

# COBOURG IS IN LINE

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## A STRONG RESOLUTION.

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### Cobourg Council Favors League's Petition.

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At the regular meeting of the town council of Cobourg, the League's petition was strongly endorsed. The following report is from the Cobourg World:

The finance committee further reported, re a letter from Ambrose Keane, asking the council to sign and forward petitions praying the Ontario government and legislature to amend the Assessment Act so as to allow municipalities to tax buildings, improvements, business assessments and incomes at a lower rate than land values.

#### **Tax Robbery.**

1. It is legalized robbery to tax buildings, improvements, business assessments and incomes as much as land values, for land value alone has value added to it by municipal expenditure.

#### **Income Tax Unfair.**

2. A glance at the names of those who were assessed for incomes last year and a little thought as to the names who were not assessed, will show how unjust that tax is to some of the people of Cobourg.

#### **Vacant Land.**

3. Another glance at the assessment roll will show how much lower vacant lots were assessed than adjoining lots

that are built upon. As an illustration a lot which a year ago paid taxes upon the assessment of \$350 has since been sold for \$1,000, and this undervaluation of lots prevents the assessor from raising the whole assessment of the town and necessitates a high tax rate.

#### **Towns Must Act.**

4. No assistance can be expected from the townships in this matter as practically their whole assessment is upon real estate; and even the Single Tax would make little difference to them over their present assessment.

#### **Petition Signed.**

For these and many other reasons your committee are strongly of opinion that the petitions should be signed and forwarded, and pressure brought to bear on the members to induce them to enact the necessary legislation adopted and petitions to be signed by the mayor and clerk and forwarded to the proper authorities.

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