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International Municipal League

An International Municipal League is in course of organization as a result of a suggestion made by Mr. W. D. Lighthall at previous Conventions of the Union of Canadian Municipalities, and finally put into a formal resolution proposed by Mr. Lighthall at the Windsor Convention last year. This resolution as recorded in the Official Report of the Convention suggested that Municipal Associations be invited by the Union of Canadian Municipalities to join in establishing an International Union League "for friendly intercourse of public advantage."

Circulars were sent out to the National Municipal League, the League of American Municipalities, the American Society of Municipal Improvements, and the Chicago School of Civics and Philanthropy, in the United States; l'Union des Associations Internationales, in Belgium; the Association of Municipal Corporations, the London County Council, and the National Association of Local Government Offices, in England; the Convention of Royal Burghs, in Scotland; the Local Government Association of New South Wales, in Australia; the Local Government Officers' Association and the Association of Municipal Corporations, in the Cape of Good Hope; the Municipal Association of New Zealand; and the Municipal Association of the Transvaal.

Replies have been received from sufficient of these to justify further steps being taken, and Mr. Clinton Rogers Woodruff, secretary of the National Municipal League, is acting as secretary pro-tem., his address being Philadelphia, Pa.

Information Wanted

Writing on the above subject, Mr. H. H. Kemp, secretary of the Mayor of Johannesburg, South Africa, says that they wish for information as to the Park and Parkway systems established by Canadian Municipalities; also information as to Civic and Publicity Associations, with the scope of their activities. This could easily be given by our readers sending in copies of such reports of these subjects as have been issued by the different municipalities. Will our readers aid Mr. Kemp—and through him the Transvaal Municipal Association, and the United Municipal Associations of South Africa? His address is P. O. Box 1049, Johannesburg, South Africa.

We feel certain that the sister Associations of Municipalities in South Africa will be delighted to reciprocate.

Valuable Opinion

A very interesting letter has been received by the Secretary of the U. C. M. from Mr. Aaron Read, Mayor of Kerrobert, Sask.

Mayor Read recalls that as Mayor of Owen Sound in 1901, he attended the inaugural meeting of the Union of Canadian Municipalities in Toronto, and afterwards served on the Executive. He says: "No person knows, except those that have watched it carefully from its inception in Toronto, what magnificent work the Union has accomplished, not only for the cities and towns, but for the Rural Municipalities."

Mayor Read says he will attend the Convention at Saskatoon, and will advise the whole Council to be there.