

resulted in suggestions for which is styled the "recall of judges," which might have the effect of subjecting them to the risk of public disgrace for conscientiously declaring the law to be as they find it. Col. Roosevelt favours the right of repeal by popular vote of decisions which declare desirable laws unconstitutional. It may well be questioned whether such a novel and objectionable procedure would be of any avail under their constitution. We note the above, as it seems somewhat curious that whilst many in this country have, owing to occasional injustice in our legislation, resulting from party politics, thought that we would be better off under a written constitution, on the other side of the line they think it would be better to make their constitution subject to the caprice of an ignorant populace. In reference to the above it may be noted that in the United States constitutional questions are necessarily legal problems, and not political issues as they are in England, and to a lesser extent in this country.

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It is a matter of common notoriety in the province of Ontario, that the municipal system is satisfactory in rural municipalities, but, largely a failure and inadequate so far as cities are concerned. We have not space, at present, to enlarge upon the difficulties which loom up on a survey of the present situation in that regard. We are convinced that at some future time some other system will be adopted in cities.

We have always protested against the practice which has too long prevailed, of appointing judges on commissions. Though this subject has been often discussed, our reason for referring to it now is to draw attention to a phase of it which is becoming accentuated in our larger cities.

At present, it is the law that investigations into matters connected with municipal management and mismanagement are sent for investigation to the county judge. The evil of this is not so apparent in small communities, but cannot escape attention in the principal centres. A county judge has, in all these