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Montreal, Dec. 14, 1908

To the Executive and Members,

The Union of Canadian Municipalities is at present engaged, through a Committee of its Executive, on a work which we hope will be of great advantage to the whole Dominion; this is the preparation of a system of Uniform Municipal Accounting applicable to all municipalities. The advantages of having the annual reports and statistics of all municipalities constructed on uniform general principles, thus rendering the whole position of any one municipality readily comparable with every other need no enumeration.

Our Committee has made good progress, and hopes soon to prepare a proper and full report. We have adopted the principle that the Municipal Accounting System of Canada ought to be uniform if possible with such similar system as may be generally adopted throughout the United States, and our work has therefore been very much simplified by the work done in the United States for Uniform Municipal Accounting, by Committees of the National Municipal League, and the League of American Municipalities, and the United States Census which have gone into the matter with great thoroughness.

In Canada the principal question will be to have the provincial governments co-operate in one system; we hope that with the extensive provincial branches of the Union of Canadian Municipalities, and the good-will always hitherto shown by the provincial governments, that our efforts to provide a uniform general system will receive the required support. We therefore ask your attention to the matter, and an expression as soon as possible of your general approval of the movement, which will certainly aid us in furthering it.

I am dear sir,

Faithfully yours,

W. D. LIGHTHALL,

Hon. Sec.-Treas.