

## Union of B. C. Municipalities.

Officers 1911-12

President, Mayor Planta, Nanaimo.  
Vice-President, Mayor Lee, New Westminster.  
Hon. Sec.-Treas., Mr. H. Bose, Surrey Centre.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mayor Hamilton, Revelstoke; Mayor McNeish, North Vancouver; Reeve Dick, Mission; Reeve McNaught, North Vancouver; Reeve Weart, Burnaby; Reeve Pound, South Vancouver; Ald. Enright, Vancouver.

### SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION, VICTORIA, B. C.

15-16 November, 1911

The President, Mayor Planta, of Nanaimo, presided in the Council Chamber.

### Address of Welcome by Mayor Morley

It gives me great pleasure to note to-day the increasing interest that is taken in the work of the Union of Municipalities in British Columbia. The meeting here is a marked contrast to the one held in 1906 at Kamloops. We have three times as many delegates, which, of course, shows two things to be proud of, that is, more interest taken in the work of the Union, and the other that we have more need to take interest. I am glad and proud to welcome you to your Mother City, — the Capital of the Province. This Union is in reality an adjunct of the Legislative Assembly. It lines up with their work, and I suggest all its conventions be held here.

There never was a time in the history of the Cities of the Province when they needed more consideration as to the legislative wants, than at this time. Most of you have learned by severe experience and trials how difficult our Municipal trials are, not from the legislative body, but in not making our wants known to the legislature and doing it in due season.

Mayor Lee, New Westminster, replying for the delegates said he was pleased to convey to the City of Victoria the greetings from the various Municipalities, members of the U. B. C. M. Perhaps it is particularly fitting that the representative from New Westminster should respond, for the Mayor spoke of this city as the "Mother City". Now, Victoria is only the foster mother; New Westminster is the Mother City of the Union, so perhaps it is a little fitting I should respond to that; while at the same time we take off our hats to a City that is destined to be one of the best Cities of this country. We are particularly pleased to see the progress that has taken place in the City of Victoria under the administration of His Worship the Mayor and the Council.

The President appointed as the Resolution Committee: Reeve McNaught, North Vancouver; Reeve Dick, Mission; and Mayor Hamilton, Revelstoke, who reported on those present.

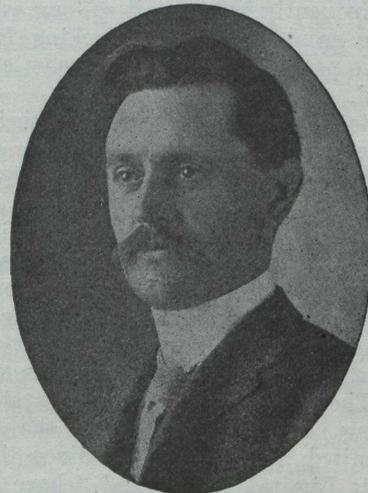
The President appointed as the Resolution Committee: Reeve Pound, Reeve Weart, Reeve Dick, Ald. Gray, and Clerk Dickinson.

### PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Those who have followed the proceedings of our previous Conventions realize the immense benefit which has accrued to the Municipalities as a result of our organization. On all occasions when your Executive

has met members of the Provincial Government, we have been well received, and the matters presented for the consideration of the Government have to a very large extent met with approval and been adopted; and so long as we continue to exercise the same care and judgment that we have shown in the past in dealing with matters affecting Municipal Legislation, so long will we continue to enjoy the confidence and support of the Legislative Assembly.

Your Executive Committee met in the City of Victoria on January 17th, and presented to the Government various matters which were referred to them for attention. These were discussed with the Honorable the Attorney General who very kindly granted us a long interview, he, along with the Deputy Attorney General entering into a very full discussion with us. Many of the matters met with approval and have been adopted, while others are being given further consideration. It will not be necessary for me to go further into detail in this connection, as printed copies of the Minutes of the Executive Meeting have been provided for your information.



Mayor Planta, Nanaimo

Perhaps the most important matter which will be brought forward for your consideration at this Convention is one which has been seriously discussed each year since our Organization, and last year was referred to the Executive Committee for submission to the Government, I refer to the question of the division of Municipalities into three classes. Your Committee discussed this matter at length with the Honorable Mr. Bowser, and while no definite action has yet been decided, I know that it is receiving his careful consideration. In the meantime representatives of the Cities of Vancouver, Victoria and New Westminster appointed at the suggestion of Mayor Morley, held a meeting at which the following resolutions were passed:

"That this meeting approves of suggestion of His Worship the Mayor of Victoria that steps be taken to draft Legislation as an amendment to the Municipal Clauses Act, or otherwise provide for the government of Cities of the First Class." Carried unanimously.

"That a copy of the above resolution be forwarded to the Secretary of the Union of B. C. Municipalities so that they can take action if they deem it advisable in regard to Municipalities other than cities of the First Class." Carried unanimously.