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THE MUNICIPAL WORLD depends largely on the co-operation of those in office, both members of councils and officials, and to them our thanks are due for progress made during the past few years. We will be pleased to receive renewals of subscriptions them all, and from those who may be retiring or retired from municipal life, a recommendation to their successors. The Special Supplements describing public utilities in cities, towns and villages have increased the value of the paper to the authorities of urban municipalities.

The Question Drawer occupied more space during 1901 than any previous year. The value of this department depends entirely on the number and character of the questions, the answers to which, if obtained from any other source, would cost many times the subscription rates.

No other special publication, at any price, does as much for its readers as we have been able to do. For the appreciation of our efforts we look to the Supply Department, which has, in the past, received an encouraging report. We have a most complete list of Blank Forms, Books, Stationery and Office Supplies required by municipalities. The co-operation of all with this department is necessary if the present high standard of THE MUNICIPAL WORLD is to be maintained.

A by-law to grant aid to a sugar beet factory has been carried in the city of Berlin.

Mr. Henry Moorehouse, treasurer of the town of Perth, is dead at the age of 82 years.

The month of December is one of the busiest in municipal circles. There is generally a greater demand for special information as the elections draw near, than at any other time. Subscribers should not be backward in availing themselves of the privileges of the Question Drawer, to prepare themselves for the canvass and nomination day. We will keep THE WORLD OFFICE open evenings from December 16 to January 4 so that all who may desire to telephone or wire us at night rates may do so and receive prompt attention.

Complimentary Resolutions.

Municipal office has few rewards commensurate with its duties and responsibilities.

Many long terms of service go unrewarded unless the fact that a man was a representative of the people, or an official, should be considered sufficient. Men are at all times sensitive, and keen to judge the actions of others. The unusual devotion of an employee, or the conspicuous bravery of a soldier, is generally recognized in some manner. Even the good behavior of a convict shortens the term of his imprisonment.

Look where we will we find that there is a general tendency among men to regard the creditable actions of their fellows as entitling them to some sort of reward.

In many ways we make ourselves responsible for the behavior of others, and should encourage them in well doing. Love of approbation is a strong motive to action. A word of appreciation in the form of a resolution in reference to a faithful employee, or an efficient member of the council, may have an enormous influence in determining right conduct. The influence will often extend far beyond those immediately interested, and raise the standard of municipal service and representation.

Nothing should interfere with the duty which, as occasions arise, every councillor owes to his colleagues, the officials, or his constituents in this respect. Complimentary resolutions are usual when a councillor or official dies. How much more appropriate when all can say:—

"I see him coming! Let's fall into admiration of his good parts, that he may overhear his own praise."

—*The Antiquary.*

Mr. James H. Johnston has succeeded Mr. Thomas Clitheroe, as clerk of the township of Haldimand.

Mr. Charles Lewis, of Warren, has been appointed clerk and treasurer of Ratter and Dunnett townships, as successor to Mr. W. A. Depew.

Mr. James Grant, for many years clerk of the township of London, died last month, and his daughter, Miss Mary Grant, has been appointed to succeed him.

The decision of "In re E. J. Parke, police magistrate of the city of London," referred to under nominations, was decided in 1898 but has not been brought prominently before the municipal officers of the province.

We are directing special attention to it in this issue, as we understand that an Act to amend the present law, so that the decision will not hereafter apply, will be introduced at the next session of the legislature.

Section 304, sub-section 6, of the Municipal Act, requires the council of every town, township and village to hold a meeting on the 15th day of December, this year, and immediately after the meeting publish a detailed statement of receipts and expenditures for a portion of the year ending on the day of such meeting, together with a statement of assets and liabilities and uncollected taxes. A similar statement in detail respecting the last fifteen days of the preceding year is to be attached thereto. As this is intended to be the last meeting of the year all outstanding accounts should be passed. The mayor or reeve and treasurer are required to sign this statement, and it shall be published forthwith in one or more newspapers (if any) of the municipality, and also in such other newspapers circulated in the municipality, as the council may direct. The council may, at their option, instead of publishing this statement in any newspaper, cause it to be printed and posted up in the offices of the clerk and treasurer, respectively, as well as at all the post-offices in the municipality, and at not less than twelve other conspicuous places therein, not later than the 24th day of December. The clerk is to procure not less than one hundred copies of this statement for delivery or transmission by post to such of the electors as shall first request him to do so, not later than the last mentioned date. It is the duty of the clerk to see that copies of this statement are produced at the nomination meeting.

The clerk, treasurer and other officials of the municipality should render the council all the assistance in their power in the preparation of this statement. The above remarks do not apply to township municipalities situated in East or West Algoma, North Renfrew, Muskoka or Parry Sound, or the provisional county of Haliburton.

*If we say 'n our pletform that all men are brothers,
We don't mean that some folks ain't more so 'n others;
An' et's wal understood that we make a s'lection,
An' that brotherhood kin' o' subsidies arter 'lection.*

—*Lowell Biglow Papers.*

The by-law to grant \$20,000 in aid of Queen's University, Kingston, was defeated by ratepayers of the county of Frontenac on the 1st of November last by a majority of 503.