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## Editor's Talk

THE relation of a citizen to the town in which he lives is a subject not sufficiently discussed in this country. The building of our future towns and cities is a national problem. It is a tremendous problem. If any bad law creeps into the statute books it may be repealed at the next session of Parliament. It is different with the making of a city. If it is built improperly it may take many years and many millions of dollars to effect the necessary reforms. If it allows a selfish clique to get possession of the reins of civic government it may take a quarter of a century to dislodge the usurpers.

In this week's issue we publish some more of the prize essays in our "Civic Spirit" Competition. There will be another instalment of these in a subsequent issue, and also an illustrated article on the first "Women's Civic Club" in Canada. It will probably come as a surprise to many people that there is a town with a Civic Club, and the surprise is accentuated when it is known that this is an organization founded and controlled by women.

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The "Civic Beauty Competition," for the best series of six unpublished photographs of one town, will close on July 1st. This promises to be very keenly contested, because the winner is sure to give his town a tremendous advertisement. The prizes are Fifteen Dollars, Ten Dollars, and Five Dollars. Competitors are requested to send their prints unmounted and to use paper which is suitable for reproduction.

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Next week "The Courier" will publish its annual "Educational Number." It will briefly sum up the educational progress of the year and indicate in a general way the educational tendencies of the period. An examination of this issue will do much to convince the thinking man that Canada is on the verge of an educational revolution which will include the entire abolition of the rural school and the town high school as at present constituted.

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