

different direction by a swift series of equally bold changes. Here the central purpose is to place supreme control in a small Commission of able, honest, non-party men, for a considerable period of years, relying upon the concentrated responsibility thus attained to secure efficient government and put down graft."

The condition of things in this country is as unsatisfactory as it appears to be in the United States. The scandalous and alarming state of things in the city of Toronto as regards its water supply is an illustration. Incompetence in the past and helplessness in the present has brought about a condition of things bordering on chaos, not only in reference to the water supply, but as to other public utility matters. And there is at present no remedy in sight for the inconvenience, injustice and injury resulting from the mismanagement so common in cities, arising partly from incompetence and partly from a susceptibility to improper and socialistic influences; all of which is evidence that this system of government is inappropriate to urban municipalities though in rural districts it seems to work fairly well.

OCULAR DEMONSTRATION.

It is an old saying that "seeing is believing," and of all methods of proof ocular demonstration has always been regarded as one of the most conclusive. But in applying this method of proof in ordinary litigation, difficulties arise, and particularly where the decision of one tribunal is liable to be reviewed by another, as it is obvious that unless the like demonstration is furnished to the appellate tribunal it is incapable of judging fairly of the weight proper to be attributed to all the evidence upon which the court below has proceeded.

In the proceedings for a view by a jury or a judge, provision has been made for the admission of this kind of evidence, and where that method of procedure has been resorted to an appellate court would be slow to review the finding of either a judge or a jury, based on an actual view, unless it also were en-