

TENDERS RE CLOCK.

To the Editor of THE VICTORIA HOME JOURNAL.
Believing and knowing that you are the only editor of any paper in the city who dare produce anything original, the other two papers being bossed by the Government and Opposition respectively, it is gratifying to know there is one who does not care a button for either, even if "other dear charmer" were away. On that account, I beg to thank you for shewing up the disgraceful job perpetrated on the ratepayers by giving 8 per cent. for collecting the revenue when they would have got it equally well performed for five, if not better. I see His Worship the Czar and Wellington Dowler, C.M. "G." (the letters after his name meaning, I suppose, Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George)—I was told by some up country bumpkin that it meant Clerk of the Municipal Council, but I scouted that idea at once, for he parts his hair in the middle and has all the appearance of an English dude, and reads off his minutes as if he had the greatest contempt for mayor, aldermen and citizens—have advertised a new lottery, this time the City Clock being the theme. It reads thus: (1) For windingsaid clock. I should have thought the janitor could have done this, but the city fathers think otherwise. Well, judging from past experience, I know the highest and not the lowest bidder will get the job. I will tender ten per cent. on the value of the clock and see that it is wound once a week. (2) To keep said clock in repair. Well, there they have me; but I guarantee to keep it in repair (or bust it) for two hundred dollars a month. This may seem high, but the aldermen won't think so—that is if they have made up their mind who is to get the job, and they see my noble signature affixed. In addition, if at any time I should bust it, I will replace it with Redfern's mysterious clock, and it is mysterious, but not half so mysterious as the antics of these aldermen in awarding contracts.

Yours truly,

ONE OF THE UNEMPLOYED.

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