

editorial committee, supplemented by that of other active Associate Members, the managing editor now entertains the hope that the "**British Columbia Monthly**" shall ultimately enter every home in the Province where social, educational, literary and religious interests and ideals are cherished.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

(By Rev. R. G. MacBeth, M. A.)

CIVIC AFFAIRS.

The mayoralty election was not run on a very high level, but it resulted in a large majority for Mr. R. H. Gale, who has our best wishes for his success in an office that is no sinecure. He has tackled the situation with characteristic energy and has outlined an ambitious programme. The city is in rather rough waters owing to the shrinkage from boom values and the large amount of delinquent taxes. People should refrain from "rocking the boat" and give the new Mayor and Council a fair chance. It was gratifying to note in the Mayor's inaugural address that special stress is to be laid on the enforcement of laws connected with morality. There is no doubt that Mayor McBeath incurred the enmity of the laxer element by his zeal in this regard, but the people will not brook any toleration of immoral conditions, even though they dissent at times from methods used in its suppression.

Another gratifying innovation was the opening of this year's Council proceedings with prayer. This needs no apology, but the contrary, at a time when the leaders of the Empire are praying men. The retiring Mayor, Mr. McBeath, leaves a clean record of careful administration in perhaps the most difficult years in the history of the city and will, no doubt, be heard from later in public life. I met him first when he was a boy in the Portage La Prairie country struggling against adverse circumstances, but he held on and made good.

THE CHURCH AND THE LAITY.

Archbishop Matheson, Primate of the Anglican Church in Canada, an intense evangelical, and able scholar, and a keen observer, has recently been making some strong stirring addresses in Toronto. He called specially on the laity of the Church to take hold of the work in dead earnest. This is a somewhat new note to strike in the Episcopalian communion where there has always been a tendency to have the affairs of the Church run pretty exclusively by the clergy. The Church of England in the home land no doubt lost considerably by this characteristic and men like the Primate are evidently determined that this mistake must not be made in Canada. No Church has a more splendid record for missionary activity in the far west and north of Canada than has the Church of England, and it will be well for the wealthy and influential and consecrated laymen to support by direct and living touch, the work being undertaken in this country and the world. The Archbishop and the clergy generally in this country manifestly desire and expect their active endeavor in every parish.