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RESIGNATION STORY IS FLATLY DENIED

W. E. N. Sinclair Says He Never Had Intention of Re- signing Leadership

In the Legislature yesterday, W. E. N. Sinclair, Liberal Leader, gave further denial to the story that he was to resign his post, and that he would be succeeded by Hon. G. N. Gordon of Peterboro'.

Only Newspaper Tale.

"Newspaper stories," said Mr. Sinclair, rising before the orders of the day were called, "help sell newspapers. The more unlikely the story the better the sale. Monday papers usually sell slower than those on other days of the week. The Telegram of yesterday had to have a big story, and it chose myself."

"Hooray," gibed the Conservative benches.

"It simply states," said Mr. Sinclair, unruffled, "that I am to relinquish the leadership of the Liberal Party. It then states there is no likelihood of my retiring. In the latter statement it is absolutely correct. Its reason is that the party here are enthusiastically supporting me, and I am glad to know it has correctly stated the situation.

Nothing in Rumor.

"Let me say to The Telegram that there is nothing to the rumor of my retirement. I have never given it any consideration. The Liberals of Ontario are satisfied with me, and the work I am doing for them."

"So are the Conservatives," gibed Premier Ferguson.

"As long as the present happy conditions exist," continued Mr. Sinclair, "there is no reason for any change in leadership. When a change is desirable the Liberals of Ontario will make it, and The Toronto Telegram will have no vote. I hope this statement settles the mind of The Telegram and the Conservative party, and gives them the assurance that I propose to remain in my present position. The Liberals never had any notion that I proposed to abandon a work which was giving considerable concern to the present Government."