

The Union of Canadian Municipalities

Officers and Executive for the year 1915-1916

PRESIDENT:

T. L. CHURCH, Esq., K.C.
Mayor of Toronto, Ont.

1ST VICE-PRESIDENT:

LESLIE H. BOYD, Esq., K.C.,
Alderman, Montreal

ONTARIO

VICE-PRESIDENTS:

1st N. D. PORTER, Esq., Mayor of Ottawa
2nd JOHN O'NEILL, Esq., Contoller, Toronto
3rd A. M. EDWARDS, Esq., Mayor of Galt
4th J. I. DIXON, Esq., Sec.-Treas., New Liskeard
5th C. E. HURLBUT, Esq., Mayor of Preston

BRITISH COLUMBIA

VICE-PRESIDENTS:

1st ALEXANDER STEWART, Esq., Mayor of Victoria
2nd M. McBEATH, Esq., Mayor of Vancouver
3rd A. M. TYRRELL, Esq., Mayor of Kamloops
4th A. W. GRAY, Esq., Mayor of New Westminster

NOVA SCOTIA

VICE-PRESIDENTS:

1st F. W. W. DOANE, Esq., City Engineer, Halifax
2nd P. F. MARTIN, Esq., Mayor of Halifax
3rd A. ROBERTS, Esq., Town Solicitor, Bridgewater
4th W. A. RICHARDSON, Esq., Mayor of Sydney

Official Organ

"THE CANADIAN MUNICIPAL JOURNAL"
Coristine Bldg., Montreal.

2ND VICE-PRESIDENT:

M. C. COSTELLO, Esq., M.D.,
Mayor of Calgary, Alta.

QUEBEC

VICE-PRESIDENTS

1st J. BEAUBIEN, Esq., Mayor of Outremont
2nd A. THURBER, Esq., Mayor of Longueuil
3rd R. RYAN, Esq., Alderman, Three Rivers
4th L. A. AMOS, Esq., Mayor of Lachine
5th A. BLUMENTHAL, Esq., Alderman, Montreal

ALBERTA

VICE-PRESIDENTS:

1st W. T. HENRY, Esq., Mayor of Edmonton
2nd J. A. CARSWELL, Esq., Mayor of Red Deer
3rd W. D. L. HARDIE, Esq., Mayor of Lethbridge
4th A. C. HAWTHORNE, Esq., Mayor of Medicine Hat

NEW BRUNSWICK

VICE-PRESIDENTS:

1st J. W. MCCREADY, Esq., City Clerk, Fredericton
2nd J. H. FRINK, Esq., Mayor of St. John
3rd L. W. MCANN, Esq., Mayor of Moncton
4th F. P. GRIMMER, Esq., Mayor of St. Stephen

HON. SECRETARY-TREASURER:

W. D. LIGHTHALL, K.C.,
Ex-Mayor of Westmount, Que.

3RD VICE-PRESIDENT:

R. D. WAUGH, Esq.,
Mayor of Winnipeg, Man.

MANITOBA

VICE-PRESIDENTS:

1st J. W. COCKBURN, Esq., Contoller, Winnipeg
2nd J. P. HOWDEN, Esq., Mayor of St. Boniface
3rd R. FORKE, Esq., Reeve of Pipestone
4th H. CATER, Esq., Mayor of Brandon
5th C. E. IVENS, Esq., Reeve of Wallace

SASKATCHEWAN

VICE-PRESIDENTS:

1st W. W. DAVIDSON, Esq., Mayor of Moose Jaw
2nd A. MCG. YOUNG, Esq., Mayor of Saskatoon
3rd T. W. HUTCHESON, Esq., Mayor of Swift Current
4th C. H. DIXON, M.D., Esq., Mayor of Kerrobert

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

VICE-PRESIDENTS:

1st P. S. BROWN, Esq., Mayor of Charlottetown
2nd J. JARDINE, Esq., Mayor of Summerside
3rd G. A. AITKEN, Esq., Mayor of Georgetown
4th JAMES PATON, Esq., Ex-Mayor of Charlottetown

G. S. WILSON, Asst.-Secretary,
Bureau of Information,
Coristine Bldg., Montreal

Report of the Union of Canadian Municipalities on Recent Business

Owing to numerous calls upon the time of members of the Executive in other directions, the usual Ottawa midwinter committee meeting had to be cancelled for the present, and this report will take its place.

1st.—Finances. The revenue of the Union is insufficient for its current work, owing to a number of members having economized in the wrong direction by not sending the usual annual subscription. It is trusted that this will be corrected in connection with the subscriptions now again due.

2nd.—Re next Convention. Having sounded the circumstances, and views of many of our members, we fear that the agreeable prospect of holding next summer's annual convention, in Victoria, B.C., will have perforce to be again postponed owing to the war, and a central city substituted.

3rd.—Re Unemployment. Fortunately the dark prospect for the present winter, which threatened us last August, was dispelled by the wonderful crop in the north-west, and the strenuous endeavors of the Union to provide against trouble, were happily ended, and have been replaced by efforts to aid in solving methods for preventing unemployment after the war, and financing loyal agricultural immigrants, and returned soldiers.

4th.—Re Western Canada Telephone Co. Bill. This bill, being badly drawn, was found very injurious to municipalities, particularly all those in British Columbia. The Union of Canada Municipalities called attention to its defects which caused several scores of protests from the principal cities and towns of Canada to be wired to Ottawa. In consequence, and aided by the energetic President of the Union of B.C. Municipalities, the bill was totally remodeled in accordance with municipal rights,

5th.—Two Bills, emanating from the Canadian Northern Railway Company, one being the Niagara, St. Catharines and Toronto Railway, and the Toronto, Niagara and Western, were complained of by a large number of the Ontario municipalities as infringing on the Hydro-Railway Commission system of electric railways for Ontario. The Union did its best to support the municipalities in the lively fights, which resulted, and stood side by side with the Hydro-Electric Union of Municipalities, of which Mayor Church of Toronto is President, and T. J. Hannigan, of Guelph, is the esteemed secretary.

This movement has recalled the fact that the Hydro-Electric Commission movement arose out of the Union of Canadian Municipalities in the days when Sir Adam Beck was mayor of London. The Winnipeg Hydro-Electric system had a similar origin.

6th.—Re Ontario Department of Municipal Affairs. The recent announcement of the Ontario government, by the Hon. Mr. Hanna, of its intention to establish a department of municipal affairs is another gratifying outcome of the years of endeavor in this direction by the Union of Canadian Municipalities, and which it is hoped will be followed by those other provinces which have not yet answered the same call.

The foregoing report illustrates the continued advantage of union and harmony among all the municipalities of the country, great and small.

Faithfully yours,

T. L. CHURCH,

President.

W. D. LIGHTHALL,

Hon. Secty. Treas.