

## PORTER AND GRAHAM RUNNING IN W. HASTINGS

Large Gathering of Electors, Including Ladies at Nominations at Stirling on Monday Afternoon—Spirited Speaking Followed Sheriff Morrison's Announcements—Addressees by Candidates and Supporters—Military Service Act Will Decide Election, Says Robert Cooke, M.P.P.—Mayor Ketcheson Endorses Union Government's Candidate—Ald. Deacon Wants Manufacturer Returned—Mr. F. R. Mallory Asks Farmers to Elect Graham who Knows Agriculture—James Duckworth's Appeal for Recognition of Merit—Some Hot Shots Fired by ex-Member and Answered.

Edward Guss Porter, barrister and former member of parliament, and Robert James Graham, farmer and manufacturer, both of Belleville, are the candidates for the House of Commons for the riding of West Hastings. The village of Stirling was crowded with electors yesterday for the nomination speeches at the opera house. Sheriff M. B. Morrison was on hand at twelve o'clock noon and up to the hour of two o'clock only two nomination papers had been filed, and accordingly the triangular fight was off. Both men are supporters of the "Win-the-War" Union Government and are Conservatives. Mr. Porter, Liberal Conservative and Mr. Graham announced himself as Independent Conservative.

**Interest was Intense**  
Interest in the nominations was much greater in Stirling than one would have anticipated. While only a few electors turned out in Toronto, Stirling's opera house was jammed to the doors, the pit and gallery, the staircase and aisle being filled. Quite a few of the new electors, the women, were in the hall and were interested spectators and listeners. Electors from all parts of the riding were present.

As the rival candidates came up the aisle, each was received with cheers. Mr. Graham came first. Mr. Porter followed some time later.

At two o'clock nominations closed and the returning officer, Sheriff Morrison made the announcement of the candidacies of Mr. Graham and Mr. Porter. He welcomed the electors, particularly the ladies, and promised them an interesting debate on national issues.

Among the names appearing on Mr. Graham's nomination paper were:

C. N. Sulman, H. W. Ackerman, Alvan McFee, L. W. Marsh, A. G. Vermilyea, Rev. Dr. R. C. Blagrave, C. M. Reid, John McIntosh, W. B. Deacon, D. V. Sinclair, Dr. H. A. Yeomans, Ven. Archdeacon Beamish, H. C. Earle, J. W. Cook, F. S. Deacon, J. Higgins, H. O. Elkins, James St. Charles, H. W. Greenleaf, T. H. Coppin, Thomas Manley, J. M. Wallace, C. S. Clapp, Oswald H. Scott, A. E. Bailey, F. S. Wilson, T. S. Carman, W. McIntosh, P. J. Wims, E. H. Tickell, P. J. Lee, W. M. Macintosh, W. C. Springer, Thomas Ritchie, H. Sanders.

H. F. Mitchell, John G. Meagher, J. A. Borbridge, A. Robinson, F. White, William Rose, George N. Simmons, M. Haslip, G. Ormond, W. W. Reppard, R. L. Johnston, Geo. Ruttan, H. W. Gould, K. Collins, F. Bennett, D. Culhane, Armour Bennett, H. L. Crew, J. J. O'Connor, F. J. Wims, J. C. McCarthy, F. B. Foley, Jas. Duckworth, F. G. Mills, J. V. Freeman, C. B. Scantlebury, John Weir, H. A. H. Evans, John Murphy, J. W. Holley, S. Lounsbury, W. Wyle, H. Taylor, Wm. Kyle, sr., S. S. Finkle, R. H. Day, S. Taylor, C. J. Mikell, H. C. Carr, W. S. Caldwell, Murney Sine, R. R. Spin, R. Davidson, H. Logue, W. J. Wardlaugh, H. Handley, W. J. Lynch, G. F. Orr, Jas. Clement, Peter Lamburd, Harry Gorham, Daniel Deshane, W. H. Geary, F. Howell, S. M. Sprague, N. Storm, Chas. Stewart, H. Harry, H. Slavin, J. Hoarn, J. Brock, J. Morton, F. S. Montgomery, G. A. Stitt, George Martin, S. A. Chapman, C. W. Saylor, G. Sprintall, R. W. Wellier, N. M. Reynolds, J. A. Sutcliffe, John Hanna of Trenton, W. H. Finkle, J. H. Ketcheson, J. A. Wright, George W. Bush, Donald Gunn, E. B. Mallory, A. L. Burk, W. W. Rush, L. A. Wilson, J. L. Donaldson, F. Jeffrey, C. Jeffrey, W. Yateman, C. M. Finkle, W. C. Reynolds, R. Wright, Thos. E. Watt, Herbert Watt, Robert Watt, Addison Coulter, J. Downey, E. B. Finkle, G. Palmer, Jas. Fargey, George Barton, F. H. Bird, W. Holmes, Chas. Bailey, F. H. Jeffrey, T. C. Mills, F. Reid, Arthur Caiman, Everett Ruth, Percy Mott, W. S. Davis, Elliott Collins, W. Wilson, J. A. Howe, John A. Ketcheson, Gilbert Bell.

Those who signed Mr. Porter's nomination paper were:

S. H. Treverton, L. B. Cooper, C.

### Eliminate Patronage

"What's the platform of the Union Government? The Prime Minister says patronage will be done away with. I am glad. Two offices are vacant—Trenton postmastership and Belleville customs officership. There must be a reward for merit instead of the curse of scrambling and patronage."

Mr. Graham expressed his belief in promotion on merit of officials. "What has been the record in the past? These offices have been given to workers in the party."

We have not always had fair and square dealing in the matter of military service in this constituency," said Mr. Graham who showed how

his son had enlisted as a private and won his commission in service. No man should be put over the head of others unless he has learned the lower grades himself.

"I have been blamed for bringing on this contest. What do we find in East Hastings? A contest in the Conservative party. The Conservative party would not stand for Mr. Northrup's plan for union and chose another candidate."

"I believe in honest government, in efficiency in every class of business. My career of thirty years in business is before you. I have always tried to give you a square deal. You will get a square deal from me. You will find no Tammany from me. I believe in doing what's fair and square for all."

### Business Men Needed

"I believe a business man can do more for you in parliament than a barrister. We have too many lawyers in Parliament. Don't you think it is time for change?"

"I have been told I made too much money out of the war. I have been told I want the war to go on. My son is on observation work, the most dangerous on the Flanders front. So I want the war to go on? There is nobody so earnestly desirous of bringing this war to an end."

### Denies Being a Profiteer

Mr. Graham declared he had had over 500 acres under cultivation in vegetables. This will help the soldiers at the front. "I am no profiteer. I venture to say there is not a man making a small percentage profit as I am. The money was not taken, which we have made, from your pockets, but came from Britain and France. I am too patriotic to be a profiteer."

### Who Brought Mr. Graham Out?

Mr. Edward Guss Porter after acknowledging a rousing reception turned to answer Mr. Graham. Who is Mr. Graham brought out by? He asked. By no party, or did he bring himself out?

Mr. Porter had thought it only wise and fair that he should postpone West Hastings convention in order to enable the Liberals to approach on the matter of Union. The Liberal announcement did not mention a Union candidate. The Liberals could not find a candidate. Col. O'Flynn, the Liberal nominee, had not announced himself. Mr. Graham was waited upon by Liberals and almost immediately he started to solicit support.

### Tammany in West Hastings

Tammany is known as the most corrupt organization in America. Mr. Graham had said West Hastings was controlled by Tammany. "That is you," (applause) said Mr. Porter.

Postmaster Gillen had been appointed after over thirty years of service, and the late Customs Officer, Arthur McGinnis, had been appointed after sixteen years. Is that patrism?

Mr. Porter said he disliked to speak of personalities, but Mr. Graham had inferred something about his son, and the service he was doing. "So far as my boy is concerned, he got his commission and went over to France. He left the infantry and today he has a subordinate position in a machine gun section at the front; all had, did go all Mr. Graham had not done so."

"I am glad to say that there is no party behind me. I am not brought out by a Conservative party or a Liberal party, but by the people's party (cheers). Has the Conservative party acted in the spirit of the Union Cabinet? I think not. Would it not have been a graceful thing for the former member to have called a Union convention of all parties? What had he to fear? If it had been held, doubtless today there would have been no contest. I feel I have the best thinking people of both political parties behind me. This is the time we should unite both parties to win the war. We have had too much politics in this riding. There has been a little Tammany trying to run things (cheers). I never had the honor to join the circle, but I believe this little circle has been controlling this constituency too long. The time has come for a change. Let us conclude differences of parties. This will be my aim. There will, I hope, be no political party when this contest is over."

This constituency has not been well represented as it might have been.

### Problem National, Not Personal

But, after all, the problem is national. Shall we support the boys at the front or drop out of it and be testosteroned on the nation? Are we going to allow Sir Wilfrid Laurier to prevent us carrying out our promises? Certain legislation was necessary as the volunteer system had played out. The selective system was chosen by Sir Robert Borden so as not to take men from the factory and farm if needed there.

"I want to pay my compliments to the ladies. The question is, will you support the boys at the front, or let Laurier's party win, to let the boys go down in their graves in France, unwept, unhonored and unsung?"

### Buy War Bonds, Said Burrows

Mr. S. Burrows—"I am proud of the honor of following two distinguished men. It takes men, money and munitions to win the war. I

have not always had fair and square dealing in the matter of military service in this constituency," said Mr. Graham who showed how

am working to win the war. I am standing here to sell you a war loan. We have given you Canada as security. Why do you keep your money in the bank at three per cent? I would give \$5,000 tomorrow if I thought that would win the war."

"It will be the greatest disgrace that ever befell Canada if the War Loan fails. We should subscribe \$600 millions." (Cheers.)

### Graham Will Support Borden

Mr. F. R. Mallory, supporting Mr. Graham, said: "I am proud that there is not a single man in West Hastings that is not a Borden man."

Sir Robert has served his country and has succeeded in securing Union Government to avoid chaos. Shame on the men who did not have some kind of a mass meeting to bring out a Union candidate! It should have been done."

"I know Mr. Graham will support Sir Robert Borden and that is all I care for. I would sooner cut off my right hand than have Mr. Graham support Sir Wilfrid Laurier." (Mr. Graham—"Never!")

### A Farmers' Representative

Agriculturists want a man in parliament who will see that proper prices are fixed. The price of cheese was fixed too low. (Cries "Yes!" "No!" "Yes!" "No!")

In this rural constituency of West Hastings we should have some man who would represent the farmer. Looking over Mr. Porter's seventeen years, I cannot see one thing where he has represented the farmers.

### More Statesmanship; Less Politics

We want some statesmanship in West Hastings. We have had too much politics. The Government admits oleomargarine. Farmers don't understand agriculture. Mr. Graham has pledged himself to support agriculture in Parliament. Mr. Graham knows agriculture. He depends on the farmers for produce, and he knows what it costs to raise vegetables.

### Mr. Porter's Statement

Mr. Porter has done everything possible for the men overseas. There is no man in West Hastings who has done more for our men overseas than Mr. E. Guss Porter.

### If You Want to See Your Boys Come Home, Let's Get Together

If you are loyal, if you will stand for the Union Government and its candidate.

### The Union Government

The Union Government have selected me as their candidate and they desire my services.

### Mr. Deacon's Statement

Mr. Deacon sought to reply to the ingratitude plain made by Mr. Porter, but the crowd was about to disband. After cheers for the King and the candidates, the national anthem was sung.

### THURLOW RESIDENCE BURNED

Tenants Furniture was Rescued from House

Fire on Sunday morning about eleven o'clock destroyed the large frame residence on the Cannington Road, Thurlow, owned by Mr. Cornelius Donovan. The building was rented. The origin of the fire is unknown. A great deal of the tenant's belongings were rescued.

The building itself was badly wrecked. Mr. Donovan had about one thousand dollars insurance on the building.

### TRENTON BUILDINGS BURNED

Residence and Two Barnes Demolished on Saturday

Fire on Saturday afternoon at four-thirty o'clock totally destroyed the large and beautiful dwelling of Mr. Kensiely on Victoria Avenue, Trenton. The origin is unknown. So rapidly did the blaze spread that only the piano and a few chairs were rescued. Mr. Kensiely's barn and the adjacent barn were also destroyed. The loss will approach \$4,000. Mr. Kensiely's residence was of frame construction and was very elaborately furnished.

### JUDGMENT FOR DIVORCE GRANTED

On the 20th day of June, 1917, in Superior Court of Monroe County, New York, Edith Pearl Branscombe, formerly of Prince Edward County, but now of Deseronto, was granted an interlocutory judgment for a divorce from her husband, Arthur J. Branscombe, also formerly of Prince Edward County, and on October 2nd, 1917, final judgment for an absolute divorce was decreed to Mrs. Branscombe on the grounds of adultery.

Mr. Borden has got some of the biggest men in this country in his Union Cabinet. Look at the sacrifices of our boys. "We have got to give up the petty party politics and vote for the right man."

### Military Appointments Criticized

Mr. Graham again spoke. He first referred to Mr. Porter's reference to their sons. His reference was not personal.

Mr. Porter—"Why did you then do right to encourage them to enter the service?"

Mr. Graham—"Because there were a great many fellows who went with political pull."

The Liberals offered a proposal of a Union candidate, but it was turned down. "Who put me in the field?" The ex-mayors, the business men, manufacturers and farmers. I did not come out on my own accord, and I am prepared to do something.

### Denies Mr. Porter's Charge

Mr. Graham said regarding the in-

vention of their charge. "I am a Waste Paper Basket" and resumed in the after Regis' cross-examination.

Tilley was continued, admitted that Sister Basile had made the report to her. She said she sent the report to the same time it lay on the desk. It was custom to destroy the reports after looking over the notes from them. It was advisable she would write to the Council.

Regis gave an answer regarding the report to the fact that Sister Basile was not available and regulations because she made investigation of the charges. Mother Regis also did not show the reprobation. The letter to the House on an average month.

to say that you made the report into the charges report because you al-

most say that they were false." Tilley to the superior, at

replied the witness. "I replied that they reported Mother Regis did not give the charges to the reporter.

Regis replied that he did not present the report to the reporter.

Replied that she received 70 reports from presented them.

Replied that all these and left unrepresented?"

Replied that the charges were un-

the witness. "I was asked if she had been put to bed, had not could not say

asked Mother Regis a heating plant. There

heating plant erected in 1909, and it was 914.

any expert advice?"

as the place was under the nurses' care.

Replied that the nurses told you to take the hot water and put in a hot

manners." Replied that your nephew was un-

the witness. "I was slow to answer, and ed her to hurry up. witness said she did advice of her nephew, it cost to make the

now."

Replied that it be done by contract." Replied that your nephew to do

member." Consult any person else?"

Replied that contractor."

was in Error

ing of the Supreme Court of Ontario morning, Mr. Mc-Defence, drew the attention to the account

Thursday night's issue of the Whig, and pointed out errors.

and attributed to the statement that Sister Basile had not been given a chance. This and other from the examination could have been cred- Frances Regis and

she was HITE WOUNDED

White, 78 Gordon Street, received a report

Office at Ottawa Charles Lewis White, in- ten admitted to the lance depot on Nov. 11, from gunshot wound

who is well known as for several years a Anglo American Hotel. Went overseas with Oshawa, Ont.

Montreal is spending with Mrs. Thomas Street East.

W. H. CHAMBERLAIN WOUNDED

Mr. John Dalton, 14 Wickett Street, yesterday received a telegram from Ottawa that No. 63691 Pte. W. H. Chamberlain, who is Mrs. Dalton's nephew had been admitted to the