

**NEWLY-ELECTED MAYOR  
ALDERMEN GATHER  
FIRST MEETING OF 1911**

The new council met for the first last evening. The chair presiding officer, lately filled by Lee was taken by his success line, Mayor Armstrong. The elected aldermen, J. E. Lund; I. McInnis and J. H. McKinnis were members also of last council, and Thos. Grindley & Gowan, who sit on the council first time, were present, together with J. D. Anderson, J. W. Moulton, J. H. Miller, representatives of the 1900 years' council.

The desk occupied by Ald. Anderson was graced with a beautiful of red roses and maidenhair by some admirer or admirer in compliment to him on his ascent of office.

opened the meeting with the of his inaugural address. It was for congratulation he said the members of the old

His Worship then emphasized the responsibility which rested upon the elected representative citizens. It would be their duty to familiarize themselves with the operations of each of the departments, in order that suggestions as aldermen might be of interest to the city, and it was the duty of the superintendent of the departments to furnish them with such information as they desired.

While construction was in progress, he would ask them to visit the various operations frequently in order to satisfy themselves that the work was receiving faithful service.

Everything possible should be done, he continued, to create and maintain harmony, loyalty and good feeling between the members of the board, the commissioners, and the various departments. If at any time a condition did not prevail it would be necessary for them to enquire into the cause, if any, rested, and to take the proper remedies.

### Complete Unfinished Work

With reference to the work of the city of Chicago for the year it would be wise not to take too much construction, especially in street railway extensions, to complete and bring to efficiency that which had been run and was still unfinished. In the construction season was slow work of the departments must be paid at once. Everything that is done in the present season, the efficiency of that portion of the city's utilities. They must increase the pumping and electrical energy supply. It should be the constant care to see that the demand for waterpower or any other utility does not exceed the supply.

The attitude of the city of Chicago indicated that the present was opportune for the consolidation of the amalgamation of the

**A Period of Growth**  
- Conscious as they were  
city was entering upon a period  
exampled prosperity and growth  
would recognize that they had  
taken an arduous and laborious  
work, and he trusted that they  
would receive prompt attention  
would be discharged without  
ver of any dissatisfaction.

The following standing com-  
were appointed:

**Finance and Assessment**  
tee: Dr. H. L. McNair, J. L. Mc-  
Lan and J. H. McKinley.

**Public Works**—J. W. Moul-  
Miller, and Thos. Grindley.

**Parks**—J. E. Lundy, J. L. Mc-  
mah, Geo. Gowen.

**Legislative**—J. D. Flynn,  
J. L. McMah and W. M. Mc-

**Apply for Gas Franchise**  
A communication was received from C. S. Johnson, representing the National Heating & Lighting Co., Cleveland, Ohio, requesting a privilege to present to the commission for the construction of a gas works in Erie. In the letter, written by the Merchants Bank for \$5,000, deposited with them to serve as a pledge of good

While negotiations are in progress, Ald. Eaton also stated that in the event of an agreement, the city would not be required to assume any liability as might be agreed upon, to insure faithful performance of the contract.

Several of the aldermen expressed themselves in favor of the proposition. Ald. Hyndman, asserting that the representatives of the company should have the opportunity of presenting their views to the council, stated that in the future, up to the point where the city had retained control of the utilities, no franchise should be granted without careful enquiry. If needed he thought it might be necessary before giving a franchise to manufacture to ascertain whether or not it might not be advisable for the city to establish and operate such a public utility.

At 8 o'clock, the council adjourned.

**To Hold Special Meeting**  
It was finally decided to  
special meeting of the council  
ceive Mr. Eaton's proposition