

mitted he would see that the Government did its share. The project is one that has been discussed for thirty years and which should not be deferred any longer.

Carrying out Annexation Covenants

Moreover, I should see to it that the city fulfilled its covenants. A properly administered municipality is like an upright man. It does not bind itself lightheartedly, but once bound it scrupulously discharges its obligations.

As a consequence of the manoeuvres of Alderman Lavallée, Montreal's reputation for integrity has suffered greatly. In order that certain outlying towns and villages might be tempted into annexation, promises were made which the promisers never intended to carry out, and which were broken before the ink on the contract was dry.

If I had been negotiating these annexations I think I would have hesitated a while before coaxing a municipality to come in, by assuming such onerous obligations. But, if I had promised on behalf of the city, I would have paid to the uttermost in order not to prejudice against us those municipalities that are not yet annexed and so check the growth of the City.

You will notice that mayoralty candidate Lavallée is now arranging to further bankrupt us in honour by reducing our borrowing power to 10 p.c.