

Another subject to which, in the public interest, you might call the attention of the City Council is the overloading of the cars on the Electric Street Railway. It is true that this overloading is due in part to the fault of the passengers themselves, who, of their own accord, get on cars which have already as many passengers as they can comfortably and safely carry ; but the company and its officers and servants remain responsible, notwithstanding this, for the safety of the passengers that they carry. Should an accident occur in consequence of the overloading of a car, the company's officers and servants might have to answer a charge of manslaughter. The punishment, however, of those whose misconduct caused the accident would be no consolation to the relations and friends of those to whom the accident might bring death. All we can do is to sound a warning note by which the attention of those having a supervising power may be directed to this dangerous practice.

In another month the Criminal Code will come into force, and this will, without doubt, render more easy the task of administering criminal justice. Instead of having to search through many volumes of the statutes to find the law applicable to a case, reference will hereafter be made to one small volume, containing the criminal code, in which the whole of our existing criminal statutory enactments have been compressed, with such amendments as experience showed the expediency of. Although the criminal code will not do away with the necessity for the use and study of text books and reports, it will greatly help and lessen the labor of the student, the Crown prosecutor, the pleader and the judge, in the same way as the civil code and the code of civil procedure have done in the study and practice of the civil law.

You will now withdraw to the Grand Jury room and proceed with your labors.