

THE ONTARIO APOLOGISES

Our reversible contemporary somewhat ingeniously or ingenuously construes a courteous reply in The Ontario to certain statements it had made, into an apology to the official enumerators for West Hastings.

The Ontario made no apology to the enumerators for we never said anything for which apology was necessary. We stand by every statement we have made in reference to the enumerators, absolutely and without reserve.

Trying to draw the attention of the public away from the main issue by pathetic compassion for the poor enumerators is not what is needed just now. The matter to be concerned about is not any supposed attack on enumerators but a roundabout attempt to interfere with the rights of about twelve thousand of the free electors of West Hastings. Here are a few things that the public are deeply interested in and we challenge our well-informed contemporary to deny the truth of any of them or to give straightforward answers to the questions propounded. Now, then, will our contemporary either please get down to facts or stop this foolish quibbling which deceives nobody who doesn't want to be deceived.

Was there or was there not an attempt made to add about 2000 names to the voters' lists in West Hastings that had no business to be there?

Were about twenty rural enumerators in West Hastings strongly advised to disregard Sheriff Morrison's plain instructions and directed to add these names in defiance of the law?

If so, who gave these secondary and false instructions?

How many of the rural enumerators handed in lists in which numbers of unauthorized names appeared?

Were not a number of these enumerators cautioned by Sheriff Morrison about the manner in which they were doing their work and did not they receive directions a second time from Somebody in Belleville to disregard Sheriff Morrison entirely in this matter?

Did not the official lists handed in at first contain large numbers of names that had no right to be there?

Did not the enumerators in Trenton have to make out new lists on Monday because of orders Sheriff Morrison had received from Ottawa?

Did not Sheriff Morrison and Somebody in Belleville have a serious misunderstanding because of bogus instructions being given out?

Did not Sheriff Morrison receive definite instructions from the Department of Justice at Ottawa that the attempted wrong must be made right forthwith, or he (the sheriff) would be held personally responsible?

Does our contemporary think that if Somebody in Belleville did as Somebody in Belleville is alleged to have done in attempting to interfere with the plain working of the law, to interfere with a conscientious official like Sheriff Morrison in the honest discharge of his duty, to interfere with official enumerators and try to induce them to disregard their oath of office and break the law—does our contemporary think that Somebody would be right in work of that kind?

Does our contemporary know of any more serious moral offence than an attempt to destroy democracy by interference with the free expression of the electorate?

Is not that the chief principle at stake in the great war in Europe?

If those 2,000 names had got on the lists and not been discovered before Dec. 31st, is there any method by which they could have been removed?

Would not those votes be likely to go in favor of those who had secured them the privilege?

Our contemporary states that no official lists were delivered to Mr. Graham before Saturday evening, December the first and that a statement in The Ontario about lists being in his hands prior to that date was untrue. This is really a very minor point. We merely reaffirm most positively and emphatically and challenge our contemporary to disprove our statements.

Official lists were in Mr. Graham's hands as early as Thursday, Nov. 29th.

A majority of the lists were in Mr. Graham's hands by three o'clock p.m. on Saturday, December 1st.

THE PLEA OF POVERTY

The appeal in our local contemporary on Saturday night to the electors to support Mr. Porter on account of his poverty was probably intended as a piece of humor. "Mr. Porter is not spending the money and he hasn't got it to spend. The high cost of living has jumped past any increase in income that has come to him," our contemporary remarks in a peculiar strain.

If the reports of commercial agencies, as well as common reports, are to be relied upon, then Mr. Porter is one of the wealthiest men in Belleville. It is not likely that Mr. Porter will be spending much of his own money in this or any other election. Farm mortgages make a more reliable investment. How much of Mr. Porter's reputed wealth has been spent to build up Belleville or any part of West Hastings in any way? How much money has Mr. Porter invested in any industry in Belleville or Trenton?

In his seventeen years in parliament, Mr. Porter has drawn from the public treasury over \$50,000. He has had, in addition, for thirty years or more, a lucrative law practice, that should be worth many thousands per annum. Abject poverty, under those conditions is hard to understand. We discuss such matters as this with the utmost reluctance. But as Mr. Porter's journalistic sponsor is spreading Mr. Porter's private affairs all over its front page, in order to make political capital against Mr. Graham, we are excusable for taking notice.

NOT A WAR INDUSTRY

The published statement that the Graham industries were in a bad way prior to the war and that they were saved from bankruptcy by the timely arrival of the conflict in Europe, is entirely and maliciously false. Long before the war, Graham's Limited was one of the most prosperous businesses in Ontario and financially sound in every particular. The Graham business is not a war industry but has a substantial basis in times of peace. It will go on and prosper after the war, the same as it was doing in the past. The war brought special contracts of large amount but these contracts did not come by the medium of shell committees or by pull of any description. They came to Belleville, in full and open competition with the world. They were straight business transactions. The profits from those contracts which were considerable in 1915, but nothing in 1916 have all gone to expand the business and create new opportunities for labor in West Hastings.

A FRIENDLY SUGGESTION

Our local contemporary is evidently in difficulties. Having applied the name of "Fiction Factory" on 842 different occasions to The Ontario, through some oversight this withering epithet was omitted from last night's issue. Perhaps the discriminating contemporary had gained the impression that "Fiction Factory" was becoming a trifle monotonous or stale and it was at a loss for a synonym that would be equally as impressive. We take the liberty of suggesting a few to that the editorial page may not be abandoned or publication suspended. The following may not be just as good but they might do on a pinch, by way of variety, — deceiver, liar, charlatan, false witness, mountebank, impostor, cheat, humbug, hypocrite, prestidigitator, rogue, pharisee, judas, pecksniff, swindler, story-teller, trickster, pretender, sophist, shuffler, dissembler, empiric, dumphool, intriguer, knave, perjurer, wolf-in-sheep's-clothing, helva-man, worker-of-iniquity, weaver-of-weird whoppers, conjurer-of-cunning-concoctions, fabricator-of-fool-fables, etc., etc.

We had thought of Edmonton-brain-stormer also, but that remark having already been used 137 times to express our contemporary's scorn for Victory Loan Advertisements, it has begun to lose edge.

For our own part we like "liar" best of all. It is short, and to the point and saves a lot of work these busy times, for the type-setter.

"Fiction Factory" sounded fairly funny up to the 600th time it was published. There was about it a pleasing alliteration and a subtle suggestiveness that always brought a smile to the reader, no matter how tired or blue he might be feeling. But there has been some apprehension of late that it was doing too much work and carrying an unfair share of Porter's election campaign. As a matter of common justice, therefore, we have taken the matter up so as to suggest a means of relief.

The shameless indecency of the attack on Mr. Graham in the front page editorial of Saturday night's Intelligencer exceeds all previous efforts along this line.—And that is saying much.

Mr. Porter appears to have joined the Bolsheviks along with his journalistic sponsor. He has issued an appeal, in pamphlet form to the poor downtrodden workmen of Belleville that is calculated to make the very paving-stones rise up and mutiny against conditions so terrible. Mr. Porter would have these wretched corporations divide up their ill-gotten plunder with the hard-handed son of toil.

"He has at all times," says the circular, "lined himself upon the side of the workman and against the hungry corporations. In his private law practice Mr. Porter has time and again... taken up the cause of the poor and lowly... He has always been the workmen's protector and friend in parliament and out."

**W. B. NORTHRUP
RETIRES FROM CONTEST
IN EAST HASTINGS**

Will Now be a Straight Fight Between William Cross, Liberal, and Thos. H. Thompson, Union Government Candidate.

Mr. W. B. Northrup, K.C., M.P., at noon today announced his retirement from the election contest in East Hastings. This will leave a clear field of the Liberal Candidate, William Cross and Thomas H. Thompson, endorsed by the Union Government as their candidate.

Strong pressure was brought by the Union government organization to bear upon Mr. Northrup to induce him to retire. He has finally yielded to their solicitations and resigned from his candidature.

Mr. Northrup reports that he received everywhere that he went in his canvass the heartiest assurances of support from both Conservative and conscriptionist Liberals. He was called to Ottawa yesterday and his retirement is no doubt due to an understanding arrived at there.

Mr. Northrup is now sixty-one

years old. After graduating with high honors from Toronto University in 1877 he was called to the bar in 1878. He was created at K.C. in 1902 and was elected a bencher of the law society in 1906.

He first entered politics in 1891 as candidate for the House of Commons but was defeated by the late S. B. Burdett by a majority of 54. Mr. Burdett died in 1892 and Mr. Northrup was elected at the by-election by 422 majority. In the election of 1896 Mr. Northrup was defeated by Mr. J. M. Hurley by 223 majority. In 1900 Mr. Northrup won over Mr. Hurley by 71. In 1904, running in greater East Hastings, Mr. Northrup was victorious over Mr. (now Judge) G. E. Deroche by 328. In 1908 Mr. Northrup had as his opponent Mr. J. K. McCargar and was elected by 1345.

In the election of 1911 Mr. Northrup defeated the late F. P. Clark by a majority of 1066. He was 21 years a member of the House of Commons. Mr. Northrup was a ready debater and took a prominent part in affairs at Ottawa. At the entry to the house in 1892 he moved the address in reply to the speech from the throne. He seconded the address inviting King Edward and Queen Alexandra to visit Canada in 1906. In that same year he accompanied Mr. Borden on his tour of the Northwest.

Mr. Northrup's other activities are so well known locally as not to need mention here.

**BRIEF COMMENTS ON
THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN**

Mr. Graham commences his final week of campaigning with a mass meeting at Moore's Town Hall tonight. The electors of Huntington township are rallying to Graham in a remarkable manner and his meeting tonight will no doubt be a huge success.

Mr. Graham spoke at five of the most successful political meetings in this campaign last week. The citizens of the north country turned out in large numbers to greet him on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and the workmen's meetings in Trenton and Belleville were huge successes from every standpoint.

Lady voters of West Hastings are fast seeing the wisdom of voting for Graham on election day. The truth about the false claims in behalf of the conservative candidate of "bringing their boys home" and other imaginary tales is fast coming to light. And as one speaker at the workmen's meeting on Saturday night said: "The only way Mr. Porter could bring the boys home was to go over to Germany and get the Kaiser into a law suit."

An important committee meeting of all the ward committees is called for tonight at Mr. Graham's rooms. There are only five more days to complete the work on hand so let there be a full turnout.

At Saturday night's meeting in the city hall, Mr. Springer remarked: "that the voters of Belleville, and West Hastings should fall over themselves to vote for Mr. Graham for it

would be the greatest of good fortune to have a man like him representing us at Ottawa."

Mr. White of the Marsh and Henderson Co. said at Saturday night's meeting that Mr. Porter was insulting the workmen's intelligence by ringing paid orators to Belleville to try to convince the workmen against their convictions. He furthermore inquired if this was because Mr. Porter could not get any workmen from the Belleville factories to stand on the platform and speak on his behalf.

Mr. Graham's "bogus enumerators" have already been instrumental in placing about 100 qualified voters on the official lists. This has been no small task on the part of Mr. Graham's workers as practically all these persons have to be brought before the appeal court personally, and many of these were lady voters.

Campaign Notes

Mr. Graham left today for Huntington with his car and took along three snow shovels. It takes more than snow-banks to stop the march to victory of the Graham forces.

Great expectations are being aroused by the announcement of the mass meeting for Mr. Graham at Griffin's opera house on Saturday night. Prominent speakers have been engaged and Mr. Graham will have some interesting facts to disclose.

The statement in Thursday's Ontario in reference to the small attendance at Mr. Porter's meeting at Bancroft was an error due to a mistake in taking the report over long distance telephone. The small attendance referred to Mr. Porter's meeting at Maynooth, as the time mentioned in the report makes plain Mr. Porter's meeting at Bancroft was well attended and we have no desire to misrepresent it by stating otherwise.

Mr. R. J. Graham's committee-room for the ladies will in future be in the rooms lately occupied by the Victory Loan committee, Campbell street. These will be open daytime and evenings until the close of the campaign. All ladies interested in R. J. Graham's election are invited to use these rooms at all times when desired for committee work or other purposes. Telephone will be installed. Any information wanted will be carefully looked after.

RICHARD F. YOUNG

Richard F. Young, a former Bellevillian, died in Toronto. His remains will be brought here tomorrow for interment.

DEATH OF CHILD

Harold R. Carter, six months' old child of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert J. Carter, 198 Cedar street died this morning.

Everything New

For Christmas

- New Handkerchiefs
- New Collars
- New Blouses
- New Gloves
- New Silk Hosiery
- New Kimonos
- New Bodilong Caps
- New Camisoles
- New Corset Covers
- New Umbrellas
- New Brushed Wool Sweaters

MENS WEAR

- Gloves—Mitts
- Boys—Braces

NECKTIES

- Shirts—Collars
- Irish Linen Handkerchiefs \$8.00
- \$6.00 doz.
- Extra values in sweaters

Wims & Co

Santa Clause



Is Out To Make Everybody Happy And He Says Do Your Xmas Shopping At SINCLAIR'S

Every department of our Store is now prepared for the rush of Christmas shopping and we most cordially invite your inspection of our wonderful display of useful Christmas Gifts.

This is one Christmas Season when SANE PEOPLE will fully appreciate the Giving and Receiving of Useful Gifts.

SINCLAIR'S

CHRISTMAS LINENS

One of the big attractions of our store is our display of Pure Linen Cloths, Napkins, Runners, Centre Pieces, Drapes, Laundry Bags, Hand-Made Mederia, Jap Drawn Linens, Irish Hand Embroidered Pillow Cases, Tea Cloths, Shams, Carvers, etc., and on all these Linen Goods you will find our Prices most attractive.

SINCLAIR'S

Table Cloths and Napkins to Match

Every Woman appreciates a Gift of Linens at the Christmas season and we show a wonderful range of Pure Linen Table Cloths with Napkins to match, in all sizes, to sell from \$8.50 to \$25.00 per set, Cloth and Napkins.

SINCLAIR'S

Hand-Made Maderia Sets

Here are some of our choicest Christmas Gifts, Hand Made Mederia, Tea Sets, including Thirteen Large and Small Pieces to sell at \$5.00, \$5.50, \$6.50, \$7.50, \$8.50, \$9.00, \$10.00, \$15.00 and \$16.50 per set.

SINCLAIR'S

LADIES' PLUSH COATS

If you are interested in Plush Coats we would advise you to see our values in Ladies and Misses' Coats. These are shown in several styles, in every size from 34 to 42 inch bust measure and at many prices from \$29.50 to \$67.50.

SINCLAIR'S

SILK FLEUR DE CHENE

This is without doubt the best of this season's Dress Silks, so good that we show it in no less than Nineteen Shades, a Dress Silk that we absolutely Guarantee, a 37 inch Silk to sell at \$2.50 yard.

SINCLAIR'S

New Silk Crepe Waists

These are shown in great variety of styles, in Beached Hand Embroidered, Tucked and Hemstitched Effects, in every fashionable shade to sell from \$3.50 to \$16.50 each.

SINCLAIR'S

Ladies' Dressing Gowns

Just for the Christmas Season we show a lot of Ladies' Full Length Dressing Gowns, very handsome Velours, Patterns and real Comfy Styles to sell from \$8.50 to \$9.50 each.

SINCLAIR'S

One Hundred Doz. Hdks's. 7c

This is one of the specials of our Handkerchief Counter, a very special Embroidered Hdks's, so good that we bought 100 dozen of this one line to sell at 7c each or 4 for 25c.

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