

### ENEMIES OF THE WORKINGMEN

The true friend of the workingman is not necessarily the gentleman who refuses to invest a dollar in local industries but prefers the safe haven of farm mortgages.

Industrial investments are always more or less risky. Farm mortgages of low amounts are safe. The land will always remain, a sure and tangible asset.

The true friend of the workingman is the person who creates opportunity for them to work, provides them with wholesome, sanitary conditions under which to carry on their regular employment and pays them good, honest, living wages.

To speak of the employer and the employee as natural enemies to one another is as absurd as it is untrue. Under right conditions both work together for the common good and both are benefited.

Wipe out our six large industries in Belleville and inquire if labor would be helped by the process. We avow it would not.

As "Laborer" pointed out in an able letter in The Ontario a few days ago, in Deseronto, some time since, the great mills, organized by the Rathbun company, closed down. Did that help the laboring men of Deseronto? We are of the opinion it did not. The little, comfortable dwellings that the laborers had erected and paid for, after years of toil, simply had to be abandoned as valueless and the workmen were compelled to move to other fields and begin all over again.

And Trenton, on the contrary, which was a dead enough place ten years ago, is now transformed into a hive of industry. How? Because the enemies of the workingmen have moved in, organized new industries and revived old ones until Trenton has been galvanized into new life, with crowded streets, capacious well stocked stores, great building activity, plenty of money for everybody who works, commodious homes, and real estate values that are growing every day.

Belleville's history is similar. Fifteen years ago Belleville was almost as lifeless as a rural cemetery. The population went down below 8,000. Property values were reduced from 50 to 70 per cent. below cost. The tax-collector was gathering in all the vacant land around the city because of unpaid taxes. Everywhere there was sterility and stagnation. Then several enemies of the workingmen came on the scene, among them Mr. W. C. Springer, Mr. R. J. Graham, the Deacon Brothers, Mr. T. S. Carman, Mr. L. W. Marsh and others and erected factories or expanded old ones. Today our population exceeds 12,000. A man can build a house today and sell it for more than its cost. Merchants are doing the largest business in their history. Everybody who wants to work can find it and almost name his own price. There are no vacant houses or vacant stores. Money is plentiful. There is no want, no suffering, no depression.

But picture to yourself in imagination just what would happen if these enemies of the workingmen were to remove from our city and our six big factories close down. Would our stores be as busy, would real estate be as valuable, would our population remain as great, would we be able to collect as many taxes to support our schools and keep up our streets?

These are items worth considering as we listen to orators of the Stevenson variety and to friends of the "poor and lowly" like Mr. Porter who talk of "greedy corporations" and their treatment of the "poor, down-trodden workingmen."

What Belleville needs is a few more enemies of the workingmen of the type of Mr. Graham and the others mentioned.

### NEITHER CLEVER NOR CUNNING.

That front-page article in Monday night's Intelligencer insinuating that Mr. Graham is trying to win West Hastings by the generous use of whiskey was probably the dirtiest piece of unclean sensationalism that has decorated any Canadian newspaper in recent years.

Such contemptible expedients may be regarded at the Conservative candidate's headquarters as exceedingly shrewd election campaign tactics. The scheme, as disclosed by our contemporary's slimy article, is not clever or even cunning. It has no merit outside of disgusting cheapness.

It is the easiest thing in the world to get some low, purchasable character and induce

him to peddle around whiskey in the north country and offer it to the electors in the name of Mr. Graham. It is not difficult for some cur to buy whiskey in Hull and have it sent by express to Mr. R. J. Graham. It might not be hard to find witnesses to swear that such things were done.

Our contemporary seems to know all about the clumsy trick. We do not know. We want information.

We challenge our contemporary to come out in the open and state positively that R. J. Graham had any preliminary knowledge whatever of a case of liquor being forwarded to him at Belleville, or that he had any knowledge of any agents, or persons representing themselves to be his agents, peddling whiskey around in his behalf.

What the electors want in this matter is more fact and less of dirty insinuation.

Graham and a Bigger Belleville.

Graham and a Greater West Hastings.

Don't believe the last minute canards.

"Mr. Porter has time and again taken up the cause of the poor and the lowly." From a manifesto issued by Mr. E. Guss Porter. Oh, how Mr. Porter loves the poor and lowly.

Crown Prince Rupprecht is sacrificing his soldiers' lives more freely at Verdun than did Wilhelm's pet. Not that he regards them more lightly, but he has discovered means of having more killed.

The latest is that Mr. R. J. Graham has spent two days in Prince Edward helping Candidate Horsey. As the victory is already won in West Hastings Mr. Graham could well afford to take a vacation but he probably will wait now until after Monday.

"Backed by the local Laurierite newspaper, which having no legitimate argument to support the candidate paying no doubt liberally for its services, resorted to a wild carnival of misrepresentation." Editorial Daily Intelligencer, Dec. 10.

We would request our contemporary to come out from behind the screen of cowardly innuendo and state plainly what it means by the words "paying liberally for its services."

Graham helps the farmer by bringing population to the district to create a demand for farm supplies. He helps the farmer by buying all his surplus produce direct. Graham helps the city by the creation of a new demand for labor, by a reliable market for labor, by contributions to the city treasury in the taxes paid by his industries and by the army of workers. What has Mr. Porter done for Belleville or West Hastings?

To our repeated requests for a statement from Mr. Porter or his journalistic mouth-piece for a statement of Mr. Porter's attendance at parliament the past year and the past six years there is nothing but silence. We again ask—How many days was Mr. Porter in attendance at parliament the past session of six months? For how many days did he receive pay? The number of days' attendance should correspond with the number of days paid for.

### I SHALL NOT PASS THIS WAY AGAIN.

Mayhap it stretches very far.  
Mayhap it winds from star to star;  
Mayhap through worlds as yet unformed  
Its never-ending journey runs.  
Through worlds that now are whirling wreaths  
Of formless mists between the suns.  
I go—beyond my widest ken—  
But shall not pass this way again.

So, as I go and cannot stay  
And nevermore shall pass this way,  
I hope to sow the way with deeds  
Whose seed shall bloom like May-time meads.  
And flood my onward path with words  
That thrill the day like singing birds.  
That other travelers following on  
May find a gleam and not a gloom.  
May find their path in pleasant way,  
A trail of music and of bloom.

—Sam Walter Foss.

### POINT ANNE

Miss Jennie Palmer and Miss J. Duff spent the week-end in Belleville.

Mr. Norman MacDonald returned home from Toronto on Friday. He had a very pleasant visit with his sister, Mrs. James Sweeney, Bathurst street.

Chief Thunderbolt of the Y.M.C.A. Belleville, gave a very interesting talk to the boys about Friday evening in the Methodist church.

Don't forget the Red Cross bazaar, evening at the school house, Friday evening, Dec. 14th.

A number of visitors were in

from Deseronto, Comstock, Trenton and Belleville attending the MacDonald and Mowbray wedding on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hall, of the second concession, called at the home of their son, Mr. A. Hall, Friday afternoon.

A large number of ladies were present at the Red Cross bazaar, at the school house, Friday afternoon, for our boys.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Garbutt, of Kingston Road spent the afternoon and evening at Monday with Mr. and Mrs. N. MacDonald.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Mitchell, of Kingston Road, spent Sunday with Mr.

Clarence McDonald.

Miss K. MacDonald gave a tea party to a number of her little friends, it being her eighth birthday.

A Medical Need Supplied.—When medicine is found that not only cures upon the stomach but is so composed that certain ingredients of it pass unaltered through the stomach to find action in the bowels, there is here available a purgative and a laxative of great effectiveness. Parley's Vegetable Pills are of this character and are the best of all pills. During the years that they have been in use they have established themselves as no other pill has done.

### POINT ANNE HEARS SPEAKERS

Mr. Thompson will not wait for the fishermen to bring their grievance to him, but will go to them.

A number of enthusiastic supporters of T. H. Thompson, the Union Government candidate, braved the heavy storm on Saturday night to attend his meeting at Point Anne. W. C. Michel, K.C., and F. A. Gower of Montreal, assisted Mr. Thompson with the meeting.

Mr. Thompson said he heard that Mr. Northrup was complaining about the Convention. There has been only one Convention held in the riding. This Convention was arranged in Mr. Northrup's office and carried out under the direction of Mr. Northrup's supporter, Dr. Harper. Mr. Northrup canvassed for the Convention and would gladly have accepted a nomination from it. Mr. Thompson said that Convention almost unanimously brought him out. Laurier brought Mr. Cross out and Mr. Northrup brought himself out. He had worked for Mr. Northrup for years and he was sorry Mr. Northrup would not return the compliment after the people had given him the honor of a seat in Parliament for 21 years. Every intelligent man in East Hastings knows that a vote for Northrup only helps Cross and Laurier, and hurts Union Government. The churches have asked the people to pray for the success of Union Government. Answer this prayer by supporting the Union Government candidate. He said he would not wait for the fishermen to bring their grievances to him but would get them together from time to time and ascertain their needs and endeavor to have them granted.

### WM. BRANDON KILLED AT FRONT

Word was received that Mr. Wm. B. Brandon formerly of Napanee, was killed at the front, on Nov. 17th.

Pte. Brandon enlisted in Humboldt in January, 1915, with the 53rd Battalion. He went overseas that same summer, and while in England transferred to the mechanical transport and was driving an ambulance till January, 1916, when he was sent to France where he was also driving a motor ambulance, for the third city hall last night in the afternoon of clearing station. About June of this year he was again transferred, this time to the third Canadian division. He was driving a truck conveying supplies to the front. As for as he is known he was still thus engaged when he was killed being no doubt hit by an enemy shell.

Pte. Wm. B. Brandon was a young man of only 30 years of age, having been born near Napanee, on July 3rd, 1887. He went west to Humboldt in 1908, after having completed a business course at the business college in Belleville. He was married to Mary Edith Waddell on January 30th, 1912, and besides his young wife he also leaves two little children to mourn the loss of a husband and a father who now lies buried on the battlefields of Flanders. He is also survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Brandon, at Napanee; three sisters, Mrs. M. Hawley and Mrs. Geo. Sampson at Napanee; Mrs. Wm. Shel at Kelowna, B.C.; one brother, Jno. Q. Brandon, Humboldt.

### HALLOWEY

The Red Cross ladies are planning for an entertainment in the church on New Year's night.

Mrs. A. Salisbury and Miss Huff attended packing in Foxboro on Tuesday last.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Bird spent a few days last week with friends near Kingston.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Kelly spent Sunday with friends in Belleville.

Miss H. Broad, of Prince Edward County, spent the past week with Miss B. S. Spencer.

The Red Cross workers met at the home of Mrs. R. H. McMullen on Thursday last.

Mr. J. Kelly, of Oshawa, spent a few days last week with relatives in this vicinity.

### SCHRYVER-NESBITT

On Dec. 5th, at the church of the Redeemer, Toronto, by the Rev. T. Wallace, Laura Winnifred, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Nesbitt, Eastwood, Ont., to Wm. R. Schryver, second son of the late Jno. R. Schryver and Mrs. Schryver, formerly of Thurlow, township.

The bride was very becomingly dressed in a dress of tulle and satin, with old rose hat with silver lace trimmings. Only a few relatives and intimate friends of the bride and groom witnessed the ceremony, which was a very quiet one. The bride, when going away, wore a Hudson seal coat, the gift of the groom.

### WARNING FOR SPEEDING

Marmora.—On Monday, Ernest Narrie appeared before Magistrate B. B. Hubbell on a summons for exceeding the speed limit fixed by the Motor Vehicles Act. The offence was committed at Deloro, and he pleaded guilty and was fined \$10 and costs.

Mr. S. B. Wright, who laid the complaint, states that he acted for the protection of the pupils of the public and separate school at Deloro. There has been considerable speeding along the road in front of the two schools and if the children of either school should happen to come out suddenly, a serious accident might occur.

We understand that unless the law is better observed in the village, other summons may follow. That some very serious accident has not occurred in Marmora before this is a matter of thankfulness. Every day cars are driven through the streets far in excess of the speed limit and all kind of chances are taken. Scarcely a day passes but reports of fatal or serious auto accidents come from other places and it is great wonder no accident has occurred here, especially during the hours children are out of school.

We have no desire to see any person prosecuted, but every effort to secure better observance of the law in this respect is deserving of the support of every citizen. It is also in the interests of auto drivers. In cases of accidents where the driver is violating the law very heavy penalties are handed out; in some cases several years' imprisonment.

For Books and Sunday School Prizes and Presents go to Geen's, where you will find a fine display and moderate prices.

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### PORTER'S MEN AT CITY HALL

Hugh Stevenson of Toronto, Leading Speaker at Last Night's Meeting.

A large number gathered at the city hall last night in the afternoon of clearing station. About June of this year he was again transferred, this time to the third Canadian division. He was driving a truck conveying supplies to the front. As for as he is known he was still thus engaged when he was killed being no doubt hit by an enemy shell.

Mr. Stevenson said the manufacturers of Belleville paid the smallest wages of any city in Canada, and that Mr. Graham wants to put them down lower. All the mechanics should get under the rule of organized labor. One trade union in Toronto had 900 members and 400 were in the casualty list. One hand dropped paid the supreme sacrifice. Their widows were each given a check for \$700 by the Union. Would those widows vote against Union? Both man and woman have a vote and they are going to back up Porter irrespective of Mr. Graham and his money bag. He warned each man to vote for the regular nominated candidate and then afterwards form a union for your own protection.

Mr. Alex. Walker dwelt strongly on the need of the Union Government being sustained, and how necessary was the need of Canada doing everything possible to reinforce the ranks in the trenches. Mr. Walker thought the majority for Mr. Porter on election day would be over 1,200 and that he had a hat to eat if Porter didn't get in.

Mayor Reichenow told about the successful meetings that they had in the north. On election day he said he'd be sure and back the accredited candidate, Mr. Porter, and bring back the boys.

Other speakers were R. P. White, Geo. A. Reid, Lieut. Blocker, Pte. Brown and W. B. Horie.

### ADVERTISEMENT



### Final Appeal Judge Gives Ruling on Exemption of Farmers

Mr. Justice Duff (the Final Court of Appeal) Declares it is Essential that there shall be No Diminution in Agricultural Production.

(Published by authority of Director of Public Information, Ottawa.)

Hon. Mr. Justice Duff gave judgment on December 6th, in the first test case brought before him, as Central Appeal Judge (the final court of appeal), for the exemption of a farmer. The appeal was made by W. H. Rowntree in respect of his son, W. J. Rowntree, from the decision of Local Tribunal, Ontario, No. 421, which refused a claim for exemption. The son was stated to be an experienced farm hand, who had been working on the farm continuously for the past seven years, and ever since leaving school. He lives and works with his father, who owns a farm of 150 acres near Weston, Ontario. With the exception of a younger brother, he is the only male help of the father on the farm. The father is a man of advanced years.

In granting the man exemption "until he ceases to be employed in agricultural labor," Mr. Justice Duff said:

"The Military Service Act does not deal with the subject of the exemption of persons engaged in the agricultural industry; and the question which it is my duty to decide is whether the applicant being and having been, as above mentioned, habitually and effectively engaged in agriculture and in labor essential to the carrying on of agricultural production, ought to be exempted under the provisions of the Military Service Act.

"These two propositions are indisputable:

"(1) In order that the military power of the allies may be adequately sustained, it is essential that in this country and under the present conditions, there should be no diminution in agricultural production.

"(2) The supply of competent labor available for the purpose of agricultural production is not abundant, but actually is deficient.

"The proper conclusion appears to be that the applicant, a competent person, who had been habitually and effectively engaged in labor essential to such production, ought not to be withdrawn from it.

"It is perhaps unnecessary to say that such exemptions are not granted as concessions on account of personal hardship, still less as a favor to a class. The sole ground of them is that the national interest is the better served by keeping these men at home. The supreme necessity (upon the existence of which, as its preamble shows, this policy of the Military Service Act is founded) that leads the State to take men by compulsion and put them in the fighting line requires that men shall be kept at home who are engaged in work essential to enable the State to maintain the full efficiency of the combatant forces, and whose places cannot be taken by others not within the class called out."

Ottawa, Dec. 8, 1917.

### UNION BANK OF CANADA

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Belleville Branch . . . . . J. G. Moffat, Manager  
Picton Branch . . . . . C. B. Beamish, Manager.

### ALBERT COLLEGE BYLAW READ

At City Council—Vote to be Taken at January Elections

The bylaw authorized the issue of debentures of the amount of \$25,000 for the purposes of granting aid to Albert College, by purchasing a site was last evening given first and second reading at the City Council. The debentures will bear interest at five per cent. and run for 20 years. Albert College will take up the debentures par.

City Treasurer, Mr. David Price. Albert College agrees to erect buildings for College purposes to the value of \$200,000 and to commence within three years after peace is signed. The city is protected by a provision.

The city agrees to close Parker street from the city limits to Wellington street to close Wellington from Parker to Dundas, and St. Peter street from Dundas to the northerly limit. In return the city will gain a strip 20 feet in width along the east side of Sidney street from Bridge street west to Dundas street.

Belleville will supply water at the east of pumps.

The New Methodist Hymn Books are for sale at Geen's, also New Canadian Hymnal.

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