

# The Ontario Municipal Association

Proceedings of The Ontario Municipal Association, held in the City Hall, Toronto, August 28th and 29th, 1907 :

President J. A. Ellis, city treasurer, Ottawa, in the chair. Among those present were :

Vice-Presidents—Ald. Neil Cooper, London ; H. H. Beam, ex-warden, Welland ; George Sleeman, ex-mayor, Guelph.

Executive Committee—Mayor Coatsworth, Toronto ; Mayor Bowlby, Brantford ; W. C. Mikel, city solicitor, Belleville ; Controller Hubbard, Toronto ; J. H. Fryer, Galt ; S. H. Kent, city clerk, Hamilton.

Members Registered—Stephen Grant, assessment commissioner, London ; J. D. Evans, reeve, Etobicoke ; A. Macdonald, reeve, Port Stanley ; M. M. Black, Elgin county council ; S. R. Armstrong, city clerk, Peterborough ; C. E. Locke, reeve, Yarmouth ; W. C. Caughell, clerk, Yarmouth ; Samuel Oakes, Caradoc ; Dugald Blue, deputy-reeve, Dunwich ; J. A. McLean, deputy-reeve, Aldboro' ; D. A. McNabb, clerk, Dunwich ; A. E. Belcher, mayor, Southampton ; J. J. Graham, alderman, Toronto ; W. A. Clarke, clerk of York township ; Geo. H. Lees, Hamilton ; F. R. Waddell, Hamilton ; H. Bragg, editor *Canadian Municipal Journal*, Montreal ; W. H. Moss, mayor, Dundas ; A. W. Lawrason, councillor, Dundas ; J. W. Jardine, county clerk, Hamilton ; Arthur K. Bunnell, treasurer, Brantford ; John A. Leitch, alderman, Brantford ; W. H. Boys, warden, Barrie ; Calvin Lawrence, mayor, St. Thomas ; S. Chant, alderman, St. Thomas ; Geo. Geddes, alderman, St. Thomas ; W. B. Doherty, city solicitor, St. Thomas ; Chas. Gordon, town clerk, Owen Sound ; Geo. K. Dewey, clerk, Brockville ; D'Arcy Scott, mayor, Ottawa ; G. H. Wilson, alderman, Ottawa ; Samuel J. Davis, alderman, Ottawa ; M. Kennedy, Owen Sound ; J. G. Kilt, Ottawa ; Wm. C. Vansickle, warden, Wentworth ; Ira W. Binkley, clerk, West Flamboro' ; W. H. Brooking, councillor, Dundas ; W. A. Lewis, councillor, Brockville ; H. C. Hocken, controller, Toronto ; J. W. Ward, controller, Toronto ; J. W. Harrison, controller, Toronto ; Frank Folden, reeve, West Oxford ; Wm. Holmes, warden Oxford county ; Charles Sutherland, reeve, West Zorra ; E. L. Sutherland, clerk, West Zorra ; D. R. Ross, reeve, Embro ; R. A. Sutherland, reeve, Innisfil township ; Geo. Leslie, councillor, Innisfil township ; Eben Todd, councillor, Innisfil township ; H. Slight, councillor, Innisfil township ; E. Z. McConkey, councillor, county Simcoe ; W. H. Moore, *Canadian Municipal Journal*, Toronto ; George S. Henry, reeve, York township ; R. P. Slater, mayor, Niagara Falls, Ont. ; W. A. Tremble, Orillia township ; Thos. Goodeve, Hockley ; M. E. Lyon, clerk of Malahide.

The meeting was called to order at 11 a.m. Mayor Coatsworth welcomed the delegates to the city, and in this he was ably supported by Controller Hubbard and Alderman Graham, chairman of the Reception Committee of the Toronto City Council, who extended an invitation to the delegates to visit the fair as guests of the city.

The President, in his annual address, said that the Association had been fairly successful with its applications to the Legislature of the last session. The executive had met the commission for the revision of the statutes, and a favorable consideration had been promised by them of the several amendments to The Municipal Act designed to make its meaning clear. The executive had also met the Hon. Mr. Hanna, the chairman of the Municipal Committee of the Legislature, and had afterwards attended before that committee when it considered the applications made by the Association for legislation. Nearly all the more important of these had become law. The power of a council on a two-thirds vote to construct sidewalks and permanent pavements had been extended to sewers. Authority had been given to municipalities to construct conduits for wires in order to do away with some of the poles and wires now in the streets. Several restrictions, however, were attached to this authority, but the Association could congratulate itself upon having the principle of municipal conduits accepted by the Legislature, and later on could, no doubt, get any difficulties in the way of its successful operation removed. An amendment had been made providing for a more satisfactory equalization of the cost of per-

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## COMMUNICATIONS

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### MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

To the Editor of *The Municipal World* :

DEAR SIR,—In your last issue of the *WORLD* there appeared an article which treated on the proper or most suitable time for holding municipal elections, and if I remember rightly it upheld, or rather advocated, the month of November as a more suitable time than at holiday season, as at present, claiming that as people are at home for family reunion, etc., that they should be allowed to be with their friends instead of electioneering. Now, the writer's argument is partly my defence for upholding the present as a more suitable time than November, as people when holidaying, like something to break the monotony of domestic affairs. Therefore when an election is on they can flavor it with having a debate or argument on local politics.

Another reason is that by holding the elections in November, or I might say at almost any other season of the year, you would be making an unnecessary break in the season's work ; whereas if held as they are at present, during the holidays, it will not necessitate any such break, as the holiday season is on and every person seems to be in a mood to spend a day or two otherwise than at their daily labors. These, along with the losing of time and money occasioned by an extra trip for persons whose duties call them from home, and who are interested in local politics and would most necessarily have to come home to vote, are