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God Made *the* Country; Man *the* Town

ONCE a year the Civic Improvement League of Canada meets somewhere to discuss how the towns and cities of this country can be made better places to live in. This is a large order. And of all places in Canada the League could have chosen no better city for its 1917 convention than Winnipeg. The press has not given the public the details of this important convention. But we understand that two of the subjects most energetically treated by the convention were Municipal Accounting and the business of looking after the economics of returned soldiers. Three papers were read on Municipal Accounting by Mr. R. H. Coates of Ottawa, Mr. J. Yorath of Saskatoon, and Dr. Brittain of Toronto. It was recognized fundamentally by the convention that a proper basis of muni-

cipal accounting lies at the root of all real civic service. In the matter of returned soldiers it was agreed unanimously that there should be absolute co-operation between municipalities, Provinces and the Federal Government. In the illustrations above—third from the left—Mr. Frank Beer, of Toronto, a noted enthusiast of wide experience, is seen talking to delegate W. R. Owen, of Vancouver. The next pair, to the right—not so vivacious—are Mr. J. Yorath, City Commissioner of Saskatoon, and Dr. R. L. Brittain, well-known impresario of the Municipal Research League in Toronto. At the extreme left may be seen Mr. R. P. Farley, English writer, lately appointed Secretary of the Winnipeg Research League, and J. W. Curle, Secretary of the Winnipeg Civic Improvement League.

Nationalize Vancouver Port

SO large and influential a body of business men as the group below would not be likely to travel from Vancouver to Ottawa by special coach just for the pleasure of spending more time and money at the Chateau Laurier. These citizens of Vancouver are—Seated: H. S. Clements, M.P.; B. W. Greer, President Board of Trade; George Buscombe, Blake Wilson, W. H. Malkin, Hon. C. E. Tisdall; J. Loutet, Councillor North Vancouver. Standing: W. A. Blair, Secretary Board of Trade; Norman McLean; E. C. Knight, General Manager Vancouver Lumber Company; F. L. Fellowes, C.E., City Engineer, Vancouver; Chris Spencer, William McNeill; H. H. Stevens, M.P.; H. R. Kenvyn, Marine Editor Vancouver Province; G. W. Vance, Mayor North Vancouver; Nichol Thompson. They have flatly and reasonably asked the Gov-

ernment to take the Port of Vancouver off the City of Vancouver's hands; to extend, improve and undertake its upkeep; to take harbour dues imposts off the tonnage entering and leaving; in short to nationalize the Port of Vancouver as we have already nationalized the ports of Montreal, Quebec, Halifax and St. John. They also ask for a dry dock to cost \$2,500,000. The reasons urged for this work of nationalization are—that Vancouver has a registered tonnage 25 per cent. greater than that of Montreal; that the harbour is open to ships 365 days in the year; that the total movement of tonnage in and out of Vancouver port, including that which passes en route to Europe and from U. S. ports by call to the Orient, aggregates \$200,000,000 a year. Until we have a nationalized port on the Pacific, Canada will never be a nation.

