

The concluding sentence, which evidently in the mind of the writer settles the whole matter much to his satisfaction, sounds Johnsonian and oracular: "We cannot change the language, but can change the law." Like the utterances of the sibyl these words may mean several things or nothing at all; but taking one possible meaning it is inconceivable that there could be any reasonable change of the law which would enable judges to construe documents otherwise than according to the language which is used in them. Nor is it conceivable that any British legislature would change the law for the purpose of giving to one of the litigants that which the courts say he is not entitled to under the contract between them. The conception of some people in these days as to *meum* and *tuum* is becoming very hazy.

Another extract from the same article is equally extraordinary and shews a strange lack of appreciation of the subject. It reads: "As the *Law Times* (the writer means the CANADA LAW JOURNAL) points out, it would be most unfortunate if through criticism the public should lose due respect for the law and its administration. It would also be unfortunate if through the absence of criticism the public would (sic) develop undue respect for the law and its administration. Like all institutions (sic) it should have that measure of respect it is entitled to by its results—no more and no less. Many a man has lost his farm through undue faith in the law as an engine for the rectifying of wrongs."

This is probably the first time that the statement has been made by any one except a socialist orator that there could be "undue respect for the law and its administration." Certainly there is no fear of that so long as leading journals do their best to destroy such respect. Classing "the law and its administration" with other "institutions" strikes one, if we may be permitted to say so, as positively comical. Taking another step in the same direction would logically compel that journal to advocate the handing over the "law and its administration," as a great public service "institution," to the appropriate municipalities to be dealt with by them as a part of the municipal owner-