

town talk or by inflammatory newspaper articles or the clamour of aldermen. The mere hint of such a possibility shews the necessity of having an appeal to judges who admittedly could not be swayed by local influences.

In a subsequent article the same newspaper accuses the judges of the Privy Council of deliberately wresting from the City of Toronto its rights under the contract. It charges the Court with having done "its best to strip the city of any standing or right in connection with the Toronto Railway Company." A cartoon published in the same paper added point to the libel. Anything more discreditable to Canadian journalism than the baseless charges in the newspaper referred to has never appeared in this country. The only end served by such writing is anarchy. Nothing is more potent for evil in that direction than slanderous imputations of injustice to those who are called upon to dispense justice. When once the public has lost confidence in the judiciary of a country, that country has lost its greatest safeguard for law and order.

Happily the daily press of Toronto, referring especially to those journals which most abuse their powers, has ceased to wield the influence it once did, and people are more and more beginning to think for themselves, and to criticise rather than to accept, as either weighty or conclusive, the foolish or extravagant or misleading utterances of individuals, who, whilst claiming the dignity of the editorial "we," too often exhibit either their ignorance, or their desire for the applause of the least worthy element of society. But

"Slander meets no regard from noble minds. .

Only the base believe what the base only utter."