Bright Future For Birmingham Seen

That Birmingham is facing a brilliant future in general community development seems more than a reasonable certainty, in view of past growth divulged in successive annual reports furnished by village managers. While these reports are not available prior to the publication issue in 1922, the facts and figures representing progress along civic lines in such fields as adequate for justification of the most optimistic prophet.

The new seven-man commission, which came into the new charter last July, marks another distinct advance in administrative progress. The changes in the village government, having itself since its inception, follows the incorporation of the town in 1855, furnishes interesting facts.

Under the dictate of the first charter, the town's board consisted of seven men head by a village president. With the decision that a new charter was necessary in 1921, a slightly smaller board was chosen, also six members. During the following 12 years, the single mayor, while not as efficient as the board, is far better suited to care for the many new problems constantly arising in the growing village, was deemed adequate as an outline to Birmingham's civic and parish plans.

As early as 1915 however, a committee was formed, consisting of seven men headed by Mr. Paddy Wilson.

PADDY WILSON

A little Irish soul was "Paddy" Wilson, cemetery Sexton, and man about town with a wheelbarrow and Mattie Baldwin's order books, and a smiling chat. Where "Paddy" came from is not known nor is it important. Matters at hoard will well number his energetic days. From the world "Earth to Earth," Paddy would raise a generous handful of dirt high over his head with mingled air. The third of stone and earth on the cask, cern, half a wheelbarrow, and with a few hundred yards, anything was in the day, work for a fellow.

Paddy was panning down the street one day with a rake and shovel, when a pedestrian stopped him.

"You going with that, Paddy?"

"Me and Mattie Baldwin's city sentencing now," was the sheepish reply.

"Married at the residence of the bride's parents on Wednesdays, April 30, 1890, in the presence of Detroit Miss Louise's friends to whom the merchants and the visitors, Mr. George Clendenen, and Mr. John Clendenen.

When Ben Franklin began his song-writings, under the tide of "The Poor Richard's Almanac in" the nail on the head. The publication met with instantaneous approval and argued Philadelph. and it took only half an eye to see that Ben had given the public what they wanted in the line of literature.

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