

A Lie Nailed.

For straight-out downright lying we cannot find a match for the Guelph Herald. In again alluding to the strike among Mr. Hepburn's workmen, it states on Friday that while we allowed Mr. Hepburn and Mr. Brown, his foreman, to tell their version of the affair through our columns, we refused to give the men who struck a chance to reply. The statement is entirely false, and the Herald when it makes it knows that it is so. We never refused to allow any of the men to tell their story, because not one of them ever asked us to insert a single letter or explanation in regard to the paragraph which first appeared in the Mercury, giving the facts concerning the strike. On Tuesday morning two of the men called at this office, and handed in a paper on which was written two lines, to the effect that they had struck work because Mr. Hepburn had employed unskilled labor. We told them that we would give their statement publicity, but at the same time would make full inquiry into the matter, and give all the facts. Since then not a single striker has asked us to insert a line on the subject, and yet the Herald has the effrontery to say that we refused to give any of them a chance to explain. We dare the Herald to prove its assertion, and failing that we brand it as knowingly fabricating and circulating falsehoods. Had any of the men seen fit to send us a letter of explanation or contradiction of anything we advanced, we would willingly have published it, just as we published Mr. Brown's letter. We repeat that our first statement regarding the strike is substantially true, that it has been confirmed by Mr. Brown's letter, and that neither the men nor the Herald have been able to point out where we or Mr. Brown travelled outside the facts.

The Herald on Job Printing.

Like a desperate man catching at straws, the Herald travels all round to invent some motive for our supporting Messrs. Howard, Raymond and McLagan, and falsely asserts that we would not give the men who struck work at Mr. Hepburn's the other day a hearing through our columns, because they had no jobbing patronage to dispense. On several previous occasions we have had the same thing thrown in our teeth, for it is one of the despicable arguments used by the Herald, when no other exists. We shall answer this paltry, contemptible charge once for all. As regards Mr. Hepburn's men, we have received more money from the Crispin Society of this town for job printing than we ever received from Mr. Hepburn. If the Herald's reasoning was sound, therefore, we would rather take their side, irrespective altogether of the question whether they were in the right or in the wrong. But in our management of the Mercury we have never allowed any such miserable, selfish consideration to interfere in our outspoken condemnation or approval of anything said or done which calls for comment at our hands. We conduct our job printing department on sound business principles. We ask no man for his work on this patronage. If he comes to us for printing, we treat him—be he rich or poor—with the same consideration and courtesy as a merchant would do a customer entering his store, we try to give him satisfaction and the worth of his money, and that done we consider there is no obligation on either side, for it is a purely business transaction.

We can honestly say that we have ever endeavored to conduct our business in this way, and never allowed it to influence in the slightest degree our opinions on public questions, or on public men. We hold that the duties of a journalist are too sacred, and his responsibility to the public of too grave a character, to allow them to be tampered with in the slightest degree, or influenced by any such selfish or sordid considerations. Can Mr. Chadwick, whose paper is eternally boasting of his and its independence, say that he has pursued this honorable course? Did he not help last January in the County Council to vote himself the County printing, contrary to the statute, which expressly disqualifies any one from sitting at the council who has any contract with the county? How did Mr. Chadwick get over the difficulty? By the despicable trick of substituting his own name in the tender for that of his foreman, he at the same time being the actual contractor. Was this honorable or fair business dealing? Was it in any sense creditable to a representative to vote money into his own pocket, and at the same time to evade the law by such a thinly disguised trick? We have not met a man yet who had the hardihood to defend such an action, but we have heard many condemn it as dishonorable in the highest degree. And yet Mr. Chadwick seeks re-election in order that he may do the same thing again; and his paper all the while prates about his independence and purity, and impugns the motives of the Mercury, against whom it cannot prefer a single charge of dishonest or dishonorable dealing in any business transaction, or of even, at any time, making any effort to curry favor with any individual or body, in order to secure their patronage.

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The Herald on the Working Men.

The Herald all at once professes to have a wonderful concern for the welfare of the working men. It, forsooth "refuses to stand by and see the working-men held up to public execration." What hypocritical, high-sounding balderdash! Who is holding them up to execration, and in what way is this terrible crime being committed? We have had enough of generalities; let the Herald for once descend to particulars, and give us chapter and verse to prove its assertions. Let it at the same time tell us what has ever Mr. Chadwick done for the working men to entitle him to their gratitude and support. As far as our knowledge extends his efforts in that direction amount to nothing. But then, when he needs their votes, he is such a fine fellow, such a friend to the working-man, and his paper par excellence their special champion. Out upon such detestable hypocrisy! In the face of its much vaunted concern for their interests, hear the following estimate it gives of them, which we denounce as an insult to their intelligence and good judgment:—

"We admit that workingmen, as a rule, are not very wise in their methods of moving, and we cannot expect them to be. Generally unaccustomed to the transaction of public business, or the organization of plans and schemes on a large scale, they are in the habit of looking to others for leadership and guidance. Journalists, politicians and employers should make allowance for their defects of judgment, and not measure them by the severe standard applicable to those of a greater experience and better opportunities." [From the Herald of Wednesday, on the strike.]

Mr. D'Arcy Boulton, Toronto, is to run for Tom Ferguson's vacant South Simcoe seat, against Mr. Thomas Saunders, the Reform candidate.

An Ottawa correspondent says that surveying parties from British Columbia arrived on Thursday and Friday. They report the line of road over the Rocky Mountains as vastly easier than the U. S. Pacific.

"Empire First" is the latest motto. A "Young Men's Liberal Conservative Association" of Toronto has adopted it. They go in for Bickford and the Scandal. It is suggested by the Hamilton Times that a new party be now got up with "All Creation First" as its motto.

The state of the Quebec judiciary has long furnished an unfortunate exception to the pride with which we in Canada and our old country fellow-citizens regard our Judges. The dissatisfaction on this score seems to have broken out into an open rupture between the bar and the bench in Montreal. At the opening of the Court of Queen's Bench on Friday, the lawyers on the appeal side, without exception, refused to carry on their cases, alleging that they could not do so without the reorganization of the bench. Judges Badgely, Taschereau, Monk and Ramey waited fifteen minutes and then left. If Duval, the Chief Justice, gets better, he will likely come up and reform the full bench.

The Cunningham Assault. Fuller particulars of the late murderous assault upon Mr. Cunningham, the member for Margate, are to hand in the Manitoba papers. The Manitoba thus alludes to the matter:—"On Sunday morning, about eleven o'clock, as Mr. Cunningham, M. P., was passing along the street in Pembina, a man named Lennon, after inquiring if his name was Mr. Cunningham, exclaimed—"What did you do to my brother two years ago?" and felled him to the ground; he then gouged his eye. Mr. Cunningham at length managed to throw him off, but on getting to his feet he was unmercifully beaten by Lennon, a C. S. soldier, and several others. After he had been rendered insensible, the ruffians left off, and Mr. Cunningham managed to make his way into Mr. Gilmour's kitchen, where he was kindly attended to and his wounds dressed. Mr. Cunningham had managed to come along in the stage in company with his daughter, on Monday, but has suffered considerably since. For internal hurts received by the ruffians. His face is badly disfigured. Lennon is a brother of the man Lennon, of the Red Saloon in Winnipeg, whom Mr. Cunningham, along with other magistrates, caused to be arrested during the Peilan troubles two years ago. Both brothers have frequently threatened revenge.

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