



EMULATING THE "UPPER CLASSES."

(Scene Montreal.—Billy the Burglar arrested for robbing 'Widows' Houses).

1ST. SYMPATHIZING FRIEND, (in background).—POOR FELLOW, CAN'T WE DO SOMETHING TO RELIEVE THE "EMBARRASSMENT" HE HAS GOT HIMSELF INTO BY HIS "IRREGULARITIES?"

2ND. DO.—YES—SUPPOSE WE KNOCK DOWN THE PEELER!

INTELLIGENCEVILLE CITY COUNCIL.

(By our own Reporter.)

A meeting of the City Council was *not* held on Sunday, but on a proper working day, and at the usual convenient time.

In the absence on his holidays, of the biggest City Father, Alderman Citizen was voted to the chair. Present—Alderman Commonsense, Radical, Easy-go, Learned, Conservation and Energy.

A communication was read from Mr. Street with reference to a slight subsidence on the block pavement opposite his property. On the motion of Alderman Energy, the matter was sent to the Committee of Public Works, with a request that it should be attended to on the morrow.

In pursuance of his notice at last meeting, Alderman Easy-go moved that Central-street, Suburban-street, and Workman-street should be planted with shade trees. In moving this resolution, Alderman Easy-go begged to be understood that he did not so much refer to the beautifying of the city, as to the increased healthfulness insured to the localities named by the planting of shade trees. He also had in his mind the influence upon the morals of the dwellers on those streets, that a row of handsome trees before their houses would have. They were all people of the poorer classes who had little to cheer them in the shape of pretty and convenient furniture, and he was sure that his constituents as well as his friends in the Council would agree with him that the cost of a few trees would be well accounted for by the comfort they would yield to the industrious citizens for whom they were intended, beside which they would have the moral effect of a poem upon their minds, keeping before them the beauties of the changing season and pulling them into a sort of unconscious harmony with order and civilization.

Ald. Learned begged to second Ald. Easy-go. He thought it only right that there should be no distinction made between any of the streets of Intelligenceville on the matter of beauty and health. Ald. Easy-go's remarks were of a sort that did honor to his head and his heart.

The motion was passed.

Ald. Commonsense begged to move that at least three years notice be given to property holders before trees that had been condemned by order of the City Ranger should be cut down. He knew that many old residents who in the infancy of the city had planted joust trees in front of their houses felt deeply aggrieved when the order for their removal was ruthlessly put in force. He thought it was only just to those who in years gone by had contributed so much to the welfare of the city by planting trees, to have their feelings considered and some discretion allowed the officer, especially in cases where, the age of the property-holder rendered it simply a matter of time, before the law could be put in force without hurting their feelings. An old resident himself, he knew that trees that grew up with our growth became endeared by many recollections, and he would like to see old citizens spared unnecessary pain.

Ald. Conservation seconded the motion, which in his opinion involved moral if not legal rights which the Council would not be justified in overlooking.

After some discussion the motion was passed.

Ald. Radical had the honor of calling the attention of the Council to two thistles that flourished on Western Avenue. He thought the City Ranger ought to be more attentive to his duties in respect to the boulevards; only last week he had called the attention of that officer to a patch of camomile and several dandelions that disgraced one of our side streets, and now he was sorry to see there were thistles to be found within the city limits. It really was beyond reason to expect the citizens to pay taxes for the care and beauty of the city, if the officials were not conscientious in the performance of their duties. Give two thistles, three dandelions, and one patch of camomile one season of undisturbed possession and he would confidently prophecy the return of a state of things that most of us were now ashamed to remember, he alluded to the time when the boulevards were little else than a mass of weeds, when thistles, witch-grass, and dandelions held undisputed sway, and

when a neat piece of turf was a thing unknown in Intelligenceville notwithstanding the efforts of a few wise citizens who by constant endeavor strove to eradicate the obnoxious weeds.

Ald. Energy said that if there was one thing he was more proud of, as a citizen of Intelligenceville than another, it was the beautiful boulevards and the handsome shade trees that adorned the city. He cared not from whence a visitor came whether it might be from Venice, Berlin, Paris, London, or Detroit, he always felt sure that Intelligenceville would win their warm admiration. And why was this? Simply because they had determined to do their duty to the premises, by providing for the proper disposition of the refuse of the city, by keeping a corps of industrious men under the management of competent foremen, whose business it was to keep the trees, boulevards, yards, lanes, and indeed every corner of the city in the best of order during the summer, and to remove the snow and all other scannable work in the winter. He hoped that the City Ranger would look after the thistles and weeds mentioned by Ald. Radical, and that the elegance of the city would be preserved intact.

On the motion of Ald. Energy a notice was sent to the City Ranger calling his attention to the evidences of neglect alluded to by Ald. Radical.

LITERARY NOTICE.

MR. HOWELLS's novel "A Modern Instance," which has been running through the pages of THE CENTURY MAGAZINE, will end with the October number. It has won thousands of new readers for Mr. Howells, who will welcome the announcement of another story from his pen for the coming year of THE CENTURY. It is to be called "A Sea Change," and will be a study of international relations, the scene lying in America, and not, as has usually been the case with recent "international" stories, upon foreign ground. It is to deal also, with problems of self-help among women, and with certain tragic phases of New England life.



THE ABLE OFFICE-HOLDER.

GOVERNMENT INSPECTOR, — (to light-house keeper).—And how many buoys have you?
INTELLIGENT OFFICIAL.—Two at home, sir; Bob, he's gone to Winnipeg.

Undressed Swedes are very fashionable for gloves.—Fashion Err.—Fancy a young lady having anything to do with an undressed Swede.