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TRIP NOT IN VAIN.

The trip of so many western men, mostly wheat growers, to Ottawa, there to ventilate their grievances, has not been in vain. The first meeting of the delegates with the premier was not a success? On the one side there were demands which could not be practically met; on the other side a plea for moderation which was certainly fair. The meetings that have since taken place, between the petitioners, the ministers of trade and agriculture, and the premier, have been attended with such consideration that on nearly all points there has been an understanding. The tariff will be duly considered, and it will receive such a revision as the circumstances may suggest; legislation will be passed with regard to the terminal elevators; due regard will be had for the chilled meat proposition and transportation of stock; the Hudson's Bay railway will be owned and operated by the government, but with regard to all of these schemes the details have yet to be worked out. The fact is that the government and the delegates have got closer together, so close indeed that there is scarcely any doubt about their reconciliation, and the five hundred can return home feeling that their trip has not been in vain.

REASONS FOR ELECTION.

A candidate for mayorality honours in Brantford sets forth categorically his reasons for desiring the people's votes. "During my term of office," said he, "many important matters which have proved a great boom to Brantford were developed, such as street paving, surface draining, garbage gathering, and securing of the Grand Trunk main line, all of which have added to the value of our city."

We like that way of putting one's claims. This particular candidate was a worker. He went into the council with a realization of the trust connected with his office. He represented the people and it was his duty to promote their interests in every way he could. He was conscious, too, that he had to be a worker, a man of thought, of plan, of purpose, and having exercised his ability reasonably in the public service had a right to expect the public recognition.

It is in order for every candidate in office in Kingston, whether for the school board or the council, to give an account of his stewardship, so that the electors may reward him according to his deserts. It would be in order for each to give his reasons for seeking the favour of the people, and there should be some discrimination between the men who are active in the public service, and the men who are inactive, who are seldom heard from in the council and committee.

Civic government is a success or a failure according as those who have to do with it are zealous or indifferent in the discharge of their respective duties.

CRITICIZING THE COLLEGES.

Last year Dr. Flexner and Dr. Collie, representing the Carnegie Foundation, caused some heart burning (just a little bit) by severely criticizing the medical department of Queen's College. Why they did this is not apparent since Queen's professors are not eligible for pensions. But the critics came here quietly, spent an afternoon in the city, took a casual look at the medical college and the hospitals, and wrote as men usually do who know very little about the situation. Queen's might develop an Ann Arbor type of school, between two larger cities, and with certain very pronounced railway inconveniences!

According to Publication No. 2, of the Medical Faculty, the criticism was inaccurate and unjust, but there was some consolation in the fact that Kingston's school was credited with a distinct effort towards higher ideals, and one of the visitors put it in class A for equipment and efficiency. The local collegians will find solace in the self-inspired tasks of the Foundation men by reading the later (only now issued) reports of the science critic upon the standing and service of the larger institutions of the United States and Canada, namely, Columbia and Harvard Universities, Massachusetts, Institute of Technology, University of Toronto, University of Wisconsin, Princeton University, and Haverford and Williams Colleges.

It is alleged in the New York Herald that the prime object of the Foundation (endowed by Mr. Carnegie), is to provide pensions for supernumerary college professors. In dispensing this bounty it insists that no institution shall participate which does not maintain a certain standard. With

the members of the police force are employing a few cigars to-day, the gift of Mayor Couper, the latter sending them over to the police station last night, with his best wishes.

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