

Prominent Topics.

New City Treasurer.

Mr. Arnoldi, who has been appointed to succeed Mr. Robb as City Treasurer is a careful, conscientious official of the city, who has had long experience in the department over which he is now called to preside. He has also had the advantage of training in a good school of civic finance. The appointment will be a popular one both in and out of the City Hall.

City of Montreal's Proposed Pension Scheme.

The civic pension scheme is inevitably of a rather complicated character. There are numerous elements in connection with it, which have to be taken into consideration and it is not an easy proposition to get any scheme in operation in other cities for guidance. It would be well for the city to consider the matter very carefully before its adoption.

Ontario Elections.

Sir James Whitney's Government has been returned to power in Ontario with a loss of only four seats and as he still has a majority of sixty, he could not only afford to lose a few more, but would be rather the better off for the loss. The result of the election is, however, a striking tribute to the popularity of the Whitney Government, and must be regarded by Sir James as a most gratifying endorsement of his policy. The new House consists of 83 Conservatives and 23 Liberals—including one Labour-Liberal.

The Moral in the Application.

The Gazette says: "Mrs. Pankhurst urges that women should have the right to vote because man has not shown himself able to solve all the problems that arise in connection with the law and its administration. For instance, he has not been able to find a way to keep the suffragettes quiet."

The National Insurance Bill.

Mr. Lloyd-George's National Insurance Bill has been passed by the House of Lords without a division. Lord Lansdowne took the ground that the choice lay between accepting the bill with all its defects and two or three years of distracting controversy between the two Houses. The measure seems to be so generally unpopular that its own father must feel rather disappointed that the Lords did not kill it. From a tactical point of view the peers have acted wisely. Instead of incurring themselves the odium of throwing out another bill passed by the House of Commons, they have left the Government to incur the odium of a piece of legislation which promises to be a source of infinite vexation to the class upon which the Government relies for its support. During the next two years the Bill will

appear at its worst, the chief benefit enjoyed by its beneficiaries being the privilege of paying a tax under compulsion.

The Death of Mr. J. P. Cleghorn.

By the death of Mr. J. P. Cleghorn, at the ripe age of 82, Montreal loses yet another of its prominent citizens. In the course of his long life, Mr. Cleghorn occupied many prominent positions. It was only a short time ago that he retired from the directorate of the Molsons Bank, while for about twenty years he was a director of the Canada Accident Assurance Company, and he was also on the board of the Sun Life Assurance Company. A member of the council of the Board of Trade for sixteen years, and for two years president of that body, a life governor of the Montreal General Hospital, and an active worker in numerous other philanthropies, Mr. Cleghorn will be much missed, although failing health had compelled him to curtail his activities for some time past. With the widow, two sons and a daughter who survive him very deep sympathy will be felt.

The Sherbrooke Street sewer promises to take as long to construct as the Panama Canal. Meanwhile the street is practically all sewer, for there is enough mud on the street to keep half a dozen sewers busy. As a monument of monumental civic incapacity it is a remarkable success. The trouble is, of course, with the residents, who are too easy with the public servants who are having so much fun with them at their own expense. Real estate used to be regarded in law as immovable, but *nous avons changé tout cela*. If you don't believe it take a walk on Sherbrooke street, and then look at your boots. The residents pay higher taxes than the average citizen for the privilege of calling it the principal residential street. For the last four or five years it has been a charming residential street, for those who paid their taxes there and lived somewhere else.

The annual meeting of the Crown Trust Company was held in Montreal on Wednesday, when a satisfactory financial statement for the year ended October 31, was presented. After paying all expenses of management and putting aside a special reserve to cover expense of equipping the company's new offices, the company has paid a dividend at the rate of 6 p.c., and the sum of \$25,000 was transferred to the reserve account. Lieut.-Col. Frank S. Meighen, president of Lake of the Woods Milling Company, was elected a new director. The directors elected for the present year were: Robert Reford, president; W. I. Gear, vice-president; Lieut.-Col. John Carson, managing director, and Messrs. Tancrede Bienvenu, C. M. Bosworth, S. H. Ewing, A. G. Gardner, Thomas F. How, Lieut.-Col. Frank S. Meighen, Lieut.-Col. J. G. Ross.