The appointment of the Bond Trustees by the City Council instead of by the electors was a question that was agitated for a long time, and a number of efforts were made to change the form of government. Manager, commission, and other forms were drafted, taken to the Legislature for approval and were lost there or defeated by the voters here. The Bond Trustees continued to run the city until July, 1917. Most of the important city improvements were completed or started under their jurisdiction and stand today as testimony of what they did. The Chairmen of this board during its lifetime were: G. R. Foster, December, 1893, to January, 1895; B. F. Dillon, 1895 to November, 1907; Bion H. Barnett, 1907 to April, 1910; W. M. Bostwick, Jr., 1910 to October, 1913; F. Richardson, 1913 to October, 1914; G. M. Powell, 1914 to February, 1916; Gus Muller, February to May, 1916; W. M. Bostwick, Jr., 1916 to July, 1917.

The present form of government comprises five Commissioners; Mayor; twenty-one Councilmen; Assessor, Treasurer and Collector; Recorder, Municipal Judge, elected by the qualified electors.

SEAL OF JACKSONVILLE

Authorized by the Florida Legislature in 1887.
The figure is that of Andrew Jackson on a horse rampant.