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1909

The New Year contains the lucky and mysterious number "NINE" twice. We sincerely hope that all our readers will find 1909 a very Happy New Year, in the best sense of the word. Happy, because of the increased happiness given to others by the progress in all lines of civic betterment.

The Value of the Union

Every one of our readers who is engaged in municipal work should read carefully the paper by Mr. Doane, Secretary of the Nova Scotia Union, in the last issue. Mr. Doane is City Engineer of Halifax and accompanied Mayor MacLreith, as representative of their city to the Convention in Winnipeg three years ago, and although a citizen of the mean spirited type objected to the city having to pay the expenses of the delegates, the City of Halifax has benefitted over and over again from the added experience which he acquired on that trip. He has studied the workings of the Federal Union of Municipalities, and has been a most efficient secretary of the Provincial Union, and therefore knows the subject which he discusses.

It seems pitiful, and even discouraging to find the apathy in so many municipalities towards the work of both the Provincial and Federal Unions. So many fail to see that the small fee they are asked to pay is repaid hundreds of times by having their rights protected. When the large cities, which have their own legal experts and other machinery to defend them, acknowledge the value of the Unions by supporting them, the smaller places, with much greater necessity, should be glad to support that which protects them at a very trifling cost.

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