

unfitted for the duties they are elected to perform.

All immigrants—more or less—have the “get rich quick” idea. Personal gain is their first thought; public interest takes a secondary place. This in a measure accounts for the reign of “Graft” which the country at various times has passed through. The conditions in a new and rapidly growing country, largely through influx, make municipal ownership of industries a specially dangerous experiment. Canada at the present time can hardly be called “a country.” *It is “a procession.”*

THE WAY OUT.

Although the average standing of representative men fifty years ago was as high in Ontario, if not higher, than at present, they failed to make their municipal undertakings a success. All had great expectations and were honestly enthusiastic. They embarrassed the entire province and checked progress for a quarter of a century. The construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway, in 1881, by a private corporation, followed by the Canadian Northern Railway and other important enterprises, the result of individual activity and financial ability, was, in fact, the way out. Under such a system the credit of all the provinces and the municipali-