



THE CITY HALL in Regina, one of the finest public buildings in Canada, is a monument to careful civic administration. Its cost is \$150,000, but this amount is taken from the surplus funds of the city, and not a cent is added to taxation on account of it.

A new fire hall to cost \$40,000, is about to be erected, the site having been secured. A new school costing \$60,000 has just been completed.

The electric light plant is owned and operated by the municipality, and it gives satisfactory service. The tendency so far has been to gradually reduce rates to consumers, and further reductions will be made as the cost of operation diminishes. Already more than \$100,000 has been spent on plant and equipment, and the service is continually being extended.

A waterworks system covering practically the whole city, has been installed, and a supply of pure water is obtained from springs seven miles north, the gravitation system being employed. A sewerage system, capable of meeting the needs of a large city, has also been put in. The amount spent on waterworks and sewers so far has been about \$350,000, but extensions are being made so rapidly that the figure will soon reach the half-million mark.

Bitulithic asphalt and creosote wood-block pavements have been laid on two leading business streets, and the other thoroughfares in the business section are being similarly covered. These are the first permanent roadways to be laid in the new provinces. Miles of cement sidewalks have been put down, reaching far out into the residential sections. Over \$200,000 is being spent on these street improvements, and a programme has been outlined for a further heavy expenditure next year.

The total amount necessary for the "forward movement" which is now going on is \$790,000, and if to this be added the sums already spent on electric light plant, waterworks, sewerage and other services, the total investment in civic improvements for the past two or three years will be found to be nearly \$1,500,000.

The city is able to afford this huge investment, on account of her excellent financial position. She has a small debenture debt, but it could easily be wiped out by the sale of some of the real estate which the city holds. The value