

and size and architectural beauty, the Winnipeg General Hospital is a splendid institution and others of a charitable, religious or educational nature are to be seen in every direction. The City has for years been proud of its Athletic associations. The Senior Four of the Winnipeg Rowing Club have twice been amateur champions of America. The Hockey Club has held the championship of the world and the Dominion and International trap-shooting championships have also been captured. In curling, skating, snow-shoeing, lacrosse, golfing, cricket, football, bicycling, lawn-tennis and rifle shooting, the young men of Winnipeg have been prominent and strong efforts have been made to keep these sports free from professionalism. Social Clubs of all kinds have in recent years been a special feature of Winnipeg's private life, while of secret and fraternal associations there are large numbers. The National benevolent societies are well organized and do much good and useful work. Several music and dramatic associations flourish. The Manitoba Historical and Scientific Society maintains a library and museum and has published a large number of valuable papers. The City also has a Free Public Library and a valuable Legislative Library. It may be added that Winnipeg is 710 feet above sea level and is one of the world's healthiest cities with a death-rate in 1911 of only 13.6 per 1,000 inhabitants. The city's artesian well water is unexcelled for its purity. The summer days of Winnipeg have 16 hours' sunshine while winter is marked by clear weather and an absence of moisture which makes the climate agreeable and even in the coldest weather exhilarating and bright in the extreme.

Since 1907 the Civic Government has been vested in a Mayor, a Board of Control composed of four members and the Mayor, and 14 City Councillors, all elected by ballot—taxpayers and tenants who are British subjects by birth or naturalization being qualified to vote. The Board of Control is, in 1912, the executive body and as such deals with all financial matters, regulates and supervises expenditures, revenues and investments, directs and controls Departments, nominates all heads of Departments, prepares specifications, advertises for tenders for work, materials and supplies required, inspects and reports to the Council upon all municipal works being carried on within the City, and administers its affairs generally except as to the Public Schools and the Police Department. The former is under control of the Public School Board elected annually by the ratepayers, and the latter under the Board of Police Commissioners, which consists of the Mayor, the County Court Judge, Police Magistrate, and two Aldermen appointed by the City. The Mayors of Winnipeg, it may be added here, have done their share in promoting Civic development and welfare—many were men of the highest character and attainments. The names are as follows: