

was approved and acted upon by the Attorney-General. The trouble appears to have started with a conflict of opinion as to how the Court should be conducted, the Judge adopting the policy that where the object is to cure, rather than to punish, frequent remands are desirable to enable the Judge to keep in touch with the delinquent.

It so happened that this particular official was an ex-alderman, and ex-aldermen have a great appreciation of the effectiveness of "pull." He openly stated that he would get even with the Judge. But to get rid of a Judge, who is appointed for life subject to good behaviour, is not an easy thing to do. An ally was found in one of the aldermen at present sitting in the City Council. A campaign of criticism and publicity was started, and then the idea was conceived of holding a public investigation of the Court, apparently with the design that the usefulness of the Judge would be so impaired by the newspaper headlines during the conduct of this investigation that ultimately it might be necessary for the authorities to find a substitute. Accordingly a resolution was passed by the City Council calling upon the Attorney-General to hold a public investigation. Of course, nothing happened.

The next move of the City Council was on passing an appropriation to instruct the treasurer to pay for only four months, and they intimated to the Attorney-General that they would not authorize any further expenditure until their demand for an investigation had been acceded to.

From time immemorial public respect for the Court has been regarded as the foundation of Anglo-Saxon civilization, and the rule has always been scrupulously observed that nothing should be done to lower respect for the courts. A Judge may be impeached for malfeasance, but we can search in vain for a precedent for putting a Court of justice on the level of a municipal firehall department. Democracy comes pretty near to Bolshevism when the aldermen of a city like Toronto, in order to please a dismissed official, try to force the Attorney-General of the Province to break all records and do something which would be subversive of good government.

It soon became apparent to many who were interested in the