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The socialistic craze for municipal ownership which of late years has been running its course in England, has been producing all sorts of extravagancies on the part of municipal authorities; with the result that enormous additions have been improvidently made to their debts without any corresponding advantage, money of ratepayers has been expended on all sorts of wild and useless enterprises, and wasted in the most reckless fashion. The long suffering taxpayers who have been thus exploited in the interests of these faddists, are, in London, beginning to squirm, and an immense demonstration recently took place in Trafalgar Square to protest against the methods of the London County Council and to arouse sufficient interest in the community to sweep from the council board those who have been responsible for the wasteful extravagance of the present regime. Since the foregoing was written the electorate has in fact made a pretty clean sweep of those who had abused its confidence; which goes to shew that if the body of the people will be only reasonably vigilant they need not be made the victims of such social parasites. This should be instructive reading for municipal ownership men in the Dominion, for now in England as well as in the United States it has been tried and has proved a failure.

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There are many advantages no doubt in popular government, and it is well said that if people who live under it suffer, it is their own fault. But there can be no doubt that in spite of all its advantages, it often proves, as a matter of fact, a very dubious blessing. In the hands of the politician, and the necessity he finds for making himself "solid" with "the masses," it is too