

After six years of successful work the Forum is now a well-established and highly valued institution. It has become entirely independent and is incorporated under Provincial Statute. For the past three seasons the meetings have been held in the auditorium of St. John's Technical Institute which is granted rent free by the City School Board.

The People's Forum aims to provide opportunities for the discussion of civic and social questions by citizens irrespective of nationality or creed, to popularize science and art by arranging for lectures and addresses, illustrated whenever possible by lantern views, and to provide good music, especially by encouraging the musical talent latent in our diverse population.

The Forum breaks down the artificial barriers that so seriously divide our communities. It takes people out of their own little circles. It broadens their interests and makes them sympathetic toward those who hold views different from their own. It helps to create a common interest, to develop a community spirit and thus to prepare the way for a more disinterested and efficient citizenship.

The Forum proper—around which are developing other activities—is conducted on Sunday afternoons from three to five o'clock. After a presentation of the subject by one or more speakers there is an opportunity given for questions and, later, for discussion. The subjects discussed cover a wide range, including anything relating to civic or social welfare. An illustrated scientific lecture is given about once a month. The programme usually includes one or two musical items. As many as fifteen different "foreign" musical organizations have assisted in a single season.

Christmas Sunday is usually observed as Peace Day and New Year's Sunday as International Day. This practice has been maintained even during the war, and these meetings are perhaps most typical of the work and spirit of the Forum. Last year the theme on the first of these days was "*Factors which have made the World a Neighbourhood.*" Addresses were given on "Commerce and Industry" by a labour member