

members of councils, magistrates, or others interested in obtaining information respecting the laws by which they are more directly affected, unless they severally examine the Statutes of each successive Session of the Legislature, and by erasures and interpolations endeavour to consolidate within the pages of the R. S. O. the existing law. The object of the Canadian Municipal Journal is to so consolidate the various Acts and explain the more abstruse or apparently conflicting sections, whereby the laws, as amended, may be readily understood and acted upon by any person, whether in a private or official capacity.

The recurrent repeals and amendments to said Acts are sometimes beneficial; but, while admitting the improvement in many cases, the question arises whether most of the changes made during the last five years could not have been originally inserted in the R. S. O. if the matters under consideration had been properly understood. The assertion can scarcely be refuted that very many of the changes in the Municipal, Assessment and other Acts have been made, from time to time, through the information derived from City and County Councils throughout the Province. This being the case, such Councils should have a proportionate representation in the deliberations of the Legislative body.

To suggest that the mayors and wardens of the several cities and counties in the Province should compose and constitute the Legislature, would, although saving the expense of a Legislative election, be considered too sudden a departure from the system of electing lawyers, doctors, and enriched speculators, who, by devious ways, secure an election through the nomination of a party, to the exclusion of less presumptuous but oftentimes wiser men. In case it was provided that, in addition to the usual qualification required in a candidate for legislative honors, he should have served as alderman or county councillor for a certain term of years, a double purpose would be accomplished, namely: that of having men of superior talent striving to