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Letters to the Editor

Dr. Edwards to Mr. Bushell. Catarqui, June 22.—(To the Editor): In his third epistle the man of "profound intelligence" provides an excellent example of a man's hind sight being better than his foresight when he says he sees no reason for continuing the controversy which he started. I am not so much alarmed by his desperate threat that he may "become ungentlemanly also" as will be those who, on the market and elsewhere, have listened with awe and reverence to his pious exhortations, have basked in the sunshine of his urbanity and been ennobled by his unflinching courtesy, his gentle reproof, his kind solicitude for and unselfish devotion to others and his modest disregard of his own entrancing talents. The intimation from the man of "profound intelligence" that "Bob Bushell might under any circumstances become ungentlemanly" will no doubt be received with chill surprise by his host of devoted admirers and with profound sorrow by Premier Drury with whom he says he is "closely intimate."

Far be it from me to be the unwitting cause of such a dire calamity. Just as one would be surprised to learn that a wife had left her home because her husband spent too much time in prayer and other religious exercises, so is one amazed that "profound intelligence" could deliberately contemplate descending from his pedestal of superlative virtue. However, what has been done once can be undertaken with more confidence a second time.

I did not seek this controversy, Mr. Editor, nor did I wish for it any more than I would seek or wish for a combat with a polecat, but I owe it to those who have honored me with their confidence to resent an unprovoked attack from the striped creature whether it goes on four legs or two.

As a public man I am ready to debate public issues on the platform or in the press, but I frankly admit I have not reached that state of grace which would enable me to turn the other cheek and overlook the venom associated with personal ambition. If there is any small portion of truth in any of Mr. Bushell's letters it is so deeply buried in falsehood and misrepresentation that no human skill can effect a separation. What public issue was involved in his falsehood that I had said I would prefer Germany to the United States? What object had he in view in falsely charging me with giving Mr. Fawcett no chance to reply. I have already shown by quoting his own words from Whig and Standard that his references to my public meetings were grossly untrue, as were also his many and varied statements regarding my participation in by-elections.

As an evidence of his own peculiar brand of veracity note his declaration on June 10th that no application was made for a government job and these words in his last letter, "As to the goaler position I can say I was an applicant for the position." Yes and he might add that in the early part of 1914 he was after the position of Bursar at the asylum. What a robust and vehement

ment Tory he was in those days, and how he hated the Grits. If he looks in Webster again he will notice and perhaps appreciate the other definition of sycophant "a mean or servile flatterer, especially of great men."

Why does he make his untrue statement regarding my connection with the fair? Every one of the ten years I was secretary-treasurer of the township fair showed a balance on the right side and the average balance in the last four years I was in office was \$422.88 as compared with an average balance of \$228.71 for the first four years under the man of "profound intelligence." I never alluded to Prince Edward Island, Mr. Bushell. Why do you say I did?

True I was a school teacher for many years but never had I such a hopeless pupil as Bobby Bushell. He is always at the foot of the class in geography and the poor boy simply cannot learn history, particularly political history.

The manufacturers' deputation waited on the Laurier government on January 13th, 1911, and the vegetable growers on February 10th. You just had things turned wrong end to Robert—a bad habit you have acquired. Politics makes strange bedfellows. Mr. Drury went to Ottawa asking for free trade and Mr. Bushell went protesting against free vegetables. Mr. Bushell says he voted against reciprocity and blames me for doing the same. Mr. Bushell is opposed to taking the duty off vegetables, and yet is seeking the candidature of a party which makes free trade in farm and garden products its chief plank. Mr. Bushell rails against patronage where it has been abolished and supports the resolution passed in Kingston last November: "That positions be filled at the recommendation of the U.F.O. of Frontenac."

Mr. Bushell has no use for commissions and yet backs the Drury government which has had more commissions than any government in any part of Canada. Mr. Bushell has some adverse criticism for dominion expenditure but no word of disapproval of the Drury government, which has already added tens of millions to the provincial debt and is following a road policy which will crush the farmers of Frontenac and other countries under a burden of debt and taxation. These are things which might engage the attention of the man of "profound intelligence," but for the fact that blinded by bigotry he mistakes malevolence for virtue and nurses and parades it with Pharisaical ostentation.

—J. W. EDWARDS.

(Editor's Note.—Now that both Mr. Bushell and Dr. Edwards have had an equal number of "roses" at each other, the Whig has decided it best to close the controversy.)

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The Late John P. Mathewson On Tuesday morning the funeral of the late John P. Mathewson took place from his late home, 34 Simcoe street, to St. Mary's cathedral, at 9 o'clock where a solemn requiem mass was sung for the repose of his soul. Deceased was an old and much-respected resident of the city, widely known, and the funeral was attended by a goodly number of his old friends and acquaintances, and many warm tributes were paid to the deceased, who was a good type of citizen. The pallbearers were J. O'Reilly, E. Gow, a son-in-law of the deceased, and four grandsons, Alban, "Teddy," Albert and Erwald. Nell Mathewson, a nephew, of Toronto, came down for the funeral, also Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Crawford, of Toronto.

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