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required number to ballot for, and the result will, of a surety, be the election of absolutely the best men.

I am strongly convinced that all that has been done in this and past years has been done from the purest of motives and out of a most laudable desire for the interests of the Board and the individual candidate or candidates standing for election, but I am convinced, gentlemen, that if we continue this practice it must necessarily be subversive of the best interests of the Board.

#### CITY COUNCIL AND BOARD OF CONTROL

On the acceptance of office I expressed my appreciation of the fact that although the Board of Trade must necessarily traverse in some degree the work of the governing body of our city, yet the relationship between the Board, the City Council and the Board of Control was of the friendliest character and I am happy to state that this condition still exists and that much of the work that the Board has been able to accomplish could not have matured successfully without this support, support that has not only been unselfishly and unstintedly accorded us, but extended to us by every member of the Board of Control and the City Council, including the permanent heads and staffs of the various departments of the civic government. I am firmly convinced that if this relationship continues and that if we fulfil our functions with due regard to the prior rights of the governing body in all matters relating to civic work that the Board of Trade can, as in the past, be a permanent factor of great force, in aiding our civic authorities to plan and promote the various