

A MUNICIPAL ANTHEM.

The Mayor of Baltimore is setting a unique example in offering \$250 in gold for the best original musical setting of the prize poem on Baltimore, by Folger McKinsey, to be used as the municipal anthem.

The prize poem is as follows:

Baltimore, Our Baltimore!
Baltimore, where Calvert flourished
And the stately Carroll came
Here the old defenders thundered
As they charged in battle-flame,
Here the starry banner glistened
In the sunshine of the sea,
In that dawn of golden vision
That awoke the song of Key:

Here are hearts that beat forever
For the city we adore;
Here the love of men and brothers—
Baltimore, our Baltimore!

Here the clipper ships of glory
Brought the cargoes of their day
From the ports of seven oceans
Homing white-winged up the bay.
Here immortal Poe illumined
Living letters with his lyre;
Here Lanier's uplifting measures
Taught the world a fresh desire:

Here the tradesman and the statesman,
Here the gallant hearts of yore,
Came to found a beauteous city—
Baltimore, our Baltimore!

Here the charm of parks and gardens,
Here the spirit of the home,
Here the music of the morning
In the wind across the foam.
Here the teacher and the prophet,
Here the sermon and the song,
Keep the higher beauty burning
And the nobler purpose strong:

Here the church and here the temple,
Reared amid our bloomy lore;
Here the Science wed with Healing—
Baltimore, our Baltimore!

God of grace, thou great Jehovah,
Make us grateful, keep us true,
That these gifts of light and leading
May enchain our hearts to you;
That in spiritual vision glowing
Men behold along the gleam
How a righteous city blossoms
In the golden years of dream:

Here our halls of Art and Learning,
Here the dust that Rinehart wore;
God to guide, and man to worship—
Baltimore, our Baltimore!

EX-ALDERMAN LA-
POINTE, M.P.,
Who Introduced the
Cent Tax in Montreal.

MONTREAL'S ONE
CENT TAX.

Montreal has collected the sum of \$80,805.32, from the one-cent charity tax imposed on local theatre-goers during the first six months of the year. This amount has been distributed between the various hospitals and other institutions rendering to the corporation an account of the number of free cases they handle. The distribution was made on the proportion of beds in each hospital, etc.



MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT IN ENGLAND.

We are glad to see that our editorial of July first on the subject of Development Committees is arousing interest amongst the authorities. A correspondent in another part of this issue cordially welcomes our proposal, and we sincerely trust that the absorptions and distractions of war time will not prevent practical steps being taken in suitable areas. It is of no use sitting in arm-chairs and reading newspaper articles about capturing German trade and leaving it at that. If German trade is going to be captured something must be done towards capturing it, and a real and valuable service can be performed by local authorities if they will establish Development Committees for the purpose of encouraging the settlement of new industries and the development of existing industries within their areas. It is not by any means a question of setting the various municipalities in competition with each other. Every district has its own special advantages which do not appeal alike to all classes of manufacturers and traders, and one of the principal duties of the Development Committee should be to ensure that those special advantages become known in the right quarters. We have reasons for stating that in the few places where such committees have been established the authorities are entirely satisfied with the results. So satisfied are they, in fact, that they are saying little or nothing about this special form of municipal enterprise. On opening the June issue of our contemporary, "The Canadian Municipal Journal," we were interested to see an appeal to the Canadian municipalities on lines very similar to our own. It calls its campaign "Municipal Preparedness," the last being a word that is much in vogue on the other side just now. The need for "Municipal Preparedness" is just as great in this country as it is in Canada.—English Municipal Journal.

BOND DEALERS AND MUNICIPALITIES.

It was a happy thought on the part of the newly-formed Bond Dealers' Association of Canada to arrange for the appearance at this week's convention of the Union of Canadian Municipalities of their president, William Hanson, and vice-president, A. E. Ames. These gentlemen, ranking as they do among the foremost financiers of the Dominion, were able to present the aims and purposes of the new association with dignity and impressiveness.

Much will necessarily depend on a clear understanding of the objects which the Bond Dealers' Association have in view. There will be a suspicion at the outset that the men who buy the bonds from the municipalities are combining for some nefarious purpose. In no way could this suspicion have been more effectively removed than by the frank and open way in which the existence of the association was announced and its purpose outlined by Mr. Hanson. Those who listened to him must have been convinced of the sincerity and honesty of purpose of the association's members, and have gone back to their various municipalities assured that the whole business of buying and selling bonds was being placed on a more satisfactory basis by the establishment of the association.

An excellent indication of one direction in which the Bond Dealers' Association is moving was afforded by Mr. Ames, who referred to the great need on the part of municipalities of keeping faith with investors. So far, he was able to say that, with but two or three minor exceptions, the reputation of Canadian municipalities was above suspicion. To maintain it on this level and, if possible, to raise it to an even higher level, would be work in which the Union of Municipalities and the Bond Dealers' Association could co-operate effectively.

The financial interests of the country will assuredly be advanced by this rapprochement between the two organizations. A year ago such co-operation would have been impossible. To-day, thanks to the steps taken to bring the bond dealers together, it is not only possible, but it has actually been effected. If Mr. Ames' suggestion to have permanent committees for discussion of problems arising in the field of municipal financing is carried out, a great forward step will have been taken.—Financial Post.