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What Happened to Hoag

JUST as we started to make up this week's issue, along came a gentleman who had just written something which he wanted to see in print as soon as possible. As a rule that kind of person doesn't get much chance to talk to the editor. But this one was different; so different that we decided to lift some things already nailed down in make-up to let the readers of the Canadian Courier as soon as possible begin to speculate on

What Happened to Hoag.

Now, we don't tell you much about this Mystery of Martin Hoag in the first instalment. All we have tried to do is to get you started taking an interest in Hoag. You may not like him at first. But you are sure to read long enough to find out why you don't like him—and by the time you find out you will be wondering what there is about this outlandish crusader that makes you feel so much at home with him when he does some of the most curious things. Hoag very seldom knew why he acted so. If he should find the story of his life in the Canadian Courier he would be very much shocked at the publicity, but pleased if it was doing anybody any good.

Did he win out? How did he do it? What was the mysterious power that urged him on?

All these and much more you will discover as you read.

What is the Matter with my Town?



Municipal Elections will soon be on. Now is the time to do a little plain citizen talking on behalf of the community!

IF there is a town in Canada where the Canadian Courier does not circulate, we should like to get its name and its place on the map. If there is a town anywhere in the country not in need of improvement, we should like the name of that town also. One of the functions of this paper is to form a living link between the hundreds upon hundreds of communities scattered all over Canada. One of the best services we can perform is to enable citizens of these towns to tell citizens of other towns how civic affairs can be improved. Town planning programmes are all right; so are Civic Guilds and Civic Improvement Leagues and Municipal Research organizations. They are all doing a big work. In the United States hundreds of towns and big cities have been pulled out of the hole of graft, corruption, municipal muddling and mismanagement by the efforts of such reformatory bodies acting in league with the public press. In spite of all this Philadelphia still has government by murder, and Montreal has government by muddle, and—Well, there's no use going into details or we shall be stealing our correspondents' thunder. What we want is to find out for the sake of other people what are the things that people should induce municipal candidates to consider on the eve of municipal elections all over Canada.

There are but three conditions to this:

The name of the town must in every case be mentioned;

The name of the critic may be withheld from publication by the use of a pen-name or any other symbol you like;

Merely personal or petty criticism must not be submitted, because these are of no interest to people a hundred or a thousand miles away.

Letters are not limited as to length and their publication in full or in the form of a summary will depend upon how interestingly they are written, and in how far the criticisms can be made interesting to other people. When you are writing your letter, imagine that you are in some town a long way off comparing notes with a friend of yours, telling him what's the matter with your town, that he may never have seen and never expects to see, but may be glad to hear you talk about.

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