

CLOQUET PREPARES FOR NEW CHARTER

Names of Commission Members
Made Public and Work of
Drafting Begins Soon.

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CLOQUET, Minn., Sept. 2.—The names of the freeholders on the petition recently submitted to the four judges of this district asking for a home rule charter have been given out and are as follows: William Kelly F. V. Inskeep, F. D. Vibert, F. P. Thompson, H. M. Selmsler, H. G. Stevens, Joseph Loisel, Claus Johnson, John Mattinen, Alex Summerfield, C L McNair, W. L. Case, J. D. Peters, L. A. Fish and W. H. Skemp. The above are all freeholders and have resided in the city five years or more. They are empowered to draft any form of municipal government they desire that is not inconsistent with the state constitution and submit the same to the mayor of the city within six months. The charter will then be submitted for the ratification of the people at the next general election, a majority of four-sevenths being required for its passage. The tenure of office of the freeholders is four years and at the end of that time it will be necessary to appoint a new board whose duty it shall be to draft amendments to the charter as occasion demands.

The form of government best adapted to the needs of the city is a matter that is creating considerable discussion. Since the state supreme court has upheld the commission form of government as not inconsistent with the state constitution this form of government is attracting much attention and there is a strong sentiment here in favor of it. The charter adopted by Virginia embodies the initiative and referendum and has been warmly recommended by good authorities as an excellent form of charter for this city. The question will be thoroughly discussed before any action is taken and the people will have ample opportunities to become familiar with the various forms desirable in order that they may choose wisely.