

### To Improve Toronto.

That even Toronto the "Queen City," can be improved, and its further extension rigidly kept within artistic bounds is a fact that even the most loyal Torontonians grants. The Toronto Guild of Civic Art, of which Lieut-Col. Pellatt is President and Mr. W. Ford, Secretary, proposes to lead the way in this particular, along with the Ontario Association of Architects, and has issued a circular to this effect. The circular recently issued by the Guild, which calls attention to what has been done by other cities, such as Boston, Cleveland and Ottawa, outlines the plan proposed for Toronto. A Committee has been appointed, who will consider the question, and who will give their services gratuitously, and the Guild has undertaken to raise \$5,000 for office expenses, plans, etc. The success of the Guild's undertaking will not only be a good thing for Toronto, but for Canada.

### Western Good Roads Association

The annual meeting was held in Toronto, and the following officers elected:

Pres. W. H. Pugsley, Richmond, Hill; Sec. Lieut. Col. J. E. Farewell, Whitby; Asst. Sec., W. A. McLean, Public Works Dept. Toronto.

### The Gas Question at Montreal.

Montrealers are exercised about a vote of the City Council by which the franchise of the Gas Company is extended for another fifteen years, or twenty years from the present time.

The Board of Trade, the Chambre de Commerce and other public bodies, passed resolutions opposing this, and all but one of the city papers loudly denounced it, claiming that 80 cents was the proper maximum price.

His Worship Mayor Laporte refused to pass the motion on technical grounds, but the Council repeated the vote. His Worship is considering how the matter can be altered so as to fall in with the views of the citizens.

Meantime, the officials of the Gas Company claim that they do not want to accept the offer made by the Council, stating that the terms do not suit them.

### Hurrah for Fort William, Ont.

Ex-Mayor Dyke writes us to say that the management of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway has agreed with the Municipality of Fort William to admit the Municipal Telephone into their premises. The Canadian Northern Railway gives the same privileges, so the Canadian Pacific Railway is alone in its refusal to allow the municipal 'phones into its buildings.

### American Locomotive Company

Begs to announce that on and after April twenty-fourth, nineteen hundred and five, the General Offices of the Company will be located in the Trinity Building, 111 Broadway, New York.

### Well Dunne!

Judge Dunne, Chicago's new Mayor, has already commenced a campaign tending towards greater safety from fire in hotels and tall buildings. Upon his advice fire inspectors a few days ago were set at work investigating the conditions of many of the large down town office structures, hosteleries and boarding houses, which had been reported as violating the ordinance calling for inside stand pipes for carrying water to the upper stories. The rumor proved too true, and Mayor Dunne has caused the name of each violator to be placed in the hands of the proper prosecuting officials.—Fireman's Herald.

### Women Want Votes.

The Ontario Government received a deputation who asked that the franchise in municipal elections be extended to women on the same basis as men. Mayor Urquhart of Toronto was with the deputation and spoke in favor. The Premier promised that the matter would have full consideration. However, the idea has been negated in the Legislature.

### Reduced Prices.

The Assembly of New York State has decided, as the result of the investigation by the Stevens gas Committee, that the maximum price of gas shall be 75 cents per thousand feet, and the price of electric lighting shall be reduced from 15 to 10 cents per kilowatt hour.

### Valleyfield in Line.

Valleyfield, Que., has adopted the idea of municipal lighting, and, very wisely, instead of going into the matter inadvisedly, they have engaged the services of an expert, Mr. Charles Brandeis, C.E. The streets will be lighted by 132 arc lamps of 1200 c.p., and work will be commenced immediately.

### City Engineer Rust.

A propos of the likelihood of City Engineer Rust, Toronto leaving to enter business, the "Toronto News" says:—

"An engineering concern has prepared a formula designed to remove Rust from the City Hall."

Dr. Jessop's Bill to enable a town to grant a second bonus to a second industry of the same kind without securing the consent of the first has been killed.

Vienna has an automatic telephone system; the call is made by moving a disc, like a combination lock.

"There is plenty of time in Windsor, Ont. The city has one standard, the Grand Trunk and Wabash Railways another, and the Michigan Central a third."—News, Toronto.

"At Yarmouth, England, the races are managed by the municipal authorities. One year the city made \$15,000 from the enterprise and reduced taxation to that extent."