

certain occupations have to be conducted in certain ways, and this is accepted by those who carry on these businesses. We respect our own calling, but we say that it can, from every point of view, be most advantageously done in a market.

To the thoughtful it is evident that many, almost all parts of the city, are undergoing changes in the destination to which buildings can be applied and we contend that when settlement as to uses has been arrived at by time and circumstances, many proprietors will regret the leasing of premises as butchers' shops.

A remedy was supposed to be afforded the butchers in the markets by the By-Law providing that no butcher's shop should be opened within three hundred yards of any market. This distance the Corporation has since desired to increase to five hundred yards. While at first sight it may appear to the public to afford protection to the butchers in the markets, a little reflection will show that it affords none, and for this reason :

The purchasers who deal in particular markets do not, as a rule, live between the market at which they may deal and the next market. That might have been the original state of things, but such is not the fact now, and the purchaser, to reach the market, has to pass the private butchers' shops, let us suppose five hundred yards from the market ; for any protection to the market, he might as well have passed the shops ten yards from the latter. The protection to be derived from the By-law, to have any force, would presuppose the fact that the markets were so situated to each other in positions that there was a circle with a radius of five hundred yards round each market from the inhabitants of which circle the Butchers in the markets at