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TO THE CITIZENS OF NO MEAN CITY.

Do Montrealers' take sufficient pride in their city to boost it? No.

Why? Because they don't know their city.

What have the citizens to be proud of in Montreal?

The City of Montreal is the finest located city on this Continent.

It is, with its Mount Royal, its Harbours, its Parks, its Trees, its Churches, its Public and Business Buildings, its Residences and its Boulevards, one of the most beautiful cities in the world.

It is, with the many races living within its borders, one of the most cosmopolitan cities in the world.

It is the seventh largest city and the second largest port on the North American Continent.

It is the largest city in the self-governing Dominions in the Empire.

Why then are the citizens of Montreal so apathetic regarding the progress of their city?

Because they—the citizens—are under the false impression that they have no voice in its government. But have the citizens any real voice in the city's government?

Absolutely yes, and always have had since the first Charter of Montreal was granted 300 years ago.

Why then has the city not been properly governed for the last ten years?

There are two two reasons:

- (1) The Charter has become obsolete for the government of a large city.
- (2) A new generation of citizens has arisen that neither know nor care about its government, thus the administration of Montreal has been left in the hands of small groups.

Will a brand new charter for the city remedy the present government of Montreal?

Yes—if the citizens will take up their individual responsibility as ratepayers, otherwise the best drafted charter will be but a "scrap of paper."

What then should be done to bring home to the people of Montreal their responsibility as citizens?

They should be told in plain language all about their city—its position in the industrial and commercial world—its government—its public finances—its peoples—its social activities—its potentialities.

The publishers of the Canadian Municipal Journal and Le Quebec Municipal have, by reason of the special facilities at their command, been requested by the Civic Improvement League of Montreal to devote the September issues of both journals (one in English and the other in French) to a resume of

The City of Montreal and Its Opportunities

and in addition to have the series reproduced and distributed to the wage earners of the city. By these means it is hoped to bring home to the citizens the glories of their city and their responsibility in its government.

CHILDREN'S MUNICIPAL SHOWER BATHS.

Invention of a device that will throw a shower spray 150 feet long and several feet wide and fitted to attach to an ordinary fire hydrant, has made it possible for the bureau of recreation of Buffalo to provide shower baths for between 200 and 300 poor children in the congested districts during the hot summer afternoons. Since July 26th, a city street for a block in the congested district has been barred to traffic for two hours and children in bathing suits who cannot go to the beaches and parks will be allowed to frolic under this shower. So far as is known this is the first time showers have been given free to poor children on such a large scale. They will be continued as long as the weather remains favourable.

MUNICIPAL BRICK-MAKING.

The Glasgow (Scotland) City Council recently instructed the housing director to prepare plans and specifications showing the buildings and machinery necessary for the manufacture of nine million bricks per annum.