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LISTENING IN.**TRANSPORT DIFFICULTIES.**Say, have you seen the new Bus
Regulations?No! what about them? Do they
affect us?Rather! why you'll have to pay
2d. extra every time you ride in a
bus instead of a tram.

Who says so?

The Government have issued re-
gulations which say so.But what has the Government got
to do with it? If they put 2d. extra
upon me to ride, why that is a tax
and only Parliament impose taxes.Well, this is a matter of urgency,
and so can be dealt with by Order in
Council!Matter of Urgency! What non-
sense!Parliament is to meeting a few
days, why couldn't it wait until
then?Search me, I don't know! Ask
Coates?I suppose to safeguard the tram
monopoly is urgent!But will they make the Council
put on enough cars to carry all the
people?There is nothing about that in the
regulations.Last night, coming home from
work three trams passed me, too full
to stop, so I took a bus.Well, if you take a bus now, you'll
have to pay 2d. extra.What daylight robbery. I'll ring
up our M.P. and tell him to get busy
and do his work. What's the good
of spending hundreds of pounds on
M.P.'s., then being governed by
Order-in-Council?**REFUSED—GRANTED.**Jones has just returned from a
visit to Auckland.Any news from the Queen City of
the North?Yes! there's quite a big fuss over
the action of the Licensing Commit-
tee.What have they done or failed to
do?You remember the old Thames
Hotel in Queen Street which was
demolished??Yes! I remember, they applied for
a transfer to a new building in Quay
Street, right on the water front,
but the Licensing Committee refused
the transfer, because an hotel was not
required in that district. So that
ended the matter, and it is stale news
now.Make no mistake, the Trade
doesn't let things end so easily.But what could they do, the
transfer was refused, and the license
lapsed didn't it? They ceased the
sale of liquor at the bar, did they
not?I think so, but now there is a new
Licensing Committee.

New blood on it?

Well, scarcely, practically it is the
same Committee. However, they
have changed their point of view,
and now, when an application was
made for a license for the Amba-
sadors, they granted it.Is that the building where they
considered a license not necessary?Yes, the same place on the water
front. In the meantime it has been

built up and added to and furnished.

But why do this after a license
had been refused?That's the question, and I can't
answer it. And, as the voting is
secret, the electors will not know
who broke their pledge and voted
for the license.What an anomaly, an elected body
which is not responsible to its
electors.The Magistrate as Chairman, an-
nounced the result, and stated plain-
ly and fearlessly that he had opposed
the issue of the license because his
opinion was unaltered, a license was
not necessary on the water front.Good for the S.M., glad he had
grit enough to stick to his own
opinion. Were all the members
present and did they all vote?No, one was away, out of town.
But he ought to have been there!

Why was he away?

Ask me something easier.

WHAT IS THE W.C.T.U. DOING.Have you read in the paper of the
police complaining about the country
dances. They say liquor is taken
to these dances and scenes, which
they describe as disgraceful, occur.
What are you W.C.T.U. women doing
to help save the young folk from
scenes like these?We are doing our best to get rid
of the drink.

You seem to have only one idea.

Tell me, did you ever hear of
scenes like those described by the
police, when there was no liquor pre-
sent?

No, I cannot say I have.

Can you tell me of anything that
will stop scenes like those while the
liquor is allowed to be there?I cannot say just now, but surely
something could be done?Yes, the liquor can be prohibited,
that and that only will improve our
country dances, or any of our social
functions.**AN OVERSIGHT.**

These Prohibitionists are slow,

As anything, my stars

They have not been around as yet

To close the harbour bars!

—"Exchange."