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No Party Politics

At the annual meeting in Toronto of a ward political association, two speakers advocated a Conservative Mayor, a Conservative Board of Control and a Conservative majority in the Council.

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Why not have also a Conservative minority?

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One splendid feature of Toronto has been the suppression of politics in municipal elections.

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Both parties have tried to drag politics in, and have succeeded partially.

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But the citizens have, on the whole, ignored party politics.

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And thus shown their wisdom.

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Can either party claim municipal omniscience?

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Is a Conservative alderman always better than a Liberal one: *et vice versa*?

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The tax payers want capable and honest men.

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Are all these in one party, none in the other?

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What argument is there in favor of a strictly party Council?

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If the majority is all of one party, is it therefore the best?

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Fortunately, party lines are becoming less stringent, even in Federal politics.

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In fact a party of independent voters is arising to bless the country.

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Why keep alive the narrow, party spirit where it is absolutely out of place and worse than useless.

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It is childish to talk about working for a Conservative or a Liberal Council.

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What every citizen who loves his city wants, is a Council composed of the best citizens.

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The way for a city to succeed is to have an active progressive, clean Council.

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Let every loyal citizen in every municipality in Canada drop the party cry in municipal politics.

V. A. Grant.