

Commissioners the assistance of the police and such other assistance as may be necessary to compel the railway company to obey his order." The corporation counsel gave his opinion, as might have been expected, that it was "not legal or proper to so use the police force to so compel the running of cars." In this view the Mayor concurred, but the resolution being sent to the Council was passed with only four dissentient voices. On the mandate of the Council being conveyed to the Chief of Police, he refused to act upon it until authorized by the Police Commissioners. After some delay and differences of opinion among the Commissioners, their authorization was obtained and policemen were stationed at various points who forcibly prevented the company from operating their cars on their new routes, popularly known as the "loop lines." As might have been expected the company refused to comply with this demand and withdrew the service from these loop lines. The recently appointed Ontario Railway and Municipal Board thereupon took a hand in the matter and ordered that the company should restore the car service to the loop lines, from which the Council sought to drive them, until the final determination of the question in dispute by the proper tribunal.

Comment on this illegal and high-handed action by the Council might perhaps be thought scarcely needful were it not for the strange lack of discernment by the press and public as to the real nature and vital importance of the issue involved. It simply means that the action of the Council and the Police Commissioners from start to finish was nothing more or less than anarchy in high places, deliberately advised, promoted and carried into effect by those who are sworn and bound above all other members of the community to observe the law. Yet we find a Toronto journal, which has posed for half a century or more as the special champion of constitutional liberty, and takes for its motto in every issue the saying of Junius that "the subject who is truly loyal to the Chief Magistrate will neither advise nor submit to arbitrary measures," advising and encouraging a course of action which the chief magistrate of the chief