THE CITIZEN

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ON THE TOP FLOOR IN THE CITY HALL

"Wirrah! Wirrah! Wirrah!" sobbed the raven, "I've lost my job."

"Why," asked the Big Smoke.

"Well Lee won't need a comforter," moaned the bird, wiping an eye on the end of his wing.

"Then what about me?"

"About you?" Came from the dark one, "Nothing, absolutely nothing. You're in the soup tureen and the less said, the better."

"Can't I get out?"

"Not if the people see you first and, believe me, they're all wearing spectacles these days."

"Haven't I told the People all about Lee?" queried he with the black cigar. "Haven't I explained to them what a fine thing it was to have a representative on the B. C. E. R. advisory board?"

"Sure, W. H., you have, but they know all about Lee—that's why they want him and, unfortunately for you, they're not particularly interested in B. C. E. R. dividends."

"Whither, oh whither shall I fly. Nobody loves me any more."

"You've got wonderful perception W. H., but as to flying, I'd do the gumshoe stunt one last time and take to the forest primeval."

"Have you seen Robert today, birdie?" asked William, the Mysterious.

"Yes, I met him on the way out to Sapperton."

"What's he doing out there?"

"Looking for inspiration in the cemetery."

"He'll get the right kind, I'm afraid," sighed the B. S.

"W. H., you've made an awful mistake, but there's time yet. Nicholas, the Czar, needs a new chief of police."

"No use, I've made a failure of this job; who'd give me a recommendation now?" but hist, double-hist; I have an idea.

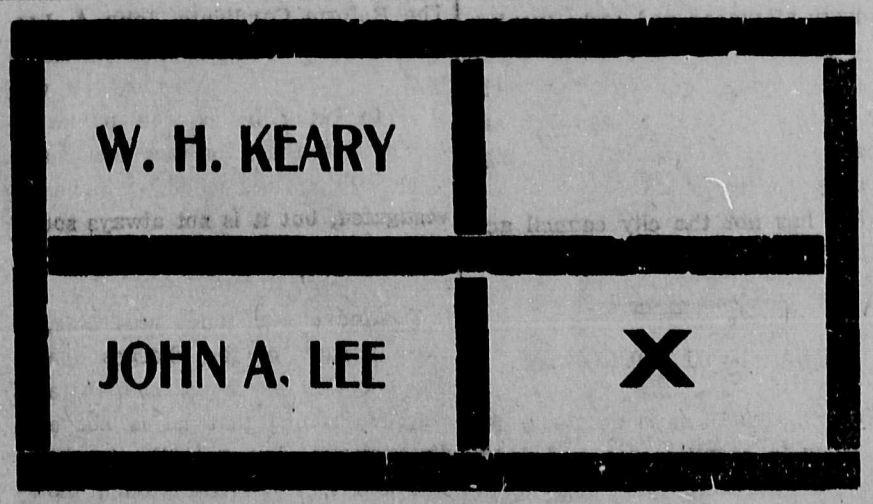
"Then lock the door, or you'll lose it. What is it?"

"Ah, no," wailed the Big Smoke. "What avails anything now? I am undone, unravelled, I can but hide my head in shame."

"Well you'd better get a coal scuttle for that job, for your top piece has developed wonderfully during the past few years. However, think kindly of me once in a while W. H., and in the shadows of the gloaming, when the red hot sun has dipped behind the curtain of the mountains, remember, oh remember that

"Pride goeth before destruction," and "A little wisdom is a dangerous thing."

Eighth Annual, Farewell Appearance of This Famous Artist.



Supporters of the campaign for Citizens' Control of Municipal affairs and no Outside Influence, should mark their ballot as shown hereon.

Committee Rooms, Sixth Street, where all information can be obtained from the secretary.

What Impure Water In The Home Means

That a city's water supply is one of her best and most valuable assets is a statement denied by no man. What the result would be, should that water supply become contaminated, what havoc deadly diseases might wreak in the homes of the community, what terrible consequences might spring directly therefrom are subjects ugly to face.

Be men, be women of firm purpose and do not shirk the issue.

At the present moment the only, single assurance relative to the purity of New Westminster's water supply from Coquitlam which the citizens of this city have from the Department of the Interior at Ottawa is that if the water becomes impure, from any works constructed by the Vancouver Power Company, this city may look to Ottawa for redress.

In other words, you citizens of New Westminster must wait till the germs of disease have entered your homes before you can appeal to the department for relief.

John A Lee stands for immediate action on the part of the city to safeguard to the utmost the purity of New Westminster's water.

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THE CIVIC COUNCIL.

Never has it been so necessary for the voter to exercise care and judgment in selecting its aldermanic board as it is this election, for, whilst the out-going officials have done effective service in many directions, they have as a body, been a little too prone to rely upon the directions, or suggestions of the supreme head; too easy in the opinions of many in submitting themselves to autocratic domination.

It is to be regretted that Alderman Henley will be missing from the board, for he earned the gratitude of the citizens by a genial, courteous readiness to consider matters brought to his notice and he has undoubtedly endeavored to fill an onerous position with credit to the city and himself, personally investigating and not shirking the responsibilities of his department.

The other members are offering themselves for re-election, and there is every reason to believe that the incoming mayor will be supported by a board of aldermen who are experienced, and capable in the details of civic government. It would be a thing to be deplored if several members, whom it would be invidious to name, did not re-occupy their chairs, though it is probable that a shuffling of the various duties would prove of great advantage.

Particularly is it necessary to secure a good live up-to-date chairman for the department of finance; and we believe that there should be no difficult task in selecting a suitable man for this very important position one who will be genial, careful of the city funds and yet realize that there are times when the purse strings should be opened sufficiently to assist in the future prosperity of the citizens.

The board of works needs a man who has time and knowledge at disposal; for particularly is it necessary that our street paving material shall be of the best quality and that a satisfactory proportion of the materials be allowed by the contractors, if we are to avoid the trouble experienced in so many cities after brief trials of new cement sidewalks; we cannot afford by negligence to risk any similar difficulties. The water and lighting of the city will, during the coming year, be ever under discussion, and carefully watched by the citizens; whilst the control of other departments require keen business men at the helm if the citizens are to reap the fullest benefit now, and in the future.

Let every voter be alive to his own interests and remember that the progress of the city may rest upon his individual vote.

THE LAST DITCH.

The supporters of One Man government, autocratic domination of the people; secret conclaves, and private arrangements are at the last ditch. The Reform Candidate, John A. Lee, has not shirked any subject which he and his supporters considered it was wise to bring before the public at the present time, for there are many other subjects which ought to be investigated, but it is not always sound policy to wash your dirty linen in public.

The mayor has failed miserably, to clear himself of the charges openly made by his opponent, and there is ample evidence that he is not only discourteous, but actually insulting. The suave, would-be-dignified dictator, as seen in public is a very different man when riled, and able to let go in private.

THE BOARD OF TRADE.

For some strange reason the mayor has long been at odds with the business men of the city, as shown by his opposition to, and his neglect in supporting any suggestions emenating from the Board of Trade.

He and Alderman Jardine, have particularly distinguished themselves by insisting that the members of the board were "interfering in what did not concern them" and that the council would (when the fit took it) take into consideration the matters discussed by the Board, in the interests of the city, and recommended to the council.

The Board of Trade has taken action amongst other things on the following subjects during the last year and it is for the electorate to determine whether they have exceeded their rights or interferred unduly:

Advertising the city abroad and in the Prairie provinces.

Cement sidewalks for Columbia street and gradually everywhere else.

Reduction of fares betwen this city and Vancouver, via B. C. E. R.

Cleaning up back streets and open spaces.

Lighting the approaches to the G. N. R. depot at Westminster bridge.

Reduction of freight rates on C. P. R.

Improved service to Westminster Junction.

Re-establishment of Agassiz local.

Abolition of tolls on Westminster bridge.

Dangerous crossings at city boundary.

Condition of Brunette street and Distillery hill.

Necessity of new depot and improved service on G. N. R.

Steamship service daily to Victoria.

Improvements in the Fraser River channel.

More public spaces to be made out of government owned lands.

Objection has even been made to the Board of Trade inviting prominent visitors and entertaining them as guests without previously consulting His Worship.

In this campaign Mayor Keary has publicly expressed his willingness at all times to receive advice on matters affecting the interests of the city and citizens, but his failure to act, or support the above specified subjects of vital importance, show that Mayor Keary has failed to realize the fact, that the Board of Trade is the mouthpiece of the entire commercial section of the community, which he insulted by charging, and allowing it to be charged, in the council that the Board of Trade was always "butting in." Yet the mayor claims that he is neither dictatorial, insulting, or discourteous.

ADVERTISING.

The citizens have spoken with no uncertain voice regarding the need of Publicity, but nothing has been done, apparently because the mayor has no desire for this most desirable result being carried out. If he initiates a plan it is good, but nothing initiated by the Board of Trade appears to be worthy of receiving his support. It is immaterial that the city is thrown backward, or that the mercantile and industrial pursuits are hampered, so long as his despotic will is obeyed. No literature has been available for use at the A. Y. P. Exposition, nor at the exhibition at Queen's Park; nothing even for distribution to enquirers, except a single article (sandwiched amidst a pamphlet entitled "Cities of Puget Sound) for which the city council expended several hundred dollars—wasted money.

This, notwithstanding repeated efforts by the Board of Trade to induce immediate action.

"LARGE PROGRESS" ELSEWHERE

A comparison of the population returns available, does not bear out the mayor's statement that this city has made equal progress to other Western cities.

Population	1901	1908	P.C. Inc.
Westminster ...	6,499	12,198	87.6
Victoria..	20,816	45,000	116.2
Vancouver	26,133	95,000	263.5
Calgary	4,091	25,000	511
Edmonton	2,626	20,000	661.6
Winnipeg	42,340	140,000	230.7
Regina	2,249	10,500	366.9

The net taxation of New Westminster for years has been 20 mills. That of Vancouver (which was also burnt to the ground) **was 16 mills from 1893 to 1901; 18 mills from 1902 to 1905; 20 mills since.**

YET Mr. Keary's manifesto reads: "New Westminster, with her present mayor, is the envy of all the municipalities in Canada."

Do not the above statistics prove that New Westminster has been left far behind.

EXPEDITION REQUIRED.

A wonderful amount of activity has recently been experienced in certain departments of the city, for recently no aplications have been turned down, although previously "funds did not permit," It is really wonderful how obliging the civic officials get when it is approaching election time but then its human nature.

The Citizen would like to know why culverts of some sort were not supplied on the hill slopes in years past; it is claimed that wonderful progress has marked the city during the last year or two, but will any person believe it, when he looks on the roadbeds of Twelfth street and other similarly situated streets? Save a cent" and spend a dollar (when you are compelled to, by force of circumstances) this seems to have been the civic policy—No foresight; no enterprize.

CITY ORDINANCES.

(Revised Edition.)

The following regulations are to be brought forward if approved by the Star Chamber committee, immediately after Mayor Keary opens the New Year's Council, it is rumored.

Acknowledgement—I am the mayor, thy chief, who has consummated thy bondage.

Remembrance—Thou shalt elect no other mayor but me.

Obedience—Thou shalt obey my wink or nod.

Interrogation—Am I not the great I am—the Only one?

Orthodoxy—Thou shalt believe that no one else can save the city—or quit the council chamber.

Command—I am the Almighty voice, thou shalt be silent and list when I speak.

Finality—Thus shall the autocracy be complete.

Warning—I will show no favors to those who vote against me.

Declaration—For eight years have I led my people and they love me—Oh, how they love me.

Indefinable—I am—New Westminster.

Inexpressible—I cannot fall! I dare not fall! I will not fall! Whatever it costs.

Regret—Alas! Alas! The knowledge came too late! I thought I was the "Only one" left in the city, and now my throne is threatened—my will disputed, and my followers desert me for John A. Lee.

IN A NUTSHELL.

One today is worth two tomorrow.

One in the morning is worth two at night.

Every pea helps to fill the peck.

The mind's the standard of the man,

It suffices, What suffices? Your Vote for John A. Lee.

Honesty makes the man and want of it—the fellow.

Hush! Let it not be known—there's canker i'th the root!!

NO STAR CHAMBER.

Have the citizens of New Westminster any right to know what their servants, the Mayor and Aldermen, do with regard to public questions?

If so, why have matters of vital interest to New Westminster been repeatedly discussed by the city council without any report of the proceedings leaking out to the men and women who pay the taxes?

These are questions worth considering. Think them over, then vote for the SUPREME POWER, THE PEOPLE, and the People's Candidate, John A. Lee.

PURE WATER.

Government Report Extracts.

The city of New Westminster own the water rights of the lake. Some years ago, leave was granted to an Electric Railway Company to dam the Coquitlam River, about three quarters of a mile below its exit from the lake, and at a point immediately below the city intake pipe.

The first point visited was the site of a saw mill on the Coquitlam river.

The city authorities would have been wise to have prevented the erection of this mill, and if it could not be prevented, then the intake pipe should have been changed to a position further up the river.

In passing up the river the water was muddy and slimy, and most certainly did NOT indicate that most earnest and active attention the health authorities should show for the guarding of their city water supply.

The site where the Electric Railway men were housed was clean, but what disposal was made of the refuse during the year and a half of work on the tunnel I have been unable to learn. Here again I think the city authorities should have been more active to guard their interests. The main result found was that while there was no evidence of typhoid fever infection, there was sufficient evidence to call for a change in the present conditions.

I am satisfied that this water is NOT the best that can be obtained from this source.

I beg to recommend that both shores of the Coquitlam river be cleaned up.

If these few suggestions are carried out, and no settlements are permitted to be established at or near the lake; then, in a short time, all soluble objectionable material will be taken from the freshly covered surfaces along the river banks—and New Westminster will have the most precious of all assets—a perfect water supply.

The government water expert says this.

John A. Lee takes his stand on **THIS** report.

REFUTATION.

Mr. J. A. Lee has produced a copy of the minute as published in the press, which he read, showing that Mayor Keary had left the chair in order to oppose the raising of the license on the B. C. E. R. from $100 to $200 per year as stated by Ex-Alderman Garrett.

REMEMBER.

Typhoid fever canot develop spontaneously.

In some waters the vitality of the typhoid bacteria is exceedingly slight whilst others it may be considerable, and varies according to the conditions, from three days to three or four months.

The danger of direct infection through the air is slight, although it is possible.

It is a fact that infection through water is the most common source of wide spread epidemics.

The presence or absence of typhoid fever is an index of the sanitary intelligence of a community.

CONDENSED ADVERTISEMENTS.

FOUND—A new Mayor in John A. Lee.

LOST—The confidence of the People by His Worship.

TO LET—One Star Chamber, electric lighting free.

LOST—Numerous opportunities by Mayor Keary to advance the city's interests. Finders please return to John A. Lee after January 1st, 1910.

FOR SALE—A system of one man government. (No inspection permitted as satisfaction is not guaranteed.

WANTED—"Some One to Love and Cheer Me."—Mayor Keary.

WANTED—About five hundred votes, which I can't get, to re-elect me. Please notify Mayor Keary through his campaign manager, Mr. Robert Jardine.

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THE CIVIC COUNCIL.

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It is to be regretted that Alderman Henley will be missing from the board, for he earned the gratitude of the citizens by a genial, courteous readiness to consider matters brought to his notice and he has undoubtedly endeavored to fill an onerous position with credit to the city and himself, personally investigating and not shirking the responsibilities of his department.

The other members are offering themselves for re-election, and there is every reason to believe that the incoming mayor will be supported by a board of aldermen who are experienced, and capable in the details of civic government. It would be a thing to be deplored if several members, whom it would be invidious to name, did not re-occupy their chairs, though it is probable that a shuffling of the various duties would prove of great advantage.

Particularly is it necessary to secure a good live up-to-date chairman for the department of finance; and we believe that there should be no difficult task in selecting a suitable man for this very important position one who will be genial, careful of the city funds and yet realize that there are times when the purse strings should be opened sufficiently to assist in the future prosperity of the citizens.

The board of works needs a man who has time and knowledge at disposal; for particularly is it necessary that our street paving material shall be of the best quality and that a satisfactory proportion of the materials be allowed by the contractors, if we are to avoid the trouble experienced in so many cities after brief trials of new cement sidewalks; we cannot afford by negligence to risk any similar difficulties. The water and lighting of the city will, during the coming year, be ever under discussion, and carefully watched by the citizens; whilst the control of other departments require keen business men at the helm if the citizens are to reap the fullest benefit now, and in the future.

Let every voter be alive to his own interests and remember that the progress of the city may rest upon his individual vote.

THE LAST DITCH.

The supporters of One Man government, autocratic domination of the people; secret conclaves, and private arrangements are at the last ditch. The Reform Candidate, John A. Lee, has not shirked any subject which he and his supporters considered it was wise to bring before the public at the present time, for there are many other subjects which ought to be investigated, but it is not always sound policy to wash your dirty linen in public.

The mayor has failed miserably, to clear himself of the charges openly made by his opponent, and there is ample evidence that he is not only discourteous, but actually insulting. The suave, would-be-dignified dictator, as seen in public is a very different man when riled, and able to let go in private.

THE BOARD OF TRADE.

For some strange reason the mayor has long been at odds with the business men of the city, as shown by his opposition to, and his neglect in supporting any suggestions emenating from the Board of Trade.

He and Alderman Jardine, have particularly distinguished themselves by insisting that the members of the board were "interfering in what did not concern them" and that the council would (when the fit took it) take into consideration the matters discussed by the Board, in the interests of the city, and recommended to the council.

The Board of Trade has taken action amongst other things on the following subjects during the last year and it is for the electorate to determine whether they have exceeded their rights or interferred unduly:

Advertising the city abroad and in the Prairie provinces.

Cement sidewalks for Columbia street and gradually everywhere else.

Reduction of fares betwen this city and Vancouver, via B. C. E. R.

Cleaning up back streets and open spaces.

Lighting the approaches to the G. N. R. depot at Westminster bridge.

Reduction of freight rates on C. P. R.

Improved service to Westminster Junction.

Re-establishment of Agassiz local.

Abolition of tolls on Westminster bridge.

Dangerous crossings at city boundary.

Condition of Brunette street and Distillery hill.

Necessity of new depot and improved service on G. N. R.

Steamship service daily to Victoria.

Improvements in the Fraser River channel.

More public spaces to be made out of government owned lands.

Objection has even been made to the Board of Trade inviting prominent visitors and entertaining them as guests without previously consulting His Worship.

In this campaign Mayor Keary has publicly expressed his willingness at all times to receive advice on matters affecting the interests of the city and citizens, but his failure to act, or support the above specified subjects of vital importance, show that Mayor Keary has failed to realize the fact, that the Board of Trade is the mouthpiece of the entire commercial section of the community, which he insulted by charging, and allowing it to be charged, in the council that the Board of Trade was always "butting in." Yet the mayor claims that he is neither dictatorial, insulting, or discourteous.

ADVERTISING.

The citizens have spoken with no uncertain voice regarding the need of Publicity, but nothing has been done, apparently because the mayor has no desire for this most desirable result being carried out. If he initiates a plan it is good, but nothing initiated by the Board of Trade appears to be worthy of receiving his support. It is immaterial that the city is thrown backward, or that the mercantile and industrial pursuits are hampered, so long as his despotic will is obeyed. No literature has been available for use at the A. Y. P. Exposition, nor at the exhibition at Queen's Park; nothing even for distribution to enquirers, except a single article (sandwiched amidst a pamphlet entitled "Cities of Puget Sound) for which the city council expended several hundred dollars—wasted money.

This, notwithstanding repeated efforts by the Board of Trade to induce immediate action.

"LARGE PROGRESS" ELSEWHERE

A comparison of the population returns available, does not bear out the mayor's statement that this city has made equal progress to other Western cities.

Population	1901	1908	P.C. Inc.
Westminster ...	6,499	12,198	87.6
Victoria..	20,816	45,000	116.2
Vancouver	26,133	95,000	263.5
Calgary	4,091	25,000	511
Edmonton	2,626	20,000	661.6
Winnipeg	42,340	140,000	230.7
Regina	2,249	10,500	366.9

The net taxation of New Westminster for years has been 20 mills. That of Vancouver (which was also burnt to the ground) **was 16 mills from 1893 to 1901; 18 mills from 1902 to 1905; 20 mills since.**

YET Mr. Keary's manifesto reads: "New Westminster, with her present mayor, is the envy of all the municipalities in Canada."

Do not the above statistics prove that New Westminster has been left far behind.

EXPEDITION REQUIRED.

A wonderful amount of activity has recently been experienced in certain departments of the city, for recently no aplications have been turned down, although previously "funds did not permit," It is really wonderful how obliging the civic officials get when it is approaching election time but then its human nature.

The Citizen would like to know why culverts of some sort were not supplied on the hill slopes in years past; it is claimed that wonderful progress has marked the city during the last year or two, but will any person believe it, when he looks on the roadbeds of Twelfth street and other similarly situated streets? Save a cent" and spend a dollar (when you are compelled to, by force of circumstances) this seems to have been the civic policy—No foresight; no enterprize.

CITY ORDINANCES.

(Revised Edition.)

The following regulations are to be brought forward if approved by the Star Chamber committee, immediately after Mayor Keary opens the New Year's Council, it is rumored.

Acknowledgement—I am the mayor, thy chief, who has consummated thy bondage.

Remembrance—Thou shalt elect no other mayor but me.

Obedience—Thou shalt obey my wink or nod.

Interrogation—Am I not the great I am—the Only one?

Orthodoxy—Thou shalt believe that no one else can save the city—or quit the council chamber.

Command—I am the Almighty voice, thou shalt be silent and list when I speak.

Finality—Thus shall the autocracy be complete.

Warning—I will show no favors to those who vote against me.

Declaration—For eight years have I led my people and they love me—Oh, how they love me.

Indefinable—I am—New Westminster.

Inexpressible—I cannot fall! I dare not fall! I will not fall! Whatever it costs.

Regret—Alas! Alas! The knowledge came too late! I thought I was the "Only one" left in the city, and now my throne is threatened—my will disputed, and my followers desert me for John A. Lee.

IN A NUTSHELL.

One today is worth two tomorrow.

One in the morning is worth two at night.

Every pea helps to fill the peck.

The mind's the standard of the man,

It suffices, What suffices? Your Vote for John A. Lee.

Honesty makes the man and want of it—the fellow.

Hush! Let it not be known—there's canker i'th the root!!

NO STAR CHAMBER.

Have the citizens of New Westminster any right to know what their servants, the Mayor and Aldermen, do with regard to public questions?

If so, why have matters of vital interest to New Westminster been repeatedly discussed by the city council without any report of the proceedings leaking out to the men and women who pay the taxes?

These are questions worth considering. Think them over, then vote for the SUPREME POWER, THE PEOPLE, and the People's Candidate, John A. Lee.

PURE WATER.

Government Report Extracts.

The city of New Westminster own the water rights of the lake. Some years ago, leave was granted to an Electric Railway Company to dam the Coquitlam River, about three quarters of a mile below its exit from the lake, and at a point immediately below the city intake pipe.

The first point visited was the site of a saw mill on the Coquitlam river.

The city authorities would have been wise to have prevented the erection of this mill, and if it could not be prevented, then the intake pipe should have been changed to a position further up the river.

In passing up the river the water was muddy and slimy, and most certainly did NOT indicate that most earnest and active attention the health authorities should show for the guarding of their city water supply.

The site where the Electric Railway men were housed was clean, but what disposal was made of the refuse during the year and a half of work on the tunnel I have been unable to learn. Here again I think the city authorities should have been more active to guard their interests. The main result found was that while there was no evidence of typhoid fever infection, there was sufficient evidence to call for a change in the present conditions.

I am satisfied that this water is NOT the best that can be obtained from this source.

I beg to recommend that both shores of the Coquitlam river be cleaned up.

If these few suggestions are carried out, and no settlements are permitted to be established at or near the lake; then, in a short time, all soluble objectionable material will be taken from the freshly covered surfaces along the river banks—and New Westminster will have the most precious of all assets—a perfect water supply.

The government water expert says this.

John A. Lee takes his stand on **THIS** report.

REFUTATION.

Mr. J. A. Lee has produced a copy of the minute as published in the press, which he read, showing that Mayor Keary had left the chair in order to oppose the raising of the license on the B. C. E. R. from $100 to $200 per year as stated by Ex-Alderman Garrett.

REMEMBER.

Typhoid fever canot develop spontaneously.

In some waters the vitality of the typhoid bacteria is exceedingly slight whilst others it may be considerable, and varies according to the conditions, from three days to three or four months.

The danger of direct infection through the air is slight, although it is possible.

It is a fact that infection through water is the most common source of wide spread epidemics.

The presence or absence of typhoid fever is an index of the sanitary intelligence of a community.

CONDENSED ADVERTISEMENTS.

FOUND—A new Mayor in John A. Lee.

LOST—The confidence of the People by His Worship.

TO LET—One Star Chamber, electric lighting free.

LOST—Numerous opportunities by Mayor Keary to advance the city's interests. Finders please return to John A. Lee after January 1st, 1910.

FOR SALE—A system of one man government. (No inspection permitted as satisfaction is not guaranteed.

WANTED—"Some One to Love and Cheer Me."—Mayor Keary.

WANTED—About five hundred votes, which I can't get, to re-elect me. Please notify Mayor Keary through his campaign manager, Mr. Robert Jardine.

WANTED—The ratepayers to forget my connection with the B. C. E. R. The Mayor.

ELECTION DAY AND SOME OTHER THINGS

"This do be th' day, Dogan," said Murphy as he watched 17 candidates trying to shake hands with one voter at the door of the city hall.

"Phwat day, Murphy?"

"Sure th' day of Misther Keary's siperation."

"Siperation? Siperation from phwat, Murphy?"

"From his job av coorse."

"Siperation is ut? Tare an' ages! Murphy, ye don't know no more than ye niver did. This ain't no siperation; it's absolute divorce fer just cause.

"Now, ye see, Murphy. In a case loike this her' wan, th' people is th' judge an' jury in wan bunch. This judge an' jury is moighty tired of listenin' to th' same sort av pleadin' fer the past siven years or so an there's goin' to be ructions as sure as y'are a fut high. An' them ructions I'm speakin' about is goin' to ind this blissed day in the ejiction of Misther Keary from his cosy corner in th' city hawl."

"An' ye belave fer truth, Dogan, that Lee's goin to win?"

"Belave it? Why av coorse; ain't Bob Jardine backin' Keary?"

"Have ye read th' Daily News, lately, Dogan?"

Oh yis, I look over it cashually now an' thin. It's th' only funny paper I'm takin' at th' prisint, but why were ye askin?"

"Well, I jist seen a page full of soapsuds in th', in th', in th', what d'ye call ut—where it says all th' bist people are votin' fer Keary."

"Well, phwat are ye worryin' about Murphy, didn't I jist tell ye it was a funny paper."

"Funny? There's nawthin' funny about that. It's folish."

"Ye're on, Murphy. Ye're wise, now go up an' vote fer Lee.

"I will in a minute, Dogan, but did ye hear they do be sayin' as how Misther Lee is goin to sell th' city hawl to th' anarchists if he beats Keary?"

"Fer th' love av mercy, Murphy, run up an' vote an' thin chase yersilf away home before the bogey man gits ye. Yere too innocint to be out alone after breakfast.

"An' say, Murphy, if ye're good I'll take ye down th' town tonight to congratulate Misther, Straight Business Mayor Lee."

ROYAL COLUMBIAN HOSPITAL

Mr. Keary appears to claim all authority, and the fathering of every entreprise during his term of office. If The Citizen is rightly informed the scheme for extension (badly needed) originated with certain ladies and gentlemen, who have shown a very disinterested and steadfast devotion to the sick and needy.

WANTED TO KNOW.

Is it a fact that Lot 2, Sub-Block 14, was sold to one William Peacock at a tax sale held about 1902 for $55; by him transferred on tax sale deed to W. H. Keary; who again transferred it to an employee in the City Hall, who sold it for $3500 to one Padmore —according to the evidence of the Registry Office.

JOHN A. LEE'S POLICY.

Street improvements, throughout the city.

Advertising the city and district, far and wide.

Searching for and introducing new industries.

Clearing up all debris, and deleterious refuse.

Guarding, by every possible means, our water supply.

Control of civic affairs by the elected representatives.

Making aldermen responsible for departments.

Public advertising of lands for sale.

No favoritism in distributing civic patronage.

Free and open discussion on civic matters.

Abolition of the municipal Star Chamber procedure.

A progressive policy on strict business lines.

No more private arrangements, or agreements.

No outside control, but the city utilities for the people.

Abolition of one man government.

Making city officials responsible for work done.

Judicious, but agressive policy of advancement.

To make the financial condition sound enough to reduce taxation.

VOTE FOR JOHN A. LEE.

The man who is not controlled by any corporation.

Who seeks to co-operate with the B. C. E. R. but objects to domination.

Who came **Back** to New Westminster in its time of trial.

Who hopes to place New Westminster on a firm and lasting basis.

Who will push forward Columbia Street and other improvements **rapidly.**

Who has established his own business amongst you by sheer hard work

Who is prepared to work harder than his predecessor.

Who will give you cement sidewalks— not boards.

Who is not content to vegetate in stagnation and rank grasses.

Who objects to typhoid germs in your drinking water.

Who wants to make this a world-renowned fresh water port.

Who will safeguard your valuable assets from expropriation.

Who will not claim credit for things he has not performed.

In thanking his Supporters, active and passive,

JOHN A. LEE.

Expresses a sincere hope that the New Year may inaugurate an era of prosperity for every citizen.

THE B. C. E. R.

Mr. Lee at Sapperton emphatically stated that he was not in opposition to this company, but would lend it every assistance in his power so far as its interests were intended to strengthen those of the city and district.

He would consistently and strenuously oppose any company or corporation—not merely the B. C. E. R. —which attempted to obtain powers, either openly or by undue influence, which in his opinion were prejudicial to the citizen's prosperity.

A DITTY.

Who says that we must vote just so?
Mayor Keary.
Who says John Lee will have to go?
Mayor Keary.
Who thinks of brains there is a lack
And tries to keep the Royal City back
Mayor Keary.
Who says I never meant to run
Mayor Keary.
And then his statements tries to shun
Mayor Keary.
Who says that we the envy are
Of all the countries near and far
Mayor Keary.
Who expects to get the people's vote?
Mayor Keary.
Who thinks the ladies on him dote?
Mayor Keary.
Who says that during all these years
He's had by far more kicks than cheers
Mayor Keary.
Who says he never bought a city lot
Mayor Keary.
Then found his deal he had forgot?
Mayor Keary.
He claims that he will save the city's fame
But far ahead tonight you'll see—what name?
NOT Mayor Keary.

ONE WHO KNOWS.

The paid organ of the "corporation candidate" publishes a letter purporting to come from a lady contributor, signing herself as above, but the writer should be more careful in exercising the wellknown characteristic of his style of writing.

The Citizen suggests, in future, that a sister or female cousin, be confidentially asked to "edit" any similar contribution before it is posted to the publication which it is intended to adorn, though possibly it was thought unnecessary to take that precaution even.

However, the "scurrilous sheet" referred to, has not gone as far as the writer of the letter, signed "One Who Knows," in betraying the secrets of the ladies' meeting, and had it been known that secrecy was desired the "Citizen" would have guarded the subject with all due discretion, but what is talked about freely is usually considered "good copy" and "the man on the street" must not be censured for fulfilling the duty imposed upon him.

The Citizen honestly believes, that it has opened the eyes of some ratepayers; that it has voiced the opinions of a large majority;, and that it has done so without any intentional discourtesy, which justifies the epithet applied by this masculine-lady, no one regrets it more than the editor, and he trusts that its imperfections will not prevent him asking your vote and interest for the Reform Candidate **JOHN A. LEE.**

NOT A WORD WAS SAID.

In spite of the fact that the question of the erection of the Vancouver Power Company's dam at Coquitlam lake and its possible effect on the purity of the city's water supply has proven one of the most important that has arisen since the founding of New Westminster; in spite of this, Ald. Jardine has stated in public, the Mayor being present, that never has this matter been discussed in the City Council, either in committee or in open session.

MAYOR'S BOASTED DIGNITY GOES UP IN WRATH

Saturday evening's meeting in the city hall was a sad blow, a sad, sad blow to the glowing platitudes which have been uttered during the past week with Mayor Keary and his dignified cordiality for their subjects.

That His Worship was in earnest, vindictively so, in his treatment of Mr. John A. Lee, the People's Candidate, was plain to all, but the urbanity, the smooth, polished manner, the gentlemanly bearing had given place to unseemly ire and a boorist tongue.

"There you are, butting in again," was this Chesterfield's drawing room reception of Mr. Lee, when the latter claimed the right to address the rate payers, if His Worship intended to do so.

Again Mr. Lee put his civil query to the chair, and again came from the arbiter of "company manners," "there you are again. Who's chairman of this meeting?"

Keary Parrot's Voice—"Sit down. Who's chairman here?"

A third time the people's candidate turned to Chairman Mayor Keary. "Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen, I would like to get an expression of opinion from this meeting as to whether I am to be allowed to speak if His Worship chooses to address you."

"Address the chair, who's chairman here?" came again from His gentlemanly Worship.

"I have addressed the chair twice," answered Mr. Lee, "and I did this time as well, but I have not been able to get a civil answer to a civil question."

At this stage, one ratepayer moved and another seconded a motion that Mr. Lee be given an opportunity to speak. In the general uproar that followed the motion carried.

A CHAMPION KNOCKER.

Mr. Keary at the Dominion Exhibition held in this city is reported in the press to have stated the hotels of the city were not fit to stay in.

He recently stated, publicly, that he had "never knocked any one at any time." Perhaps not any one, but he distinctly knocked the city.

DON'T YOU THINK.

Don't you think that the contention of John A. Lee is a correct one, when he says, that a man who is holding an official position in a corporation whose interests are specially identified with this city should not occupy the postion of mayor?

Don't you think that a city situated as New Westminster is, should have a mayor who is subject to no control beyond that of the citizens?

Don't you think that the mayor has stood up for his own individuality and endeavored to force his opinion unduly?

Don't you think that eight years of office as mayor is too long for any man? Not Mayor Keary alone.

Don't you think that our streets need greater attention as regards cleanliness?

Don't you think that John A. Lee is as capable of meeting distinguished visitors as our mayor?