

Office. They are to the people. In fact we are of opinion that the Treasurer and County Commissioners have done their duty in the present case. It is before the people. It is the duty of the people to consider the matter and to decide whether or not it is just and equitable to do so. In taking this step we have taken we consider we were doing an act of justice to all parties concerned and to ourselves.

In this case the Municipal law, which we consider as the accumulated experience of years and the highway of the people's rights, has been violated, as is clearly proved by the result of the investigation. If such infractions are permitted to go on unchecked what will become of the community and their interests and trusts? Will not one of our noblest laws, the Municipal Act, become a dead letter, and the obligation of extra license and conditional license pour in their hundred contents and overwhelm the poor citizen as extraneous matter for his people, destroy the confidence that one man should repose in another, and inaugurate a state of things in which security to property will be a mockery and the majesty of the law a lie? We believe it is as important to maintain inviolate the integrity of the Municipal Act and the By-Laws from time to time in force as our constitutional charter. Every individual in the community has an interest at stake in both and every individual should see that both are respected or the consequences may be serious. It is our opinion that the people of Hamilton should protect their interests properly and laws as much as other people similarly situated do, and that to gain this end no pains should be spared, or opportunity omitted.

In conclusion we trust that one of the results of our labours will be to introduce a reform in the management of our County Finances, and in the keeping of our County Accounts.

This report is by no means complete. There are very important parts, items, and statements which we are not at present in a position to give. To specify them here is unnecessary. We cannot conclude this our first Report without expressing our regret that the result of our investigation may have been disagreeable to certain individuals. A sense of duty to ourselves and all parties concerned is paramount to every other consideration and feeling however keen or sensitive.

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