

therefrom, *unless to make you believe that what will become almost worthless in your hands and have to be replaced by a \$22,000 outfit, is good value when you are buying from a Water Supply Company.*

Read that report and my letter to the Council together for similar queer things found in this report.

That by-law you defeated provided for \$25,000 for extensions and improvements. This one provides nothing. That one was honest enough to take you into the confidence of its promoters to the extent of \$25,000. The promoters of this know that by their own hired man's report there is an *immediate necessity for an expenditure of \$49,000 beyond the amount you are asked to vote.* Why is this not put in the by-law? The reason is plain. Its promoters hope by talk of higher prices of labour and material to bamboozle you. They fear you won't swallow so much at one time. Is that course straight or crooked? If they succeed in that way to get your consent to the purchase they know very well, that under the law you never need be asked again to vote for additional expenditure. Once the purchase is made the law, as those men know but do not tell you, *gives the power to the City Council* with the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, to raise whatever money they want upon your credit for *extensions and improvements.* Is the Lieutenant Governor in Council to rule you? No; but the City Council. No; not even them. Who rules the City Council? The secret society known as the Council of the Board of Trade, of whose deliberations you and I know just as much as they choose to tell us. Can you trust them? Has their dealing with this matter been such as to justify your trusting them? Is this method of shirking the issue such as to lead you to trust them? If they treat you this way when half awake, what will they not do when you go to sleep.

One of the chief promoters, a tax exempted importation, had the audacity to say that it did not matter if the *value was \$20,000 or \$50,000.00 they had to be bought.* That is the spirit that animates the present movement. I leave you to search for and find the motive.

Some are grown insolent by success; some want free water.

The Grand Trunk Railway might ask for free water. Their taxes are reduced and fixed. Yours grow. Who ever heard of the Board of Trade protesting against this? Many of them enjoy tax exemptions. They would enjoy free water very well.

They held one open meeting on this water supply subject last May, and at that the \$50,000 man and his fellow extremists were beaten and had to be satisfied with a resolution passed to get the City Council to secure by joint Committee of Board of Trade and City Council expert as to present value of the plant and probable cost of extensions, &c. This has not been done. Why?

At that stage only a fraction of the Board of Trade were for going it blind. What has changed some of them?

At that meeting I pointed out how getting Mr. Chipman to report on the amount to tender the Company for the annual service had the effect of