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The New Year

With this issue, the Journal starts on its Sixth year, which it has attained, in spite of indifference and hostility. It has naturally had to meet competition, and has had also, unfortunately, to contend with competitors who do not scruple to rely upon untruths to support their statements about it. But, on the other hand, the Journal is glad to feel that it has made many friends all over Canada, and even in other countries, and its appreciation of the kindness and support which it has received cannot be put into type.

During the past year the total number of copies issued was 44,150 including, with the cover, 608 pages. As will be seen from the Index, the Volume contains articles upon a wide variety of subjects, by men who are in many cases experts in their own lines. Besides, it published the Official Reports of many Conventions, which contain matter of great value.

In looking forward, many improvements are very evident. Some are impossible, and need not be thought of. But it is intended to condense the reports which are published very considerably, for it has been necessary to hold back many pages of valuable matter, and at present, there are some very interesting articles, standing in page form, waiting for space. In the year now commencing, it will be the aim of the Journal to give more, but shorter, reports and articles, and thus endeavour to cover more fully the many phases of Municipal Interests.

We trust the New Year may prove a Very Happy and Very Prosperous one for all our readers.

Not a Grafting Firm

An investigation has been held into the methods of purchase in connection with the Good Roads movement in Oxford County, Ont., some witnesses swore that commissions had been asked for by the officials. One named James A. Vance swore that he paid an official \$50, in order to get his signature in securing the order for a bridge. Vance is described as "Agent of the Hamilton Bridge Works" in an article in a recent number of the Toronto "Globe", which appeared with scare head lines, which read "Graft and Good Roads seem strange Bedfellows".

It is needless to say that a firm of the reputation of the Hamilton Bridge Works would not condescend to such dirty work, and it appears that Vance has absolutely no connection with the Hamilton Bridge Works as either an employee, or even agent. He does work in bridge-building on his own account, purchasing the material and erecting it, without any responsibility for, or connection with, the work on the part of the firm where he happens to have got the materials.

It is a pity that such a misleading and incorrect statement should have appeared in a paper like the "Globe", reflecting, as it did, on a firm of long continued high standing.