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The ratepayers of the Town of Trenton recently carried a by-law granting a loan of \$20,000 to the Ontario Electric Railway, and also one exempting from taxation for ten years the Apple and Produce Cold Storage and Forwarding Co., Limited.

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The fourth annual convention of the Union of Canadian Municipalities will be held in London, Ontario, on the 20th, 21st and 22nd September. Every Canadian municipal council is invited to send a delegation. For further particulars and programme see page 220 in this issue.

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Mr. M. O. Johnston has been appointed clerk of the Town of Goderich, to succeed Mr. Wm. Mitchell, deceased.

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Good roads will do more than any other thing to bring the privileges of the towns to the country and the delights of the country to the towns, and thus add to the pleasure and satisfaction of life all around.

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We clip the following from a recent issue of the Uxbridge Journal :

IMPROVEMENT NEEDED.—There is often considerable inaccuracy noticed in the post office addresses given in municipal voters' lists. It probably does not affect the rights of the voters, but it seriously impairs the value of the list as a municipal directory. We respectfully suggest to municipal clerks the desirability of having the right numbers in for the post offices.

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A village clerk has favored us with the following clipping from a contemporary :

An amendment was made to The Municipal Act at the last session of the Legislature, one clause of which will prevent considerable trouble. Candidates for the offices of mayor, reeve, controller, councilman, water commissioner, etc., in cities, towns and incorporated villages are required to file with the clerk a declaration of qualification by noon on the day of nomination. This change in the law will do away with the indiscriminate nominations so often made at nomination meetings.

This statement of the law on the subject is erroneous and misleading. Sub-section 3a of section 129 of The

Consolidated Municipal Act, 1903, as amended by section 4 of The Municipal Amendment Act, 1904, now reads as follows :

In cities, towns and incorporated villages, every candidate for the office of mayor, reeve, controller, alderman, councillor, water commissioner or street railway commissioner, shall on the day of the nomination or at any time before nine o'clock in the afternoon on the following day, or when such last named day is a holiday, then before twelve o'clock (noon) of the succeeding day, file in the office of the clerk of the municipality a statutory declaration in accordance with the form contained in section 311 of this Act, or to the like effect, that he possesses the necessary qualification for the office, and in default of his so doing, such candidate shall be deemed to have resigned, and his name shall be removed from the list of candidates and shall not be printed on the ballot papers.

CLERK'S FEES ON REVISION OF VOTERS' LIST.

A very important part of the duties of the clerk of a municipality is the performance of the services required of him under The Voters' Lists Act as clerk of the court for the revision of the voters' list. There seems to be a diversity of opinion amongst municipal clerks as to the contents of the account for their fees for this work. We append a model account of this kind. Assuming that 25 appeals have been filed against the voters' list, and that there are two complainants, the clerk is entitled to the following charges :

1. Two cents each for names on list of complaints (25).....	\$ 50
2. Copy of list to post up in his office (25 names at 2c. each) ..	50
3. Copy of names in report to County Judge (25 names at 2c. each).....	50
4. Copy of names on list for use of Judge at Court of Revision (25 names at 2c. each)	50
5. Preparing two notices in duplicate to parties complaining	32
6. Preparing 25 notices in duplicate to parties complained against (assuming that the subject matter of complaints render service necessary in all cases).....	4 00
7. One day's attendance at the sittings of the court (provided all its business was transacted in one day).....	3 00

In addition to the above the clerk is entitled to the actual and reasonable disbursements (if any) incurred by him in serving the notices of complaint or appeal when served by himself. We may observe that the clerk is not to be allowed these costs or any of them where it is provided by the by-law or contract under which the clerk is appointed or employed that the sum to be paid him by way of salary as clerk is intended expressly or impliedly to include payment for all duties which, as clerk and under The Voters' List Act, are to be performed by him.

CHARITIES CONFERENCE.

The seventh Canadian Conference of Charities will be held this year in London the 5th, 6th and 7th of October.

At an organization meeting recently held by London's representative philanthropic workers, it was decided that the delegates would be entertained in the private homes of the city, and a big effort will be made to have this the best convention of all. An excellent programme will be prepared, and among the subjects for consideration will be:

- Child Saving and Preventive Measures.
- Charity Organization.
- Relief of the Poor Without Pauperizing.
- Suppression of Crime.
- Reformation of Delinquents and Inebriates.
- Care of the Defective Classes, etc.
- Care of Epileptics.
- County Houses of Refuge.

The growing importance of House of Industry management, the work of Children's Aid Societies and the proper organization of local charities are subjects of the greatest interest to municipal and county councils, all of whom should be represented at the conference. The Secretary, Dr. A. M. Rosebrugh, Confederation Life Building, Toronto, will be pleased to furnish further information in reference to programme, railway rates and accommodation for delegates while in London.