CIVIC MATTERS.

The individual members of this Board, in their various capacities, represent a very large proportion of the assessed value of the property in this city, and they have, on more than one occasion during the past year given expression to their views on the importance of having the streets improved.

The Board is on record as having urged the City Council to proceed, at as early a date as possible, to have the streets paved on a broad and comprehensive scale, and it is to be hoped that something will be done in this important matter during the coming season.

If Winnipeg is to be classed as a modern and progressive city, and maintain its reputation as a healthy place to reside in, it must have good streets and a good waterworks and sewerage system.

Some change should also be made in the present method of managing its affairs, a change which would provide for the appointment of an executive, who should be paid a reasonable sum for their services.

If this were done, and the Council was relieved of the mass of detail work which they now have to deal with, there would be less difficulty in inducing our best citizens to serve on it.

In view of the important problems facing this city, I think the members of the Board should watch the course of z civic affairs very closely.

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