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Election Apathy Analysis

"Good Candidates Make Good Elections" - the Bureau's recent bulletin and recommendations are being studied by Ontario's Municipal Advisory Committee and, further afield, by the Vancouver Civic Non-Partisan League. The Bureau's statement received high commendation from the United States by the originator of City Manager Government.

Community Service

The recent one day conference on "Social Security for Canada", sponsored by the Social Planning Council, proved an outstanding success - 210 persons participated under the general chairmanship of the Bureau's director. The conference scrutinized recommendations developed earlier by the Canadian Welfare Council.

Tax Scheme Removal Before Province

The Bureau's long stand, reported last month, for the removal of partial graded tax exemptions from property taxes is now before the Ontario Government. Favourable action is predicted.

O.M.A. Vehicle for Reform

Speaking for 90% of Ontario's municipal population, the Ontario Municipal Association's annual presentation of resolutions to the Ontario Government this year included

- discussion with the Cabinet of a fundamental re-organization of Road Financing and thirteen proposals on other important public issues
- forty more resolutions, taken up separately with the Premier or with individual Ministers.

The Bureau's director is secretary-treasurer of the O.M.A. and in that position helps shape the content of the resolutions and contributes to the strength of their presentation. The O.M.A. is the oldest and largest municipal association in the Province.

Productive Committee Work

The Bureau's regular participation in the activities of other organizations also does much to further good government. Recent meetings include;

Board of Governors - Institute of Municipal Assessors of Ontario
Board of Governors - Canadian Welfare Council
Budget Committee - United Fund of Metropolitan Toronto
Taxation Committee - Toronto Board of Trade
Programme Planning Committee - Institute on Public Affairs
Steering Committee - Municipal Clerks' and Finance Officers' Association
New Board of Trade Committee on public statistical information.

PLAN TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING AND LUNCHEON
ONTARIO ROOM, ROYAL YORK HOTEL, MAY 4, 1960

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