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MUNICIPAL RECONSTRUCTION.

In presenting this first part of our second Reconstruction number to our readers we have in mind the municipal councils as a factor in the building up of Canada under the new social conditions that are and will affect this country, as they will affect every other part of the world. Every foot of Canada is under municipal government which touches the lives of the people more than either provincial or dominion government, so that the new thought that is fast spreading throughout the civilized world must have a very direct effect on the policies of our municipal councils. To say otherwise would be evading the issues that must be met if we are to hold our own in the League of Nations. We must at least be on a par with other nations, and our municipal institutions, because of their direct influence on the living conditions of the people, must be at least as perfect as those of our neighbours. With this idea in our mind we have in the following pages, and in the pages of the next number, attempted with the aid of our writers to cover those subjects dealing with problems the solution of which will be largely in the hands of the local councils. These problems are as follows:-

HOUSING — HEALTH — SAFETY — EDUCATION — SOCIAL WELFARE - COST OF LIVING - ADMINISTRATION.

While not suggesting for a moment that the articles contained in this and the following issue are the last words on their particular subjects we do suggest that they contain much food for thought and consequently worthy of the attention of our readers.

Part Two of this Reconstruction Number will contain the following Special Articles:-

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