

### *LAW BREAKING IN HIGH PLACES.*

If we read aright the information contained in the daily papers of Toronto we have an illustration as to how law makers occasionally become law breakers.

Chapter 15 of the statutes of Ontario for 1906 is an Act to provide for the supply and transmission of electric power for the use of municipalities. The Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario is created by that statute, one of the members thereof being a member of the Executive Council of Ontario, and upon this Commission are conferred most extensive powers, including the exercise of judicial functions in certain cases.

Section 6 makes provisions for the furnishing by the Commission to municipalities desiring to take the benefit of the Act all necessary estimates, plans and specifications as to the works necessary for the distribution of power so to be supplied, and a statement of the terms and conditions upon which such electrical power may be transmitted and supplied, together with a form of the contract to be entered into between the municipal corporation and the Commission.

Section 7 then authorizes the municipal corporation to submit to the duly qualified electors a by-law authorizing the municipal corporation to enter into the contract above referred to, and, in case such by-law receives the assent of the majority of the electors voting thereon, such contract may be entered into and executed by the Commission and the corporation, subject to the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

It would appear that the Chairman of the Commission, who is a member of the Ontario Government, has been on a tour through the Province for the purpose of explaining the meaning of the Act, and urging municipalities to take advantage of its provisions.

A by-law purporting to be the child of s. 7, prepared by the Commission and endorsed by the Council of the city of Toronto was recently submitted to the electors, and carried by a large majority. Before the submission of this by-law, at a public meeting held in the city, the Chairman of the Commission, in