

averse to being regarded as the "tail of the alliance," wagged tumultuously in baiting the trap thus set for the betrayal of the electorate. Though duly and faithfully cautioned not to sign the petition then circulated by the Alliance, a majority of the practitioners in the Province—beguiled by the specious blandishments of the "Ottawa Eolus," and suspecting no evil, signed, as requested. The consequences might have been quite serious, as the electorate would have thus been brought into collision with the House. This wished-for consummation was averted, however, by the prompt and determined action of your loyal opposition in the Council, which not only therein resisted the nefarious plot, but explained its true inwardness to the Government, and so brought it to an untimely end. I point with great satisfaction to the fact that my own small contribution to that result was deemed by the "ruling alliance" worthy of a special vote of censure, which I accepted as valuable, because impartial, evidence of my fidelity to your interests. I owe—I profess to owe no fealty to the "ruling alliance," or even to the Council itself, except so far as that body is loyal and fair to the interests I serve. My allegiance is due primarily to my constituents, and to those who, in the Council, act with me in maintaining the rights and looking after the vital concerns of the profession. As long, therefore, as I retain your confidence, and am sustained (as in this instance I was sustained) by a majority of my fellow representatives in the Council, I can bear with fortitude and equanimity both the censure and the coarse abuse of the "ruling alliance." In fact, were I at any time so unfortunate as to receive the commendation of that clique, I should feel constrained to take myself seriously to task, to find out in what respects I had so far betrayed the interests of my constituents as to merit its approval.

Again thanking you for this generous and all-but-unanimous expression of your continued confidence in me, and assuring you of my unflagging zeal in and devotion to the furtherance of your professional well-being, I beg, Gentlemen, to subscribe myself,

Faithfully yours,

JOHN H. SANGSTER.

Port Perry, October 10th, 1898.