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General

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. Civic and Commerce Association. First annual report. October, 1912. 140 (1) p. 8°.

MONTREAL, Canada. Commercial review of the season ending 30th November, 1912, showing the export trade from the port of Montreal in Canadian products. 181 p. 8°.

Compiled by the Commercial department of *The Gazette*, Montreal.

Automobiles

HUTCHINSON, R. W. The automobile in municipal service. (Municipal Engineering, November, 1912, p. 204-211, illus.)

ROLL call of cities operating automobiles. (Municipal Engineering, October, 1912, p. 238-251.)

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LONDON, England. County Council. List of official publications. December, 1912. 16th issue. 43 p. 12°.

Address P. S. King and Son, Great Smith str., Westminster, London; gratis. A notice of all new official publications of the Council is given in the London County Council Gazette, issued weekly.

NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY. List of city charters, ordinances, and collected documents in the New York Public Library. pp. 1-4. A-S. (Bulletin N. Y. Public Library, September, November, December, 1912; January, 1913.)

Billboards

CITY CLUB OF CHICAGO. (Bulletin, December 16, 1912, p. 393-408.)

Billboard and other forms of outdoor advertising.

FOSDICK, RAYMOND B. Big billboards in big cities. (American City, December, 1912, p. 511-517.)

Address delivered at the eighth annual convention of the American Civic Association, Baltimore, December 1912. Mr. Fosdick, late commissioner of Accounts for New York City, made an elaborate report to the Mayor on bill boards in New York City, which was noticed in the October, 1912, number of this REVIEW (p. 758).

GREAT BRITAIN. Advertisements regulation act, 1913.

Text of and comment on this Act is printed in the Municipal Journal London, of February 12, 1913 p. 243.

HOARDINGS CONTROL. An overture to the London Chamber of Commerce. (Municipal Journal, London, January 17, 1912, p. 73.)

Comment on a circular, also printed, issued by the London Chamber of Commerce in opposition to the crusade for municipal control of hoardings.

HURT, C. B. High French tax on signboards. (Municipal Engineering, November, 1912, p. 264.)

The matter of a billboard tax is up for consideration by the board of supervisors of San Francisco. The proposed tax is $\frac{1}{2}$ cent annually for each square foot. The tax met with so much opposition that an agreement was postponed for four weeks on January 30, 1913, and, at the time of writing no further advices were available. (See San Francisco Municipal Record, January 30, 1913, p. 5.)

The Montreal city council has passed a bye law regulating illuminated signs. (Municipal Journal, London, January 24, 1913, p. 114.)

Harrisburg, Penn., passed an ordinance regulating billboards which was protested and decided against the city. (Municipality, December, 1912, p. 72.)

Perhaps it is not out of place to refer here to the fact that the regulation of billboards, or outdoor

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advertising, was brought before the people of Ohio for vote at the recent constitutional convention of that state. The vote on this, the 38th amendment, was 261,351 for and 262,440 against.

Cabstands

See also under "Finance," New York City.

NEW YORK CITY. Mayor. Message urging the passage of a comprehensive cab ordinance for New York City. February 18, 1913. (City Record, February 20, 1912, p. 1477-1478.)

Child Welfare

HIATT, JAMES S. The child, the school and the job. An address by James S. Hiatt, secretary of the Philadelphia Public Education Association. 1912. 12 p. 8°.

Reprinted from the City Club Bulletin, December 27, 1912. Address 1015 Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia.

NEW YORK CITY. Department of health. The division of child hygiene of the department of health by S. Josephine Baker, M. D., director of child hygiene. September, 1912. 103 p. 8°.

Monograph series, No. 4.

City Planning

GREAT BRITAIN. Local government board. Housing and town planning. Further memorandum relative to the operation of the housing, town planning, etc. act, 1909, and the earlier housing acts as amended by that act. London 1912. 14 p. f°.

Command no. 6494, price 2d. The earlier memorandum was dated November 1911, and was printed as command no. 5933.

NEWARK, N. J. City plan commission. (Report no. 2) Preliminary report to the commission by Messrs. Ford and Goodrich. August, 1912. 24 p. 8°.

The first report is dated July, 1911, and comprises the text of the enabling act, members, officers, rules and outline of work.

PORTLAND, Oregon. Greater Portland. Official organ of the Greater Portland Plans Association. Vol. 1, no. 1. February, 1913. 14 p. f°.

Address 86½ Seventh St., Portland Oreg., 5 cents the copy.

PUFF, CHARLES F. The city plan of Newark, N. J. Report on the comprehensive planning of the metropolitan district of Greater Newark. Submitted to M. R. Sherrerd, chief engineer, department of public works. July, 1912. 52 p. maps, plans. 4°. (Newark, N. J., board of street and water commissioners).

SALEM, MASS. City Plans commission. First annual report, December, 1912. 63 p., 1 map. 8°.

Commission Government

CITY CLUB OF CINCINNATI. Synopsis of discussion on January 18, 1913, on commission rule problems. (The Citizen's Bulletin, January 25, 1913.)

The participants were Henry Bruere of the municipal research bureau of New York City, Mayor Hunt of Cincinnati and Alfred Bettman.

Cost of Living

See also Markets.

CARTER, J. F. Public markets and marketing methods. Suggestions for reducing the high cost of living, based on an inquiry into marketing conditions in 71 cities. (American City, February, 1913, p. 121-138, illus.)

The author is secretary of the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce.

CITY CLUB OF PHILADELPHIA. Bulletin. February, 17, 1913. v. 6, no. 12, p. 259-298.

Comprises discussion on prominent factors in the high cost of living. Among the participants were Prof. Irving Fisher, Mr. E. C. Spring of the Lehigh Valley Transit Company, Miss Mary E. Pennington, director of the food research laboratory, U. S. Bureau of Chemistry, Hon. C. C. Miller, Chairman New York municipal market committee and president of the borough of the Bronx, Mrs. Wm. B. Derr, president of the Housekeepers' League of Pennsylvania, and Prof. C. W. Thompson, director department of agriculture, University of Minnesota.

A very short time ago this subject would have been considered outside the domain of civics. Today it is a conspicuous object of civic interest, chiefly from the point of view of handling food products.

NEW YORK STATE. Food Investigating Commission. Committee on Mar-

kets, Prices and Costs. Report. August 1, 1912. 76 p. 8°.

Address 404 Pearl street, New York City.

Electoral Reform

CHICAGO, Ill. Bureau of public efficiency. Growing cost of elections in Chicago and Cook County. December, 1912. 16 p., 2 leaves. 8°.

In sixteen years the annual expense has more than trebled. Abolition of city and judicial primaries and repeal of statutory provision making all primaries and election days legal holidays recommended. The monograph closes with a calendar of election events in Chicago in each year, 1911-1919, and a tabular presentation of election costs in Chicago each year 1895-1912.

—The voting machine contract. A protest against its recognition in any form by the City Council. January, 1913. 12 p. 8°.

Electoral Reform

OAKLAND, Cal. Tax Association. Bulletin January 1913. No. 1. 8°.

Movement to obtain a new charter for Oakland inaugurated; contains a letter from the county manager of the National Short Ballot Organization, H. S. Gilbertson, defining the "one-man power."

PENNSYLVANIA. Third and final report of the Commission to revise and codify the election laws of Pennsylvania. 1913. 155 p., 1 foldg. table. 8°.

— Same. Minority report made by William C. Freeman. 1913. 48 p. 8°.

RUTHERFORD, WALLACE T. The preferential system of voting. (Pacific Municipalities, November, 1912, p. 547-550.)

Mr. Rutherford is city attorney of Napa, Calif.

Excess Condemnation

See also the New York City report on new sources of revenue under "Finance."

LONG, P. V. The doctrine of excess condemnation. (Pacific Municipalities October, 1912. p. 485-489.)

Mr. Long is city attorney for San Francisco.

Finance

IOWA. Department of finance and municipal accounts. Fifth annual report. 1912. 235 p. 8°.

Contains, in an appendix, extracts from the law governing the municipalities of Iowa. These reports also contain a list of the mayors, clerks and treasurers of each city and town in Iowa and the dates when the term of each expires.

NEW YORK CITY. Department of finance. Budget classifications. Explanation indicating the articles which belong to each classification and giving the definition of "supplies," "equipment," and "materials," as used in the budget of 1913. 8 p. 8°.

NEW YORK CITY. Report of the commission on new sources of city revenue. Submitted to the Mayor, January 11, 1913. 116 p. 8°.

The members of the commission were the late Edgar J. Levey, Joseph F. Johnson, Wm. Jay Schleffelin; F. S. Tomlin, Robt. S. Binkerd and Robt. B. McIntyre, secretary. Among the recommendations are the adoption of the excess condemnation constitutional amendment which was defeated when submitted to the people of New York in 1911 by a vote of 254,095 for and 357,881 against out of a total vote of 1,112,546. A tax on advertising billboards is suggested not only as a revenue measure, but also as a regulative measure. The nominal charge now made for vault privileges under city streets is shown to be capable of yielding a very substantial revenue if a proper annual charge were made for the use of the city's subsurface. Increased payments to the city for cab stand privileges, the exaction by the city of its share of profits of subway conduit companies, increase in the fees of county offices, the sale by the city of garbage and waste removal privileges are others of the recommendations made. The most radical of the recommendations, that of the unearned increment tax, has aroused vigorous opposition.

This report is also printed in the City Record of January 24, 1913, p. 624-643. It is reviewed in American City, February, 1913, p. 209, and in the Chicago Real Estate News reprinted in Citizen's Bulletin, February 15, 1913.

UNITED STATES. Census bureau. Instructions to clerks and special agents. Statistics of cities having a population of over 30,000. 1912. Municipal finance 187 p. 12°.

Fire Prevention

CLEVELAND, O. City inspector of buildings. Report of tests of partitions by fire and water made under the direction of Mr. Virgil D. Allen, city inspector of buildings, June 28 and 29, 1912. 78 p., pls. 8°.

The committee in charge of the tests was composed of Prof. John H. Nelson, Case School of Ap-

plied Science, Mr. L. H. Miller, engineer, Bethlehem Steel Company, and Mr. William S. Lougee, architect, Cleveland, O.

NATIONAL BOARD OF FIRE UNDERWRITERS. Suggested ordinance to regulate the manufacture, keeping, storage, sale, use and transportation of explosives (for villages or cities whose population does not exceed 100,000). 18 pp. 8°.

— Suggested ordinance regulating the manufacture, storage, sale and distribution of matches. 4 pp. 8°.

Either of the two foregoing items may be had upon application. Address: 135 Williams street, New York City.

NEW YORK CITY. Fire department. Report on incendiarism in greater New York. 1912. 158 p., illus. 8°.

— Fire department. Rules and regulations of the uniformed force of the fire department of the city of New York. 1912. 144 p. 12°.

Government

ATLANTA, Ga. Chamber of Commerce. Report of a study of the Department of Health and the Department of Education. December, 1912. 42 p., 1 diagr. 8°.

Made for the Chamber of Commerce Committee on Municipal Research by S. G. Lindholm for the New York Bureau of Municipal Research.

— Chamber of Commerce. Organization and administration of the city government of Atlanta, Ga. (Exclusive of health and educational department). 64 p. 8°.

Report of a general survey made for the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce Committee on Municipal Research by Herbert R. Sands for the New York Bureau of Municipal Research November, 1912.

BOSTON, Mass. Finance commission. A report on the building department of the city of Boston. 1912. 54 p. 8°.

BRADFORD, England. Municipal progress in Bradford. (U. S. Daily Consular and Trade Reports December 26, 1912, p. 1566.)

At his installation on November 9, 1912, the new lord mayor of Bradford reviewed the progress of the

city during the past 14 years. The facts printed in the report listed above are taken from the lord mayor's speech.

CHICAGO, Ill. Bureau of public efficiency. The office of sheriff of Cook County, Ill. A supplemental inquiry into its organization and methods of administration. November, 1912. 26 p. 8°.

— Administration of the office of clerk of the county court of Cook County Ill. November, 1912. 43 p. 8°.

— The office of clerk of the circuit court and the office of clerk of the superior court of Cook County, Ill. November, 1912. 27 p. 8°.

Address 315 Plymouth Court, Chicago. The purpose of the Chicago bureau of public efficiency is to scrutinize the systems of accounting in the eight local governments of Chicago, to examine the methods of purchasing materials and supplies and letting and executing construction contracts in these bodies, to examine the payrolls of these local governing bodies, to make constructive suggestions and to furnish the public with exact information.

— Civil service commission. Report on appropriations and expenditures bureau of streets, department of public works. 64 p., tables, diagrs. 8°.

Inquiry conducted at request of the committee on finance of the city council and the special commission regarding ward appropriations, July 15, 1912–November 15, 1912. Uniform standards and percentages for ward estimates and appropriations.

CLEVELAND, O. Chamber of Commerce. The Cleveland federation for charity and philanthropy as proposed by the committee on benevolent associations of the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce. January, 1913. 32 p. 8°.

— The coroner's office. Report of the investigation made by the coroner's committee of the Municipal Association in the interest of economy and efficiency. December, 1912. 30 p. 8°.

Efficiency series. Report no. 2.

— The sheriff's office. Report of the investigation made by the Municipal Association in the interest of economy and efficiency. September, 1912. 26 p. 8°.

Efficiency series. Report no. 1.

DALLAS, TEX. Municipal handbook. City of Dallas. 1913. 106 p. obl. 12° illus.

DAYTON, O. The Dayton bureau of municipal research. Efficient city management bulletin no. 1. n.d. 8 p. 8°.

Address 801-803 Schwind Building, Ludlow street, Dayton.

— Bureau of municipal research. Shall we change our city government? A statement of three types of municipal administration. 1913. 16 p. 8°.

EDMONTON, Alberta. Municipal Information bureau. The growth of Edmonton. 8 folios.

Typewritten document. Edmonton besides being the capital of Alberta, is the divisional and distributing point of three large railways, the Canadian Pacific, the Canadian Northern and Grand Trunk Pacific. It has a population of 57,045 (census of 1911) and that it is a progressive community there is no better evidence than in the increased assessment of land values, viz., \$873,694 in 1892, \$1,724,420 in 1902 and \$123,512,580 in 1912. These assessments are on ground values only, there being no improvement, business, income or personal tax in Edmonton.

HODGEHEAD, B. L. A comparison of the methods and efficiency of modern European and American city government. (Pacific Municipalities, October, 1912, p. 489-499.)

HOWE, FREDERICK C. Where the business men rule. (Outlook, January 25, 1913, p. 203-209, illus.)

Business principles in city administration. German cities.

NEW YORK CITY. Law department. A history of the office of the corporation counsel and the law department of the city of New York. Compiled by John H. Greener. October, 1912. 63 p. 4°.

A revision of an earlier publication, also by Mr. Greener, which appeared in pamphlet form in 1907, and which was also embodied in the annual report of the law Department for 1906.

SCHAFFER, FRANK H. Eliminate national politics from municipal affairs. (Citizen's Bulletin, January 11, 1913, p. 4-5.)

Address before the Hamilton County Progressive League.

Home Rule

See also under "Taxation"; also under "Police."

CIVIC LEAGUE, St. Louis, Mo. Home rule legislation. 14 p. 8°.

Report of a special committee of the League appointed by the executive board to examine the many proposals for so-called home rule for St. Louis. The committee is composed of Clifford B. Allen, J. L. Davis, Edw. C. Elliot, and Tyrrell Williams.

Housing Reform

See also under "City Planning."

BALL, CHARLES B. Health departments and housing. (American Journal of Public Health, January, 1913, p. 1-10.)

Markets

See also "Cost of Living."

BLACK, MRS. ELMER. A terminal market system New York's most urgent need. Some observations, comments and comparisons of European markets. 1912. 32 p. illus. 8°.

Mrs. Black was a member of the advisory board of the New York terminal market commission.

NEWARK, N. J. City plan commission. Newark market problem. Report by Geo. B. Ford and E. P. Goodrich. August, 1912. 8 folios.

Milk Supply

NEW YORK CITY. Department of health. The milk supply of New York City and its control by the department of health by E. J. Lederle, commissioner of health and R. Raynor, chief of division of food inspection. September, 1912. 79 p., illus. 8°.

Motion Picture Theatres

On March 6, 1913, there was introduced in the state legislature of New York a bill requiring moving picture theatres to be licensed in the same way as are the larger playhouses, taking this power away from the board of aldermen of the city of New York. The measure was requested by John D. Lindsay, president of the New York Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

The following list of moving picture magazines may be useful to libraries. Of American magazines there are The Motion Picture Story Magazine representing the licensed films. This magazine now in its fifth volume is published monthly at 29 Court Street, Brooklyn, N. Y., at \$1.50 per year. The Mov.

ing Picture World, a quarto weekly, is published at 17 Madison Avenue, New York City at \$3.00 per year. It is now in its fifteenth volume. Motography, is published bi-weekly by the Electricity Magazine Corporation, Monadnock Bldg., Chicago, at \$2.00 per year. It is now in its ninth volume. The Moving Picture News, now in its seventh volume, is published in New York City. Moving Picture Stories represents the independent films. The Edison Kinetogram and the Vitograph Life Portrays are house organs. In England there is The Byoscope and in Germany there is Der Kinetograph and Das Lichtbild Theatre.

FISHER, BOYD. Regulation of motion picture theaters. (American City, December, 1912, p. 520-522.)

NEW YORK CITY. Committee on laws and legislation. Report on ordinances in relation to motion picture theatres in New York City. December, 1912. (City Record, December 19, 1912. p. 10408-10412.)

Municipal Reference Libraries

UNITED STATES. Committee on the Library (senate). Legislative drafting bureau and legislative reference division of the library of Congress. Hearings. February 4, 1913. 145 p. 8°.

Of course this does not relate to a municipal reference library, but no one interested in municipal reference libraries can fail to be instructed by a reading of these hearings. Almost exactly a year before, on February 26 and 27, 1912, similar hearings were held before the House Committee on the Library. 114 p. 8°.

GREENE, CHARLES S. Municipal reference library movement in the United States and especially in Oakland, Calif. (Pacific Municipalities, October, 1912, p. 461-467.)

Ordinances

See also under "Bibliography;" and "Traffic Regulation."

Pacific Municipalities (monthly) prints in each number a list of ordinances received. The Municipality, November-December, 1912, p. 79-80, prints the curfew ordinances of three Wisconsin cities, viz. Chippewa Falls, Superior and Platteville.

Attention is again directed to the weekly Public Health Reports, which contain the text of ordinances relating to public health, vital statistics, sanitation and food and drug regulation.

St. Louis, Mo. The revised code of St. Louis, 1912. By Edgar R. Rombauer. St. Louis. 1913. 4 p. l., 1285, xvp. 8°.

The last previous revision of the St. Louis code was that of 1907.

Playgrounds

GREAT BRITAIN. Board of education. Report of the departmental committee appointed to inquire into certain questions in connection with the playgrounds of public elementary schools. London, 1912. 171 p. 8°.

Can be purchased through any bookseller. Price 8½d.

GROSS, T. A. Chicago playgrounds (Municipal Engineering. October, 1912 p. 226-229.)

TELLER, SIDNEY A. Chicago's recreation centers. (Municipal Engineering, November, 1912, p. 297-298.)

Police

CITY CLUB OF PHILADELPHIA. (Bulletin. December 5, 1912, v. 6, no. 4, p. 79-91.)

Confined to consideration of "Forward steps in the policing of Philadelphia," with remarks by Mrs. Wells, woman police officer of Los Angeles, the Rev. Henry Berkowitz, member of the Philadelphia vice commission, and the Hon. Geo. D. Porter, director of the department of public safety, Philadelphia.

NEW YORK CITY. Police Department Investigation Committee. Preliminary legislative report of special committee of the Board of Aldermen of the City of New York. 20 p. 8°.

The report of the Curran Committee. It was made public on March 9, 1913. The preliminary report is made at this time in order that it may be available during the present session of the Legislature. Chief among the recommendations of the committee are home rule in the administration of the Police Department and of excise regulation. The committee expresses opposition to the transfer of vice suppression from the Police Department to a Department of Public Morals, as well as to the establishment of a Board of Social Welfare. The final report of the committee, which will be completed late in April, will contain a summary of the entire investigation of the committee. This has extended over a period of six months.

UNITED STATES. Census Bureau. Police statistics for cities. February 4, 1913. 2 sheets.

Number of employees, officers, sergeants, patrolmen and detectives, amount of appropriations, per capital cost per year, average number of patrolmen

per 10,000 inhabitants, area in acres and number of patrolmen to 1000 acres, for 19 American cities. Statistics are for the last fiscal year only.

Port Development

CALIFORNIA. Commonwealth Club. *Transactions*, vol. 7, no. 6, December, 1912, p. 515-554.

Largely devoted to addresses and discussions on state vs. local control of harbors.

NEW YORK CITY. Department of docks and ferries. Plans for freight terminal systems at South Brooklyn and west side lower Manhattan with explanatory statement as to each. September, 1912. 11 p., 3 maps. 8°.

Report no. 21 of the numbered series of reports of this department.

— Department of docks and ferries. Plans for freight terminal facilities and equipment thereof, along south Brooklyn water-front. February 10, 1913. (*City Record*, February 26, 1913, p. 1618-1619.)

Public Health

See also under Housing Reform.

NEW YORK CITY. Department of health. *Monthly bulletin*, December, 1912. p. 293-320. 8°.

Almost the entire number is taken up with comment on two recent judicial decisions upholding the police power of the New York City Health board. The decisions are those of Justice Russell rendered in court of special sessions of New York City, November term, 1912, concerning the cleaning of milk receptacles, and of Justice Seabury in the New York supreme court, appellate term October, 1912, concerning slaughter-house odors. The text of each opinion is printed in full.

Public Utilities

REED, R. W. The relation of municipal public utility corporations to the public. (*Pacific Municipalities*, December, 1912, p. 646-655.)

Mr. Reed is a member of the city council of Los Angeles.

Public Works

BOSTON, Mass. Public works department. Annual report for the year

1911. Boston, 1912. xi, 584 p. folding tables, maps and an organization chart.

This is the first report of this Department which was created by Ordinances of 1910, chap. 9, and is a consolidation of the engineering, water and street departments. The engineering department, which had been in operation since 1867, had made 44 annual reports at the time of the merger, the street department had existed since 1895 and had made 20 annual reports, and the water department had operated since 1895 and had 15 annual reports to its credit. Mr. L. K. Rourke is commissioner of the new board.

Schools

MOORE, ERNEST C. How New York City administers its schools. A constructive study. Yonkers, N. Y. 1913 x, 321 p. 8°.

Professor Moore's report was noted in the preceding list of this department. The report was made to the committee on school inquiry of the board of estimate and apportionment of the city of New York. The committee rejected the report, but published it, omitting the final chapter, in the *City Record*. The text of the report as described above, is now printed in its entirety.

Sewage Disposal

GREAT BRITAIN. Royal commission on sewage disposal. Eighth report of the commissioners appointed to inquire and report what methods of treating and disposing of sewage (including any liquid from any factory or manufacturing process) may properly be adopted. Standards and tests for sewage and sewage effluents discharging into rivers and streams. Vol. 1. Report. 1912. 17 p. f°.

Command no. 6464, price 3d. The commission, as at present constituted, comprises Lord Iddesleigh, chairman, T. Walter Harding, William Ramsay, W. H. Power, T. J. Stafford, R. A. Tatton, F. J. Willis, and R. H. H. Keenlyside, secretary.

Smoke Abatement

HASKIN, F. J. Smoke abatement—Europe leads the world. (*Citizens' Bulletin*, January 4, 1913, p. 1-2.)

Social Evil

BONAPARTE, CHARLES J. The social evil. (*Citizen's Bulletin*, January 25, 1913, p. 1-2.)

CITY CLUB OF CHICAGO. (Bulletin. November 18, 1912, p. 343-349.)

Contains an address by the Hon. Geo. Cosson, state's attorney for Cook County, Ill., on "Newer Methods of Dealing with Commercialized Vice."

PORTLAND, Oreg. Vice commission. Report of the commission to the mayor and city council of Portland, January 1913. 216 p. 8°.

This is the fourth and final report of the commission. The volume includes the 1st-3d reports, which were also published separately.

UNITED STATES. District of Columbia committee (Senate). Abatement of houses of ill fame. Hearings before a subcommittee. December 9 and 19, 1912, and January 7, 1913. 85 p., 1 Rap. 8°.

WILLSON, ROBERT N. The eradication of the social diseases in large cities (Journal of the American Medical Assoc., Sept. 21, 1912. p. 924-928.

Also reprinted in pamphlet form.

Statistics

TOKIO, Japan. Ninth annual statistics of the city of Tokio. Compiled by the statistical department, the Tokio municipal office. 1912. 955 p. 8°.

In English and Japanese.

Street Railways

EDINBURGH, Scotland. Burgh engineer's office. Report on various systems of tramway traction. September, 1912. 10 p. f°.

WISCONSIN. Railroad commission. The City of Milwaukee vs. The Milwaukee Electric Railway and Light Company. Decided August 23, 1912. Opinion and decision. 369 p. 8°.

Streets

KELLOGG, D. D. Physical records of street cleaning service and the value of uniform accounting. (Pacific Municipalities, November 1912, p. 539-542.)

Mr. Kellogg is auditor and assessor of Pasadena.

SIMMONS, FRED G. Paving experience of Milwaukee, (Municipality, November-December, 1912, p. 59-70.)

Address delivered before the fourteenth annual convention of the League of Wisconsin Municipalities, July, 1912. Mr. Simmons is commissioner of public works of Milwaukee.

TILLSON, GEORGE W. Street pavements—Selection, care and maintenance. (American City, December, 1912, p. 545-551.)

From a paper presented at the American Road Congress, Atlantic City, October, 1912.

Taxation

HEYDECKER, E. L. Municipal finances and taxation. (Pacific Municipalities, October, 1912. p. 508-515.)

Mr. Heydecker is assistant tax commissioner for New York City and secretary of the New York State Conference on Taxation.

KIERSTADT, W. C. Reform in local taxation by the taxation of the land. (Canadian Municipal Journal. December, 1912. p. 489-492.)

Address before the seventh annual convention of New Brunswick Municipalities. Professor Kierstadt is of the faculty of the University of New Brunswick.

PRESTON, England. Borough treasurer's office. Rates levied in various towns 1912-13. (28th annual statement.) 13 p. 4°.

Rates of 86 towns in England and Wales, together with charges for gas, water and electricity; also profits and losses on municipal undertakings by which rates in those towns have been reduced or increased.

WILSON, J. S. Home rule in taxation. (Pacific Municipalities. January, 1913. p. 20-35, 1 d. February, p. 63-67.)

Address before the fifteenth annual convention of the League of California Municipalities. Mr. Wilson is mayor of Berkeley, Calif.

Traffic Regulation

A synopsis of the recent Cincinnati vehicle ordinance, including automobiles, is printed in Municipal Engineering, December, 1912, p. 388-389.

HUDSON, N. Y. An ordinance to regulate traffic on the public streets. 1912. 11 p. 12°

LEWIS, WILLIAM Y. Tram, bus,—or “continuous transit.” (*Municipal Journal*, London, February 7, 1913, p. 175-177.)

The London traffic problem having become a political question, the literature on the subject has grown. The above paper while not long, gives a good résumé of the situation.

TRAFFIC on streets and roads. Proposed standard method for recording

and comparisons. (*American City*, December, 1912, p. 553-559.)

Water Supply

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Ia. Board of water works trustees. First annual report for 1912. 38 p., 21 plates. 8°.

Report for the first year of municipal ownership. It summarizes the municipalization of the plant and the organization of the new board.

BOOK REVIEWS

THE GOVERNMENT OF AMERICAN CITIES. By William Bennett Munro, Ph.D., LL.B. New York: The Macmillan Company.

AMERICAN CITY GOVERNMENT. By Charles A. Beard. New York: The Century Company.

These two volumes form important additions to the already extensive literature on municipal affairs in this country. And the scope and variety of the subject is well illustrated by noting that these books not only supply such information not hitherto available, but also, while bearing similar titles, offer marked contrasts to each other in the topics discussed, in their method of treatment and in their literary style.

Professor Munro uses the term government in contrast to administration, and states that his aim is to describe the machinery or framework of municipal organization. In fact he does more than analyze the anatomical structure; and discusses also what President Lowell calls the physiology—and also the pathology—of the principal organs of municipal government. After introductory chapters on municipal development and the social structure of the city, he treats of the legal position and powers of cities, municipal politics, the council, the mayor, the principles of administrative organization, commission government, direct legislation and municipal reform. These topics are discussed with more thoroughness than in any other work covering the whole of this field; and the

presentation throughout bears the stamp of the scientific observer.

While the work thus deals with both the constitution and procedure of the political organism, it does so as a biologist would analyze the structure and conduct of plants and animals, without considering the external results of these activities in relation to economic and social problems. This limitation is however recognized by the author; and another volume on administration is promised to present this phase of the subject.

Professor Beard's book from one point of view has a broader scope, but in other respects is more limited. The distinctively political phases are treated briefly in four chapters; and the greater part of the volume discusses the economic and social problems of the modern city, with chapters on such topics as finances, police control, public utilities, public health, education and city planning. Moreover as indicated in the subtitle, “a survey of newer tendencies,” only the most recent developments in connection with the various topics are discussed. The purpose of the author seems to be to present selective illustrations for the general reader, rather than to give a comprehensive analysis for the more serious student.

The contrast in literary style is not between good and bad—for both authors display distinct literary ability which other writers may envy. It is rather, between distinctive styles, each adapted to the author's general method of treatment. Professor Munro's scientific dis-