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Civic Management

LETTER FROM MR. GOSLING.
(Republished by Request.)

Editor Evening Telegram.
Dear Sir:—In my last letter I advanced the theory that it was useless to blame the Municipal Council for all our civic ills, and that it was our ridiculous system of government which was really at fault. I say "ridiculous" advisedly, for it is utterly absurd to expect men who are paid 50c. a day, who have very limited powers, and strictly limited funds, to transform St. John's into the city of our dreams. The Municipal Council might easily ask with the Israelites in Egypt: "How can we make bricks without straw?" I think it is time to stop criticizing the Municipal Council, and instead to endeavour to make such changes in our system of government as will make it effective. There has been a remarkable growth of civic pride in the U. S. and Canada in recent years. Dozens, nay hundreds, of cities have found themselves in exactly the same plight as we are, and it is most interesting and useful to learn how they have grappled with their problems. The system of government, which has been evolved, is known as Government by Commission. To us the term is apt to be misleading, as we generally apply it to a body of persons appointed by the Governor, in Council for some definite purpose, but Municipal Government by Commission will be found to be the purest and most direct type of democratic government.

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20 brls. Light Family Mess Pork.
10 brls. Light Jowls.
200 bags Bran.
200 bags Corn Meal.
200 bags Whole Corn.
200 bags Hominy.

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of work would not be suitable for us, and I would suggest something like the following:

1. Public Affairs.
2. Revenue and Finance.
3. Water, Sewerage and Lighting.
4. Road making, Paving and Repairing.
5. Street Cleaning and Watering.
6. The Collection of Garbage.
7. Public Health and Housing.

But very likely those who have had practical experience in the work of the Council, can suggest a much better division of work than I can. The Commissioners are generally expected to give the whole of their time to their duties, but in some cities they are only required to give five or six hours per diem. Besides having each his own department to manage, the Commissioners, under the chairmanship of the Mayor, meet regularly to discuss and decide upon the general policy of their administration.

A check is placed upon our Municipal Council by the necessity it is under to submit to the Legislature on January 31st of each year, an estimate of its income and expenditure for the ensuing year, and it is not allowed by law to exceed its estimated expenditure or raise money. A proper check upon the action of the Municipal Council is no doubt desirable, but, in my opinion, the above is a most unreasonable hindrance to an efficient government. I am told that, strictly speaking, they cannot put a new light in the streets unless it has been provided for in the estimate of expenditure.

Under the Commission form of government full legislative and administrative powers are bestowed upon the Commission. It has the right to levy taxes, to borrow money, issue bonds, lay out and pave streets, erect buildings, regulations, grant franchises, operate water powers, light in plants or other public utilities. In fact some cities have almost complete "home rule," and are independent almost entirely of state or provincial legislation in matters which concern the city. When giving such comprehensive powers, it is only right and proper that some check should be provided which while supplying a powerful constructive, would not permit necessary would yet permit the larger freedom of action.

Most cities adopting Commission Government have therefore associated with it three "checks" or "balances of power," known as the "Referendum," "Initiative" and "Recall."

The "Referendum" gives the voter the power to reverse or approve the policies of the Commission. The "Initiative" gives them the power to insist upon new lines of policy. The "Recall" gives them the power to dismiss any member of the Commission whose conduct is not satisfactory.

These powers are put into force by petition for a plebiscite vote to be taken upon the matter in question. The petition has to be signed by from 15 p.c. to 25 p.c. of the voters at the last election, the proposition varying in different cities.

It will thus be seen that while complete powers are given to the Commission, the final control is in the hands of the people, and can be exercised at any moment. The first city to adopt, or rather to its case, to formulate the Commission plan of Government was Galveston, Texas, after that city was devastated by the tidal wave in 1900. The first Commission was partly appointed by the Legislature of the State and partly elected, hence it took the name "Commission," which seems rather a misnomer now that the governing bodies are entirely elective.

The work done by the Galveston Commission was so remarkable that the fame of it spread to other cities which while spared a cataclysm such as forced a reform upon Galveston were suffering from the more general and greater evil of mismanagement and boss rule. By the close of 1910 about 150 cities had adopted the new system of government, and I understand that the movement has continued to find favor but have no positive information as to the number of cities now governed by Commissions.

The history of the cities first making the change is quite remarkable. It is one long story of triumph, or evils removed, reforms established and economies effected. The city nearest to us to elect to try the new method is St. John, N.E. There the movement was set on foot by a Committee of the Board of Trade, but I have no information at present as to the form of the Act finally passed by the Legislature.

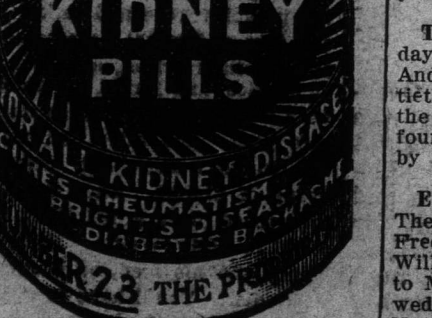
Now the question is whether this new system of Civic Government would suit us. It seems to me that it would, admirably, and in any case that it is worthy of very careful consideration.

One thing I am quite convinced about, and I feel sure that my conviction is shared by every thoughtful citizen, and that is the necessity of taking action immediately to obtain more efficient Civic Government.

No doubt there are many in the city who have information as to the Commission form of government, who, I hope, may be induced to make their knowledge public, whether it be for or against the system.

Yours truly,
W. G. GOSLING.
St. John's, June 18, 1913.

PRACTISING MUSIC.—The C. C. C. band are now preparing the music which they will render at the Cathedral during Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve.



If Constipated or Bilious - Cascarets.

For Sick Headache, Sour Stomach, Stagnant Liver and Bowels—They work while you sleep.

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Remember, a Cascaret to-night will straighten you out by morning. A 10-cent box from your druggist means healthy bowel action; a clear head, a cheerfulness for months. Don't forget the children.

Civil Engineers

By GEORGE FITCH.

Author of "At Good Old Swash."

A civil engineer is a quiet man with a thick coat, of sunburn, who spends his time revising climates, editing the landscape and training up rivers into lives of usefulness.

In order to do this the civil engineer does not tear the earth wide open with a hundred-ton spade or perform other feats of strength. He is usually of ordinary size and if he only used his own hands he could not push around a small creek, let alone a river. The civil engineer does not rely on muscle. When he desires to move a mountain or wipe out a few hundred square miles of desert with a dam he takes his logarithm book and retires to a quiet spot where he fills an acre of brown paper full of figures. At the end of six months he emerges with a tired air and a carload of blue prints and motions to the steam-shovels to come on up and get busy.

The civil engineer is not generally known. This is because he cannot often be found on the street corners or in the clubs or in the act of denigrating grand opera with a vast white shirt front. He usually lives in the wilderness in hip boots and a last week's shave. After the ordinary man has lived in a wilderness for a few years his mother wouldn't know him.

But after an engineer has lived in a wilderness the same length of time his mother wouldn't know it. The engineer is continually editing and revising nature, rearranging mountains and making rivers back up and go the other way. He is also as restless and unsatisfied with the way things look as the woman who always rearranges the parlor furniture while her husband is away so that he may fall over it when he comes home in the dark and receives a pleasant surprise.

The civil engineer has hung railroads on mountain sides, run tunnels under city streets, made oceans shake hands, harnessed up Niagara Falls, made parks out of the western deserts and has just put a reverse gear in the Chicago river. Some day he will be experimenting with the earth's orbit and we may yet have Christmas at the Fourth of July, and a weekly comet service to Mars, who knows? Logarithms and a square jaw working harmoniously can do almost anything.

Here and There.

POLICE MATTERS.—Matters were very quiet in police circles last night, and only two inebriates were arrested.

ORE CARGO.—The S. S. Othello sailed from Bell Island yesterday for Philadelphia, taking 5,920 tons of iron ore.

PASSED THE NARROWS.—The S. S. Baleine passed the Narrows yesterday. She was on her way to Sydney from Twillingate to load coal.

ESTA REACHED PERNAMBUCO.—Word has been received that the Danish schooner Esta, which sailed from Job Bros. & Co., with codfish on Oct. 3rd, has reached Pernambuco. The crew are all well.

ORGANS.—We are showing a nice lot of Mason and Hamlin and Needham organs at greatly reduced prices. Get one for \$1,000. CHURCHLEY WOODS, Piano and Organ Store, Water St.—Nov 28.11

FISH SHIPMENT.—The schooner Arnold left Twillingate yesterday for Gibraltar with 3,200 qts. of fish; also the schooner M. L. Morris with 14,374 qts. of fish cleared at Twillingate yesterday for Gibraltar.

THANKSGIVING DAY.—Next Sunday will be Thanksgiving Day at St. Andrew's Church, and also the seven-fiftieth anniversary of the dedication of the first St. Andrew's Church in Newfoundland, which will be celebrated by special services.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED.—The engagement is announced of Miss Frederica A. English, daughter of William English, Jeweller, of this city, to Mr. Harry Leason, of Brim. The wedding takes place shortly after the New Year.

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Purses . . . 1.75 to 7.50	Military Brushes . . . 3.00 to 6.00
Jewel Cases . . . 1.00 to 8.00	Coat Hangers . . . 2.00
Card Cases . . . 1.00 to 4.00	Tobacco Pouches . . . 1.25 to 4.00
Cigar Cases . . . 1.75 to 5.00	Pipes . . . 2.50 to 5.00
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