

# CITY-MANAGER IS CLAIMED THE BEST

Large Audience Hears Research Institute Men on Local Administration.

While no form of civic government is a cure-all for municipal disorders, and forms of government must change as needs change, it is the view of Dr. Horace L. Brittain, head of the Citizens' Research Institute, Toronto, and R. Fraser Armstrong, of the staff of the Institute, that the city-manager plan is the best instrument yet devised to produce good city government.

This view was expressed at the Board of Trade last evening during a discussion in which the two speakers reviewed the various forms and three a great deal of light upon the whole subject. Many questions were asked, and for two hours an audience, which nearly filled the chamber, and included the Mayor and several commissioners, gave undivided interest to the consideration of civic administration.

George E. Barbour, president, expressed pleasure at the large attendance, and said he was sure the audience would be well repaid. Dr. Brittain was well known, and a group of citizens heard quite often from him and his organization, the Citizens' Research Institute of Canada. He came with a knowledge of the problems of government in the municipal and other spheres, and had with him R. Fraser Armstrong by whom the discussion would be shared.

Dr. Brittain pointed out that the place to begin to reduce is at home, because municipal government touched us in more points than any other, and the costs were greater. He cited one town where the cost was \$80 per head of population. The general range was from \$12 to \$70 per head in the center of Canada, being greater as one moved west. There had been at least 30 years of unrest in regard to municipal government, especially in the United States.

In that country inefficiency developed but it took an act of God to start the change which began at Galveston. Hundreds of others followed it and adopted the commission plan. In Canada the City Council system was better than the old one in the United States because there were permanent heads of departments, but the cities here were cursed with the ward system.

Dr. Brittain said it was contended there has been a great reaction against the city manager form, but this was not correct. The reaction has been some, but it has been slight, and declared it was in fact a reaction against the fact that the plan had been adopted by ordinance and not by charter. Some striking illustrations were given to show how the change had been brought about, because the citizens were caught napping. Moreover, many places quite too small had adopted the plan, as in one town of 519 people a town manager got \$2,500 a year. He was not needed at all.

"As long," said Dr. Brittain, "as civic, social and economic changes occur, there will be changes in forms of government, and no one is a cure-all."

Too Much Overhead.

R. Fraser Armstrong, in opening his address, quoted Howard Smith, who told the Canadian Manufacturers' Association in Montreal this week that the overhead in Canada was far too great and taxes too high, and that we had municipal, provincial and federal machinery enough for a population of 60,000,000. There was, unfortunately, said Mr. Armstrong, too much truth in this, and he quoted figures to show that concerns employing large numbers of men must provide for an enormous tax, to be added to the cost of material produced, at the same time make competition more difficult.

Says English System Unsuitable.

Referring to forms of municipal government, Mr. Armstrong said the English system would not serve so well here, because we had not the leisure class who made a hobby of public service.

The city manager plan was not a cure-all, but under proper conditions it gave results no other would give. It was democratic, because the citizen elected the council which appoints a manager to attend to details. It was really the most democratic because the responsibility was definitely placed. It had been suggested that in this plan

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tem and the log-rolling to which it gave rise.

The commission form was an attempt to give a business government, but its weakness was that the policy making was also the administrative body. Also, log-rolling between commissioners was possible. However, hundreds of cities still retained that form.

The City Manager Plan.

The flood that wiped out Dayton, Ohio, resulted in the adoption of the city-manager plan, although some small places already had it in operation. This plan was more logical. It divided the policy-making and policy carrying out bodies. The Council formulated the policy, but put upon one man the responsibility for carrying it out. This plan had many advantages. There were only five men for the people to watch, and the latter in turn were able to concentrate on the carrying out of their policy by the manager. They had only one man to watch. As time went on weaknesses developed, but they were not necessary. But no form of government could do everything. The form of citizenship was more important than the form of government. The success of the manager depended upon the intelligence, persistency and honesty of the community. If the people could manage a city, they had it in the eye; had it in the eye; if they could not, they must take the next best, and cut down the number of children and departments.

**DEATHS**

George W. Jones.

George W. Jones, of Evandale, died at his home yesterday afternoon after a short illness. He leaves, besides his wife, one son, Willard Jones, and a large circle of friends, by whom he was highly esteemed. Mr. Jones' death was due to pneumonia. He was in his seventy-third year, having been born in 1851 at Kars, Kings county. The funeral will be held on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 27, at 2:00 o'clock from his late residence, Evandale.

**Miss Mary A. Mitchell.**

The friends of Miss Mary A. Mitchell, of 20 Midge street, will regret to learn of her death, which occurred at her home last yesterday. Miss Mitchell was a daughter of Captain R. F. Mitchell and was born at Wallace, Cumberland county, N. S. She had lived in St. John the greater part of her life. She is survived by four sisters and two brothers. The sisters are Misses Isabel, of Douglas, Ariz.; L. Gertrude, of Cambridge, Mass.; Georgina, of St. John, and Emma J. Mitchell, matron of the General Hospital here. The brothers are Samuel H. Mitchell, of Phoenix, Ariz., and J. C. of St. John.

**W. A. Cunningham.**

W. A. Cunningham, general traffic manager of the C. G. M. M., died yesterday at Montreal after an illness of three weeks. He was survived by his wife and one daughter, of Montreal, and two sisters, of Halifax.

**Husband and Wife Both Receive Benefit**

Mr. N. St. Hilaire Recommends Dodd's Kidney Pills to All Who Suffer.

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**PROTEST BEER TAX.**

Munich, Jan. 26.—(United Press.)—The "Associated Christian Brewery Workers" of Bavaria have opened a new breach between Munich and Berlin, reviving at the same time the ancient feud between hard liquor and the malt. Berlin proposes to increase the tax on beer. Bavaria protests that beer is liquid bread and takes a dig at the profligate north, by suggesting instead more taxes on "Schnaps."

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# CONTINENTAL LIFE MAKES NEW RECORD

1923 the Biggest Year in the History of the Company.

The annual meeting of the Continental Life Insurance Company disclosed some remarkable figures for 1923. Although the previous year has been a good one, breaking all former records, the figures for 1923 showed a marked increase in business. Here are a few items: Insurance issued and received, \$8,208,196, an increase over 1922 of \$2,420,707; total income, \$935,699.24, increase of \$88,109.07; surplus earned, \$16,107.26, increase of \$92,057.39; dividends paid or allotted to policy holders, \$60,967.75, increase of \$18,854.36; reserves, \$3,777,248, increase of \$229,809; assets, \$3,969,383.45, increase of \$813,136.88; surplus including paid-up capital stock (\$200,000), \$466,284.53, increase of \$81,739.88.

The increase is regarded as the more remarkable in view of the general business conditions in Canada during 1923.

The directors of the company expressed their appreciation of the excellent work of the staff.

# HERE'S WOMAN WHO SAW WELLINGTON

Mrs. Mary Lowther Recalls Death of Napoleon—Crimean War "Recent."

(By Dominion News Service.)

Newmarket, England, Jan. 24.—Pittsburg has spoken to London across 3,500 miles of land and water. London has sent Pittsburg's voice to South Africa at the moment of speaking. In a quiet Suffolk rectory a little old woman spoke to me across a century of years, writes a correspondent.

"When I was a little girl, I remember, our pet canary died. That was in—dear me, how the time flies!—that was in 1820."

Mrs. Mary Lowther is 106 years old, and will be 107 in May. The canary when she was three years old is her earliest memory. She does not remember the other great event of 1820—the coronation of King George IV.

"One day," she continued, "I heard somebody say, 'Boney's dead.' I knew what that meant. Napoleon, the bogey of thousands of children, was gone. Napoleon died in 1821."

"I did not see George III.," she said, "but I have seen the statue since George IV.—William IV., Queen Victoria, Edward VII., and George V. I remember, of course, the death of the General Tom Thumb fixed himself on my imagination? He was Barnum's famous dwarf, you know."

"One day I was on Brighton Pier when a little boy of three, dressed as a tottering infant, came along with a tin of paint. He was afterwards King Edward. The Princess Royal was with him, too. That was some time ago, the forties. What a crowd trailed along the pier after them!"

"When I was a girl the country people were very poor. Their houses were little china in the cottages. The people ate from wooden plates. The tin-box was in common use everywhere in my early days."

"Do I remember the Crimean war? Why, that seems almost recent! I remember going out to see the troops return, and caught a bad cold which laid me up three weeks. Of course, I remember the Indian Mutiny, and the fear everybody was in over the Chartist riots. Then the Tichborne trial was very distinctly, and I can remember most of the notorious murder and crime trials."

"I have always loved home and lived a quiet life even though the first forty years were spent in London. They were the old stage-coach days, and I remember many a journey by the stage from London to Cambridge."

"I think people live at too great a pace nowadays, and wear themselves out too fast."

Mrs. Lowther has no food about food and drink. She takes two glasses of ale daily, "but no milk foods of any sort."

On Christmas Day roast beef and plum pudding were her fare, and she enjoyed the meat thoroughly.

Mrs. Lowther is comparatively young in appearance. Her face is not wrinkled or lined. She looks healthy, and one would put her age between seventy and eighty.

**OFFICE BUILDINGS ARE LITTLE CITIES**

Have Police and Fire Department—Net Average Earnings Above 8 p. c.

Chicago, Jan. 24.—The average office building in the United States has a population of 1,004 and is a little more than 11 stories high, according to a survey made by the accounting and exchange committee of the National Association of Building Owners and Managers.

Office buildings in themselves were shown to be little cities with fire departments, police forces, transportation systems, cleaning departments, lighting systems, sewers, water departments and other facilities similar to those of modern cities.

The average taxable valuation is \$9.94 a square foot of floor space, which means a valuation on the building averaging more than \$1,000,000. The average net return to the owner is a little under \$85,000 a year.

**JOHN BRUCE HERE.**

John Bruce of Toronto, international representative of the Plumbers and Steam Fitters, who was in the city yesterday, will leave this afternoon for his home.

# SALES CONTINUED

Sale of Sample Corsets

These are traveler's samples and are marked off at genuine bargain prices for quick clearance. Models are thoroughly up to date in style. A fine variety to choose from—75c to \$1.95 pr. Brassieres—35c, 40c, 75c ea.

Whitewear, 2nd floor

# SALES CONTINUED

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**Talented Girl Has Relatives Here**

Miss Doris Lenore MacLean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wendell MacLean, of Calgary, and a great-granddaughter of John Livingstone, a former editor of the St. John Daily Telegraph, has been awarded the silver medal in the annual examinations of the Royal College of Music and the Royal Academy of Music of London.

As she is only about 14 years of age her success as a pianist is, indeed, remarkable. Many in St. John will recall her sister, who was the guest of Mrs. W. Edmond Raymond last summer, and will join in extending congratulations to so brilliant a young musician.

**HAS 637 STUDENTS.**

Chicago, Jan. 26.—Official announcement is just made at the University of Chicago of the Winter Quarter registration up to January 12, 1924.

In the Graduate School of Arts and Literature there are 513 students and in the Ogden Graduate School of Science 461, a total of 964.

In the Senior Colleges, Arts, Literature, and Science there are 1,003 students enrolled and in the Junior Colleges, including the unclassified, 1,284, a total of 2,287.

In the Professional Schools there are 129 Divinity students, 213 Medical students, 310 Law students, 251 in Education, 531 in Commerce and Administration, and 50 Social Service Administration, a total of 1,460. University College has an enrollment of 1,923.

The total for the University, exclusive of duplications, is 6,337, a gain of 319 over the corresponding quarter a year ago. Of the whole number enrolled, 1,769 are graduate students and 4,568 undergraduates.

In a recent test, clothing made from a bale of cotton was worn the second day after its transportation from the south to New England by airship.

**BACK FROM CONFERENCE.**

James Lutton and William F. Price returned last evening from Montreal where they attended a meeting of the System Board of the C. P. R. Eastern Lines. Matters concerning the inter-

nal affairs of the railway only were under discussion at the meeting.

**EXHIBITION DIRECTORS MEET.**

A meeting of the directors of the St. John Exhibition Association was held yesterday afternoon, but H. A. Porter, the secretary, said there is nothing to give out to the public with regard to what transpired at the meeting beyond the fact that the dates for the next exhibition were under consideration.

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