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ENFORCE THE BY-LAWS.

The city should, without delay, amend its by-laws, and enforce them. The Whig has been asked to protest against the practice of usurping the sidewalks, the whole of it, during building operations and for an indefinite time. One can see the wisdom of closing in a part of the walk during some operations, but two contractors have given, at the one time, an illustration of how the law can be interpreted.

One, on Princess street, took out the front of the store and changed the beam which carried the whole of the front. He managed to get along with half the sidewalk, for which the people offered them profound thanks. The other fenced in the whole of the walk, on Brock street, and used it while the wall was going up. Then he started to mix his mortar upon it, leisurely, deliberately, while people walked the street, and the business men adjoining suffered. The man who protested against this had reason on his side.

Why cannot contractors show a little common sense? Why cannot they be reasonable in their encroachments? And why cannot the council see to it that it has laws, reasonably exacting, which can be enforced?

ACTING WITH PRUDENCE.

The city has had a call from two or three men, experts from the Hydro-Electric commission, whose mission was, apparently, to show the power department here how unreasonable it can be. It accepted the report of Mr. Kelsch, and that has been interpreted as closing the doors against any offer from the Hydro-Electric people. The committee has not made a declaration to that effect; neither has the city council.

Those who represent the people in public affairs have carried themselves becomingly in this matter. They have received the best offers from the power company and commission, and laid them before one who, by reason of his ability and experience, was regarded as competent to advise them.

Mr. Kelsch took everything into account—the cost of distributing the hydro power, the cost of maintaining a steam plant in any event, the difficulty of installing an electric pumping plant at the water station, etc., and he said that at the prices quoted for power it would not pay to buy it. That was practically all he said, and it was enough. It induced the power committee to lay aside the offers of power that were made to it, because there was nothing else to do.

Now the council proposes to equip the power department with the machinery and boilers that will enable it to meet all the demands for power that may be made upon it, and the people will be acting the better part to see that it is supplied as soon as possible. The power company or commission is still at liberty, however, to make offers to the council, and offers which can be acted on. The cost, delivered at the city boundary line, must come down. Indeed, rumour has it that a drop has already occurred, and 1,500 kilo-watts per day of twenty-four hours can be had at 4c. per kilo-watt.

In time the company or commission will reach a quotation which can be accepted, and at which the city can make a contract, but in the meantime prudence suggests that the power department take the steps that may be necessary to make its plant efficient and equal to all the demands that are made upon it.

DAUNTLESS LLOYD-GEORGE.

Lloyd-George is a social and political reformer of the most advanced type. The greatest measure of the time, greatest in its comprehensiveness, its completeness, its complexity, is the National Insurance Act, which was conceived in a spirit of helpfulness and is being inforced with a courageous hand. There is some show of defiance, some attempt to disrespect and disobey the law. But it will not succeed. The opponents are termed by the chancellor of the exchequor, "the new anarchists," whose presumption is that they can divide on any subject and do as they like.

"But I am of opinion," said Lloyd-George, addressing a great meeting recently, "that the more people look at it, the better they are liking it. But supposing it is as bad as they say it is, their business to abolish it, and not to defy it. The Education Acts were compulsory. People did not like them, but what would have happened to this country if they had not been compulsory? We are now fighting a highly-educated community in Germany, not with armaments, but with industry; trained brains, that is what is going to settle it. If you had not had the great Education Acts of 1878 and those which followed, what a plight this country would have been in nowadays.

"Take the great Public Health Act of Lord Beaconsfield. People said, 'Fancy compelling people to have drains. We have done without them in this country from the days of Julius Cæsar. The men who won the liberties of England, the men who built up its strength and glory, had none of these things. They were allowed to keep pigs and fowls in the backyard without any acts of parliament.' No doubt, for the moment, it inflicted a deprivation of a good many people; but it has lengthened life; it has made it more tolerable; it has improved the condition of England, and I venture to predict that in a few years the very people who are now criticizing this Act will claim it as one of the most useful measures of social reform."

Then he went on to define the object of the Act, which went into force on July 15th, and the Act that is bound to sweep over the old land and renew the hopes of the people as it cares for them in sickness and in nonemployment and builds them up in health. Anarchy is threatened, but anarchy will not prevail in England. Penalties have been provided for the infraction of any provision, and the application of a few of them will work prodigious results. It will even delight the domestic servants, upon whom the mistresses have presumed to impose, and many of whom they drove to a meeting lately to protest against the imposition of a tax upon their employers and, for their benefit! The state contributes £3,000,000 a year for the benefit of these servants, and as a contribution to their insurance, and not a penny goes to any purpose save the relief or assistance of the persons referred to.

The passion and persistence of the chancellor of the exchequer for reform is remarkable in the face of the opposition he must fight down. The campaign he has conducted in this insurance scheme, or social scheme as it has been called, surpasses anything that has involved the energy of man in recent years; and yet, not at all weary in well doing, he is preparing for the freeing of the land, a scheme of collosal proportions and one he will carry through if any man can.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Joe Martin—our Joe—now an M.P. in England, went into the Henley elections as an oppoonent of the government, which he is supposed to support, and suffered defeat. The usual experience. Our Joe and success do not get along together.

A certain piece of property, on Princess street, has been held on the market at considerably over $20,000, and is said to be assessed for $7,000. Are there many cases of this kind? If so it is time our assessments were revised. Perhaps our system of valuation is not correct.

The people of Saskatchewan do not expect revision of the tariff from the legislature. But they have expressed themselves on a side issue so strongly that the Ottawa government cannot ignore it. The west represents a growing power. The east had better listen to its demands.

England claims to have received an object lesson from Australia with regard to the taxation of land. In Australia it does not pay to hold land for speculation. The taxation of land values makes that impossible. Is the single tax coming in England? Is that the idea?

Senator Lorimer blames the press for the outbreak of public sentiment which forces him, a corrupt politician out of public life. Good. The press then stands for purity and honesty in public life and can make its influence felt. The tribute paid it by Mr. Lorimer is very much appreciated.

The express companies of the United States must reduce their rates at least eighteen per cent. When will the express companies of Canada give the people a benefit. They could cut the tariff fifty per cent. and still count the profit by millions.

The telegram from Montreal to the World seems to cover a confused statement of old reports. It is not a new idea that the C.P.R. will be subsidized if it builds fast boats that can be used as cruisers; that the R. M.C. is to be enlarged and improved; and that large docks are to be built at the seaboard. The thing is to make them more than a dream.

Great clearing sale at Prevost's, Brock street. Big reduction in price in the order and ready-made clothing department; also in the gents' furnishings, to make room for fall and winter importations.

Word has been received of the marriage at Winnipeg on 10th inst., of Miss Viola, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Smith, Brockville, to Ernest McKay, Winnipeg.

The Windsor Hotel, Belleville, managed by James Ketcheson for many years, is passing into the hands of Charles F. Robinson, of Trenton, formerly of the Belleville police force.

William Newman, aged eighty-nine years, died at his home in Lombardy and was buried in the village cemetery Saturday. He carried on a shoemaking business.

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Jonathan Elliott, Thurlow township, was knocked down by a runaway horse and was badly cut and bruised. He was unconscious for three hours.

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