

present, no person is engaged by the Police, Finance or Hygiene Committees without undergoing an examination to prove his ability.

The present leaders of the Council did not wish it to be said that places in the Corporation were given to the highest bidder. The scandals which have been exposed in the Police Department cannot be renewed because of the examinations instituted to determine the best qualified aspirant for an appointment as constable. Whosoever passes a satisfactory examination and can give guarantee of honesty may rest assured that his turn to be appointed will come, and that his position will cost him nothing.

This system will extend to the various divisions of the Civic Administration, and in future none but worthy and capable employees will be engaged by the Corporation.

Formerly, only the protégés, friends or relations of Aldermen could hope to be appointed to a good position at the City Hall. Favour and protection have given way to merit. Who will dare deny that this reform is in the interest of the Citizens?

In the Police Department, to give but one example, the introduction of the examination system raised the moral standing of the force to such an extent, that many cities of Canada have endeavoured to follow our example, and have placed some of our men at the head of their own municipal police force.

We may also mention another excellent measure in the re-organization of the administration. For the first time the principle of promotion amongst civic officials has been established as a rule. Whenever it was possible to fill a vacancy by promotion, the Council hastened to do so. This was done in the cases of Messrs. Marien, Barlow, Biron, Janin and Lesage. Employees may confidently expect that industry and assiduity will be rewarded when they have the assurance of mounting the ladder, and that their place will not be given to some favourite.

No Politics in the City Council

Not even the opponents of the Reform Aldermen can reproach them with having introduced politics into the Civic Administration.

When the Committees were formed, when the choice of President was a live question, one third of the honours was