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ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

THIS spring the Bureau of Municipal Research celebrated its 44th anniversary, the Citizens Research Institute of Canada its 39th. The joint annual luncheon of the two organizations was held at the King Edward Hotel in Toronto on the 23rd of April.

That these annual functions command a wide interest, far beyond the membership, was amply evidenced by the capacity attendance and keen attention given the guest speaker, Dr. J. R. Petrie, nationally known consulting economist. Dr. Petrie's address on the subject of "The Challenge of Immigration to the Canadian Economy," was extensively reported and commented upon by the local press. It was taken up also by the Canadian Press and reported across Canada. A copy of Dr. Petrie's address is enclosed.

After the luncheon, Dr. Petrie was the guest of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, where producer Allan Anderson interviewed him for his programme "Let's Find Out". In his introduction, Mr. Anderson acknowledged the circumstances which had brought Dr. Petrie to Toronto and thereby gave our organizations additional publicity.

The combined luncheon was chaired this year by the Bureau's president, D. W. Lang, Q.C. Head table guests were: Frederick G. Gardiner, Q.C., Chairman of Metropolitan Toronto Council; R. C. Berkinshaw, C.B.E., LL.D., Vice-President of the Bureau and Past President of the Institute; K. G. Crawford, Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs, Province of Ontario; Mrs. Jean Newman, Vice-Chairman of the City of Toronto Board of Control and member of the Executive Committee of the Metropolitan Toronto Council; Oakah L. Jones, member of the Bureau Council and Chairman of the Joint Membership Committee; Edwin A. Jarrett, F.C.A., Past President of the Bureau; R. W. Bolstad, President of the Institute; Lt. Col. H. K. Macintosh, M.B.E., E.D., Honorary Treasury of the Institute and Bureau; and Eric Hardy, Director and Secretary of the two organizations. The distinguished audience included a number of people prominent in public life in Toronto and elsewhere.

Institute President Bolstad's brief remarks to the meeting bear repeating. They are enclosed in their entirety.

Members elected to the Bureau Council for a three-year term were as follows:

Messrs. Kenneth B. Andras
Murray A. W. Bosley
R. J. Burtis
Courtland Elliott, C.B.E.

D. W. Lang, Q.C.
Hector C. Mitchell
W. F. Prendergast, O.B.E.
W. J. Shave

Those elected to the Institute's National Board, also, for a three-year period were:

Messrs. J. G. Godsoe
E. T. Godwin
H. K. Macintosh, M.B.E., E.D.
Stanley E. Nixon
W. Norman Smith

The election of new officers for the coming year will be conducted at a combined meeting of the Bureau Council and the Institute board later this month.

Both organizations have now entered another year of service for the promotion of efficient government at all levels. One of the many projects on the books is an intensified membership drive to assure both Bureau and Institute of adequate support for extended research. The members of both organizations are urged to aid this vitally important effort by spreading the knowledge of our aims and work, and by enlisting the support of others. The Toronto office stands ready to augment these efforts in every way.

ERIC HARDY,
Director.

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