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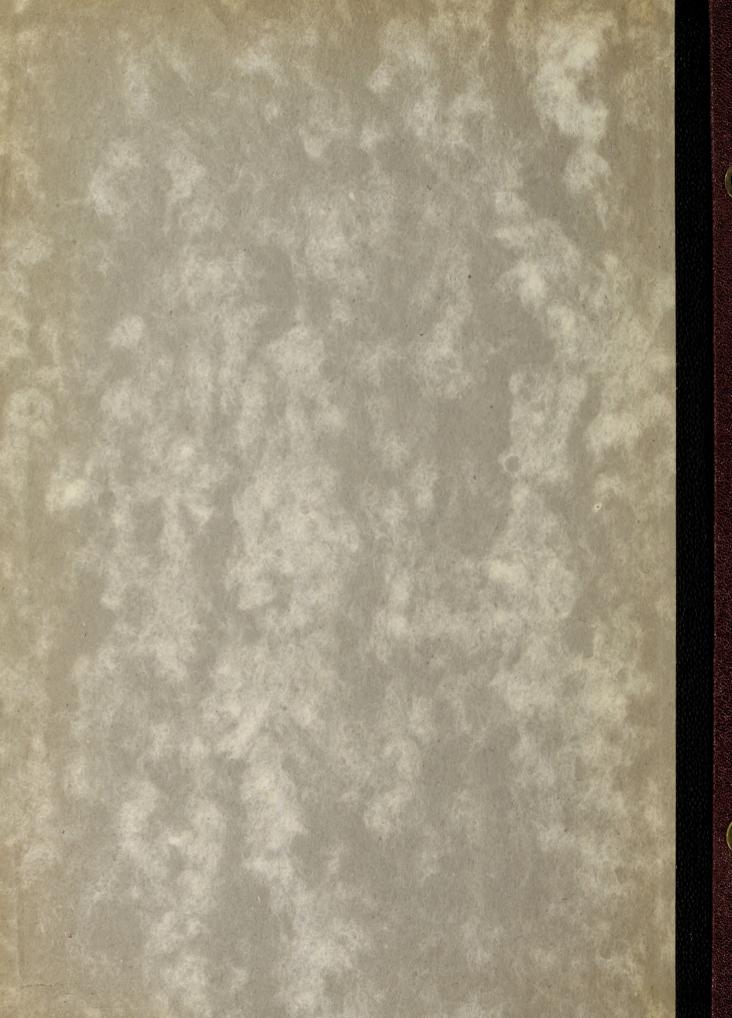
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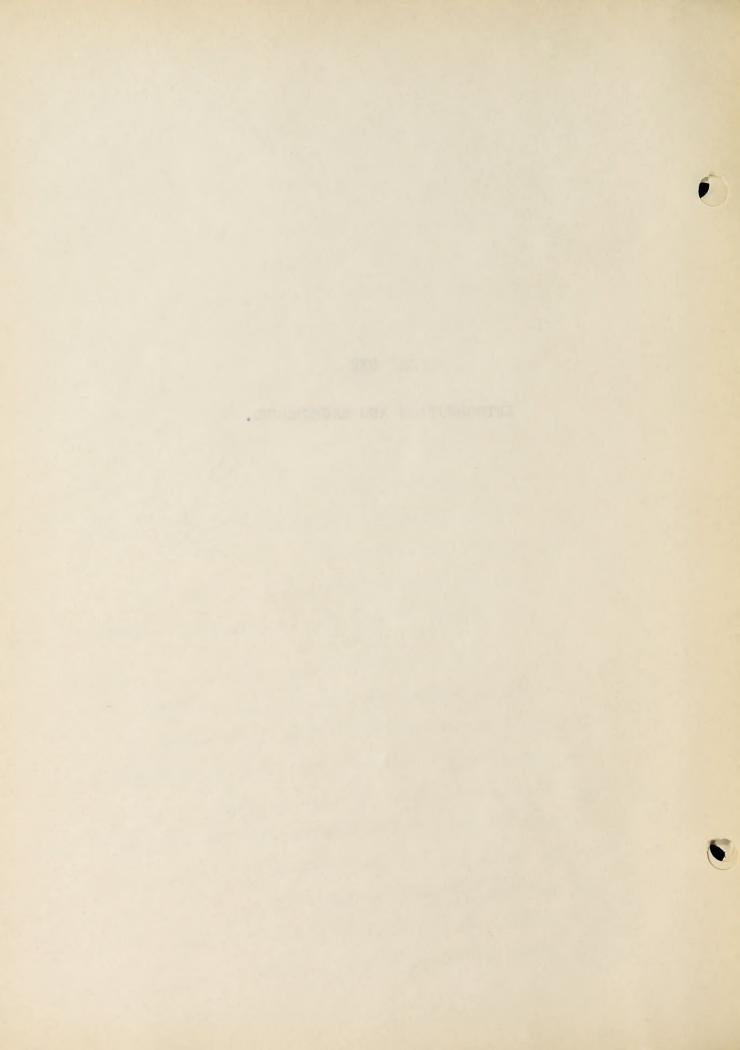
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PART ONE

INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND.



1. Political Intelligence.

a. Growth of Democracy.

Democracy as a fundamental theory of government has experienced its greatest expansion during the last generation. Roughly defined in Lincoln's phrase. "Government of the people, by the people, and for the people." has been accepted in almost every nation, at least in principle. The World War was fought, according to Woodrow Wilson, to make the world safe for democracy in those countries which were self-governing before the war there has been a wide extension of the suffrage and the introduction of measures calculated to bring the electorate into more direct control of the processes and personnel of the government. "It is probable, "writes Munro, "that the total number of qualified voters both in America and in Europe has been doubled since the close of the World War." and Lippmann, speaking specifically of the United States, says, "The eligible vote has trebled since 1896; the direct action of the voter has enormously extended."

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Lincoln, Abraham. Address at Gettysberg, July 4, 1864. Wilson, Woodrow. Speech before Congress, Apr. 2, 1917. Munro, William Bennett "Intelligence Tests for Voters," 3. Forum, Dec. 1928. p. 825. Lippmann, Walter. "The Phantom Public" p. 36.

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The progress of democracy has been in a series of waves. In 1776 when Jefferson wrote that "government derives its just powers from the consent of the governhardly one-fifth of the adult male inhabitants of the thirteen independent colonies had the right to vote. Not until the Jacksonian revolution of 1828 did the common people of America come into their own. Not until the ratification of the fifteenth amendment in 1870 was the right of the colored males to vote recognized even as a matter of principle. A fourth great wave of democracy was marked by the direct election of senators (seventeenth amendment. 1913). by woman suffrage (nineteenth amendment, 1920), and by the Wilsonian doctrine of autonomy for small nations. Since the World War there has been a reaction at home and abroad. What Munro calls the "pendhas swung in the direction of autoculum of politics" racy, several nations adopting dictatorships, and there has arisen a general feeling that "democracy is on trial."

Democracy has never been without its critics. At the Constitutional Convention in 1787 Alexander Hamilton spoke as follows: "The voice of the people has been said to be the voice of God: and however generally this maxim has been quoted and believed, it is not true in fact."7

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Harper's, May, 1927. Hamilton, Alexander. Speech before the Federal Convention, June 19, 1787.

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Contemporary critics have been more unsparing in their observations regarding democracy. It would be a simple matter to multiply quotations from Walter Lippmann, Frank Kent, William Bennett Munro, Everett Dean Martin, Carl C. Brigham, and others. But it is not the purpose of this thesis to discuss the general merits of democratic doctrine.

b. Is Intelligence Also Increasing?

A few selections will suffice to give the viewpoints of this group and will also indicate the specific problem which is about to be discussed. Walter Lippmann, ex-editor of the former New York World, believes that democracy, while it may once have been adequate to the needs of a simpler age, is unequal to the demands of our increasingly intricate modern society. He writes, "He (the voter) will be as bewildered as a puppy trying to lick three bones And again, "The private citizen today has come to feel rather like a deaf spectator in the back row, who ought to keep his mind on the mystery off there, but cannot quite manage to keep awake." A more extreme view is taken by Frank Kent, a political reporter of clarity and vigor, whose felicity of phrase sometimes leads him into generalizations which would be difficult to defend. latter says, "Not more than one in sixty of those who go to

^{8.} Lippmann, Walter. "The Phantom Public." p. 25.

^{9.} Ibid. p. 1.

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the polls knows clearly what it is all about." He elaborates upon this idea as follows: "To approximately 119,000,000 people politics is a closed book. Many of course think they know something about it, just as they always think they know something about everything. Actually the great bulk of the 119,000,000 are thoroughly muddy-minded about politics, swayed by feeling rather than by reason, really incapable of clear-headed thought or understanding. That may appear rather a sweeping indictment but any fair analysis of the voters in any precinct in any section will bear it out."

The words underscored in the quotation from Kent point to one of the chief aims of this thesis, namely to make a fair analysis of the voters of one typical community and attempt to determine whether they are swayed by their feelings rather than by reason. Democratic government is predicated upon the reason of the voter. Felix Frankfurter writes, "Democracy is the reign of reason on the most extensive scale...We now know that democracy is dependent upon knowledge and wisdom beyond all other forms of government....If the continuance of our civilization is to be based upon democracy, obviously knowledge and the capacity for judgment must permeate the whole community."

^{10.} Kent, Frank. "Political Behavior" p. 79-80.

^{12.} Frankfurter, Felix. "Democracy and the Expert." Atlantic Monthly, Nov. 1930, p. 659.

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It is precisely at this point that the critics of democracy believe it is breaking down. Not the ideals, not the good intentions, not the moral character of the voter, but his intelligence is declared to be unequal to the demands of self-government. The intelligence tests given to the United States soldiers at the time of the World War are still quoted as proof that American citizens are at a low mental level. From these tests Brigham concludes flatly. "American intelligence is declining..... If all immigration were stopped now, the decline of American intelligence would still be inevitable." Brigham and MacDougall ascribe this alleged decline to the negro and immigrant strains in America. Unfortunately for their argument the results of the Army intelligence tests are no longer universally respected by students of psychology.

c. What is Political Intelligence?

A theory is arising that men possess not just intelligence but intelligences. Some kinds of intelligence,
such as mechanical intelligence for example, are not measured at all by the tests now commonly in use. For the purpose of self-government, men do not need every kind of intelligence, but chiefly what may be called "political intelligence." The writings of Lippmann and others will be

^{13.} Brigham, Carl C. "A Study of American Intelligence,"
p. 124.

14. MacDougall, William. "Is America Safe for Democracy?"
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examined in vain for any definition of political intelligence; it may be taken, however, as distinct from general intelligence and as akin to social intelligence. That is the sense in which the phrase will be used hereafter.

one attempt to measure social intelligence objectively by means of written tests has been made by the psy15.
chology department of George Washington University.

This was given to approximately 12,000 people in 52 educational institutions. Neither the problems nor the results have any close relation to the matter of government,
and the entire test has been strongly attacked on the
grounds that it lacks validity, is much the same as a general intelligence test, and does not correlate with the
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executive experience and success of the individuals tested."

Without further attempt to define or measure what other writers have carefully avoided defining and measuring, we proceed to the main question of this thesis, namely, "Is political intelligence on the decline, as some critics of democracy maintain it is, or is it holding its own or increasing?" To obtain the proper perspective for answering this question it is necessary to choose two different periods of time during which the intelligence of the voters may be studied. For the purpose of comparison it seems wise to select one period after the Wilsonian wave of

^{15.} Moss, F.A., and Hunt, T. "Are You Socially Intelligent," Scientific American, August, 1927.

^{16.} Strang, Ruth. "Relation of Social Intelligence to Certain Other Factors." School and Society, Aug. 23, 1930.

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democracy, that is to say after 1920, and the other period before the introduction into American political life of those factors and elements which have in the opinions of Brigham and MacDougall had such detrimental effects, namely before 1890. To sum up, then, this is to be a study of political intelligence as manifested in one particular community at two different periods of time separated by thirty years.

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- 2. The Scope and Methods of This Study.
- a. Suggested by the "Middletown" Project.

This method of studying political intelligence was suggested by certain portions of the "Middletown" project as described in "Middletown" by Robert S. Lynd and Helen Merrell Lynd (Harcourt, Brace, and Company, New York, 1929). The book gives the details of a "study in contemporary American culture" financed by the Institute of Social and Religious Research. "Middletown" is the pseudonym for a typical American community, middle-sized, middling in industrial importance, and located somewhere in the Middle West. The writers, assisted by a secretarial staff, resided in the city for over a year, and made so far as possible an objective analysis of its life and thought. They studied the way in which the citizens made their living, how they spent their leisure, how they were educated, how they governed themselves, and how they were roughly divided into certain social, racial, and economic groups. The chapters dealing with government, education. and group consciousness were in particular the inspiration for the present study.

The methods of the "Middletown" project have been followed on a small scale. Where it was possible the

^{17.} Lynd, Robert S. and Helen Merrell, "Middletown."

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Lyndes obtained statistical data; otherwise they relied upon excerpts from the press and interviews with representative members of the different groups. The fact that some of these people did not realize that they were being "interviewed" only increased the frankness with which they expressed their opinions. While the authors made their study in the year 1925, they refer back constantly to the year 1890, which marked the beginning of "boom times" in Middletown and of radical changes in the life of the community. They make many comparisons between these two years.

b. The Selection of Place and Periods.

This thesis is based upon a study of Malden, Massa-chusetts, a middle-sized community in what is now called Metropolitan Boston and about five miles north of Boston proper. Malden was selected because it is "in the middle of the path" as regards size and wealth. Some of the citizens are native born and some of them are immigrants or the children of immigrants. Some of them work in Boston and some are in the local commercial and manufacturing establishments. In short, Malden has nothing either in its past history or in its present condition to mark it off as peculiarly different from other suburban communities.

The choice was also influenced by the writer's acquaintance with the community, which enabled him to place

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his hands readily upon needed material and assured him of assistance from local government officials, school and library administrators, and several old and representative members of the community. He is much indebted to all of these people for their kind co-operation.

The periods chosen for study and comparison were the decade from 1881 to 1890 and the decade from 1921 to 1930. These are somewhat more than a generation apart and are likely to bring out whatever changes have been caused by immigration, by the enfranchisement of women, by modern educational methods and by such changes in election procedure as the introduction of the secret ballot and the direct primary. As Malden became a city in 1882, there is an opportunity to compare the last year of town government with the first nine years of city government as well as the earlier years of city government with the last ten years.

The presidential elections of 1880 and 1920, while not within the indicated periods of time, were also studied in order that there might be opportunity of comparing three recent national political campaigns with three campaigns conducted forty years previous.

c. The Sources of Information.

First and chief reliance for information was placed upon the local newspapers, of which complete files are available. From 1881 to 1890 there were two weekly journals,

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existence. Every edition of both papers for the entire decade has been examined. From 1921 to 1930 the only newspaper in Malden, excepting for an occasional short-lived "fly-by-night" publication, has been a daily, the Malden Evening News, which has been made use of for the last ten year period.

Statistics regarding population have been obtained from the Board of Assessors and from the State and Federal Censuses. Election returns and registration of voters have been obtained from the Office of the City Clerk, from old Town and City Reports, and from newspapers. Complete data regarding courses of study in the public schools were obtained from old reports of the School Committee and from the present Superintendent of Schools.

The "Middletown" investigators, while they used the questionnaire method freely in other parts of their work, did not find it suited to a study of government and it has not been used here. They made use of informal interviews with old inhabitants and with competent observers of political affairs.

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3. Historical Background.

a. Malden, 1634-1880.

A very brief sketch of Malden's history is included at this point for the better understanding of the two decades which are to be examined intensively. Much of the following information is derived from the writings of the late Deloraine P. Corey. The first volume of his "History of Malden," published in Malden in 1899 by the author, covers the period from 1633 to 1785 in 834 thoroughly documented pages. The manuscript notes for his second volume are in the possession of the Malden Historical Society. To complete the history to the present date would be a thesis in itself.

According to the city seal, Malden was "Settled 1634, Town 1649, City 1882." The first of these dates is dubitable, as the earliest proven settler was in 1640 and he did not live within the present boundaries of the city. The last two dates are correct, and they are the ones most germane to our study. Malden was at first a part of that indefinitely extensive territory known as Charlestown, but between 1633 and 1640 the land north of the Mystic River was divided among the freeholders of Charlestown and called by the name of Mystic Side. Mystic Side included most of what is now Everett, all of Malden, Melrose and Medford,

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and part of what is now Wakefield. Medford was set apart first in 1652, some boundary adjustments being made at a later date. Some of the northern portions of Malden were annexed to Reading in 1727 and to Stoneham in 1734, and finally the whole of North Malden was incorporated under the name of Melrose in 1850. South Malden waged a century-long war for independence; it became the South Parish in 1737 and attained the dignity of the South-West School District in 1842, but was not incorporated as the Town of Everett until 1870. Thus by the time the curtain rises for the first act of our political drama, all these separation issues and boundary disputes had been settled, Malden had been delimited to its present area and was already debating whether or not to adopt the city form of government.

Some idea of Malden's political background may be gained from the following table of Malden's electoral vote from the beginning of the Federal government to the year 1880. For the years 1800, 1808, and 1816, the gubernatorial vote is substituted, no vote being cast for electors in those years.

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This table shows that Malden remained consistently in the Democratic column until the rise of the slavery issue, and after that it remained with equal consistency in the Whig and Republican column. It is an ironic sidelight upon the intelligence of Malden voters in the year 1852 that four of them cast their ballots for Webster, who had died in Massachusetts on the 24th of October, a week or two prior to the election.

^{18.} Bruce, Charles E. "Outline History of Malden."

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b. Malden, 1881-1890.

By the year 1881, with which this study commences, the population of Malden, in spite of the loss of the North and South districts had reached about 12,000. Of these, 2685 were registered voters, and anywhere from 600 to 2000 votes were cast in the elections. Most of the inhabitants were of English or Anglo-Saxon descent. They were not all born in Malden; many came from other parts of New England and a few from the Canadian provinces. The only separate racial and religious group was the Irish. The latter came during the migration of 1840-50 and might already be considered among the oldest families in the town. No reliable estimate of their numbers can be made, but they occupied practically all of Edgeworth, or about one-seventh of Malden's area.

Malden had already passed out of the agricultural stage of its development. Several small factories had been started fifty years before. The biggest single industry was the Boston Rubber Shoe factory, built in the Edgeworth district in 1853 by Elisha Slade Converse. More must be said later about Mr. Converse, who was by far the town's most influential citizen. In his factory 1500 hands were employed, and other Malden people worked in another factory of his located just across the Melrose line. The value of Malden's manufactured products exceeded \$6,000,000 a year.

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Malden was served by the Boston and Maine Railroad; the Western Division of the B. & M. was laid through the town in 1845, followed a little later by the Saugus Branch. There were also several lines of street railways, and quite a number of Malden people commuted daily to Boston on these and on the steam trains. The city had not yet become a trading center for neighboring communities, as it is today, but it had enough stores to serve the needs of its own citizens.

Buildings were almost all of wood, sidewalks were mostly of gravel, and the streets were lined with trees. There were as yet no sewers, and the last report of the Selectmen, 1881, dealt largely with the need for stricter regulation of cess pools, slaughter houses, and piggeries. There was a volunteer fire department, and the police department consisted of ten men, besides the chief. This department, incidentally, was the center of political contention during the final years of the town and the first years of the city. The men were discontented with their salary, \$800, and with their hours; they disobeyed regulations regarding the wearing of uniforms while on duty. The chief was changed frequently and seemed to be in continual hot water with the press, the public, and the political leaders.

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committee meetings, and public hearings, Malden decided to adopt a city form of government with a mayor, a board of aldermen, and a common council. There were six wards, later increased to seven. No other change of importance has been made in the charter to this day. Every proposed alteration has been rejected with overwhelming conservatism.

The new government went into operation with the beginning of the year 1882. Elisha Slade Converse, who was "nominated by acclamation" at a citizens' caucus, received 1521 of the 1550 votes cast for mayor. Mr. Converse was president of the Malden National Bank, deacon and chief supporter of the First Baptist Church, Treasurer and Manager of the Boston Rubber Shoe Company, and had already served in the Massachusetts House of Representatives and Massachusetts Senate. He is thus eulogized in the City Press: "The veneration and profound esteem in which he is held by all his employes, even to the small boy in the office, is the best evidence of the true character of the He affords the sole instance in Malden history of a local captain of industry standing as a dominant political figure. He appeared to be really reluctant to assume the office, and he did not run for re-election.

Malden Mirror, Nov. 30, 1881. Malden Mirror, Dec. 3, 1881. City Press, Nov. 19, 1881. 19.

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on the Board of Selectmen; one of these two, John M.

Devir, Alderman from Ward Two cr Edgeworth, was father of
the John D. Devir who was mayor for five terms during the
1921-30 decade. Most of the seven aldermen and eighteen
councilmen were small business men in Malden or in Boston.

Data cannot be obtained about several of them, but approximately one-half were born in Malden. Of one of them it was
printed, "He is a high school graduate;" the assumption
might be made that the rest of them were not.

The political contests and controversies of 18811890 will be discussed further on, where they can be compared with those of 1921-30.

During the thirty year intermission before the curtain rises in 1921 on the second act of Malden's political history, the city doubled its population (24,626 in 1890; 50,119 in 1921). Several new racial groups appeared. The most important racial addition was Jewish. Jews began to be noticed in Malden about the beginning of the century; their numbers were greatly augmented as a result of the Chelsea Fire in 1908. Mayor Richards extended the hospital-

^{22.} Malden Mirror and City Press, editions throughout December, 1881, and January, 1882.

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ity of the city to the refugees, hundreds of whom accepted it and settled in the Suffolk Square and Faulkner districts. By the year 1921 they had pre-empted Ward Seven. Scarcely a Gentile could be found in some of the schools of the district, and the members of the City Government from this ward were generally Jewish.

A small colony of negroes and a small Swedish colony must be noted, although they seem not to have figured in city politics. A few Greeks and Italians had also appeared, and some of them were already among the substantial business men of the community. They did not segregate themselves into distinct districts and gave no evidence of political cohesiveness.

The economic development of Malden during this period was so similar to that of any other suburban community that it needs no elaboration. Many citizens worked in Boston; many worked in local factories. Malden had also become a shopping center for Everett, Melrose, Medford, and Saugus. Its business interests were therefore diversified and well balanced.

The political history of Malden from 1921 to 1930 will be given further on in this thesis under the heading of "Local politics, 1921-1930."

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PART II.

COMPARATIVE STUDY OF POLITICAL INTELLIGENCE IN MALDEN.

DURING THE TWO PERIODS, 1881-1890 AND 1921-1930.

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1. Interest in Elections.

a. An Objective Measure of Political Intelligence.

Objective measurement of political intelligence is very difficult. The only mathematical data available are the registration of voters and the election returns. Of course these indicate interest in politics rather than political intelligence; it might even be argued that some really intelligent people consider it useless to exercise the suffrage. Nevertheless, from a pragmatic viewpoint intelligence which does not function might as well be non-existent. Critics of democracy usually begin by pointing out the general neglect of the suffrage; frequently their criticisms also end at the same point.

Lord Bryce wrote: "The will of the sovereign people is expressed....in the United States....by as large a proportion of the registered voters as in any other country." On the other hand Walter Lippmann writes: "Of the eligible voters in the United States less than half go to the polls even in a presidential year. During the campaign of 1924 a special effort was made to bring out more voters. They did not come out. The Constitution, the nation, the party system, the presidential succession, private property, all were supposed to be in danger. One party prophesied

^{23.} Bryce, Viscount. "Modern Democracies" Vol. II, p. 52.

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b. Registration Compared with Population.

1880 - 1890 and 1920 - 1930.

We shall consider first, then, what has been the practice of Malden citizens with reference to registering and voting and we shall try to compare the figures for 1881-1890 with those for 1921-1930. The following statistics have been compiled from several different sources, principally the city clerk's office, the assessors' office, and newspaper files. No one source could supply complete information. The figures have been checked against each other wherever possible, and, in case of disagreement, the most probable figure has been selected.

^{24.} Lippmann, Walter. "Phantom Public." p. 16-17.

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Year.	Registration.	Population.
1880	Lacking.	12, 017 (National census)
1881	Lacking.	12, 367 (Assessors' figures)
1882	2595	12, 779 " "
1883	2983	13, 464 " "
1884	3109	14,244
1885	3007	16,407 (State census.)
1886	3212	17,326 (Assessors' figures.)
1887	Lacking.	17,964 " "
1888	Lacking	19,617
1889	3816	22,506
1890	3970	24,626 (National census.)
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1920	15,599	50,012 (Assessors' figures.)
1921	14,848	50,119 " "
1922	15,343	50,468 " "
1923	15,202	50,686
1924	17,382	50,877 "
1925	17,774	52,221 " "
1926	17,265	53,181
1927	17,804	54,216
1928	23,051	55,222
1929	22,247	56,356
1930	22,441	57,622

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c. Registration of Women, 1920 - 1930.

In the earlier decade, if calculations be based upon the seven years for which both registration and population are known, the average annual registration amounted to 18.7% of the population. For the ten years from 1921 to 1930 inclusive, the average annual registration amounted to 35.0% of the population. In other words, the registration almost but not quite doubled after the adoption of woman suffrage. That this increase was due to the feminine vote is proven by the following table.

Year.	Men registered.	Women registered.	Total.
1920	9146	6453	15,599
1921	8719	6129	14,848
1922	9006	6337	15,343
1923	8819	6383	15,202
1924	Lacking.	Lacking.	17,382
1925	9660	7668	17,774
1926	Lacking.	Lacking.	17,265
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Complete statistics are available for only seven years of the decade, namely 1921, 1922, 1923, 1925, 1927, 1928, 1930. For these years, 52% of the registered vote was male and 48% was female.

During the last decade the registration has been noticeably heavier in the even years, when state elections are held. In 1928, the year of the Smith-Hoover campaign, it reached the high point of 41.7% of the entire population. Almost exactly two-thirds of the 5247 increase in registration in that year were women.

d. Size of Vote Compared with Registration.

1880 - 1890 and 1920 - 1930.

More significant than the proportion of citizens who register is the proportion of registered voters who go to the polls. The following table gives the total for each year.

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Year.	City election.	State election.	State primaries.	Registration.
1880	Lacking.	2123		Lacking.
1881	1523	Lacking.		Lacking.
1882	1806	2157		2595
1883	2269	2717		2983
1884	2143	2764		3109
1885	2362	2805		3007
1886	2150	2642		3212
1887	2587	2511		Lacking.
1888	2756	3389		Lacking.
1889	2310	2590		3816
1890	2739	3206		3970
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1920	7932	13,067	3,911	15,599
1921	5781			14,848
1922	6681	11,570	7,178	15,343
1923	9282			15,202
1924	13,829	15,263	6,197	17,382
1925	12,397			17,774
1926	12,032	13,268	13,268	17,265
1927	13,133			17,804
1928	14,007	21,757	8,690	23,051
1929	17,060			22,247
1930	17,163	16,720	8,804	22,441

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Complete data are available for only seven years of the earlier decade, namely 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1889, 1890. For the purpose of comparison we shall select the last six years in which both city and state elections were held, namely, 1920, 1922, 1924, 1926, 1928, 1930. The following percentages are based upon the above years.

Percent of registered voters going to the polls.

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Earlier decade. 69.0% 83.2%

Recent decade. 64.5% 83.3% 43.3%

Voters apparently take as much interest in state and national elections as they ever did. In neither decade have they taken as much interest in city elections as in state and national elections; interest in city elections has fallen off somewhat in recent years. The figures for the state primaries confirm what has been frequently charged and generally believed, namely that the voters do not interest themselves in selecting the candidates of their own party.

e. Number of Women Voters Compared With Number of Men Voters.

Through a fortunate accident, the numbers of men and women voters can be given for several years. The City Clerk is not required to tabulate the vote by sexes and he

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does not not do so. In each polling place, however, there are separate tally sheets for men and for women. Realizing the great interest in woman voters just after the adoption of woman suffrage, the Malden Evening News on several occasions took the pains to obtain these separate returns and to total them. The results follow.

City Elections.

	Men.		Women.		
,	Registered.	Voting.	Registered.	Voting.	
1920	9146	4899	6453	3033	
1921	8719	3779	6129	2002	
1922	9006	4329	6337	2352	
1923	8819	5458	6383	3824	
1928	11,698	7589	11,353	6518	

State and National Elections (final).

Men.		Women.		
	Registered.	Voting.	Registered.	Voting.
1920	9146	7485	6453	5582
1922	9006	7195	6337	4375
1926	9660	7567	7668	5701

The above tables are reduced to percentages as follows.

Percentage of registered voters who go to the polls.

	Men.	Women.
City elections.	54.9%	48.4%
State elections.	80.0%	76.5%

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Since a smaller number of women register than men, and since a smaller proportion of the registered women voters go to the polls than of the registered men voters, it follows that the feminine vote, considered in its relation to the total vote cast, is still smaller.

City Elections.

Year.	Men voting.	Women voting.	Total votes.
1920	4899	3033	7932
1921	3779	2002	5781
1922	4329	2352	6681
1923	5458	3824	9282
1928	7589	6518	14,007

State and National Elections (final).

Year.	Men voting.	Women voting.	Total votes.
1920	7485	5582	13,067
1922	7195	4375	11,570
1926	7567	5701	13,268

These tables reduce to the following percentages:

Percentage of total vote.

City elections.	Cast	by	men.	59.7%	Cast	by	women.	40.3%
State elections.	11	11	11	58.7%	11	11	72	41.3%

Apparently the male and female vote in Malden during the years for which information is available has been almost in 3 to 2 ratio, indicating a greater interest in political matters on the part of the males. No conclusion can safely be drawn, however, from such scanty data.

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f. Comments of the Contemporary Press.

1881 - 1890 and 1921-1930.

The comments of the press on these elections are illuminating; they show how much importance was attached to the act of voting, what efforts were made to get out the vote, and whether these efforts were thought to have been successful.

Concerning the last town meeting ever held in Malden. the following is printed: "It would puzzle the oldest inhabitant to show the time when less interest was manifest and less enthusiasm shown at an election in this town." That could be ascribed to the lack of competition for the various town offices that year and to the fact that the town form of government was already moribund. Compare it, however, with the comments upon the state election of the same year, "The election in this town was unprecedentedly quiet, and the vote thrown was the lightest in a number of years, less than one-third of the voters registered appearing at the polls, which had a deserted appearance throughout the entire day There seemed to be a very little interest manifested by the voters as they straggled into the almost empty hall one by one and deposited their votes. The rain kept many away, but the vote would have been small had the weather been

^{25.} Malden Mirror, March 5, 1881

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propitious. for there was no issue before the people to arouse any enthusiasm."

These echoes from the elections of 1881 have a familiar ring: similar comments have been heard in recent years. The Malden News, for example, following the election of 1922, printed this headline: "General Apathy Is In Full Command."

On the other hand, some years have been signalized by great activity on the voters. The quiet election of 1881 was the one which re-elected Governor Long. The very next year, when Benjamin F. Butler ran for governor we read that the vote was "the largest ever cast in Malden." and in the following year. 1883, when Butler sought reelection we again read. "The vote was the largest ever polled in Malden", and "Verily the people were awake this year, and both sides voted valiantly for victory." The campaigns of 1882 and 1883 were conducted at white heat; in those years "every voter who was able to go or be dragged to the polls got there and deposited his ballot."

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Efforts to "Get Out the Vote."

Perhaps the greatest effort ever made to poll the vote of Malden was in the state election of 1926, when Alvan T. Fuller, a native son of Malden, was running for governor. The plans are described in the Malden News under the heading "Supreme Effort To Be Made to Get Out Vote." Rallies were held the night before election, followed by an auto parade. Early on election morning church bells were rung throughout the city. All the Boy Scouts were on duty from 7 to 9 A.M. and distributed to everyone cards bearing the legend, "Good morning! This is Election Day. Please Vote." The service clubs of the city presented every person who voted with a tag on which was printed, "I have voted. Have you?" and the ten Boy Scouts who could turn in the largest number of these tags at the end of the day were rewarded with prizes. As a result of all this activity, "nearly 80% of the voters of Malden went to the ballot box, a great outpouring for an off year."

Only a few weeks after this "great outpouring" the city primaries were held, attended by about one-third of the registered voters. The electorate had apparently experienced a relapse after the artificial stimulation of interest. Two years later, when Smith and Hoover were candi-

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dates for president, the vote was about 30% larger than in 1926, when such prodigious efforts were made to "get out the vote."

We may conclude from the foregoing that the voters will go to the polls when there is an issue or a contest in which they are interested and that no effort to "get out the vote" will be very successful in the absence of such an issue or contest. Furthermore, there seems to be little or no difference in this respect between the voters of a generation ago and the voters of today. Both generations took more interest in national elections than in state elections, and more interest in state elections than in city elections.

h. Factors Favoring the Present Day Voter.

Several factors favor the voter today over the voter of the previous generation years ago. There are more polling places, so that he does not have to walk so far. The hours of voting are more convenient, allowing him to vote after his day's work, and the heaviest voting usually takes place at that time. Finally, there is more free transportation offered to the voter in recent years.

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The changes in the places of voting and in the time of opening and closing the polls is indicated below.

	1885	1925
Ward I	1 precinct	3 precincts
Ward II	2 precincts	3 "
Ward III	2 "	3 "
Ward IV	2 "	3 "
Ward V	2 "	3 "
Ward VI	2 11	3 "
Ward VII	(not created yet)) 2 "
Total polling places	11	20

Hours for voting 6 A.M. to 4 P.M. 8 A.M. to 8 P.M.

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2. Tickets and Ballots Considered as Tests of Intelligence.

a. The Variety of Tickets in 1881 - 1890.

Registering and going to the polls, while they are the most readily measurable manifestations of political intelligence, are by no means its most important manifestations. Suppose the voter has been induced to enter the polling place; the question remains, what will he do after he gets there? In this connection, one may well give preliminary consideration to the different types of ballots which were in use from 1881 to 1890 and from 1921 to 1930. Some of these ballot forms were so ingeniously bewildering that they might be classified as intelligence tests.

In earlier days a voter was offered not one ballot nor two ballots but a large assortment of ballots. The common practice was for Candidate Jones to prepare a number of different ballots in which his name appeared together with the names of Candidates Smith and Brown, with Candidate Smith minus Brown, with Candidate Brown minus Smith, and so on in every probable and improbable combination. If none of the printed ballots satisfied the voter's fastidious taste, he was at liberty to use shears and paste and prepare himself a new ballot out of the pieces of several old ones. A few voters did so.

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During the Blaine-Cleveland campaign of 1884 we are told that "there were many varieties of ticket, straight, independent, mixed, bogus, counterfeit, and otherwise.... all sorts of irregular ballots calculated to deceive the unsuspecting voter."

Local elections were not less puzzling. In the same year, 1884, the candidates for alderman in Ward Six prepared six different tickets: one was called "The Regular Ticket," another was "The Citizen's Ticket," another was "Regular Citizen's," another was "Independent Citizen's" and two others styled themselves "Regular Independent," whatever that might be. Yet there were only two candidates for alderman from that ward. Each of these was simply giving his fellow citizens the opportunity to vote for him in conjunction with three different sets of candidates for mayor and common council.

In Ward One the confusion that year was even worse. There were six straight tickets in the field, namely "The People's Ticket," "The People's Nomination," "The Independent Ticket," "The Independent Nomination Ticket," "The Citizen's Independent Ticket," and "The mugwump Ticket." Besides these, there were five "split" tickets and a profusion of "stickers."

^{34.} City Press, Nov. 1884.

^{35.} Malden Mirror, Dec. 6, 1884.

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Despite this complicated situation the press of that day had not a word to say about any voter being misled or confused. In the absence of contemporary comment to the contrary, one is forced to assume that the voters of that day managed somehow to pick their way through the political maze and to vote for the candidates whom they really wanted to vote for. Their intelligence was apparently equal to the test.

b. The Introduction of the Australian Ballot, 1889.

In the fall of 1889 the Commonwealth of Massachusetts made use for the first time of what was called the "Australian system" of voting. The voter received a ballot form, containing the names of all the candidates who had complied with nomination requirements and he marked it in the privacy of the voting booth. This freed the voter from influence and intimidation, and encouraged him to think independently. It also made bribery unprofitable, since it was impossible to determine whether a paid voter had "delivered the goods."

The press of the day was at first opposed to this innovation. "The more the Australian system of voting is 36 considered, the more serious are the objections." Among the

^{36.} City Press, Jan. 5, 1889.

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objections noted were the expense, the inconvenience, the increased power of the caucus, the difficulty of obtaining the necessary signatures for a nomination, and an arbitrary ruling of the attorney-general to the effect that a vote was invalid if the cross was hastily or incompletely made. After the election, the same newspaper admitted editorially that it was happily disappointed in the working of the "Australian system," stating that it was much simpler than many had been led to believe, it gave each voter a feeling of unusual independence, it did away with a multitude of ballots and ballot distributors, and it made the polling places quiet and orderly.

It may or may not be significant that 1890, the year following the state-wide adoption of the secret ballot, was marked by a Democratic landslide. William E. Russell was the first Democratic governor elected since "Ben" Butler had had the endorsement of two other parties besides the Democratic. Malden, which was habitually Republican, gave Russell the unusual number of 1387 votes against 1603 for the Republican candidate, and sent to the General Court one Democratic and one Republican representative instead of the customary two Republicans. The Malden Mirror attributed the Democratic victory, among other factors, to "the secrecy of the Australian ballot."

^{37.} City Press, Oct. 26, 1889

^{38.} City Press, Nov. 9, 1889.

^{39.} Malden Mirror, Nov. 8, 1890.

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c. Present Day Ballot - Referenda and Public Policy Questions.

The ballot form used during the last ten years differs from that used in the 1890's chiefly by the addition
of the initiative, referendum, and public-policy features.
A generation ago the only direct legislation expected of
the voters was to decide whether or not the city should
license the sale of intoxicating liquors. This "local
option" question was included in the ballot at each city
election; it was not combined with other and irrelevant
matters. Nowadays the voters are expected to express their
opinions at the biennial state election upon a considerable
number of problems, ranging from matters of purely local
interest to matters of state, national, and even international importance.

During the last ten years the citizens of Malden have been asked to vote upon the following questions: Sunday Sports, Plan D of municipal government, the two-platoon system for firemen, one day off in eight for policemen, biennial city elections, a state boxing commission, daylight saving, repeal of Prohibition, repeal of the State Volstead Act, legalization of light wines and beer, capital punishment, the League of Nations, and many others. The last two were "public-policy questions" and Malden was probably the only city in the Commonwealth to vote

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upon them. For the purpose of illustration the last of these is quoted in full.

"Shall Malden's Representatives in the General
Court be instructed to vote for Resolutions Requesting
the President and Senate of the United States to take
steps to bring the United States into full co-operation,
participation and membership in the League of Nations with
the explanatory reservation that the United States shall
not engage in war with any nation except by vote of Congress as provided in the Constitution of the United States,
and such other explanatory reservations as they deem wise?"

Disregarding the merits of the movement to join the League, and disregarding also effectiveness of such a circuitous method of influencing legislation, the inclusion of the foregoing question in the ballot takes several things for granted: first, that the voters understand the wording of the question, with its reservations; second, that they are interested enough to vote upon it; and third, that they are possessed of a mature and informed opinion regarding the international policy of the United States. That seems to be assuming a good deal.

So far as legal phraseology is concerned, the question just quoted is one of the simplest. Many of the referenda are incomprehensible to a layman. That this difficulty is realized by the state authorities is shown

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by the biennial distribution to each voter of a pamphlet explaining the referenda in non-technical language and containing arguments pro and con. Nobody knows, of course, how many voters take the time and trouble to read this pamphlet, or how many have the intelligence to understand it.

d. The Increase in Blank Voting.

We do know, however, that a large proportion of the electorate simply ignore these questions when they are marking their ballots. Consider, for an example, the year 1922. In that year the ballot contained five referenda. and the explanatory pamphlet contained forty-four pages of fine print. More than eleven thousand voters went to the polls in Malden, and between seven and eight thousand of them voted on each question. The three or four thousand blanks might in many cases have turned the decision if they had all been voted the same way. The two-platoon system for firemen, a local problem which had been persistently agitated and advertised for three years, drew 658 blanks in 1919, 1925 blanks in 1920, and 2300 blanks in 1922, the year in which it was finally adopted. The so-called "Baby Volstead Act" was also on the ballot in 1922 and was the subject of keen controversy. 4897 voted "Yes," 4706 voted "No", and over two thousand did not vote at all. Obviously the blanks held the balance of power.

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At the last state election, 1930, when 16,720 voters went to the polls, the following votes were cast on the referenda.

Division of representative	Yes.	No.	Blanks.
districts.	5146	1966	9608
Repeal of the liquor law.	7458	5609	3653
Steel trap law.	7972	2872	5876

The first of these referenda, on which more than half of the voters declined to express an opinion, contained by count over six hundred words. Certainly it could not be studied and understood in the ten minutes (five minutes if the other booths are filled and voters are waiting to use them) which a citizen is allowed by law for the 40. act of voting.

At the same election exactly 18,000 blanks were cast for representative in the General Court, the voters being permitted to vote for three.

That represents the high water mark in blank balloting, and seems to indicate that the proportion of blanks
is, if anything, on the increase.

e. The Significance of the Blanks; Ballot Form Too Difficult.

What is the significance of these blanks? May they be ascribed to lack of interest, of information, or of

^{40.} Cook, Frederick W. "The Massachusetts Voter" p. 11.

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intelligence? The Boston Herald discussed this question in a recent editorial entitled "Prohibition Blanks," from which the following excerpts are taken.

"Most of the intelligent people of the community are presumed to have reached definite conclusions on the merits of prohibition. If not in public, at least in the seclusion of the balloting booth they are supposed to be willing to be wet or dry on such a sharply defined issue....

But evidence to the contrary is strong here in Massachusetts....What is to be said when, on a phase of prohibition, the blank ballots are in the hundreds of thousands?

"Take, for example, the 1928 election, in which the Massachusetts ballot contained a proposal to memorialize Congress for the repeal of the eighteenth amendment. The number of blanks was 392,000. That is an astonishing total in a grand vote of 1,610,000, especially when compared to the 73,000 blanks in the vote for governor and the 85,100 in the contest for senator.

"The figures of 1930 are not so striking, but yet are surprisingly large. As against 25,100 voters who did not express their preference for either Gov. Allen or Mr. Ely, and 43,100 who voted neither for William M. Butler nor Marcus A. Coolidge, 232,000 of the 1,225,000 visiting the polls did not go to the trouble of voting on the question of repealing the state enforcement act. In 1928, that is,

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"When the most controversial issue which has arisen in a decade....interests only 80 per cent. of the people who vote on other matters, what is the explanation? Did they have no interest in prohibition?....Did the wording of the referendum deter them, or did it escape them because of the position which it occupied on the ballot? Or were they so wearied of the whole subject that, in disgust, they ignored it?

"Clearly enough, then, the excellent groups who desire to have public opinion assert itself in full force have three difficult problems. One is to register all persons who are eligible to vote. Another is to get them to the polls regularly. The third is to induce them to vote on every subject when they take up their pencils."

The foregoing editorial has been quoted extensively because it shows that the situation which has just been described as existing in Malden is also state-wide. The editorialist raises the same questions concerning it that we have raised, but does not suggest any answers.

Walter Lippmann declares that the same indifference to the initiative and referendum is to be found in Switzer-land, where they have been in use for many years. 42.

^{41.} Boston Herald, January 1931. 42. Lippmann, Walter, "Phantom Public" p. 19

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Comparing the last decade with 1881-1890, we find that very few blanks were cast during the earlier period, either in electing candidates to office or in deciding the question of local option. Never were these blanks numerous enough to have affected the decision if they had been cast.

On the whole, it seems that the ballot form in use today makes greater demands upon the intelligence of the voter than did the ballot form in use a generation ago.

That is due chiefly to the addition of the referendum, initiative, and public policy features.

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3. Independent Voting.

a. Vote-splitting As an Indication of Intelligence.

Before leaving the study of voting statistics in Malden. we must also consider the evidence of votesplitting or "scratching the ticket." The willingness to desert, temporarily at least, one's usual political affiliations and cast a vote for the candidate of another party when the latter individual possesses qualifications clearly superior to the nominee of one's own party has generally been regarded as an indication of independent thinking and broadmindedness. During the last decade the ballot form used in this state and nationally known as the "Massachusetts type of ballot" was designed to foster such independence. It does not group all the candidates of a party under one heading so that the sluggish voter may easily check the whole slate with a single cross; it lists all candidates alphabetically with the party labels following the names so that the voter is forced to mark each name separately. Has this device been effective in encouraging independent voting?

The authors of "Middletown" write, "A person's party 43. is usually determined, like his religion, by his family."

^{43.} Lynd, Robert S. and Helen Merrell. "Middletown" Ch. 24.

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They found in their typical midwestern community little or no tendency to jump over the party lines. Whole families tended to vote the same way; the son inherited the father's or even the grandfather's party beliefs and prejudices and clung to them tenaciously all his life. Kent defines a party man as "one who regardless of his party's sins and shortcomings, regardless of its record, regardless of its principles and politics, regardless of everything and everybody, with unvarying regularity and unshakable loyalty supports his party candidates after they are nominated and votes his party ticket on election day."

b. Party Loyalty, 1881 - 1890 and 1921 - 1930.

Are these assertions true of Malden voters, and, if so, do they apply with equal force to both 1881-1890 and to 1921-1930? The national political parties have never been involved in the city elections of Malden, and presidential elections are infrequent, so attention may be confined to the state elections. As these used to take place annually, the last five state elections of the earlier decade will be selected for comparison with the five biennial elections of the later decade. The gubernatorial vote follows:

^{44.} Kent, "Political Behavior" p. 19.

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	Republican.	Democratic.
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1889	1403	968
1890	1603	1197
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1922	6469	4606
1924	9933	4847
1926	9387	3555
1928	11,304	9430
1930	8609	7485

During the years 1886-1890 the proportion of three to two seems to be fairly constant. The same proportion held for other offices besides that of governor, the variation being usually only a few votes. The introduction of the Australian ballot in 1889 apparently made no difference. In 1890, however, when there was a democratic landslide throughout the state, Malden voters broke away from party lines in electing representatives to the General Court, the vote being as below.

Barrett	(Democrat)	1614)	
Turner	(Republican)	1525)	elected.
Cobb	(Republican)	1194	

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This was the only time in the five years that party lines were effectively broken.

During the last ten years the irregularity has been much more marked than in the 1880's. For example, the years 1924 and 1926 show a heavy vote for Alvan T. Fuller (Republican), a native son of Malden and a great favorite with its citizens, for the office of governor, and at the same time a heavy vote for David I. Walsh (Democrat) for the office of United States senator. Both were elected. The senatorial vote follows:

	Republican.	Democratic.	
1924	7726	6334	
1926	6394	6406	

The year 1930 was marked by further irregularity, resulting in the election of a Democratic governor and a Republican lieutenant-governor; the United States senator elected that year was Democratic, the Congressman from Malden district was Republican, the state senator was Republican, and the Malden representatives were divided, as were also the minor elected state executives. The vote in Malden follows. Stars mark those who were elected.

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	Republican.	Democratic.
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Lieutenatn-governor	8617 *	7010
Secretary	8408 *	6726
Treasurer	7025	7930 *
Auditor	8098	7026 *
Attorney-General	8643 *	6528
U. S. Senator	7920	8087 *
Congressman	8468 *	7411
State senator	8241 *	7247
State representatives	7556	8877 *
II II	7673 *	(no candidate)
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Voters who cross party lines as easily as that cannot be called party-bound. Nothing to match this as an exhibition of independent voting can be found in the 1881-1890 decade.

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4. Summary of Conclusions from Study of Election Statistics.

What conclusions, if any, may justifiably be drawn from this section of the thesis? Of course, no conclusions based upon such meagre data can have very widespread validity; they would need to be confirmed by the study of other communities besides Malden. But the following facts seem to be suggested.

- 1. About the same proportion of eligible males registered in 1921-1930 as in 1881-1890, and about the same proportion of registered voters went to the polls.
- 2. A somewhat smaller proportion of women registered in 1 1921-1930 than men, and a somewhat smaller proportion of women voters went to the polls than registered men voters.
- 3. In both periods the greatest interest was shown in presidential years, and more interest was shown in state than in city elections. The least interest of all was shown in primary elections.
- 4. The ballot form of 1921-1930 was more difficult than that of 1881-1890, and that is shown by the greater number of blanks cast.
- 5. Party lines were generally observed in both periods, but with less regularity in recent years.

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Up to this point there is nothing to indicate that the voters of today do not possess as much interest and intelligence in political matters as did the voters of a generation ago. On the contrary, several things may be said in favor of the present. First, a large portion of the population, the women, are taking an interest in politics which their mothers never took; the intelligence of the feminine vote will be discussed later. Second, the voters are now struggling with problems of direct legislation which were never presented to a previous generation. Finally, there is an increasing amount of independent voting.

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5. How the Voters Obtained Their Information. a. First Hand Information.

Interest and intelligent judgment in political affairs are necessarily dependent upon the quantity and character of information available to the voters. How have Malden people obtained their political information in both decades? Some of it has been from direct, personal contact, but the chief sources seem to have been conversation with fellow citizens and reading the newspapers. Speeches, handbills, posters, and similar devices of the political campaigner have held, we believe, a subordinate position.

Prior to 1882 citizens could obtain much information at first hand from attending the town meetings. As the town's business increased, meetings were held more and more often, reaching a total of ten in the year 1881.

Voters were beginning to lose interest in them, although a few score could be counted upon to attned any meeting.

Perhaps they had nothing else to do. Today very few people attend the meetings and hearings of the city government; they learn about them, if at all, from reports in the daily papers. Probably every member of the first

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city government in 1882 was known personally to all his fellow citizens, at least by sight. That is not true of the present city government.

In earlier days, when life was more leisurely and the community was more neighborly, conversation may have played a more important part. Such, at least, is the opinion of old residents, who recall that men and measures were freely and frequently discussed on street corners, in waiting rooms and trains, in taverns, barber shops, and at the cobblers, wherever men were accustomed to congregate.

Nowadays sport, movies, radio, and business competition are thought to divide the field of interest. All of this, however, is conjectural.

b. The Role Played by the Press; Criticisms of the Press.

The most tangible, if not the most important, agent for spreading political information and forming public opinion has been the newspapers, and their influence seems to be on the increase. "The press," write the Lynds, "becomes more and more an essential community necessity in the conduct of group affairs." The following tribute is paid by David Snedden, "In spite of instances and occasional tendencies of a harmful character, the American press has contributed immeasurably to the upbuilding of intelligent

^{45.} Lynd, Robert S. and Helen Merrell, "Middletown" ch. 24.

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civic consciousness and ideals." On the other hand, the press has been the subject of un-sparing criticism. Here are some typical selections.

"The leader in crowd-thinking par excellence is the daily newspaper. With few exceptions our journals emit hardly anything but crowd-ideas. These great'moulders of public opinion' reveal every characteristic of the vulgar mob orator. The character of the writing commonly has the standards and prejudices of the 'man in the street'
....Newspaper democracy demands that everything more exalted than the level of the lowest cranial altitude be left out. The average result is a deluge of sensational scandal, class prejudice, and special pleading clumsily disguised with a saccarine smear of the cheapest moral platitude....Our mob today is no longer merely tramping the streets. We have it at the breakfast table, in the subway, alike in the shop and boudoir and office -- wherever, in fact, the newspaper goes."

A political reporter of long experience speaks thus;
"The number of newspapers which supply even reasonably accurate, adequate, and fair political information can be counted on the fingers of one hand....The space given to crime, comics, sport, fiction, and features has increased; that to Congress and even to local politics has decreased...

^{46.} Snedden, David, "Civic Education" p. 8.
47. Martin, Everett Dean, "Behavior of Crowds" p. 45-47.

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There is in the United States today hardly a paper that does not give four times the space to sports that it does to national and international politics."

Do these descriptions fit the Malden newspapers? A careful examination of every edition from 1881 to 1890 and of many editions between 1921 and 1930 leaves this writer quite clearly of the opinion that the foregoing criticisms are not justified, at least in Malden,

Malden Newspapers, 1881 - 1890.

The Malden City Press, published weekly in Malden from October 2, 1880, to August 24, 1895, was owned by Benjamin Johnson, a Malden man who also published "The New England Grocer" in Boston and had other newspaper ventures, and edited by Aaron C. Dowse, another Malden man who had had experience on several different papers. The first edition contains this editorial leader: "While possessing opinions of our own on political and religious matters, we shall not intrude them upon our readers, but shall accord to every man, be he Republican or Democrat, Calvinist. Liberal, or Catholic, the same conscientiousness of pur-49. pose and honesty of motive which we claim for ourselves."

Within a year this policy of the City Press was tested

Kent, Frank, "Political Behavior." p. 77-78. City Press, Oct. 2, 1890. 48.

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in a heated local controversy. The Press reasserted its impartiality with the words, "We have freely opened our columns for the presentation, by both parties at issue, of the facts connected with the school trouble at Maplewood. This we have done because the Press is a newspaper."

There followed two columns of letters from citizens favoring both sides of the dispute, and the next week's edition contained three columns more. The same policy was observed, with a few exceptions, throughout the paper's existence.

The Malden Mirror, published weekly in Malden from May 17, 1871 to March 14, 1914, and then continued under the name of the Malden Free Press until March 18, 1921, was edited for many years by H. C. Gray. It was more of an example of personal journalism than the City Press. It contained no editorials as such, but editorial comment was indistinguishable from news matter, and the vitriolic pen of the editor was evident throughout. Here is a specimen of his writing:

"Frederick M. Noyes was first appointed chief of police of the town of Malden in May, 1876. At the end of eleven months from that time he retired in disgrace, March 27, 1877, after repeated demands for his resignation by the board of selectmen of that year. During his brief

^{50.} City Press, March 5, 1881

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official term he gained a reputation for untruthfulness, trickery, deceit, and incompetency equalled by few and we think excelled by none. The feeling against him at that time was so strong that at a town meeting he was greeted with a perfect tornado of hisses, which ceased only when he withdrew. Through some mysterious means and to the surprise of every good citizen this obnoxious individual was again appointed chief of police by the present board of selectmen, by removing an official of unquestioned ability."

That was going rather far, even for the strongly partisan Mr. Gray, and, a little later, after accusing the chief of improper relations with his female prisoners, the editor became involved in a libel suit and found it expedient to sell his paper and leave town. He returned, however, after things had quieted down, repurchased the Mirror, and resumed his reign of personal journalism. Anything comparable to Mr. Gray and his paper would be difficult to discover nowadays.

The Malden Evening News, published daily excepting Sundays since March 23, 1893, has had practically undisputed control of the newspaper field in Malden during the last fifteen years. Its editor, Frank A. Bayrd, has

^{51.} Malden Mirror, Nov. 5, 1881.

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served as representative in the General Court, and always shown keen interest in political matters. In local politics, however, the attitude of the News is strictly impartial. Neither the editorials nor the news columns expresses any preference among the local candidates. On the morning of the day before election, Mr. Bayrd is accustomed to summon the leading candidates to his office for the purpose of examining each other's advertisements, thus preventing any "roor-backs" or last-minute charges that cannot be answered.

d. Political News and Advertising, 1881 - 1890 and 1921 - 1930.

In national politics all three of these newspapers have been Republican and "dry." In these respects they seem to have respected the existing sentiment of the community rather than to have attempted to mould it. In recent years, since the sentiment of the city has seemed doubtful and changeable, the News has been less aggressive in its opinions.

During the 1880's temperance and liquor reform could command any amount of space in the Malden papers. Proceedings of temperance societies were reported in full, and they were usually "front page stuff." One edition of

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other matters of political interest were given generous publicity. During 1881, the proposed city charter was published in full, together with letters for and against it, interviews with leading citizens favoring it or disapproving of it, and reports of hearings on the matter at the town hall and at the state house. The "police row" and the "school row" which dominated the politics of the period as will be related further on, were more than adequately aired in print. Almost anyone apparently could get a letter printed on any subject. Many of these letters, by the way, were anonymous; the News today refuses to print any communication without including the writer's name.

So far as newspapers have been concerned, no one in Malden who has wanted to get his facts and opinions before the public has ever had anything to complain of. When no information was volunteered, the papers have been enterprising enough to solicit it, and they have, on the whole, exercised a commendable impartiality in their method of

^{52.} City Press, Nov. 4, 1882.

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A noticeable difference between the previous weeklies and the present daily is in the political advertising.
From 1881 to 1890 scarcely an inch of advertising was purchased by local candidates and there was very little advertising paid for by the national political parties, although the papers printed many catch lines, such as "Vote for Lodge," on their own responsibility. Nowadays the local candidates are eager to pay for the privilege of telling the public all about their lives, principles, and personal opinions.

e. Other Means of Spreading Information.

The radio has not yet been used in any local Malden campaign and the only Malden candidate to speak over it was Ex-Mayor John D. Devir in his unsuccessful attempt to obtain the Republican nomination for governor in 1930. How many Malden people listen to the broadcasts of state and national politics and how much influence these broadcasts have with their hearers is of course wholly incalcuable.

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Posters and circular letters are used more and more because of the increase in the population and the difficulty of coming into contact with all of its members. Their character and appeal are about the same, however, as in the 1880's.

Not only has information been available for the voter who sought for it, but much information and perhaps
some mis-information has been thrust at him whether he
wanted it or not. Appeals have been made to his intelligence, to his prejudices, and to his emotions. Which kind
of appeal has predominated, the intellectual or the emotional? Which kind is on the increase? Which is apparently the most successful? While these questions cannot be
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Appeals to Emotion and Prejudice.

Emotion Versus Intelligence. 2.

"A self-governing individual," writes Arthur T. Hadley, "is one who ... is trained to use his intelligence ... Any other form of government leaves them (the citizens) a prey to emotion instead of making them capable of intelligent choice for themselves."

Frank Kent states bluntly that "the great mass of voters must be reached through their emotions," and he adds, "It can be proved in a hundred ways that the voters are reached almost exclusively through their prejudices." He believes with Barnum that the American people like to be fooled and that the politician who loses sight of that principle is doomed to failure. Of course the candidate for office must seem to appeal to the voters' intelligence in order to flatter them and also because there really is an intelligent minority in the community, whose votes might be the deciding factor in a close campaign. is no greater political mistake than to over-estimate the intelligence of your constitutents. It is all right -perhaps it is necessary -- to tell them that they are intelligent, but it is a mistake to proceed upon that theory.

Hadley, Arthur T., "Training in Political Intelligence"
Yale Review, July, 1928, p. 628.

^{54.} Kent, Frank. "Political Behavior" p. 104.

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is literally amazing the sort of stuff that can be fed to

the average American audience without straining its credu
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lity or causing it to gag."

Others have stated the case with the same emphasis.

Everett Dean Martin says, "The councils of democracy are conducted on about the psychological level of commercial advertising and with about the same degree of sincerity."

"The feelings of the crowd are dulled, since it is only the obvious, the cheaply sentimental, which easily moves it."

Not logic or sincerity but showmanship, it is claimed, is the appeal that wins votes. "As a political asset the ability to dramatize your issue or yourself is hard to beat. It is worth any amount of arguments, statistics, 60. facts." "One of the surest ways to succeed in politics, one of the most effective ways of overcoming odds in a political campaign, is to give the people a good show. Give them a really good show and they will warm to you, rally around you, support you. At the bottom what they want is

^{56.} Kent, Frank. "Political Behavior" p. 149. 57. Ibid. p. 148

^{58.} Martin, Everett Dean. "Behavior of Crowds" p. 7.

^{59.} Ibid. p. 19
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b. Difficulty of Obtaining Evidence

Newspaper reports of recent mayoralty campaigns in Chicago and other big cities might incline one to believe that these statements are not much overdrawn. This study, however, is limited to the one community of Malden. What evidence can be found in Malden for the truth of these assertions? This writer can only say that a diligent search of newspaper files covering a period of twenty years has brought to light very little that can be called significant. Kent put his finger on the difficulty when he said, "It is not possible openly and grossly to appeal to prejudice through the newspapers, through the mails, or on the stump, without outraging the decent elements of the community."

For example, this writer is convinced and the citizens of Malden generally believe that a prominent candidate for mayor of the city was defeated in 1924 by a "whispering campaign." He was the son of a former mayor, had

^{61.} Kent, Frank. "Political Behavior." p. 97-98. 62. Ibid. p. 278.

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served with distinction in the city council, and was logically an aspirant for promotion, but word was passed around that he was addicted to liquor and enough of the church and prohibition element turned out to defeat him. Yet not to a word as the real reason for the first man's defeat was ever printed, nothing was said about it from the platform, and no responsible person can be found to sponsor the statement that he was defeated on account of alleged personal habits. It is one of those things that are true but cannot be proved.

We are confined perforce to cases for which evidence can be found in printed form, and these are rather few.

c. Appeals to Party Spirit, 1881 - 1890.

One recognized way of appealing to the emotions and prejudices is to invoke the name of party spirit and party loyalty. Such appeals have been common in the state and national campaigns of both decades, although they have been rather thinly disguised under the garb of reason, with an apparent show of impartiality. Thus the City Press could print in 1888: "The Press is an independent paper and is the organ of no party. We believe, however, that it is the duty of every patriotic American to rise up and protest against the free trade tendencies of the

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Cleveland administration."

This "independent paper" which claimed to be "the organ of no party" never once during the years from 1881 to 1890 failed to support whole-heartedly all of the nominees of the Republican Party. An amusing example occured when Mr. Converse, the "first citizen" of Malden, ran for Congress. His opponent for the Republican nomination was Henry Cabot Lodge of Nahant, then a newcomer in politics. The Press said, "We express the belief that it is business men who are needed today in Congress." That was in 1882, but it sounds a good deal like the Harding campaign of 1920. Then the Press assailed Mr. Lodge with crude sarcasm: "The aesthetic H. Cabot L. is holding receptions and tea parties in the southern part of this district. Too transparent. Hobnobbing with a few politicians and drinking from blue decorated china is not a spectacle to win favor in the eyes of the plain people. If Henry had begun as a poor boy and worked his way up, that would have been another thing ... We want a practical man, a man who has built his own fortune, a man of the people, by the people, and for the people. That man is Elisha S. Converse." Mr. Converse, by the way, was much wealthier than Mr. Lodge.

^{63.} City Press. July 21, 1888,

^{64.} City Press, July 15, 1882. 65. City Press. July 29, 1882.

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The convention was held in Charlestown and rivaled the Democratic convention of 1924 for tenacity of purpose. At the end of 130 ballots Mr. Converse succeeded in wresting the nomination away from Mr. Lodge, but he was less successful in the election, which he lost. Converse supporters freely charged that he had been "knifed" by Lodge supporters. At any rate, Mr. Converse then retired permanently from politics. Two years later Mr. Lodge was nominated unanimously, and the Press reversed its position without shame and apparently without sense of humor: "The Press has no hesitation in saying that it shall support Henry Cabot Lodge. A man of culture and refinement; a scholar and a historian, he ranks among the foremost of our public men We shall not indulge in partisan personalities or campaign slanders. Vote for Henry Cabot Lodge." A week later the Press endorsed Lodge again in almost the same words used against him and in favor of Converse only two years before: "The workingmen desire a man to represent them who understands the complex tariff question. Such a man is Mr. Lodge."

The ownership and management of the City Press had not changed; only receipt of the Republican nomination had transformed Mr. Lodge from an esthete drinking off blue

^{66.} City Press. Sept. 13, 1884. 67. City Press. Sept. 20. 1884.

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d. Appeals to Other Prejudices, 1881 - 1890.

Two years later with Mr. Lodge seeking renomination, the Press forgot its resolution against "partisan personalities and campaign slanders" to call the attention of its readers to the fact that Henry Cabot Lodge owned 25 out of the 1500 shares in the Point of Pines property, then a popular Sunday resort, and that "Sabbath desecration and liquor drinking have been carried on there to a most demoralizing degree." To that. Mr. Gray, the frank and caustic editor of the Malden Mirror, replied the next week that Mr. Johnson, editor of the City Press, had been in trouble with the police at Point of Pines, and demanded, "If the Sabbath is so awfully desecrated there, why is Mr. Johnson so fond of patronizing it on Sunday? It is just possible that Mr. Johnson was slightly 'off his base' by indulging in too much conviviality or what he is pleased to term 'Sabbath desecration.' What does Mr. Johnson want?

^{68.} City Press. Oct. 23, 1886.

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Mr. Lodge degenerated into a squabble between rival publishers, with both sides appealing to the strong "dry"

sentiment of the community. Needless to add, both papers and the community joined again in the support of

Mr. Lodge after he was nominated, regardless of his ownership of shares at Point of Pines.

Another appeal to the church and anti-liquor element in Malden was in the election of 1883, after which the Mirror printed, "In Massachusetts the whole liquor interest was united in an endeavor to re-elect Mr. Benjamin F. Butler, Governor of Massachusetts. The church going element were working as they never worked before to defeat him. And they did this, not as Republicans but as 70. Christians."

An appeal to the emotions of the Civil War veterans is found in the Mirror in 1886, when Mr. Lovering of Lynn received the Democratic nomination for Congress against Mr. Lodge, the Republican candidate. "Mr. Lovering has loudly and persistently proclaimed himself the champion of the soldier....yet Mr. Lovering never joined the Grand Army until July 1, 1890, after he actively entered politics."

Both Mr. Lovering and his Republican opponents were evidently struggling for the possession of what politicians called

^{69.} Malden Mirror. Oct. 30, 1886.

^{70.} Malden Mirror, Nov. 24, 1883. 71. Malden Mirror, Oct. 30, 1886.

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Such appeals did not, however, get into print very frequently from 1881 to 1890. They appear even less frequently from 1921 to 1930.

e. Appeals Fewer and More Moderate, 1921 - 1930.

In 1920 the Malden News is found supporting Senator Lodge, now seventy years of age, in his campaign against the League of Nations, and Senator Harding in his promises of "normalcy" and prosperity. "Election day is only about a week away. Apparently, there is little interest on the surface, but underneath there is a groundswell that will make itself felt in no uncertain way. The American people desire a change. One man government must be abolished. There is every indication of a clean republican sweep and a resultant return to the old days of prosperity." This is much milder than the diatribes of Messers Gray and Johnson, although Editor Bayrd of the News flares up a little in 1924: "The silent vote is with him Mr. Coolidge The people who are making all the noise are the professional politicians, the candidates, their friends, the Hessians, side-walk orators, and denizens of the soapbox."

^{72.} Malden News. Oct. 23, 1920. 73. Malden News. Oct. 31, 1924.

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1926 the News, although still republican, speaks thus of Senator Walsh, "David I. Walsh has the two greatest assets for a successful campaign. He has a most winning personality and is a great orator. The American people have always been drawn towards men with these assets." The only advice that Mr. Bayrd had to offer his readers that year was that they should take their hats off while voting in order to show their respect for the ballot box. the close and bitter campaign of 1928, the News had but one criticism of its democratic opponents, namely that they "booed" the name of Hoover. "We regret to see that at about every Democratic rally of importance the name of Hoover is booed. We regret, too, that the Democrats appear to have a monopoly of this booing method of disapproving a candidate. We have yet to hear a Republican audience booing the name of Governor Smith ... We are astonished that Gov. Smith has not shown the courtesy to his opponent to request that it cease, for the Governor's audiences will do anything he asks of them." Near the conclusion of the campaign the News published the following editorial: "Never before in the history of our country have so many people been so intensely interested in a campaign..... maintained on a wonderfully high and clean level. The two

^{74.} Malden News. Nov. 3, 1926.

^{75.} Malden News. Nov. 4, 1926.

^{76.} Malden News. Nov. 3, 1928.

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Judging by the newspapers, which is all we have to judge by, the state and national campaigns of recent years have indulged somewhat less in personality and appealed less to prejudice than did the campaigns of 1881-1890, at least so far as Malden is concerned. If there have been such appeals, they have not found their way into print.

Certainly the tone of the editorials has been more moderate.

An adverse interpretation could be placed upon this moderation of the press. Modern editors are possibly beginning to realize that partisanship does not pay, expecially when the community is rather evenly divided, as Malden is beginning to be. Violent editorial opinion is likely to alienate readers, and, more important, advertisers. The Middletown observers remark that partisanship and prosperity exist in inverse ratio to each other in the case of local newspapers. Without doubt the Malden News today is both more impartial and more prosperous than either of the weeklies of 1881-1890.

f. Mass Meetings, Rallies, and Parades.

A well recognized means for stirring up emotion and enthusiasm is the mass meeting or rally. These have been held before all popular elections during both decades.

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During the 1881-1890 period these were intensely partisan affairs: they were held "in the interest of" certain candidates and probably no one attended who had not already decided to vote for those candidates. In the last ten years there has appeared the non-partisan meeting. Various civic organizations are accustomed to invite all the candidates to speak before them on the same evening, allotting the same time to each one and occasionally allowing time also for rebuttal. Among these are such societies as "The Olive Avenue Improvement Association, "The Faulkner Citizens! Association," "The Forestdale Association," and "The Oak Grove Improvement Association." Several women's clubs and racial organizations do the same thing. The most important group of the kind is the "Malden Deliberative Association," a men's debating club of long standing; it flourished in both decades and almost all citizens interested in politics in Malden have belonged to it. During the last decade "The Deliberative" as it is called, has invited both mayoralty nominees to a joint debate a few days before election. The nominees, together with two friends, make up the opposing teams, and the debate is followed by general discussion, open to all members, which often lasts until the morning hours.

Political meetings of the non-partisan type have

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several points of superiority. They give voters a chance to hear and compare the claims and personalities of different candidates. They give the candidates a chance to answer one another on the spot. They restrain candidates from making unwarranted statements, since their opponents may check them up at once. Generally they tend to eliminate personalities, since candidates hesitate to make unsportsmanlike statements in each other's presence, knowing that they will meet again in a few evenings at some other rally. Thus they favor the intellectual rather than the emotional appeal.

Parades with bands and red fire and transparencies were common during the years from 1881 to 1890; they generally were held before national elections and not at all before the city elections. There were marching clubs, equipped with uniforms and torches, which used to join forces on important occasions, visiting each other's communities. Some of these earned quite a reputation for themselves and were in great demand in neighboring cities and towns. Malden had a bicycle club in the early eighties, organized in the interests of the Republicans. Citizens were urged to "illuminate" their premises along the routes of the parades.

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After a lapse of many years, the red fire parades have been revived, only the bicycle has given way to the automobile and the oil torch has been replaced by the electric bulb. Also these parades are likely to occur before city elections as well as during state and national campaigns. It is doubtful whether such parades have ever affected the vote in any election, and a tendency is now noticeable to hold them after election instead of before it. Whereas the winning candidates used to hold "open house" and serve refreshments to their supporters, they now head an auto parade, sometimes planned but oftener impromptu, as a means of expressing their joy at victory.

The oldfashioned mass meeting and the political parades are the only evidences in Malden of what Frank Kent called "putting on a good show." The only case of genuine hokum discoverable in print was afforded just before the mayoralty campaign of 1923, when Mayor Kimball, seeking re-election, boldly denounced the Ku Klux Klan, which 78. no one seriously intended to organize in Malden anyway.

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7. Local Politics, 1881 - 1890.

a. Mayoralty Campaigns.

The local contests and controversies, especially in the 1881-1890 period, have been very involved affairs, and are less easily understood by the general reader who is not familiar with Malden history than are the state and national campaigns. Therefore the wisest plan seems to be first to narrate them chronologically and then discuss them with a view to discovering what degree of political intelligence was used by Malden people in solving their problems.

As a background, here are the votes received by the leading candidates for mayor during the first ten years that Malden was a city.

	Converse	Sleeper	Fuller	Coggan	Wiggin
1881	1523				
1882		1031	772		
1883		1083	1105		
1884			1146	882	
1885				1291	1070
1886				2047	
1887				676	1911
1888					2747
1889					1735
1890					1939

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This table does not by any means tell the story. It does, however, indicate that Converse was almost the unanimous choice for first mayor and did not run for re-election. It shows that Coggan was practically unopposed for mayor in 1886, and that Wiggin was re-elected without serious opposition in 1888, 1889, and 1890. The greatest competition was in the years 1883 and 1887, for reasons which will appear hereafter. There was also a curious tendency for a man to run unsuccessfully one year and then to obtain the office a year or two later. Perhaps the voters became accustomed to seeing his name on the ballot and decided to give him a chance.

The politics of this period was dominated by two major issues, which may for brevity be named "The Police Row" and "The School Row." Other problems, to be sure, faced the inhabitants of Malden. There were streets to be built and lighted, sewers to be laid, and constant difficulty about the water supply. But those were not the issues which interested and aroused the citizens. Such matters of administration were left largely to the members of the City Government without much advice or interference from their constituents, and the city officials seem on the whole to have solved the problems satisfactorily.

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b. The "Police Row," the Dominant Issue of 1876 - 1883.

The "Police Row began in the days of town government and was inherited by the newborn city. At this distance in time and in the absence of nonpartisan records, it is hard to see what it was all about. The force consisted in 1881 of ten policemen, receiving \$800 and serving mostly in the nighttime. They seem to have been constantly dissatisfied with their wages, their beats, their hours, and also with their uniforms, which they sometimes refused to wear. The chief of police received \$1000 and was continually under criticism for not enforcing the liquor laws, for enforcing the laws too severely, and for allowing insubordination among the officers.

Frederick M. Noyes was appointed Chief of Police in 1876 and removed by the selectmen the following year. His successor, Chief C.E.Rhoades, was in turn removed in 1881 79. and Noyes was again appointed. Noyes was again removed near the end of 1881 after bitter criticism by the newspapers and Captain Harris B. Mitchell was made chief. The Noyes and Rhoades supporters, who had been quarreling with each other, agreed in disliking Mitchell. They said that he spent his time arresting small boys for snowballing 81. and let drunken brawls alone. Accordingly, Mayor Sleeper

^{79.} Malden Mirror, Nov. 5, 1881.

^{80.} City Press, Dec. 27, 1881.

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replaced Mitchell with Charles B. Foster in 1883. But Mitchell had made many vigorous liquor raids which endeared him to the temperance people of Malden, and the latter were not satisfied with his successor. They were shortly complaining of an "alarming increase in liquor traffic in Malden." and a few months later Chief Foster resigned, Feb. 11, 1884, giving as his reason that he "felt that an office so much criticized and maligned was no place for him." The next chief, Lyman H. Richards, managed to keep his position but found it no bed of roses. The force had been disorganized by the frequent changes and the officers were rebellious. He discharged one of them for working in a blacksmith shop while on sick leave and another for not wearing his uniform while on duty. By such steps he re-established the authority of his office. and the citizens of Malden gradually lost interest in the police controversy and turned their attention to other matters, soon becoming absorbed in a heated fight over the public schools.

^{82.} City Press, June 16, 1883.

^{83.} Malden Mirror, Oct. 24, 1883.

^{84.} City Press, Feb. 16, 1884.

^{85.} City Press, April 11, 1884.

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c. The "School Row," the Dominant Issue of 1883 - 1887.

The "School Row" completely exlipsed the "Police Row" in bitterness, duration, and political potency. In fact it dominated the local politics of Malden for the better part of ten years and was twice a major issue in city elections, namely in 1883 and 1887. In the former of these two campaigns Mayor Sleeper failed to be re-elected by a narrow margin; the deciding factors might easily have been his attitude in the school controversy and his appointment of an unpopular Chief of Police. In the latter campaign, Mayor Coggan's failure to be re-elected was universally conceded to be due to his stand with reference to the appointment of a Superintendent of Schools. To explain these matters, we must first go back a few years.

The entire "School Row" centered about the work and personality of Mr. Charles A. Daniels. Mr. Daniels first came to Malden in 1861 as principal of the Center Grammar School. Ten years later, in 1871, he was made principal of the High School. He served in this position in 1871-2, left to teach at Dean Academy, and then returned to the principalship of the Malden High School in 1873. From 1880 to 1884 the superintendent of schools was a Mr. Lambert, between whom and Principal Daniels there was considerable friction. On July 23, 1883, the School Board held a

^{87.} City Press, Sept. 15, 1883.

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hearing at which some citizens criticized Mr. Daniels for having lax discipline and for permitting the high school to become inferior scholastically to the high schools of neighboring cities. Both newspapers opened their columns freely to critics of the school system throughout the summer vacation. On the fifteenth of September of the same year, just as the schools were re-opening, the City Press gave over to the Daniels controversy, which now had the entire city by the ears, the whole of its front page, exclusive of advertising, a total of five columns of fine type or about 7500 hundred words. This time Mr. Daniels! critics asserted that he was too strict as a disciplinarian and that he maintained such high scholastic standards as to make the school "unpopular." This was a complete reversal of the charges made at the beginning of the summer, which leads an impartial mind to believe that they wished to get rid of Mr. Daniels at any cost.

and ultimate failure. In October of 1883, Mr. Daniels resigned from the School Department and purchased the Malagen Mirror, of which he at once became editor and publisher. Henry C. Gray, the former editor and owner, had become involved in a lawsuit growing out of his unrestrained

^{88.} City Press, July 24, 1883. 89. City Press, Sept. 15, 1883.

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criticisms of Chief of Police Noves and had found it expedient to confine his attention, for a while at least, to his other two newspapers, the Chelsea Record and the Revere Journal. After a prolonged struggle, Mr. George E. Gay was elected principal of the high school. the matter did not end there: it became an issue in the December election. George W. Copeland and David Ayers ran for the School Board on a pro-Daniels platform and defeated their opponents, J.M. Corbett and A.J. Freeman, anti-Daniels candidates, by more than two to one. while another Daniels man. Mr. Fuller, was elected to the office of Mayor and Chairman of the School Board. As a result. Superintendent Lambert resigned in January. 1884. and his resignation was accepted by the Daniels' faction of the committee by a vote of six to three. A few weeks later by the same vote of six to three. Mr. Daniels was elected Superintendent of Schools. Mr. Gray repurchased the Malden Mirror, and there was a lull in the controversy.

The grand climax of the "School Row" came in 1887. Early in that year Superintendent Daniels recommended that the marking system be abolished. He said that one boy had received "zero" in his work for omitting the period after

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the abbreviation "Ans." for "Answer." Another had received "zero" because he had done his home work on the Sabbath. The School Board did not concur in his recommendation, but did vote that no deductions be made for lack of neatness, poor penmanship, etc.. In April of that year, when Mr. Daniels came up for re-election, five of the members voted for him, and the other four, disliking Daniels but having no candidate of their own, cast blanks. Mayor Coggan, who was ex officio chairman of the board and also was an anti-Daniels man, declared that there 96. was no election. Mayor Coggan also took occasion to criticize Mr. Daniels bitterly for incompetency and inefficiency, as well as for his personality. "His presence has a depressing influence upon the scholars," declared Mayor Coggan. "He has not sunshine enough in him, but too much gloom."

Both newspapers in 1887 were opposed to Mr. Daniels, but especially the City Press. The Press refused to publish an unsigned letter from a friend and admiror of Mr. Daniels, saying with great show of indignation that it had 97. no use for anonymous communications. During the previous few weeks the Press had published several anonymous attacks

^{95.} City Press, Feb. 19, 1887.

^{96.} City Press, April 28, 1887.

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upon Mr. Daniels without any apparent qualms of conscience.

The secret of the Press's attitude is found in the fact
that its editor, Aaron C. Dowse, was a member of the School
Board and one of the leaders in the anti-Daniels faction.

In June the City Press, that is to say Editor Dowse,
called upon the School Board "to rise above personal prejudice and party jealousy" and discharge Superintendent
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Daniels. Nevertheless, the choice of a new superintendent
was postponed from one meeting to the next, until the
schools opened in the fall with Mr. Daniels still acting
as superintendent.

A petition in favor of retaining Mr. Daniels was gotten up by George Howard Fall, a scholarly lawyer who was later professor of Roman Law at Boston University and 99. later still was twice Mayor of Malden. By the end of October the superintendency was definitely the issue of the city campaign. The Daniels candidate for mayor was Judge J.F.Wiggin, and the Daniels candidates for the School Board were George Howard Fall, Dr. C.B.Shute, and George D. Ayers. The anti-Daniels candidate for mayor was Mr. Coggan, and for the School Board Alfred R. Turner, Jr., anthony B. Palmer, and William B. Atwood.

^{98.} City Press, June 4, 1887.

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The arguments for and against Mr. Daniels were thoroughly aired, so thoroughly that the Mirror spoke in disgust of "that stale and profitless subject of the superintendency of schools" and added that "the matter will be settled by ballot this December, and every voter having the common sense which all voters should possess has had his mind made up for months." His friends produced letters from five college presidents testifying to the thoroughness with which Mr. Daniels had prepared his pupils for higher education, and declared that "no similar school in Massachusetts can present a more flattering record." His opponents made charges that Mr. Daniels was in his dotage, that he was behind the times, that he did not attend educational meetings and conventions. Finally Superintendent Daniels broke the silence which he had maintained during these attacks to state that he was only fifty-three years old, and that he had attended seventyfive percent of all conventions held in Malden or Middlesex County since his first election. He denied that his presence cast a gloom over the class room, and he added that "nearly all my active opponents are politicians and most of them are office holders."

^{101.} Malden Mirror, Oct. 15, 1887.

^{102.} Malden Mirror, Nov. 12, 1887.

^{103.} Malden Mirror, Nov. 19, 1887.

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d. Voters Eventually Solved Problem with Intelligence.

Right here, perhaps, is the key to the contest, which, to one who did not live during it, seems to have been without adequate excuse. Dr. Roy A. Daniels of Melrose, son of
the late Superintendent, explained to the writer that the
attacks upon his father were fostered by some of his scapegrace pupils who grew up to become petty bosses and ward
heelers and who cherished a grudge against their former
strict school master. It is a plausible explanation.

Almost on the eve of the city election the School Board proceded to elect William C. Bates of Canton to the office of Superintendent. This was brought about by one member changing sides at the last moment. The member was Dr. C.Maria Nordstrom, the first woman elected to public office in Malden, who was at once assailed publicly for exercising her woman's prerogative of changing her mind, stigmatized as a weak and changeable woman, and compared to Delilah who betrayed Samson. On the other hand, Judge Wiggin, a fellow member of the Board and candidate for mayor, who attempted to win her back to Mr. Daniels, was accused of using threats and duress. The campaign closed with the exchange of such epithets as "men destitute

^{104.} City Press, Nov. 26, 1887.

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The Daniels adherents were again victorious, as they were in 1883, the votes being as follows:

	Daniels vote.	Anti-Daniels vote.	
1883	1530	692	
1887	1541	1029	

Extracting a melancholy satisfaction from Mr. Daniels' diminished majority, the City Press summed up the contest with a belated attempt at calm judgment: "The citizens of Malden have expressed their satisfaction with Supt. Daniels' administration of school affairs. Majorities are not always right; minorities are not always wrong; this question should never have been made an issur at the polls." The new School Board promptly re-instated Mr. Daniels as superintendent. and he continued in the service of the Malden School Department for a quarter of a century longer. In his later years he was universally praised and toasted under the title of "The Grand Old Man of the Malden Public Schools." His subsequent success and popularity seem ample proof that the citizens of Malden exercised good judgment in 1883 and 1887 when they decided to retain Mr. Daniels.

^{105.} City Press, Dec. 10, 1887. 106. City Press, Jan. 2, 1888.

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8. Local Politics, 1921 - 1930.

a. New Factors Appear, Racial and Religious Prejudice.

If the citizens of 1881-1890 finally showed political intelligence in their solution of the "Police Row" and the "School Row," the citizens of 1921-1930 showed greater intelligence by not having any such controversies. There is absolutely nothing in recent Malden history to compare with the struggles which have just been described. During the last ten years Farnsworth G. Marshall has been Superintendent of Schools and Thornton Jenkins has been Principal of the High School; there has been no talk of changing them and the schools have been completely out of politics. The Police Department has been run during the last decade by three different men: by Capt. Foley, who died; by Capt. Powers, who retired on account of ill health; and by Capt. Aylward, who is now in office. Being under civil service, these men have not been removable, and everyone seemingly has agreed to omit appointing a Chief of Police, who might become the football of politics. There is a Police Commissioner nowadays, but changes in that office have not such a direct effect upon the department as would a change in the office of Chief.

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On the other hand, there has appeared in the city elections the factors of race and religion, which were not noticeable in the more homogeneous population of the 1880's. When John M. Devir from the Irish district of Edgeworth sat in the Board of Selectmen and in the Board of Aldermen his presence was tolerated as the representative of a group so far in the minority that it was not feared. But when his son, John D. Devir, united the Irish of Ward Two and the Hebrews of Ward Seven together with other elements of the community and got himself elected mayor five times there was quite a different feeling in the city. It is impossible to find overt expressions of racial or religious prejudice during the campaigns of 1921-1930, but it is possible to show, indirectly, that lines of racial and religious cleavage exist. With that in mind, let us examine the recent mayoralty campaigns.

b. The Devir Campaigns; Evidence of Racial and Religious Cleavage.

In 1924, Mayor Kimball decided to retire from City
Hall after serving four years almost without opposition.
A three-cornered fight ensued. The most prominent candidate
was Howard Fall, who was son of former Mayor George Howard

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Fall and was then President of the Common Council. Another candidate was Elos A. Ray, a business man and prominent member of the First Baptist Church. The third was John D. Devir. son of ex-Alderman Devir of Ward Two. The Protestant and temperance element centered its support upon Ray and there were whispered allegations concerning the personal habits of Mr. Fall. Nevertheless, Mr. Fall's political position and connections won him a place in the primaries together with Mr. Devir, Ray being eliminated. The feeling of the Ray supporters was expressed in a political advertisement inserted in the News by Eugene A. Perry, founder of "Perry Pictures," active member of the First Baptist Church, and constant advocate of reform movements. Mr. Perry indicated in his advertisement which aldermanic candidates he favored but omitted to name any mayoralty candidate, saying sadly, "The day was the day of the primaries. That fact was emphasized then. It is too late now." The result of the final election is given, and also the vote of Ward Two, to indicate the solddarity of that ward.

1924	City	Ward Two
John D. Devir	7579	1882
Howard Fall	6124	133

^{107.} Malden News, Dec. 8, 1924.

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The News stated frankly that "the greater portion of the 108. Ray votes went to the winner," i.e., to John D. Devir.

There seems to be no doubt that the church friends of Mr. Ray "knifed" Mr. Fall. At the same time it may not be out of place to add that the citizens of Malden showed good judgment in eliminating Mr. Ray, as he was shortly thereafter compelled to leave the city permanently because of family difficulties.

In 1925 the dry Protestant party laid plans to regain the mayoralty by the nomination of Mr. Artemas B. Sweezey, who was alderman and Superintendent of the Baptist Sunday School. Devir ran for re-election, his principal argument being that he had cut the tax rate by \$1.90. which had great weight with the property owners. Sweezey claimed that the reduction was really due to an increase of \$3,312,600 in the assessed valuation of the city. The two also clashed over the appointment of Joseph Hoffman, a Hebrew from Ward Seven, to the office of Street Commissioner. Hoffmann was nominated by Devir and opposed Alderman Sweezey. Devir said, "The opposition to my appointment by Alderman Sweezey is a personal measure, not political." Sweezey also had some personal trouble about erecting houses on Washington street in violation of the building line ordinances, and replied by saying that the building inspector appointed by Devir was formerly a barber and in-

^{108.} Malden News, Dec. 10, 1924.

^{109.} Malden News, Dec. 4, 1925.

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competent to perform the duties of his office. The exchange in personalities ended with the election in which the vote was as below.

1925	City	Ward Two
John D. Devir	8080	1703
Artemas B. Sweezey	4183	66

In 1926 Mr. Sweezey ran again for mayor, this time demanding to know what connection existed between Mayor Devir and several people and firms to which contracts had been awarded, principally Ernest N. Devir and the Devir 110. This gave Devir a chance to reply Motor Sales Company. that "there have been Devirs working for the city since 1856.... They have given honest and faithful service to Malden." And again, "the Devirs are a line of strong, rugged, virile men, who have earned their bread by the sweat of their brows," etc.. This campaign resulted in the re-election of Mr. Devir, who found his chief support in Wards Two and Seven, although Mr. Sweezey really carried only one precinct in the entire city.

1926	City.	Ward Two.	Ward Seven.
John D. Devir	7837	1610	945
Artemas B. Sweezey	4063	70	268

^{110.} Malden News, Dec. 8, 1926.

^{111.} Malden News, Dec. 11, 1926.

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In 1927 Mr. Sweezey made his third and strongest assault upon the mayoralty. He renewed the charge that Mayor Devir was favoring his relatives in the awarding of contracts, and that the cut in the tax rate was due 112. to increase in the valuation, and added that the school buildings were improperly constructed, repaired, and 113. cared for. He appealed to the people to "vote for a business man who will not pay political debts at the 114. city's expense." Mayor Devir spent but little on advertising that year and made small effort to answer his opponent. The following vote resulted.

1927	City.	Ward Two.	Ward Seven.
John D. Devir	7110	1611	1037
Artemas B. Sweezey	5827	145	392

To quote the News after the election, "Mayor Devir carried Wards Two and Seven, while his opponent carried 115.

In 1928 the mantle of Ray and Sweezey fell upon the shoulders of Austin H. Roby, a prominent Methodist. The published endorsements of his candidacy show beyond doubt that he was supported by the same group which had opposed Devir in 1925-6-7. Mr. Roby proved to be a weak candidate, Devir carrying Wards Two and Seven and four precincts in the other wards.

^{112.} Malden News, Dec. 5, 1926.

^{113.} Malden News, Dec. 8, 1926.

^{114.} Malden News, Dec. 6, 1926.

^{115.} Malden News. Dec. 14, 1927.

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1928	City.	Ward Two.	Ward Seven.
John D. Devir	7596	1833	1055
Austin G. Roby	6404	157	442

As a result Roby expressed the opinion that Devir was really mayor of only two wards and that he, Roby, was mayor of the other five. That remark was made in the fall of 1929, when Roby was again a candidate, and Devir characterized it as "an attempt to break the unity of Wards Two and Seven," and added that the loyalty of these wards 116. always encouraged him.

In 1929, however, Mr. Roby did not win a place, the primaries going to Mayor Devir and William A. Hastings.

Mr. Hastings had served one term as mayor of Malden twenty-five years previous and was in 1929 employed as full-time secretary of the Malden Chamber of Commerce, of which Artemas B. Sweezey was president. His chief supporters were Mr. Sweezey and Eugene A. Perry, both of the Baptist Church. Mr. Devir charged that there was a pre-primary 117. agreement to do "anything to beat Devir." He reminded the voters that Hastings failed to be re-elected twenty-five years ago and called him the worst mayor that Malden ever had. For the first time in five years, Mr. Devir

^{116.} Malden News, Nov. 19, 1928.

^{117.} Malden News, Dec. 2, 1929.

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ceased to print columns of statistics concerning the tax rate and expenses; he departed from facts and figures and indulged in personal abuse. So, for that matter, did Mr. Hastings, who charged Devir with paying \$11,000 a year of the city's money to members of his own family, and said that he maintained a "Tammany Hall." The result was that "over 17,000 voted, the largest vote ever recorded at a municipal election in the history of the 118. city." Devir's plurality was cut down in Ward Seven, owing to the fact that Hastings lived in it, and he lost heavily in other parts of the city.

1929	City.	Ward Two.	Ward Seven.
John D. Devir	8042	1849	1035
William A. Hastings	8875	219	719

One of the first acts of Mayor Hastings was to appoint to the office of Police Commissioner his friend and supporter, Artemas B. Sweezey.

In 1930, Mr. Devir tried unsuccessfully to obtain the Republican nomination for Governor of Massachusetts, and then tried, also without success, to regain the mayor's office. One of his advertisements in that year was signed by 120 citizens of Ward Seven; 104 of the names were obviously Jewish. He wound up his campaign as usual

^{118.} Malden News, Dec. 11, 1929.

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at Hibernian Hall in Ward Two. Wards Two and Seven still supported him but he lost the election to Mayor Hastings, 8878 to 8122.

c. Conclusions from These Campaigns.

Plainly enough, there is a large group of people in Malden who can be counted upon to vote for a Protestant as against a Catholic. Plainly, too, there is a strong racial solidarity on the part of the Irish and Jews. It could be shown that these last two racial groups had formed an alliance years previous to elect Dr. Farrell of Ward Two to the mayoralty. It is also plain that there must be a large number of voters who are unaffected by racial and religious prejudices and are willing to swing from one side to the other. This last group is influenced by such matters as the tax rate and evidence of efficient administration. An open appeal to prejudice would probably repel them; hence such appeals are never made.

Again it is impossible to make a direct comparison between the influence of prejudice in 1921-1930 and in 1881-1890, because the same situation did not exist in the earlier period. For all we know, the voters of a generation ago would have shown more solidarity and more racial and religious prejudice than those of today, if the occasion had ever arisen.

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 Several other factors, which must be mentioned as important in the last decade, have no parallel in the 1880's. What has been the effect upon political intelligence of the immigrant vote, of the direct primaries, and of woman suffrage? Concerning the immigrant vote in Malden, no data are available, other than that which has just been given under the head of race prejudice. The other two innovations, the direct primaries and woman suffrage, have already been alluded to many times in this study. We shall sum them up briefly.

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9. The Direct Primaries.

a. Lack of Interest on the Part of the Voter.

"The primaries," writes Frank Kent," are the key to 119.
all politics." Nevertheless the voters consistently ignore them. "The tendency of the people to regard the primary as unimportant, to consider it the particular business of the politician, to believe that it does not specially concern anyone else, to think that they effectively count as voters by participating only in the general election, has undoubtedly greatly increased..., Rarely more than twenty-five percent of the party voters and frequently as low as two and three percent participate."

From the tabulation on p.27 we have already shown that only 43.3% of the registered voters of Malden participated in the last six state primaries as against 83.3% who participated in the final state elections of the same years. That, however, is considerably above the estimate of Mr. Kent.

During the years 1881-1890 state nominations were made by party conventions. Preceding city elections there were ward caucuses to nominate ward candidates. Nominations for mayor were made at a city convention. Only one

^{119.} Kent, Frank, "Political Behavior," p. 33. 120. Ibid., p.38.

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b. Confusion of Names; Proposed Remedy.

One difficulty with the direct primary seems to be that the voters are not well enough acquainted with all the candidates for all the different offices. Sometimes they confuse names which sound alike, such as Frederick W. Cook and Alonzo B. Cook. The former has been Secretary of the Commonwealth during the entire decade and is universally respected. The latter was Auditor for ten years despite criticism and opposition from the leaders of his own party. So long as he obtained the nomination in the primaries he was practically sure of the votes of the Republicans of the state. It took the voters of Massachusetts ten years to learn the difference between the two Cooks, and even in 1930 Alonzo B. Cook succeeded in carrying Malden. similar confusion existed between Fred J. Burrell and Charles L. Burrill. The former had to resign while Mr. Coolidge was governor because of his conduct of the office of State Treasurer, while Charles L. Burrill had previously conducted the office of Treasurer with honesty and efficiency.

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The case against the direct primary has been summed up by Alfred E. Smith, who admits that he was in favor of it when it was first introduced eighteen years Mr. Smith says. "It is a matter of common knowledge that the average man or woman does not become seriously interested politically until after the making of a nomination.... Experience shows that as a result of the direct nominating system power is often given to a small but active minority of a party to make the nominations.... It is possible for a convention to draft from among the members of the party men particularly able and qualified who will accept public office out of a spirit of patriotism and devotion to their country, but it is very difficult to induce that type of man to participate in all the ballyhoo and excitement of a primary campaign in order to receive the nomination."

There are now pending before the General Court of
Massachusetts three different bills which would tend toward
a partial re-establishment of party control and party
responsibility by permitting a convention to designate
before the primary which of the candidates for nomination
have the approval of the party.

^{121.} Boston Globe, March 8, 1931.

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10. The Rise of Woman Suffrage.

a. Beginnings in 1881 - 1890.

During the years 1881-1890 women were permitted to register and vote for members of the School Board, but very few of them took the trouble to do so. The first 122. women's suffrage meeting was held in 1884. The next year a women's suffrage convention was held in Malden and addressed by Mrs. Lucy Stone. Mrs. Stone asked that women be given the vote in order to protect their rights, and demanded the municipal vote first. "Women ought to be upon Boards of Health," she said, "for what do men know 123. about keeping clean?"

In 1886 a meeting was held to stimulate interest in choosing some woman to serve on the School Board. Mayor Coggan gave the principal address, urging the special fitness of the feminine sex for school matters. Edwin S. Blaine, Master Workman of the Knights of Labor in Malden also spoke and advocated that "women should have the universal franchise and be permitted to help make the laws which govern and control their sex."

That fall Dr. C. Maria Nordstrom, doctor of medicine, was elected to the School Board, on which she served for

^{122.} City Press, Jan. 5, 1884.

^{123.} City Press, March 7, 1885. 124. City Press, Nov. 26, 1886.

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three years. She was the first woman to hold public office in Malden. She was involved in the Daniels controversy, as already indicated, and was instrumental in having home work abolished for children under fourteen years of age on the ground that it was detrimental to their health. From that year until the present time the School Board has seldom been without at least one woman member.

b. Women Voters and Office Holders, 1921 - 1930.

Woman suffrage arrived at the beginning of the last decade. "It is interesting," commented the News in 1920, "to see the women about pulling doorbells and making calls and urging their sisters to register, while their husbands remain at home beside the fire and maybe wash the supper dishes, for, of course, they must be washed....

More power to the women, say we....Already we have put one woman on the School Committee. Why not two or three?....

This is the year to strike for office while the thing is 126.

new and novel." The News also suggested that women be placed upon the Board of Health and Street Commission.

Women were not placed upon the last two boards, but two women were elected to the Common Council. They were

^{125.} City Press, Dec. 7, 1886. 126. Malden News, Sept. 24, 1920.

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Mrs. Warren Ford Upham and Mrs. Emma Fall Schofield. Mrs. Upham described her situation to this writer as follows. "The men members are uniformly courteous and obliging to me," she said, "and they always try to make me feel at home. I have no complaint about my treatment at the meetings. But a good many important matters are really settled at secret conferences outside the meetings, and I am never invited to attend." Mrs. Schofield's father is George Howard Fall, former mayor of Malden and professor of Roman Law at Boston University. Her mother was Anna Fall, the first woman ever admitted to the bar in Massachusetts. Mrs. Schofield also graduated from Boston University Law School, was admitted to the bar, and, in the fall of 1929 was appointed to the bench by Governor Allen. She thus became one of the first two women ever made judges in this Commonwealth, and has already served several sessions as associate judge in the Malden District Court.

c. Appeals to Women Voters.

Mrs. Schofield was also the author of the only typically feminine appeal, that is, the only appeal to women as such, that could be found in the politics of Malden.

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It was printed in 1930 under the heading "A Questionaire for Women Voters" and was an attempt to compare the operating expenses and necessity for economy in city government with the running of a domestic budget.

The feminine element in Malden politics cannot be separated or disentangled from the political situation as a whole. Frank Kent declares that the same is true everywhere. "The most complete mistake that can possibly be made about the female voters is to handle them, think of them, appeal to them, as in any way different from the male voters. to consider them as in any way different from the male voters, requiring special arguments, tactics, treatment or pleading. The only sound practice for the candidate to observe in regard to the woman voter is not to worry about her... There is no such thing as sex solidarity in politics.... There is no such thing as lining the women up on one side. They split on moral issues just as the men split, are influenced by the same arguments, swayed by the same emotions and prejudices, swallow the same hokum and are in the mass considerably less well posted in politics... This is not because they are inherently less intelligent but because they are still in their political "Ninety percent of the women vote as their

^{127.} Malden News, Dec. 1, 1930. 128. Kent, Frank. "Political Behavior." p. 281-282.

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Anna Stease Richardson is even less optimistic about women as voters. Of the 1928 presidential campaign she speaks thus: "Never in the history of suffrage has there been such an opportunity to study the behavior of women en masse in practical politics... The issues appealed overwhelmingly to the imaginations and emotions of women....Their contribution represented quantity rather than quality. They raised the voting score of the nation but not the standard of campaign methods. They lowered rather than raised the ethics of politics.... Women injected religious prejudice into the campaign ... The clergymen who preached politics and personalities in their pulpits would not have dared to do so had they not been sure that women would approve, for is it not the women who fill the church pews, raise the salaries of ministers, and mend the parsonage roof? The mass of women voters....scorning the warnings of their party leaders. talked the issues dearest to their hearts, religious control or religious intolerance, law enforcement or freedom for the individual, Tammany corruption or oil scandals....

^{129.} Kent, Frank. "Political Behavior." p. 287-288.

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One woman worker said, 'The women I worked on were not interested in pamphlets. What they wanted was personal stuff, gossip. You know what I mean. And I gave it to 'em.'...Alas, the election of 1928 was shown that women are no more political minded than men-- and no better 130. citizens."

d. The Influence of Woman Suffrage.

A more dispassionate opinion is expressed by C.

Mildred Thompson, Dean of Vassar College and Professor
of History. She sums up "A Decade of Woman Suffrage" in
the following words: "One of the most general claims made
for woman suffrage by its proponents was that it would
heighten the quality of political morality, fewer corrupt
officials would be elected to office, and local government particularly, where women would be best informed and
most active, would be purified and enlightened. In looking back over the ten years past, even the most optimistic
interpreter of events cannot say that these hopes and
Prophecies have been fulfilled.....

^{130.} Richardson, Anna Steese, "Women in the Campaign" Harper's Magazine, April 1929, p. 585-592.

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And yet, in spite of the spectacular failure in the influence of the woman voter in the big cities, credible reports come of the wise and effective influence of Women voters in many of the smaller cities and towns. It is not unlikely that at critical moments in local elections, when some question of special interest was before the voter, organizations of women voters may have been able to overthrow a 'political gang' and work together for better government. Still, they are at best only sporadic cases, not permanent conditions ... Possibly ten years is too short a period in which to expect results from the votes cast by women, or possibly results in the large will never appear, however long the period of experience in voting. I am inclined to accept the latter hypothesis....We have no statistical evidence at our disposal, and we do not know how women vote, except from general hearsay ... With no facts to the contrary, there is no doubt women vote much as men do. For an analysis of any one election or any one issue, the voting may be expected to follow lines of economic interest, of social groups, or geographic sections more than lines of sex indifference. This is a generalization, subject to exception, like all generalizations ... In their own groups, in the various suffrage organizations before 1920, in the League of Women Voters, in the National Federation of Women's Clubs and

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American Revolution, women have shown the same organizing ability, the same astuteness, and, at times, the same unscrupulousness that achieve success in political parties...Women are only amateurs as yet in politics, but there is no reason why some of them should not become professionals...The possession of the vote is the first stage. The second is active participation in party organizations, and the third is public office...The practice of voting by women in the past ten years may not have brought betterment in political life. It may not have added distinguished servants to public office. It has given women greater self-respect, more confidence in 131 trusting to their own honesty and worth."

Thus we may conclude that, whether or not woman suffrage has lowered the average intelligence of the electorate in Malden, it has at least raised the average political intelligence of the community as a whole. Thousands of women who formerly left politics to the "men folks" and were almost proud to say that they knew nothing about it, are now taking an active part in politics and presumably are acquiring some measure of political wisdom.

^{131.} Thompson, C. Mildred. "A Decade of Women's Suffrage," Current History Magazine, Oct. 1930, p. 13-17.

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11. The Liquor Question.

The "Wet" and "Dry" Votes. 1881 - 1890 and 1921-1930. a.

All conversational roads lead to Prohibition, and this theme cannot be concluded without reference to the liquor question in Malden, although that subject has been already touched upon several times. In 1887 the City Press said, "Malden is the banner no license city." could have been said truthfully at any time during a period of half a cantury. The vote for and against the granting of local licenses was very consistent, as may be seen below.

Year. 1882 1883 1884 1885 1886 1887 1888 1889 775 770 843 838 356 408 613 Yes 848 869 1144 1329 1513 1912 No 1208 1808 1186

The apparent decrease in the "dry" plurality for 1889 is explained by a reversal in the form of the question on the ballot, which confused many voters and led them to vote just opposite to their intentions.

In 1924, after four years of Prohibition, the people of Malden voted on a referendum as follows: For repeal. 7023: against repeal 4622. Sentiment apparently changed soon after it became impossible to obtain a drink legally

City Press, Nov. 20, 1887. City Press, Dec. 3, 1889. 132.

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^{134.} Malden News, Nov. 4, 1924.

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in any of the surrounding communities. In 1930 the referendum on the "Baby Volstead Act" showed 7458 in favor of repeal as against 5609 "drys". See table on p. 42.

Reference has already been made to the strength of the temperance organizations during the 1880's and to the quantities of publicity which the newspapers gave to their activities. A temperance lecture was "front page stuff;" it would be printed in full. But no Malden paper published a line of liquor advertising.

b. Difficulties of Law Enforcement.

Nevertheless, the Malden police had their troubles enforcing the no license laws. It is interesting to note that their problems and the tactics of the bootleggers were very similar to the present day war between police and liquor sellers.

One illicit dealer had barrels buried in the ground 135. and connected with a faucet hidden under the counter.

Another dumped beer down the sink before the police could 136. break in, much the same as in recent times. In 1896 Chief of Police Lyman H. Richards reported that he and his men had used 70 search warrants, made 35 seizures, and obtained 48 convictions. He declared that the largest

^{135.} City Press, Nov. 13, 1886. 136. City Press, Nov. 6, 1886.

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saloon in town had been made into a tenement and twenty others had "virtually" gone out of business. He was honest enough to add, "At present I have reason to suspect that there are twenty more places where they are endeavoring to do business." The raids continued into the spring of 1887, when the Malden Mirror remarked, "Some doubt exists whether the driving of the traffic from the public places, open to inspection, into dark and private retreats, which the officer has no right to enter without a warrant, will result in any benefit to the community and it is feared that it may root the evil of intemperance deeper into the soil."

During 1888 the police made 126 arrests for drunkeness and 51 for violation of the liquor law. In his second inaugural address, January, 1891, Mayor Wiggin referred to the illegal liquor traffic in the following words: "It is more difficult to enforce the laws against the sale of liquor than to enforce most other laws, for the reason that they do not receive the same moral support from the community." That sounds a good deal like 1931.

In short, the entire situation as regards the obtaining of liquor in Malden has changed less in the forty years than any other major problem. The sentiment of the

City Press, Nov. 13, 1886.

Malden Mirror, March 5, 1887. City Press, Jan. 26, 1889. 138.

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12. Education for Democracy.

a. The Role of Education.

"It is then to education that logically one turns next," writes Walter Lippmann, "for education has furnished the thesis of the last chapter of every optimistic lall.

book on democracy for one hundred and fifty years."

Lippmann is undoubtedly correct in stating that the American theory of democracy joins self-government and education very closely together. But Lippmann does not feel optimistic about democracy or education for democracy. He says, "The usual appeal to education can bring only disappointment. For the problems of the modern world appear and change faster than any set of teachers can grasp them, much faster than they can convey their substance to a population of children. If the schools attempt to teach children how to solve the problems of the day, they are bound always to be in arrears."

If this were a treatise on education, we might suggest that Lippmann made his error in assuming that the
schools must necessarily teach specific solutions to specific problems. The schools cannot remain static in a
dynamic world. They must teach civic habits, attitudes

^{141.} Lippmann, Walter, "The Phantom Public" p. 24. 142. Ibid., p. 27

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of mind, ways of approaching the ever changing problems of society. There are certain broad principles of government which do not change, or at least do not change within the span of a few generations. Probably, however, most schools are trying to do just what Lippmann criticizes, namely, to solve the problems of the day, and to that extent his pessimism is justified.

b. Social Science Curriculum, 1880 to 1890.

Without further digression, let us see what the schools of Malden have done and are doing to educate the future citizens for democracy.

The report of the Superintendent of Schools for the year 1881 shows that there was practically no elimination of pupils from school until they reach the age of 14 and the "First Class," which corresponded to the Ninth Grade or last year in Grammar School. Then the number dropped suddenly from 234 to 164. Few, apparently, entered the high school, which graduated only 16 pupils that year. Five pages of the superintendent's report is devoted to a defence of the high school, which some citizens evidently considered a useless and expensive luxury.

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For the elementary grades the superintendent stresses reading, language, and arithmetic, which seem roughly to correspond to the traditioal three R's. He ordered that the time given to geography be reduced from five hours a week to three. "This is time enough," he curtly observes, "if the instruction is properly directed; and, by the reduction, additional time can be devoted to the study of language, reading, and arithmetic." No mention is made of history or of citizenship in the grades.

Pupils who entered high school had their choice between a four-year general course and a two-year commercial course. In the general course, history was elective in the third year and civil government in the fourth year. There is no way of knowing how many pupils elected these subjects, and we would be completely in the dark regarding their subject matter, were it not for the authorized list of textbooks, which included only the following history books.

"Ancient History, by Thalheimer.

Rome, by Leighton.

Greece, by Smith.

Readings from English History, by Green."

American History is not mentioned anywhere in the high school curriculum, but commercial students, for some unexplained

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reason, were required to pursue one course in political economy and another course in civil government, both in their second or last year. Very likely no one had yet thought of anything better with which to fill up the two-year program of commercial students. The textbooks 143. are not named.

According to the course of study prescribed in 1890, pupils began American history in the "Fourth Class" or Sixth Grade of today (there were then nine grades in Malden) and continued it throughout the "Third" and "Second" classes, or Seventh and Eighth Grades. In the "First Class," later known as the Ninth Grade, the prescribed text was Scudder's "History of the United States," and the following directions are given:

"Encourage pupils to read other histories and biographies, and to bring items of information to the class. Discuss freely the lives of prominent men, and show their influence upon the country. Require pupils to learn only the most important dates. Dwell less upon events than upon their causes. Compare our history with the history of other nations, and show what causes have always produced adversity."

^{143.} Superintendent's report, 1881.

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The above has all the ear marks of having been written by Superintendent Charles A. Daniels. Even in the light of modern educational theory it would be hard to improve upon his directions.

For every grade in the public schools the teaching of Manners and Morals was rigidly prescribed and suggestions were given as to the kind of manners and morals to teach. For the "First Class" or last year of the elementary school, the following was suggested:

"Patriotism, enterprise, and public spirit necessary to secure prosperity to a country. Relations, duties, and responsibilities of nations similar to those of individuals. Topics suggested by the events of the day."

The high school curriculum in 1890 remained identically the same, so far as the social studies were concerned, as it was at the beginning of the decade.

c. Progress since 1890.

The "Middletown" authors, referred to earlier in this paper, found that there had been a great increase in the time devoted to the social studies. Whereas in 1890 the schools offered little or nothing in the social studies, the curriculum of 1924 prescribed history and civics for almost every year of the elementary school, and, in the

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high school, the social studies occupied 16% of the total student hours. Commenting upon this shift in emphasis the Lyndes write, "Second only in importance to the rise of those courses addressed to the practical vocational activities is the new emphasis upon courses in history 145. and civics."

They believe, however, that there has been little or no change in the teaching of American History since 1890. "In the case of history, facts presented in the textbooks are, as in 1890, predominantly military and political, although military affairs occupy relatively less than in the nineties. Facts concerning economic and industrial development receive more emphasis than in the earlier texts, although political development is still the core....It is almost impossible to tell whether a history examination is of 1890 or 1924 vintage."

That was in the midwest, but the same tendency is noted in Massachusetts. In 1921 the General Court enacted a statute containing this paragraph, "In all public elementary and high schools American history and civics shall be taught as required subjects for the purpose of promoting civic service and a greater knowledge thereof and of fitting the pupils, morally and intellectually, for the duties of citizenship." 147.

^{145.} Lynde, Robert S. and Helen Merrell, "Middletown" p. 196. 146. Lynde, Robert S. and Helen Merrell, "Middletown" ch. 14.

^{147.} Course of Study in Community Civics, Malden Public Schools.

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Hence history and civics are now taught, in some form or other, in practically every grade in the Malden schools. In the high school the law has been interpreted to mean that a pupil must not only study American History but must pass it before he can obtain a diploma. Civics generally occupies what time is left after American history is finished, or it is taught in an incidental way, perhaps in connection with the adoption of the Constitution. It is believed that a Freshman course in Community Civics really covers the legal requirements. The outline for the latter course, by the way, follows chapter by chapter the text of Hill's "Community Life and Civic Problems." It is the usual hash of police department, fire department, street department, sewer department, and the three major departments of government.

d. Results of This Education.

Probably Walter Lippmann was thinking of such courses in American History and Civics when he wrote the pessimistic paragraph already quoted. David Snedden may have had them in mind when he said, "American history study has very slight, if any, bearing on the adult civic behavior of students...When, in adult life, a man...

^{148.} Course of Study in Community Civics, Malden Public Schools.

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is confronted by social problems he naturally turns to past experience for guidance. Probably almost never does he find that guidance in what he has previously actually learned of American or other history."

In short, nothing that the boys and girls of Malden learned in their social science studies in the public schools either in 1881-1890 or in 1921-1930 really did much to fit them for their duties as citizens. Of course there were other agencies. In the earlier period, the home and church had great influence. In our own day there are athletics, the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts, the Junior Red Cross, and all the extra-curricular activities of the public schools. All educational agencies, in fact, and many civic organizations are keenly aware of the serious problem which faces them and are making conscious efforts to solve it. These efforts cannot yet be properly measured or evaluated.

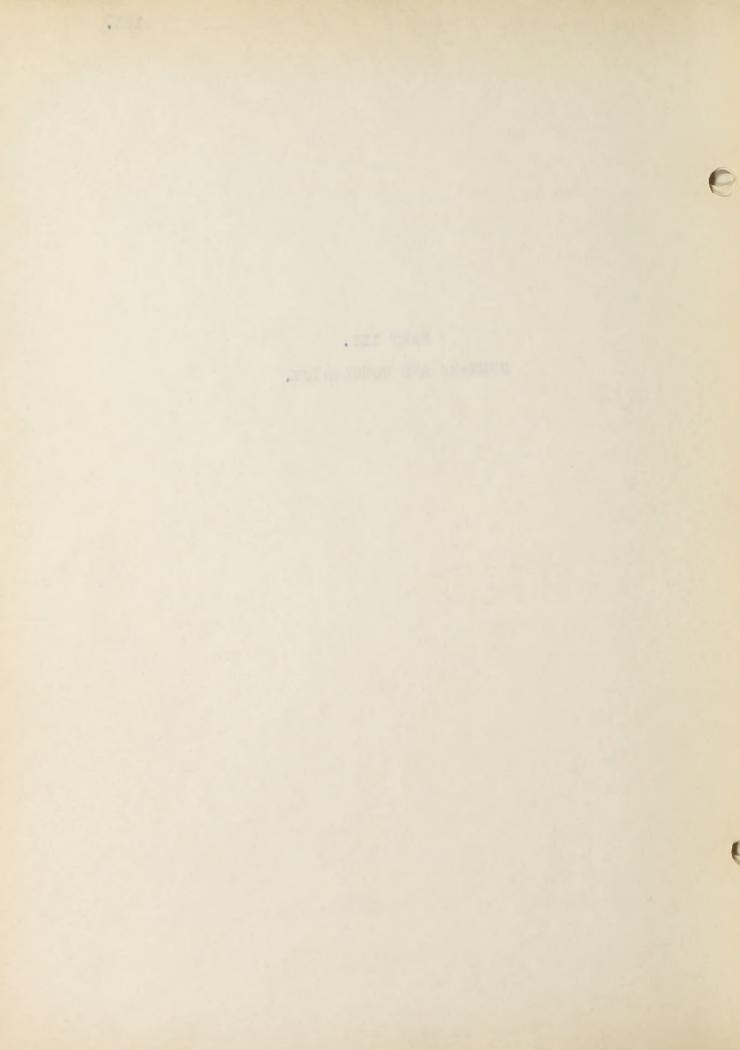
^{149.} Snedden, David. "Civic Education" p. 203-4.

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PART III.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION.



1. Opinions of Competent Observers.

The writer's intention was to interview several citizens of Malden who might be classed as competent observers of affairs in both decades and to check their opinions against his own conclusions. This proved unexpectedly difficult. Very few men have been active politically in both periods: those who were leaders in 1881-1890 are now either dead or, if living, are not trustworthy witnesses. An attempt to reach Aaron C. Dowse, former editor of the City Press and a member of the City Government and of the Legislature, discovered him in a hospital, where he has since died. Hon. George Howard Fall, who could throw a great deal of light upon politics past and present, is in a sanitarium. Others seem to be afflicted with the "golden age complex" which makes them believe that days gone by are necessarily better than the present degenerate times. Horace described such an elderly person as "laudator temporis actae."

Frank A. Bayrd, editor of the Malden News and former member of the General Court, although not very old during the 1880's, delivered the following opinion: "Of course people were more intelligent politically then than they are now. They met more, talked more, there was less to

^{150.} Horace, "Ars Poetica" line 173.

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versal diversion. Everybody knew something about it.

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2. The Writer's Conclusions.

In presenting his own conclusions from this study of Malden, the writer wishes to be understood as believing that no very valid or far-reaching generalizations ought to be based upon a study as limited in its scope as this one has been. At most, one can only say that such and such things seem to have been true of the citizens of this specified community during these specified periods of time. Such observations may, however, be indicative and suggestive. Other communities ought to be studied in a similar manner and the results of these "samplings" ought to be checked against each other. If the results of several such studies are in agreement with each other, then the conclusions may be said to have some validity.

Several conclusions, already presented on p. 51, will be included in this recapitulation.

1. Statistics regarding registration of voters and participation in elections shows that the citizens have as much interest in politics now as they did a generation ago. They have never been keenly interested in the making of nominations, and they have had as much interest in local politics as in state and national campaigns.

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- 2. Women are taking less part than men, the ratio being roughly two to three. This may not as yet represent any gain in the intelligence of the electorate; it does indicate a wider dissemination of political knowledge.
- 3. There are fewer appeals to party spirit and more evidence of vote-splitting, that is, of independent thinking on the part of the voters.
- 4. More blanks are being cast, owing to the difficulty of the present ballot form with its referenda and public policy questions, in which the voters take little interest.
- 5. There are more opportunities for the display of race prejudice than a generation ago, but there are very few overt appeals to it.
- 6. There are plenty of means for the citizen to obtain information, if he desires it, and the press is becoming more and more neutral in its attitude.
- 7. Appeals to emotion, as compared with appeals to intelligence, seem to be in a diminishing ratio in recent times.
- 8. Determined efforts are being made to raise the sense of civic duty and the level of political intelligence, but it is not yet possible to measure the results.

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The writer believes that there is no evidence that political intelligence is any less than it was a generation ago, and that there are some signs of political intelligence being on the increase. What gives an illusory impression that intelligence is decreasing is the strong tendency of political problems to multiply in number and to increase in difficulty. The citizens of 1881-1890 did not have to face such formidable situations as the citizens of 1921-1930. With a rough approximation of the truth one might say that intelligence was increasing arithmetically and that the demands made upon it are increasing geometrically.

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3. Restatement of the Problem and Its Solution.

Munro describes the situation. "Consider the question of universal suffrage in its relation to the fundamental purpose of government, which is to promote the fommon good. With the increasing complexity of human relations, this common good becomes steadily more difficult to promote or even to ascertain. In other words, the complexities of government increase as the square of the new-ly-created relations, and our political problems are becoming intricate by a sort of geometrical progression, But human intelligence is not advancing at any such pace...It stands to reason, therefore, that the art of government will soon outrun the mental competence of the lower ranks in the electorate, if it has not already done so."

And Felix Frankfurter suggests the solution, which is the delegation of the more complex problems to the trained administrator. "Government is itself an art, one of the subtlest of arts. It is neither business nor technology nor applied science. It is the art of making men live together in peace and with reasonable happiness... The art of government has been achieved best by men to whom governing is itself a profession. One of the shallowest disdains is the sneer against the professional

^{151.} Munro, William Bennett, "Intelligence Tests for Voters" Forum, Dec. 1928, p. 649-60.

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politician.....The most successful statesmen have been professionals. Beveridge's life of Lincoln serves as a reminder that Lincoln was a professional politician. Politics was Roosevelt's profession, Wilson was, all his life, at least preoccupied with politics, and Calvin Coolidge, though nominally a lawyer, had no profession except politics.

"The difficulties of our social-economic problems will not abate with time. One may be confident that they will become more complicated. They will make increasing demands upon trained intelligence. If government is to be equal to its responsibilities, it must draw more and more on men of skill and wisdom for public administration."

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