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Matters Municipal.

There are several points in connection with the inner workings of our Town Council which deserve more than a passing notice and to which the electors will do well to give their attention during the coming year. We do not expect to convert the Mayor and Council to our way of thinking but that is quite immaterial. It is our business (though a councillor once told us it was not), to hold a watching brief, as the lawyers say, on behalf of the ratepayers. Under that brief we intend to exercise all the privileges which it confers. In the past we have devoted most attention to matters of general policy but there are points in connection with municipal management and procedure which claim attention.

In the first place we draw attention to the growing tendency to centre too much power in the hands of the Mayor and the evident desire of the Mayor to assume too much control. It will be noticed on reference to the report of the first meeting of the Council of 1906, that not only were the various committees appointed by the Mayor, but he went so far as to name the chairman for each. This is not the first time committees have been appointed by the Mayor of this town, but it is a custom which should be put an end to forthwith. It is little short of an insult to the intelligence of the Council that the man who happens to be chairman for the year should arrogate to himself the right to make all these appointments and a surprising part of the business is that the other members of the Council should meekly sit there and submit to a usurpation of their own powers. The naming of committees should rest with the Councillors. It is just as much their right as the appointment of officials, and it is most certainly the privilege of the members of each committee to elect their own chairman. The Mayor has no right, whatever, to assume autocratic powers and Councillors who will quietly submit to that sort of thing display a weakness which is not calculated to inspire the confidence of the people who elected them. The whole thing is wrong in principle and should not be tolerated. It is not conducive to good public service.

Let us consider for a moment in a general way how it works out. If the person occupying the position of Mayor for the time being is permitted to do this, it opens the door to abuses. The man in the chair may be narrowminded and nursing a grievance against someone, perhaps an official, or he may "have an axe to grind." He can easily appoint on the committee mostly in touch with that person certain Councillors who are known to be hostile to the individual. Those Councillors could "work" things in committee so that the official life of the official will hardly be worth living, and he can be worried out of office.

Again a scheming, narrowminded Mayor can so arrange these committees that the Council, where it consists of a small number of members, can easily be divided into two equal parties and then the power is in the hands of the chairman who arranged them so that he can obtain control. This sort of thing is fatal to good clean administration and mayors and councillors who so far forget their duty to the public as to sink into those devious paths will sooner or later come the croppers they deserve. The man who schemes early and late to grab and pull for his own benefit may flourish like a green bay tree for a season, but he can not gull the public for all time and there is sure to be a day of reckoning.

Well, so much of a general nature. Now let us examine one action of our new Town Council at their first meeting last Tuesday night. When the appointment of licence inspector came up a motion was made to reappoint the present holder. The members of the police committee defeated the motion with the aid of the Mayor's casting vote and then carried a motion referring the matter to themselves for further consideration. Now, this may have been a co-incidence, an accident, anything of that kind, but the attention of The Times has been drawn to this by several prominent ratepayers who veiw it with great disfavor, even with suspicion, and we hope those members of the Council, who have a proper regard for their reputations, will take care to act in all matters so that they may be above suspicion.

Chamberlain's Appeal.

Mr. Joseph Chamberlain has issued his election manifesto to the British people. After vigorously attacking the new government, which he describes as being essentially a "Home-Rule Little Englander Government" depending for its existence on the Irish votes, he devotes himself entirely to an exposition of his fiscal policy especially on colonial preference, which he speaks of as the first item in the constructive programme of the Unionist party, the second item, closely connected with the first, being the policy of retaliation. He is right when he declares that the colonies will not wait indefinitely, but will be forced to enter into arrangements with strangers. He points out that the scheme of colonial preference will include a provision for a small exchange on foreign wheat but he says that both home grown and colonial wheat will be free, and as the supply is unlimited, the price of bread will not be increased in the slighest degree.

Mr. Chamberlain declares that he believes the Unionist party to be absolutely agreed regarding these aims, though he admits that there may be some difference of opinion when the time comes to discuss the methods by which these aims are to be accomplished. He says, however, that these differences of opinion are probably exaggerated and that they are matters more of verbal discussion than of practical importance. Continuing Mr. Chamberlain says:

"I believe our objections can be fully attained by a moderate general tariff, scientifically adapted to the existing conditions of our trade and so arranged as to secure the largest amount of employment at fair wages for our people. It would necessarily provide for the free admission of raw materials and of articles which we do not make ourselves while it would place a toll on the manufactures of the countries which do not treat us fairly.

"Our policy is constructive and practical, while the policy of our opponents is destructive and theoretical."

There is a decided movement to prevail upon Mr. Haultain to contest West Assiniboia, but it is doubtful if he will consent. His loss to western affairs would be keenly felt and, this alone will cause many of his best friends to refrain from urging him into Dominion politics. The next ten days will doubtless decide it.

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