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His Worship the Mayor and Council:—

Dear Sirs,—By the cordial invitation of His Worship Mayor Todd, and City Council, the Annual Convention of the Union of Canadian Municipalities will be held in the City of Victoria, B.C., on July 9th, 10th, and 11th, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

You are earnestly invited to send one or more delegates to take an active part in the proceedings. Also to draft any resolution, or any municipal question you wish to be brought before the Convention.

The Union of Canadian Municipalities is "the people's parliament," your parliament, and you represent directly the taxpayer. To-day the responsibility of the municipal councils of Canada to Win the War, and for After the War is greater than ever. And it is only by the united counsel of leading municipal men in Convention that the problems confronting us can be adequately solved. There is nothing (apart from the war) so important at the present time, as an open-hearted understanding of the aims, and objects, and ideals of the municipal men of the East and West.

Among the subjects that will be discussed are:—

The Effects of the War on Canadian Municipalities.

How best to overcome the difficulties.

National and Municipal Housing.

The Returned Soldier Problem.

The Necessity of Vocational Education.

The Maintaining of Municipal Credit.

The Consolidated Railway Act,—Contest over Fundamental Municipal Rights.

How Cities Can Effectively Assist in the Food Crisis.

To the eastern delegates the time and expense is a serious matter at present, but the benefits that come to all more than compensate for the outlay. The municipal men of the West have pressed their invitation for several years; they are anxious to meet the municipal men of the East, and the West is of exceeding interest to Eastern people, in view of the movements expected there after the War, which must affect all Canada. This Convention in Victoria presents an opportunity to get a deeper knowledge of the West, a wider national outlook, and an occasion to cement Canadian National spirit, and the Empire.

The Dominion Civic Improvement League, will hold united meetings with us.

The Official Programme is now being prepared, and a copy will be sent you, with full particulars, at an early date.

Faithfully yours,

W. D. LIGHTHALL,

Hon. Sec.-Treas. U. C. M.

Montreal, June 1st, 1918.