness, and excessive charging in postage accounts.

Two days after this, on the 4th of October, in referring to the Mercury's reply, asking the "Herald" to formulate its charges, it took up the gauntlet and assured its readers that "the matter would be brought under the attention of the new Postmaster General at an early date."

Now mark the sequel. Mr. Sturton in the face of such grave charges, asked the Inspector for the Division to make an investigation into them. In compliance with that request we understand that the Inspector notified the publisher of the "Herald" to state his charges in specific form, and to name his witnesses, when he would appoint a day on which the inquiry would be held. No notice was taken by the "Herald" of this intimation, and thus the matter was laid over for several weeks, waiting for them to make a move.

In view of these facts, we leave it to the people of Guelph to form their own conclusions. The "Herald" made a series of specific charges, which it has not attempted to defend, or to substantiate. These were recklessly and inefficiently made against the Postmaster and his employees, who were doing their public duty, and who had happened to fall under the ire of the "Herald" because they would not infringe their rules to suit its convenience. It is its usual wanton and unjust fashion to charge them with dereliction of duty in several respects, and then when brought to book and asked to substantiate these, it slunk away like a coward, and left it to the Department to deal with them. The Department has now given its decision, which in effect leaves on the "Herald" the onus and responsibility of having, in the most wanton spirit, made charges for which there was no proof, and an attempt to injure the character and standing of men who are seeking to do their duty, and whose faithfulness and efficiency will be borne out by testimony to by all classes in our community. The "Herald" in this matter has pursued such a course as can only earn for itself the contempt and scorn of every right-minded citizen.

DEATHS.

WATSON—At Fergus, on Saturday, the 4th Jan. John Watson, 80y, in the 60th year of his age. The funeral will take place from his late residence, Fergus, on Tuesday, the 7th instant, at 10 o'clock p.m.

BYRON—On the 20th Dec, at Parry Sound, Charles Byron, aged 56 years, a native of Aberdeenshire, Scotland.

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