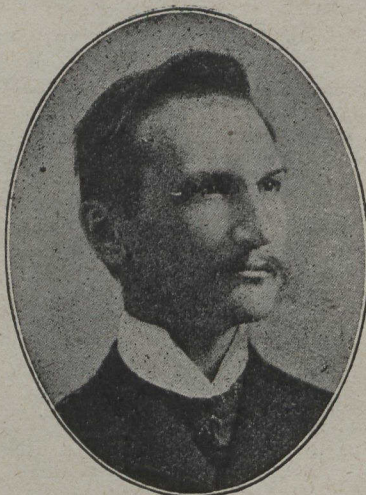


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The valuable papers presented at this convention fall into into three classes: the series presented on Monday night, August 21st, on various phases and elements of being prepared for conditions after the war; papers given Tuesday afternoon on the purely business and book-keeping end of civic life and a valuable and interesting succession of papers on Tuesday night on the various forms of municipal government as tried out in various parts of Canada. The papers given Tuesday morning were a great contribution to the success of the Convention, each touching topics falling somewhat outside the three classes mentioned. For example, Mr. J. Duchastel, C.E., president of the Good Roads Association of Canada, read a paper entitled "Good Roads Movement and Its Influence on Urban Municipalities." There was an interesting debate on Daylight Saving resulting in a resolution asking that the Dominion Government should be memorialized in the interests of a Federal law on the subject, and the resolution in turn came to a division where it was lost. One of the most interesting papers of the Convention was also delivered Tuesday morning by Mr. Clinton Rogers Woodruff, secretary of the National Municipal League of the United States, on "The New Model Charter of the National Municipal League"—a scientific charter from the American standpoint. On Monday afternoon an address by Mr. Thomas Adams, town planning adviser to the Commissioner of Conservation at Ottawa, excited one of the liveliest debates of the three days. A clear and well planned paper on "Proportional Representation," by Mr. Howard S. Ross, K. C., was also delivered Monday night.

The wide field covered by papers directly or indirectly dealing with preparedness after the war, is shown by the following list delivered Monday night: "Municipal Responsibility in Canada's Preparedness," this introductory paper being by Mr. Frederick Wright, the editor of this Journal; "Returned Soldiers—Employment, Soldiers' Homes, Hospitals, Memorials," by A. R. Doble, founder and president of the Khaki Club of Montreal; "The Patriotic Fund—Federal or Provincial or Municipal Tax?" by Sir Herbert B. Ames, M. P., honorary secretary Patriotic Fund, read in his absence by Mr. W. D. Lighthall, K. C.; "Immigration," by Dr. J. D. Page, chief immigration officer of the port of Quebec; and "Public Employment Offices," by Mr. M. Stewart, chief statistician Federal Department of Labour.

On Tuesday afternoon were given: "A Study of a City's Sinking Fund," by Mr. Thomas Bradshaw, commissioner of Finance and City Treasurer for Toronto; "Municipal Accounting," by Mr. E. T. Sampson, secretary-treasurer

of the City of Outremont; "How Best to Introduce Modern Systems of Municipal Work," by Dr. Horace L. Brittain, managing director of the Bureau of Municipal Research at Toronto; and "Municipal Assessment," by Mr. Robert Ryan, chairman of the finance committee of the City of Three Rivers.

In the third series of papers on forms of municipal government the first item was to have been "Forms of Municipal Government," by Mr. W. D. Lighthall, K. C., honorary secretary of the Union of Canadian Municipalities, but he waived his place to allow the others more time. The other speakers were: Ald. Emery Lariviere, of Montreal, president of the Union of Quebec Municipalities, on "Aldermen and Committees"; Controller J. W. Nelson of Ottawa, on "Controllers and Council"; Mayor W. D. L. Hardie of Lethbridge, Alta., on "Commissioner Only"; Commissioner P. W. McLagan, of Westmount, on "The Manager System"; City Commissioner C. J. Yorath, of Saskatoon, on "The Ideal Form of Civic Government and Administration"; and Mr. J. N. Bayne, deputy minister of Municipal Affairs, Saskatchewan, on "Provincial Departments of Municipal Affairs." All these gentlemen will be recognized as well-known experts.

Resolutions following out suggestions of many of these papers came before the Convention, and in some cases were acted upon. In others they were either lost or reserved for a more exhaustive study.

A warm welcome was extended to the city by Mayor Martin, Ald. Dr. Dubeau, and a number of city aldermen. The stay of the delegates was made pleasant as it was possible to do, and the delegates were entertained on Wednesday afternoon by both the city and the Harbor Commissioners.

Ald. Leslie H. Boyd, K. C., the first Vice-president, was elected during the second day to take the place of Mayor Church, of Toronto. The next place of meeting will in all probability be Victoria, B. C., but power was left in the hands of the executive to change it if circumstances should make it advisable.

The presence of Hon. Robert Rogers, Minister of Public Works, representing the Government of Canada, on Tuesday afternoon gave a special significance to the talk on preparedness, and the Minister himself delivered an eloquent address on the subject from the federal point of view.

The executive committee have been left with a number of important questions to consider, some for action during the year and other for a report at the next convention.