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## EXTRACT

Frour the By-Law "To provide for the better administration of the allitry if the Corporation."

SECTION XXXIX.

- It shall be the duty of every Board and standing Oommittee, on or Luphere he last regular metinur of the Council in the month of December in each year, to present to the Council, for the information of the Comacil and of the intabitants gemerally, as well as for the guidance of the Boart or Committee of the following year, a $9+$ neral Report of the atate of tho rarions matters retured to the Boar:. W Committee from time to tine during the year, $\mathrm{th}_{1}$, work or basiness done 'rough or hy such Committee, and the raperditare made uuder it, is authoriIf or superintendence : such Repnt shall also state the numi ef meetmes the Buard or Commiltee lucd thring the year, at wich a quorum was prosplt, and the number of moetios duly called, but at which Here was no quorum, and how often each member was abuent from the latier meetings: and shall contain such suggestions in regard to the future action of the succeeding Butiol or Committee as experience may enable the reportinc Committee to make in respert of the mattere momacer! in the Report. Arid it shall be the duty of the (lerk to have ?nterpies of each of the said Reports printed forthwith."

GHARLPS DALi.
Cherks Office,
City Clerk Toronto.
Tormio, January $29,1859$.

# REPORT OF THE MAYOR TO THE COUNCIL. 

Council Chamber,<br>Toronto, 10th Jan., 1459.

## Gentlemen of the Cocncil, -

It has not been usual in former years for the Mayor, at the conelusion of his term of wlice, to submit in any form to the Council, a Report of the proceedings of the year. In many of the American towns it is made the duty of the Mayor to submit such statement, and I confess I think the practice a gronl one, as it, in concise form, shews to the public the condition of their Municipal alfars. It is not my intention, on this occasion, to inaururatr a custum which has not yet received the sanction of the Council; but in retiring from the office to which you did me the homor to elect me, alter the resigmation of the late Mayor, W. H. Boulton, Eif, I cannot forbear thanking you for the industrious manner in which your several dutwe have been performed, since I have had the honor of presidiug over ti : Cuncil. It must be a sonrce of extreme gratification to you, an it in to myself, to know that, although you entered upon the business of the year with the finances of the city in a very deranged state, in consequence of the refusal of the citizens, last year, to sanction the By-laws which were submitted to them for approval, you have bern enabled by your assiduity and ability to restore the city expenves to a healtity rondition. learing $m$ rour successors an casy ta-k compared with the onerons and ra-ponsill. duties which you were called upon to madrotake, and happily for the city have been enabled to carry to a suceresful isoue.

The amount of $\$ 3: 2,01000$, which yous were called upon to meet a the very threshold of your procerdings in the present municipal year, was a formidable sum for a new Council to $b$, called on lil satisfy, an amount too, which you had no part in expending. The judicious conrse pursued by you in submitting Bje-laws to tie citizens, wenable you to raise the amount by loan, is fully proven by the fact that the citizens. readily gave you power to raise the requisite amount by debentures,
and that these debentures were disposed of in the English market, at par, fully sustaining the course you pursued, and at the same time maintaining the credit of the city. Not only were you enabled to raise the amount required to pay off the debt of last year, but bosites the mtanary grant to the Board of Works, you were emabled to give :mployment to a large number of citizens, procuring a grant from thr -itizens of 828,94300 to promote public inprovements in the city revidence of which, in our macadamized streets, our new side walks. nind our new sewer- and drains, are to be seen in all parts of the city

I cannot foberar commatulating you and the city on the great progress Yon have made during the cur ent year, in -ceuring to the cinzens, parizs 1.1) pleasure grounds, wheh in all futare time will be conmered a weat bom conferted on them by these whon had the conduct of their affairs. Apilying yournelves to the tank if setting pending disputer, you were enabled to place in the hambs of the city a park of fifty acres, on tae 'rarrison Common, on which you have erected a buidding which sellects meh credit upon its promoters, and will continue to be of the : minost importan:e to the interests of 'Tomath. The larges sum of money which was expended in this city during the time of the A-ricultural Fixhitition, proves the vistom of the Council in having suitable ncoomnodation afforded to the Aericultural Anociation for the holding ni their annal exhibious. It is to te hoped that in future year the ame grounds may be made the resut mot mily of thase chasagel in armeoltural and mechanimal pursuits, but that with so amable is :addinir the arts and sciences may be forterad and promoted, by a -ontonual exhibition in the buihling of statuay and such artistis and other works as the citizens would desire to be placed within their reach l'ne original derign of having the ground planted and laid out ay prasure-grounds, will doublless not be lost sight of, and it is gratifying t know that your Committee on Walks and Gardens have already atitorized a plan to be prepared for that purpose.

The aequisition by the city, during the present year, of fifty acres of the University ground, includiner the Avenua, for the purpose of a public n.rk, with no other charge than keeping the rround in order, is indeed a $\rightarrow$ rize of inestimable value to all classes in this city.

Clarence Square (another of the public squares of the city) you have aiso had so mnch improved this year, that it will shortly, no doubt, become a favorite resort for those who are desirous of fresh air and healthy recreation.

The Fair Green, when fenced in, which you have authorized, will be a oonvenient park for the inhabitants residing in the east ead of the aty, coupled with the grounds around those of the Horticultural Society,
which you have entere ato a treaty with the Hon. G. Allan to secure for the city.

Thus it will be sen, that, during the present year, you have place: on the hands of the cilizens parts and pleavure-gromats in all parts ol the city, some of which, though public squares, hat always heretoly: been suffered to remain as bare commom, and as to the others, it ir owing to the faithful diseharge of your duty that they have been securet to the city.

It mu-t be a matter of great consratulation to you all, wentemen, that during the perent year the public bealth has teren such, that yon were not callod upan to roter mona any satary mondations, beyond the

 that the past year womid be a jear of sickne.. If have reasmato grateninio a bern ticent Providetere that the health of the city hats bern
 B sard oi fleath, in order to add to the samitary condition of the cit..

I rowret marla that difficulties should have athen, winch have prevonted inne: prosers Ering made with the Juil and Industrial Farm. The sub; Council, I will mot mare upon it, but I smeereis thep that no lenein of time wit be allowed to chapse before the caty has been provided with aplace of pmishment of such a character as that offenders may bes taught that the trie weret of suco... and ponpolity the gaining an thon'st heving by frusality and indu-try. I whin detain you furthe:,
 all the difficulia's you have hat to encounter, the latye delit gou hat : provide for at the beximing of the year, and the large sum you have expmbed in city inprovenent, you ate uwing to the ecommy of wo management, enabled to leave a considerable sum at the credit of the city, which, no doubt, will te more eratifying to your successors iban: :he large debt gon had to assume when you touk upon you the performance of your duties at the commencement of the year.

I sincerely thank ym, gentiemen, for the support yom have gwn ma since I have hat the honour to occupy the chair. Without your antan: and co-operation I could not have performed my duties enther th you: satisfaction or in such a manner as to be of advantio, to the chly. I cannot saty that I have at all times performed iny duty as Mayor as a would wish to have done, if I had had more time at my din[mial. I cat, only say that I have discharged my duties to the hest it my ability. I know you have performed yours with assiduity, and I tras that the

Lity ina been no inconsiderable gainer by your unrequited services.
I have the honour to be,
Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
D. B. READ,

Mayor.

## REPORT OF STANDING COMMITEE ON FIN. ANCE ANI) ASSESSHENT.

The Committee on Finance, and assessment in compliance with the City By-Law, beg leave to make a general report, of their proceedings Huring the year.

When the conmittee were appointed to the oversight of the City Finances, they found the very large sum of $\$ 108,000$ of over Expenditure :or the previous year to the provided for.

On the 7th of June last the committee brought up a statement in their Report No. 15. of the estimates for the year.

The total amount estimated as required for all purposes
vas ............................................................. . . $\$ 61455068$ Which was provided for as follows.


The Comperation provided for a part of the over Expenditure of 1857, by an lisite of Webentures amounting to . . . . . . . . . . . . . $\$ 94,640$ (10

To which the following item: were also added, and proviled for by Debentures.

To provide Biaitlines for agricultural purposes. . . . . . . $\quad \mathfrak{2 0 , 0 0 0} 00$
Fur construction of Brider over the River Don........ 12,000 (0)
For the construction of 18 Hydrants. .................... 1,40000
In adtition $\$ 1 \pm 8,04000$
In addition to the issue of Debentures ahove stated, there was issted firprmanent improvements made during the year, or in process of construction the sum of. . . . 115,77: 00

Tutal amount of Delentures issued in 1858........... $\$ 243,81 \approx 00$

It being reported to the committee that owing to the deprectaturn in the value of labour and material the works to be exwated in 1 sss；
 gregate than the estimates，the sommittee directed that belventhes to that amount should be withheld from Sale．

The chamberlain was sent to England to dispose of the Debentures issued during the present year，which have been sold at pat with the： excep＇ion of the $\$ 20,000$ referred to．

The decree in Chancery arainst Mr．Bowes in favour of the Corpw，i：－ tion，amountung with costs to $\mathbf{8} 21772$ has been arranged with Mr．Bisen giving his Bond and Prominory Notes，payable at $1 . \therefore 3,4$ ， and 5，years，date from 16 June last with Interest，the whole secured collaterally ty freehold property and endorsed hotes，suifleient tor that purpose．
The amount expended this year on account of the Jail and Indi－irial Farm was．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．． $9,455 \mathrm{x}$ ：
Amount previously expended．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．． $40, \mathfrak{i}(x) 111$
Total．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．$\$ 19.455$ ．$:$
The amount paid this year on account of the constametim of the
Esplanade，was．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．． 1 152．445； 41
Amount previvusiy paid．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．：： 14,441 31


In the foregoing statement the Committer have ouly releren th a tew
 yme under thei notice．They would now call attention to sevem！ iteme of deficiency，arising form the falling off on sorme bamethe of revenue，一from an inerease of apenditure execeding the appopiation， and from awards made arainst tite city，which were nut kmown at the lime the estimates were male ont．

＂in receipts of Fines and Fees at Police Cult．． 1.20 .6
Award in favo of T．C．Kefer，for surey of Water
Works，it 14．57．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．． $2,(0)$（11

Deficiency in Jail Appropriation ．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．s，st：（0）
＂in Appropriation for Priminy．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．万i＂）（\％）
＂، for Public Buildings ．．．．．．．50，0：

Cost of Elizabeth Street Sewer，．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．I，注（on
is Road to Industrial Palace ．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．． 1,200 00
Cost of Atlantic Telegraph Celebration. ..... 4000
Vote to Magdalen Asylum ..... $300 \quad 00$" of Council to Board of Works, to meet over-expen-diture of 18572,693 00
To purchase an annuity for Widow Lepper, whose hus- band, (a Fireman,) was killed in the discharge of his duty ..... 1,00000
Total $\$ 24,31700$

From a report lately made to the Council, by the Chamberlain, of the expenditure on account of the construction of the Esplanade, is appears there is the sum of $\$ 49,915$, 99 for miterest, \&c., which was formerly charged to the gencral revenue, but which properly belongs to the cost of the Esplanade. This anount having been made a charge against the Eiplanade will, theretore, be available for the general parpreses of the Corporation.

> The Committee propose that the deficiency abuve stated should be paid from this source, which would stand thas:
> Imount at credit of Ceneral Revenue. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $\$ 19,91549$
> Less deficiency as above. ................................. . . 24,31700
> Total . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 825,54 . 43

If to this be added the amount of Mr. Bowes' tirsi note, which will be payable, with interest, in June next ... 4,614 the

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\text { Total . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . } \$ 30,212 \text { A9 }
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It will show an amount of $\$ 30,21249$, which may be applied towards the reduction of the taxes for 1859 .

When the Committee came into office, they found an over-expenditure from 1857 of $\$ 108,000$ to be provided for, and they will relinquish their duties leaving a considerable surplus on hand.

Mr. Alderman Mowat acted as Chairman, pro. tem., of the Finance Committee, till the first of March. Mr. Alderman Read was Chairman from that time till the 10th day of November, and Mr. Alderman Boulton from that date till the present.

Thre were forty-seven meetlngs called of the Committee, at thirtyfive of which there was a quorum for the transaction of business. At the meetings called at which there was no quorum, it does not appeaz that the names of absent members were regularly entered.

The Committee have made, at different periods throughout the year, thirty-one Reports to the Council.

All of which is respectiully snbmitted.

W. H. BOULTON<br>Charman.

Committee Room, 24th December, 1858.

Since this Report was presented to the Coment, the sum of $\$ 13,500$ has been voted for different purpuies, and the costs, as between Attorney and Client, amountily to about $\$ 3,000$, in the Buwes can , not having been yet iatid, the Council haw decided that the said costs should be paid out of the first instalnent receind from Mr. Bowes. These amounts torether will be $\$ 16,500$, which, dedueted from the above. $\$ 30,21200$, will aeduce the surplus available for 18.99 to $\$ 13,71249$.

## REPORE OF STANDING GOMMITEE ON WALK心 AND (GARDENS.

## To the Council of the City of Toronto:

The Committee on Putlic Vialks ant Garlous becs leave tu submis their General Report for lise, in pursuance of the 391 h section of the Bye-law "for the better alministration of the athirwot the Corporation."

This Committee is comsidered as havine under its rhare the puble parks, squares, and walks in the city, and will in this rport describe these; state what has bern done during the past goar to secure and improve them; and sive some account of the nature of the city's title to each of them. This beiner the first re, ort of the Committer under the Bye-law in question, the Cominithee thmks it desirable to repor ${ }^{\text {b }}$ these particulars much more fully than may be neremary in -uhsequent years, as the properties of wheh the Committee wit have wecasion to speak are very valuable, and it is important that the preenent pesition of the city in reference to them should be well understoul.

1. The first property, the position of which it is proper to explain, is part of what has been commouly called "Tme Garmison Reserve," or Western Park property.

On the 18th of March, 1848, "the principal officers of Her Majesty's Ordnance" executed a lease to the city of about 287 acres of this "Reserve" for 999 years, at a nominal rent, for the purpose of a publio park, subject, however, to certain conditions set forth in the lease. In

1851 the officers of the Ordnance Department wished to resume possession of this property, and claimed that, under the circumstances they were entitled to do so. This claim was resisted on behalf of the city, and negotiations with the Department ultimately took! place, with a view to a compromise of the di-pute. In 1856 the Ordnance lards were transferred to the Phovicial Civermment, in pursuatace of the Statute is Vict., chap. 91, and nesotiatoms having been resumed with the Govermment here, a compromise was at lengh affected, on terms which, under all the eicumstances, were appowed by this Come mattee ; and theit reponthereat, dated the $2 t: h$ of April, was adoped by the Commell ou the 17th of May. By this compomise (which has been (armolgut) the ('orporation asteed to surrender the lease and to ancopt in lieu a wrant in tee of certain portions of the property, viz $: 1$. One piece of $\because \because \frac{1}{2}$ ares wee and atove the land requred for thecontinwation of Adelanke, King. W ellingon, and Tecumselh streets; and, 2. Another pared of lamt, of about $3: \frac{1}{2}$ acres.

The irst ,f these two parcels is granted subject to ary right which the Omtain, Simete and Huron Railway had acquired therein This right is believed to be merely as tenants at will of that portion of the land which the rorrpany occupied for a railway track; and the Company, it is umdertown, comtemplate an early iemoval of that part of their track to another lucality.

The grant is also subject to the condition that the whole of the first pared which the patent dewribes hoold le dedicated and maintained ly the Corporation ats a public park; that of the second parcel, a space of not less than : 11 atres, should be provited tor the exhmbitions of the Provincial Aericultural Asmeciations of Cper Canada; and that :0 acter, incluthing either all or part of that spate, should alow, sulject to that trust, be dedicated and maintained as a publice park.

The phant likewise containe frovisions about park cates, laying out roals, and wher mathes in contmsion with the property, which wili require the carly ate ntwo of the next Council.

It will be oherved that alout 12? acres of the land embraced in this want may the soh or jrased by the city; but that the rest is decheated for ver th the otgeets named in the grant.

It may be proper to add hew, that the (ity comtrimued 500,000 for the erection of the Cryatal Palace and of er exhibition huildings on this ground : and has during the peent year expended $\$ 1,308$ in grading the road and making side walks to the buidiags; but this expendare was not made throngh this Committee, nor out of the Walks and Garden Fund.
II. The next property respecting which the Committee has some statements to make, is a sti ip of land along the frent of the city, described in the patent as comprising 30 acres, Jying theween Frunt st, and its contiauations-Market and Palace strets, on the one side, and what in 1818 was " the thp of the bank," on the other side; and extending from the western side of Peter street to the wratern limit if the Old Government Buildings' Reservation on Berkeley street. The strip thus bounded is 4 chains in breadth at the eatern end; and five chains in breadth at the western end, allowance being made for the cross sta..... from the city to the water.

This land was, on the 1 tht July, RIS, by letters pathent, aranted to five gemtemen in fee, in trust tor the use of the inhabitant- of the city, "as and for a public walk or mall." And by the E-pimatr. Act poned in 18533 (s. 8 the surviving tru-tees were authorized to convey the land to this Corporation "upon the same trusts and conditions as are "expressed in the letters patent." The trustees wern by this same Act empowered "either to make the public walk contemplated in the * original grant to the trustees atoresald, through and in from of the " said land, or make such other improvements upon it for publie pur" poses as the said city by its Mayor, Aldermen and Cummonalty thay " from time to time deem meet; the said Mayor, Aldermen and Com" monalty being empowered by this Act to detray the expense of such
$\because$ last mentioned imponvenerts out of the proced of the debenturen
" by them thereinbefure authorized to be issued."
On the 7th 1 pril, 1857, the trustees, in pursuane of this statute. conveyed the property to the City, to be held on the trasts and comditions mentioned in the patent.

By another statute, pased on the 19h of Jume, in the same year, [ 30 Vic. cup, 80. s. 6] power was given to the City to "heate for ang * term or termoof yeats, or to a rre. for the sale of an absislutely to sedl "and dispose of the space or strip of land" in 'lwation, " heen! and "discharged fron anty and all of the said truas., conditions and res"trictions in the said patent connaned, and [it was enicted that] all "moneys receind therefor, whethe ly way of rent or otherwise, shati " be carreel to a special acesunt by the Chantertain of her City of "Toronte, and shall be expentod by the May, didemen, whe Com. " monalty of the City of Toronto, in the purcha", platins, manment" ing and carr of stme other piece or pacel of land, to be helat ly the "said Mayo, Aldernen, and Commonalty of the City of Tomonto upon " similar trust.s as are in the said p.tents continned and set forth."

A doubt has been surgested wher this emartment anthorises the money to be expenled in the "planting, ornamentins, or care" of any
property except a " piece or parcel of land" speeially purchasec. for a public walk, with part of the funds derived from the strip of tand in question. The arrangement with the University afterwards explained in this report, as well as the right of the city to other pieces of land hereinafter mentioned make the purchase of an additional parcel of land for the same purpuse entirely unneces-ary. This Committee, therefore, on the 18 th of Fetruary, determined on having a bill prepared for the purpose of being submitted to ihe Legislature at its last Session, with a view to the removal of any doubt as to the legality of applying the tands to the improvement and care of any parks or squares in the eity dedicated to the inbiic, but from varwus causes no further progress was made with tite matler. The Commithe, however, has directed the necessiny notices to be given, so that such a bill mas be introluced, at as early a period as pnswible. in the next sossion of Parliament ; and recmanmends the mather to the early allention of the surceediug commille.

There is great difin-ulty in finding the exact boundaries of the strip of land to which your Commattee has ben referring. It. sumbern
 to as " the tup of the bank;" but the top of the bank then was not the same as the top of the tank now. So the northem loundary of the strip has been tatedth be the rauth sid. of Front strect with ite couthnations; but there has lonig theen a dispute as th the widh of From street is origiantly laid unt, and, therefore, an to the locality of Its sombermside. It hav now becone extremely inpontant that some

 boundiaies of the sup and of Front strect an origimaty laid out.

Mr. Fieming, P. S., a, pears to be of opinion, that the inference to the drawn from all the documents he has secth, is, that the orisgal width of From street was bij feet ouly. This Committee, however, on the 2sth of June, with a view to the public convenience, recommended that the width of tite street from the City Hall to Chureh street, should remain as it is now, and that " the width, belween Yonge and Chureh " streets siouid be bo leet, leaving the question of the boundary of the " property known as "Waiks and Gariens," to be decided ly the " proper legal tribenals;" and further recommended "that whereves ، the southern boundary of the said property extends south of the said ". line," [that is, south of the su feet $]$ " the space between the two " boundaries should be valued, giving the freeholders of the property "adjacent to the Walks and gardens proper:y, the privilege of pur" chasing at a valuation, and the leaseholders the privilege of leasing " at the rental of 6 per cent. on the value of the purchase, and renew-
$\therefore$ able from time to time according to the terms of the leases on which - they hold their property. The Committee, in reporting the abore, - desiring it to be distinctly understoml, that no compensation is to be "made by the Coppration to private owners." Accompanying this report was a plan prepared by Ar. Flemint for the Commilte, and this planiso far as it related to the width of Front strect, the Committeo recommended the Comeil to adoni. The plan also surerented "the "removal of the present railway track from its present lowation to a

- line under the bank, insteal of being on near the water as the same
"a now in, and the a loption of this plan the Committee belithent whald
- be of great advantare to the city. The Committee however, onls
" recommended this plan upon the condition that the Railway Company
" agree, without expense to the city, to exchange one line for the other,
" and that the ownern of the land proposed to be acecpted for the strect
" or E.planade in place of the land appropriated for the Di-lanal:, as
" it now is, are willing to exchange land with the Corporation, taking
" other land in lieu of the 'and necessary for the proposed new street.
"as laid down in the plan."
This report was alopted by the Council without amendment, on the SOth of iugust last, and your Committee is informed that the change it recommended in the locality of the railway track has received the approval of the Railway Commisimers and of the Railway Companies roncerned. The carrying out of the change will devolve on next year's Committer, and will require caref,n attention.

The parcel of ind lying between the cianl and the City Hall, and rom ronly called the Fair direen, furms part of the strip as desrribed in the patent of 1518 ; and your Commutre, by its report of the 1lth Octaber, recommended that the sum of $\$ 12(0)$ should be appropriated fir fencing this grount, and that the Commitee should have leave from the Council to eater into a contract for the execution of the work. This report was adopted by the Council on the 30 h of December; and it will be for the next year's Cominitee to go on with the work.

It will be observed that in case any portions of the strip of land described in the patent of 1818 , shomld be sold or leased as recommended by this Committee, the proced must go to the "Walks and Gardens Fund," and cannot be applied to any uther purpose than that mentioned in the 8th section of the statute which authorized the sale or lease. In case the width of 80 feet appropriated for Front street fakes in part of the street, the value of the part so taken in must also be ascertained and applied by the city in the same way.

Onder the e ntracts for the Esplanade, the contractors were authorized
to appropriate, at a certain price, the earth taken from part of this strip in levelling it. The amount they are chargeable with up to this time is $\$ 9,500$, which, in compliance with the statute, has been especially credited to the "Walks and Gardens Fund," and but a small part of it yet has been paid out, though most of it has been appropriated by the varous votes of the Council referred to in this report.

## HI. The University Park next demands attention.

Negociatious were commenced early in the year between the Committee and the Senate of the Cniversity respecting this park. It had been ascertained that the University contemplated laying out a part of its property as a park in comection with that institution, and it was telt that while the opening of this park to the public would detract nothing from its value as a C'niversity lark, such an arrangement might save the city the expense of purchasing ground for the same purpose, and enable the Council to devote the money to the improvement of this and other parks. The result of the negociations was an arrangement $b y$ which, in consideration of the park (acres) being made public, the city agreed io take charge of it, and of the avenues leading to it from Queen street and Yonge street; and to bear the expense of keeping these avenues in order and lighting them, out of the funds applicable to such objects. Parliament, at its lass ses-ion, passed an Act sanctioning this arrangement, so far as the University was concented, 00 Victoria, cap. 110 ; and a lease to the city frr 494 years, at a nominal rent, and containing the protisions agteed upon, has since been prepared by the solicitur for the University and approved of by the 'ity sidicitor, and will no doubt le executed by bull corporations immediately.

Larly in the year a plan of this park had been procured, in anticipation of an arrangement, and having been approved of by this Committee, was adopted by Council on the 20 th of March. The sum of $£ 1,000$ was at the s:me time approprated by the Council to prepare the ground for park purposes, but it was provided that no expenditure should be incurred without a further report to the Council.

The only payment get made by the city, in connexion with this park, is $\$ 150,70$ towards the preliminary expense of surveying the ground and preparing the plans.

Mr. Edward Taylor has been employed to lay out the ground in conjunction with the University authoities, and his remuneration has been agreed to be four per cent. on the moneys expended. The arrangement for this purpose was reported by the Committee on the 30th December, and received the sanction of the Council by the adoption of the report on the same day.

The convenient situation of this park will make it the promeipal park in the city for some years; and the committe: recrarls with great satisfaction the completion of an arrangement for soreuring the use of it ic the inhabitants on terms at once beneticial to the city and ailvantageous to the University.
IV. Victoria Square is bounded by Bathurst, Niagata, Portland, and Stewart streets, and contains about five acre , exclusive of the Military Burial Ground. The right of the public to this symarearose in this way :

In 1837, that part of the Military Reserve which hes between Peter street and the Ravine, was laid out in lots for sale. accordiog to a plan drawn by Sir Richarl Bonnycastle, then the chiel officer commanding the Royal Fincineers in this section of the Province. Tinere was a re-survey by Mr. Hawkius, by command of His Excellency Sir F. B. Head, then Lieutenant chuvemor, and the plan, when completed, was signed by His Excelleucy, with this certificate:
"Approved and ordered to be the plan upon which all deeds, grants, " or locations are to be founded alter the date hereol."

And a copy of the plan, certified under the hand of Sir Richard Bonnycastle to be a true copy, was sent to the Corporation for puthic reference. On this plan the square itself is thus de iguated:


The lots around the square appear tw have hem bowrit on the faith of this plan; and the square itself (not insludiur the hititary Burial Ground) seems to have been effectualiy dedicated to the purpose of a pablic square. Any inversion of it, therelac, to other oljpects except the erection therein of churches, "without grounds attached thereto." may doubtless be prevented.

Until 1816, nothin! whatever had been lune with this ground; it had not been fenced, nor (as in believed), had any monfy been expended on it. In 1840, Mr. Daly, the Clerk of the City Council, (at we find from a letter afterwards addressed by him to Sir Richard Bonnycastle) proposed to the Council "to level the ground and sow it down with grass, to
plant "some ornamental trees, and in fact make it look like what it mhould be." The Conncil (Mr. Daly states in his letter) assented to this proposal, and Mr. Daly accordingly "ploughed up the land and filled up one larse swamp:" and learning that the Ordnance Department made some objection to the square leiner fenced and supposed also that he was about to interfere with the space inclosed for a Military Burial Ground, Mr. Daly, before he proceeded with the fence, wrote to Sir Richard Bonyeasth, urging that the intention was not to "divert " the square from the purpose for which it was intended when the sur" vey of the darrism Reserve was made, and which is specified in the " map, and that it was a perfect understanding that it should be given up " at any time when required."

Tin thi- letter the followng answer was returned by the Ordnance Department on the Rad March, 1847.
"We beg to acquaint gou that we have received instructions from " the respective Officers of the Ordnance at Head Quarters, to inform ". you that there appears to be no objection to your being allowed to "hold this Land for the purpose mentioned in your letter, on paymen "of an annual rent or acknowlerment of 5 shillings currency, with an "understanding that the fences and other improwments which you "propose are to be made subject to the approval of the Royal Ensineer
"Deparment, and with the condtions that the Ordnance shall have "the power of reming the land whenever required for the public - service, on grving three months notice, or summarily on payment of "three months rent.
"We request therefore that you will have the goodness to signify to us " in writing your acquiescence in these conditions, on the receipt of " which you will be allowed to take possession of theyland in question."

Mr. Daly rephed on $\because 2$ nd of Mareh that, as he had no other object than the improvement of the appearance of this part of the City, he could have no objections to the conditions imposed by the Ordnance Department.

This correspondence does not appear to have been communicated to the Ciiy Council.

Mr. Daly, accordingly, fenced the square in 1847, and remained in undisturbed possession from that time to the present year.

However, on the 25th July, 1848, and before the Ordnance Propersy had been transferred to the Provincial Authorities, the Canadian Government, through some mistake, issued a patent professing to grant two acres of this land to the Church Society. It is believed that
no action was taken on the strength of this patent, until the preat year, when a Church was built on part of the ground; Mr. Daly, however, still continued in possession of the greater part of the two acre-, as well as of the rest of the squate; This grant seems clearly void, as to so much of the land it purports to give, as was unnecessary for the site of the Church.

An order in Council has likewise been made for one acre of the :round to the Methodist Church. This order should also be limited so as to conform to the reservation as to Churches provided for in the. -ledication of the square.

Two acres of the same land were by another oversight 'igranted to the Orphans' Home and Female Aid suciety, which was entirely in violation of the object of the appropriation. The society in the latter patt of 1852, commenced an action of ejectment to obtain posseswiok of the two acres but subsequently abandoned the action, surrendered the patent, and is said to have received in lieu a srant of land in another part of the City.

The Mayor has, at the request of the Committee, been in correspondence with the Military Anthoritics with the view of inducing them to discontinue the use of the Military Burial Ground.

It woald be desirable to procure a grant of this spuare to the City Corporation, to be kept for ever as a public square. and as a site for 'hurches, with the view of placing beyond pussibility any further atwupt to divert the property to other objects.

In aipropriation of $\$ 1.200$ for fencing and impraving this square was made by the Comet on the 30th December, and the application of the funds will the the duty of next year: Committec.
V. Clarmace Square lies on the East side of Brock Street betwena King and Fromt Streets, and contains about three acres. It is marhed on Sir Richard Bonnycastle"s plan as "reserved for the Public" : and so far as your Committec is aware, no attempt has ever twen made th divert the ground to any other purpose ; nor, it is presumed, could any such attempt, if made, be effectnal. But a srant to the Corporation would be desirable for the same reason as suspested in reference to Victoria Square.

This Committee, out the 3 rd of $\mathbf{M a y}$, recommeaded the appropriation of $\$ 800$ for levelling and fencing this square, and the Council having adofted the Report on the 31st of Angust, the fencing was pr"
at an expense of $\$ 496$ (not yet fully paid) and part of the leveling has also been executed.

It may be mentioned nere that by Sir Richard Bonnycastles plar: already referred to a road on three side of the Square is provided for, the fouth side of the square being bounded by Brock Street,) and tha this road was gradest in the year 1856, under the superintendence of ${ }_{f}^{\prime}$ the City Board of Works.
VI. Some progress has atso been mate in procaring for the City abous is acres of land surreming a parcel of about tive acres granted by the Hon. George W. Allan, in 18.57 firr a Horticultur: 1 Garden. An arrangement has been cultered into with Mr. Allan for exchanging other City properly for this land, the value of each to be decided by Arbitation.
VII. Megill SQLARE-A suit was instituted respecting this property on the 17h August 1857, upon grounds set forth in a Report of the Commitue of that year. This sutt is still pending.
VIII. Soveral other sipures are also said to have keen dedieased to the public in different parts of the C'ry, stech :1s "St. Georgess Enuare" a ABeilevac square."

The groud known as the "Crescm". on Spadina Ar"nue, is also arderitood to have been destined by the successive ownete of the soil, as an open yround for the advantage of the surrounding propert: aulders and the public.

It in probable, that corivejances of these properties to the 6 ity might we oblained from the parties concerned, as soon as the City is prepated is take charge of and improve them ior the purpose for which they were desigued. They slould not be lost sight of.

A; reeably to the By-Law, the fommitse have farther to report that aing the year 13 meetings of the Committee were held, at which a uorum was present; but that no record appears to have been kept of he meetines duly called, but at which there was no quorum, or how often each member was absent from the latter meetings.

As the notices calling the meetings of this Committee, as well as of several other Committees, are i-sued by the C'ity Clerk, your Comrittee recommends that for the future it should be made part of his luty to make an entry respecting every meeting called, in the Minute Book of the proper ccinmittee, with the names of those present and absen: spectively.

Your Committee also recommends that all Standing Committees have stated periods for meetlng besides holding special meetings when necessary.

Your Committee has further to report that Alderman Mowat was elected Chairman of this Committee on the $\because 1 \times t$ of January, that on he 15th February he resigned the ofilice, and that Alderman Read was then elected thereto, and held the olice until the 1 lth Derember, when, in const quence of his having in the previous month been chosen Matut for the remainder of the year, Alderman Mowat was re-appointed Chairman.

All which is respectfully submitted.

> O. MOWAT:

Committee Room,
Chairman.
Toronto, ITh Dec., 1-55

## PRINTING.

The Standing Committee on Printing, beg leave to present ther Final Report.

The Committe in compliance with tha 39 h section of the "By-Law for the better atnemistration of the athaiss of the Corporation" Report.

That, when they assumed oifes, the Printing and Stationery requared by the Corporation for the cuarent year, was their first consileration. Accordingly, Tenders were recenved, and the contracts awouted in favour of Mr. Henry Rewsell fur the suppiy of Stationery, and to Nessers. Thomas \& Maclear for Printing.

The fact was reported to the Counchl, who rejected your Commite e: recommendation, and awarded the contract to Mrs. Chelind.

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From which has been paid tu diturent persons for Alventsing, Printing and statonery. ...... . . . . . . . . . . . . . $2: 21366$

Leaving to the Credit of 5 .... Cu.n..nttee....................... 356 st
Your Commttee would report that, all acconnts placed beforethem were properly certified by the officers crdering the same, before they were passed by the committee. Howere, in inture, the committere

Wrid recommend（to their successors in office）that the Clerk＇s de－ ［＇atment，the Chamberlain＇s department，and the City Engineer＇s de－ $\therefore$ artment，separately procure their own Printing and Stationery ；and Cucp a correct account of the same．Aud，further，that all accounts ${ }^{13}$ ainst this Corporation，for Stationery and Printing，should be rendered ？parately to each deparment，once in every three months．

Lour Committee have presented one Report to the Council，and have aif 11 meetings，at which there was a quorum present for the trans－ ation of hisiness Seven times．The members were present as， $\therefore$－nos：－


It cunclusion，your Committee recommend that in future the ． $\mathrm{tr}-$ asat Clerk，under the direction of the Clerk of the Council，be iu－ isueted to attend all meetings of thts coumittea to keep a record of ！et minutes．

ROBERT J．GRIFFITH，
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Tisohtu，Dec．1ヵが．

Chairman．

## PUBLIC BUILDINGS

rostandit．g Committee on Public Buildings，beg leave to present isir Final Report．

The Committee in compliance with the 39th Section of the＂By－Law ir the better administration of the atlairs of the Corporation，＂state

That during the year，your Committee resommended by a report to Council，that $\$ 350$ be plazed at their disposal，for thoroughly drwin．
ing the City Hall buildiners : and also, that a Water Closet on the 1.4 side of the said building be repaired at a co.st of $\$$ zo,

The Committee report that this work has been done under the s.1" $\mathrm{r}^{-}$ intendance of the City Eurineer, and to the satisfaction of yur conmitter.

Your Committee also recommended by a report which was adopte. 4 . the council, that two Water Closets be erected in connection with taWty Hall, at the South end of the Vegetable Market, -one in comertimn with the Police Otfice, and the uther at the residence: of $1: 1$ Jepruty Chief of Police.

Your Committee raeived tembers for the erection in :he: water elosets, and the contract was awarded :1 Mesols. Tho:u!-
 :u amount within the estmates.
 ;-ropriations not bein's recognised by the Finance Committee, the mo: 0 ? was not a a ailable, and your coinmittec wele obliged to order the payment for the drainare, out of the money appropriated to detray the. the cost of repairs to Pubiic Buildings and lir Fuel, for the corrent yo..' Inder these cincumstances, your committer have only been able to phaceed with the comstraction of one water eloret; and would now nomanmend the attention of their successon- to the necessty for the earil! "m. $\rightarrow$ raction of the other.

On July 31st, your Committec received tenders for a supply of ㄴㄴ, cordo of Wool, is Tuns of Chippman and 8 Tone of Scraton he: Cuat, for the use of the Public diteres. The Committe awatled t: contract to J. G. Beard, Eey., at the fillowing prices:-Wond s: : . per cord; $\$ 445$ Chippawa Coal, and 556212 len Seranton E.ger Comb.

Yuur Committee have had, during the gear, placed to their ere it b.y Report No. 15 of Finance and Assessment, for Repairs,

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Out of which has been paid for Repairs, \&e., to Public Buildings, including one water closet and drainage to City Hall, fuel, \&c.
$2.7130 \times$

Leaving a balauce at credit of Committee ol.............. $\$ 15 \%$.

The committee have had before them，some few petitions of minor importance，all of which your Commiittee have disposed of，they trust for the best interests of the city．

You．Committee bave presented 3 reports to the council，and have held 13 meetings，at which there was a quorum for the transaction of business 12 times；the members were present as shewn by the ac－ companying table ：

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| May $20 t h$ ． | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |
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The Committee in conclusion would state that as the duties devolvin．， upon your Committee，are merely the care of the Public Buildings． there is seldon anything of much importance left in an unfinished state， at the close of the year，however your Committee would direct the at－ tention of their successors，to the rooms occupied as the Office of the City Clork，and urre upon the Council or the Committee the very reat necessity for making some provision at the commencement of the coming year，for the enlargement of that Office，and the Building of a Safe therein．

Your Committ would further recommend，that in future the Assistant Clerk under the direction of the Clerk of the Council，be instructed to attend all meetings of this Committee to keep record of their minutes．

Your Oommittee would also strongly recommend that in future the management of all Buildings belonging to the City，or used for City purposes whether by Police or otherwise，should be vested in the Standing Co nmittee or Public Buildings．
All which is respectfully submitted

WM．W．FOX． Chairman．

## POLICE PRISONS,

The Standing Conmittee on Police Prisons, under the direction oi tine 79th Section of the By-Law for the better administration of the Corpora:ion affairs.

Beg to Repori that in compliance wish the said Law, they have carefully reviewed the diflerent subjects considered by them during their Xear of Office.

When your Committee came into office, they fouud it necessary to choose a Site on the Industrial Farm, (bought from Mr. Scaddiny in 1857,) whereon a Jail and House of Correction might be built, and upon consideration they Selected the piece of ground opposite the Necropolis, and ordered, that the Lots adjacent, should be Sold according to a plan to be prepared by the Architects.

The Committee alon found that a portion of the Farm was Leased to Mr. P. Mullaney, and upon congideration the Committee recommended that he be paid ssou upon his assigning his Lease, which proposition the Council have suce rejected.

A Lease was given to Mr. William Plater of the upper portion of the Indu-trial Farm at $\$ 50$ per year, said Lease to expire on the lst of 3larch, 1859.

Tise Committee have appointed Mr. Thomas Young, as Clerk of the Works at New Jail, and Mr. Tarlton as care-taker on the Farm, and ordered that an old Buidding on the Farm be fitted up for their convenience.

Tenders for Excavation of Foundations and Drains, were advertised for on thr 26 th of June, and the Contract awarded to Mr. George Williams at $\$ 1820$.

Tenders were received on July 27 th for works in connection with the whole erection of the New Jail, when the following contracts were awarded :-

[^0]Sth. Warming and Ventilation.
For all of which, contracts have been legally entered into for the dur performance of the Work, with the exception of Plumbing, Wa ming nul Ventilating, which have been put to Tender, but not yet awarded "any person.

Thi: Committe ordered that a Board Fence Le erected round the Indistrial Farm acoording to a plan to be prepared by Messrs. Thomas and Sons. Tenders were received and the Contract awarded to Messrs. At lagh \& Fon, at $\mathbf{i l}, 054$.

Messrs. Thomas \&'Sons, Architects of the New Jail, have received s.000) in full payment for services rendered up to the end of the yai 1857, and have consented to deliver all Plans Drawings Specifica-tion- 太c., in connection with the Building of the New Jal in consideration thereof.

Messrs. Thomes \& Sons now claim 3 per cent on the amount of works at otit to Contract, and have demanded $\$ 600$ on accomnt thereof. But your Committee have not ordered the payment of any money as it did not appear clear to them what per centage Messrs. Thomas A Sons were entitled to receive, but would refer their successors in wifice to the Eeport made by the Clerk of this Commitiee and submited to them at this their last meeting which was too late, your Committee are of opinion to take action upon.

Your Committee have had placed to their Credit during the year.
For Police Clothing . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $\$ 2,20000$
For Incidental Police Expenditure............................ . 1,900 00

From which they have paid $\$ 4,10000$
For Police Clothing . ................................... . $\$ 1,57: 8$
For Lucidental Expenses. .............................. 1,878 12-3,450 955
leaving at the Credit of Committee............... $\$ 6490$.
Your Committee having Contracted for Winter Clothing for the Police Force to the amount of $\$ 1117$ which will have to be paid out of the ahove estimate, and as it appears, there will not be a sufficient sur deft to meet the Contracts, your Committee have applied to the Council fir a further appropriation.

Your Committee ordered the payment of the following accounts con-

- nected with the Industrial Farm during their ytar of office. dieorge Williams on account of Contract ..... $\$ 1,8: 30$
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Fox and Ardagh on account of Contract ..... fisi 100
Messrs. Thomas \& Sons for Servicer as Architects. ..... 2,00000
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Mr. Yuung, Clerk of Works ..... zil (x)
Mr. Boles. ..... 139 unMr. Tarlton, care taker.
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During the year, your Commattee have had many minor subjects reserred to them, such as Petitions, Cab Stands, Police regulations dic. dic., all of which your Committee have disposed of, they trust to the of the City.

Alderman Carr was Chairman of your Committee, until the 25th of fugrait when He resigned, and his place has since been filled ty Alderman Strachan up to the present time.

There have been 43 meetin;s of your Committer callen, and 15 Repors presented to the council, of thuse meetings there was a quarm for the transaction of business, 34 times at which the names of members present may be seen by the ammexed Statement.


The Committee infconclusion would state, that they have hall the service of the assistant Clerk at their meetings, at which a record of their minutes was correctly kept and would strongly recommend the necessity of having in future such Services, under the direction of the Clerk of the Council.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

## WM. STRACHNN.

Committee Room
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Dec. 1s58.

## PUBLIC MARKETS.

The standit, committee on Public Markels in compliance with the 39 Section of the "By-Law, for the better alministration of the aflairs of the orporatinu" berg to Report.

That on assuming the dutios of Office, your committer resolved 10 eonsider the question of leasing the fees derived from the ditierent markets, and finding from returns furnished by the chamberlan, that the Expenses of Collecting those teed amounted to 37 per rent on the gross sum received an that the expense of collecting the Weightous. fees, amounted to full half of the wole amont paid in ining the year. decided that the whole of the fecanould be lataed by Public Tender ander the managenent and direction of this emmitee.

This was accorlingly don, and on Feb. 2th, 1sis. Mr. Charles Fisher was declared the lessee of the Weirhhouse and Fish Marke: tees, for one year, frum Ist March 1sis for the sum of W. Hickman Jur. for the market feet, but Mi. Hickman haviuse fanled to comply with conditions of Sale, the Market fees were again put $:$ auction, and Mesers. John Wilonch, and Mathew Wilionshby, were declared the lessees of all the fees derived from Market produce brougtht into the City for one year, from 1st, Marrh 1855 for the sum of $£ 1555$.

On the Petition of the Lessees of Stalls in the Lower St. Lawrenco Market. The Committee recommendel that the sail Market be covered in and roofed according to plans and estimates furnished by the Engineer.

This was adopted by the Council, and the matter refered to the Standing Committee on Finance and assessment in order that they might provide the ways and means to pay the same, and you conmittee regret to reporl that up to this time, nothing further has been done
in the matter, your committee wonld therefore recommend the same to the attention of their successors in Office.

On a Petition from J. B. Robinson for the removal of the Frame tuiding in rear of St. Patricks Market, the Committee reported that bey cond not acceed to that request; but upon this being reported io Cinncil, a resolution was moved, andearried. "That the frame building and materials le soll by Public Auction. And the committee beg t., report that his resolution was carried ints eflect under the direction at ૬n C Commiltec.

The Committer have abo to report, that by anthonty of their Repont Sn. S. adupted by Comoril, they have removed the Old Fish Market, from where it stood to its present location on the edge of the Esplanade.

> During the year, your Committee has had placed to their credit by 15 th Report on Finance and as-s-sment. . . . . . . . $\$ 1400$ (t0

Irom which has been paid for emoving Fish Market and wher market purues

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Leaving at the riedit of Committee........................ $\$ 166$ Il

Your Coommittee have preented 7 Reports to the Conncil, and hate held 16 Deelings at which there was a quornm for the transacaction of business $1: 2$ times, and the memters pesent were as followe:

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In conclusion, your committee woull recommend that in future the assistant clerk under the direction of the Clerk of the Comeil be itharructed to attend all mectings of this committee to keep a recorci of their minutes.
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Comittee Room, JONathan miN.
Toronto Dec. $1 \$ 55$.

JONATHAN WNN.
Chairman.

## FIRE, WATER AND GAS.

The Committee on Fire, Water and Gas, in accordance with the ByLaw, entitled. "An Act, to provide for the better alministration on He atfaits of the Corporation," bery to Report, as follows.

## FIRE DEPARTMENTS.


Amount paid for New Hose, 1073 feet.... $\$ 1126 \mathrm{kl}$
" ." for hose reel for No. 4. Ein… 6500
$\$ 1191$-1
Balance........................ $\quad$ :

APPRORRLATION FOR 1s.s.
For Water Works, Cempany supply at
Fires. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $\$ 100000$
"Caters, for Water at Fires......... 700 (0)
"Salaries, for 06 men $\$ 10$ each. ..... . S: 20 ( $n$
.، ". Engincers, Office.s and Branch-
men ............................... . $35 \times 1$ (n)
.، Repaits to Eagines Hydrants \&c..... 150000
" Salaries of Persons in charge of Eur. 460 0.

Wha Balance from 1857, total amunnt at credit $\qquad$

## AMOUNT OF ACCOUNTS AUDITED.

For Wate: Works Company, for Water at Fires.....s 75000
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شRepairs to Engines, Hydrants, \&c............... 1416 (n)

* Repairs to Hydrants, broken by Street Waterers 10756


# " Persons in charge of Engines \&c. 

# Balance. 

$\$ 519495$

A resolution of Council, having passed fur the erection of additional Fire Alarm liells, two were everted; One at Berkeley Street Police -tation, the wher at St. Andrews Market. For these no special appropriation having been made the cost amounting $10 \$ 11470$ for the present is paid out of the funds at the cretit of the Fire Depatment

The Committee have brought up Seventeen reports, all of which have been dispused of. Amonst these there were recommendations for the erection of Eighteen additional Hydrants and Ninety-two additional Gus lamps.

Fr The cont of the Ifydrants las becn provited for ly By-Law, and they have been manufactured. The Water Works Company, however have refused to consent to their being put down, and comnected with the Water Mains, unless an arrangement is made therefor.: This mattes is now in the hands of the City Solicitor.

Of the 52 fias lamps ordered, 46 , have leen erected, and the residue will be as som as rias pipes can le procured,

| Ward of st. David,............ 18 ordered............. 12 , erected. |  |  |
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| -• | .. James,............Is ondered | 7, erected |
| . | " Jontr............. 18 ordered | . 0 , erected. |
| - | " Andrew, ........... ${ }^{\text {c }}$ ordere | .6, erected. |
| - | . Lawrence,.......... 5 ordered | . 3 , erected. |
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|  | 92, ordered | 16, erected, |

The Committee were ralled for 33 meetings and hal a quorum at 26 . Councilman Fux the Chairman attended every meeting of the Cummittee, Alderman Brunel 30 meetinss, Councilman Sproatt, $\because 1$ meetmes, Cuncilman Purdy 19 meetings, Cunncilman Ardagh 16 meetings, Councilnan Lemox 15 mectings, and Councilman Smith 7 meetings.

All ot which is respectfully sulmitted.

Committee Room, City Hall, Toronto 31:t, Dec. 1555.

WM. W. FOX.
Chairman

## WHARVES AND HARBOURS.

The Standing Committ ee on Wharves and Harbours beg leave to
present their Final Report.
The Committee in compliance with the $39 t \mathrm{~h}$ section of the " By-Lar for the better administration of the affuirs of the Corporation, Report.

That, on assuming the duties of Office, the application of James Herson to be relieved from rent due on a piece of around teased to him on the Peninsula, was considered and the Committee reported tu Council, that upon his giving up his lease heshould be releived of the rent. also, that Mr. Parkinson be allowed to trander his lease of a piece of land on the Island to Mr. J. Clisdimaing.

The Committee beg to state that this lieport was adopted in Conacil.
In February a recommendation was made to the Council, that \$ion should be appropriated for the purposer of upening at drain through the Esplanade in order to carry off the surplus water of the Creek near the Patiament Buildines; this way adoped ly Council, and under the direction of the City Engineer the work was executed at a cost of

The Committec report that Alderman Ritehey and Comaillor Upton were appontel Harbour Commissioners on the part of the City on the Toronto Harbour Trust.

In March the Earineer in charre of the Eaplanade, reportel to your Committes that Humphrey Camp \& Co., hat abandoned their contract for the filling in of the Esplatade. The Commattec hereupon thok immediate steps to catise a continuanee of the works and after Tenderhad been receivel for a new Contract, Mcsurs. Humphrey, Camp \& Co. again commenced the work and continued until they devtivered a statement that their work as completed to the Enpanade Enginece. Mr. Fleming, however not concurriag in the measurements, would not accept the work as completed. And the ouly course left for your committee was, to refer the matters in dispute to Mr. Shanley, in complianee with the terms of the Contract; this was done and Mr. Shanley has awarded the sum of $\$ 13615$ in favour of Mesars. Hum. phrey, Camp \& Co., thas in the opinion of yourcommittee finally settling matters between the City and Messiss Humprey, Camp \& Cu., as regards the filling in of the Espianade.

The claims of Albert Furniss and C. S. Cizowskie, for land taken in the construction of the Esplanade was consilered, and the Committes after confening with the solicitor, were of opinion that they could not ake action in the matter till the Esplanade was completed.

In May, on an application being received from Walter Shanley Eaq., the Grand Trunk lhalroad, were permitted by the adoption of your Commitiee's 5 th Report to occupy for a limited time, the 60 feet at the toot of York S reet, forming with the 40 feet of Railway trrek, the whole 100 feet reserved as Leplanade, for a temporary Station, conditioned that the same be eriven up at the pleasure of the Council. The Company have built on the 60 feet, and the City Solicitor was instructed to seo the proper legral conditions entered into according to the terms upon which the permission to acceupy was given.

The committee were empowered by adoptionof Report No. 9 to erect iron staunchons with chains along the front of the Esplanade. From want of material this work has not been carried out, and your Committer recommerd the same to the ear!y consideration of their successurs in ofllee.

By the adoption of Report No. 10, the committee were authorised to eell William Cooderham a piece of City Propetty, at the East end of the city, the price to be determined by Arbitration, subject however, to ihe upinion of the city Solicitor. In this rase an arbitrator was never appointed and the question now awaits the action of a future committee.

Your commithee comsidered a communication of J. M. Strachan Esq., relative to forming a Sireet extending from Front Street to the Esplanadf, East of the Water Lots rented by him from the City. And laving leen authorized by the adoption of thear report No. 11 to form the said Street, urdered the work to be performed under the direction of the City bisineer, and the work has been dome, but only in a temjoraly manner.

Respecting the communication of J . Torrance claiming iemuneration tor a water lut leased by lim from the City, and lately taken wossession of ly har Corporation. Your Commitlee recommended that $\$ 3: 00$ be paid hin upon his surrender of the lease. This sum has been paid, and the surmender is now in the hands of the Rity Solicttor.

The Cominitee have had betore them se;eral petitions claiminer compensation for damages done to property by the construction of the Esplenade, but in no case have they recommended the payment of any sum whth the exception of the claim made by the Consumers Cias Bompany and the Water Company, whose pipes were broken in the progress if the construction of the Expianade.

Your Committee beg to report that they have ondered the Water slip intended to be constructed at the foot of longe Street to ke removed
:o Scott Street, in consequencent the Vonge Street Newer emplying it self at the place designed for the slif, and that the quesion of pump, in comection with these slips has beon considered, but the corinmittee have not enme to any conclusion, and the matter now samds over for the action of anotiser Commitere.

Upon a plan ining sulniatied by the Enginer fior two water slips one at the fon of intar Strect and the other at the foot of Thinity stace. The Comatite reecived haders for their eomstr, celan, and awamed the contract fur the Trinity situt slip io Jinaes Mclonaht, and for the Kingstreet sip to Joh Uilson. These works have not yet tren completed, but the Cummittee are hapry to state that the? are in an adranced state.

The Committee report that the superiatemence of Watersiap in front of the (ity wath handed over, duribes the year by the standing Committec on Fire, Wider and tias, to your Combittere, and that the Works have been cmanuctedty the Contracions, Mesis. Walnh \& Farquhar, that the same has been certified ly the City Chemeer, and dulivered tw the satistaction of your Commille who hate odered payments at different time, amounting to. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . si3.

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When the above slips were compictul, yur committee fuared that they would sustain much damage by vesels being made fast to them, they therefore thought it advi-able to appoint a peran to prevent such ccurrenees and your committec being aware that the Depry Habour Master's duty required that he should be on the Lsplanade continually, placed them under his care; and they havo much pleasure in statiug that the duty has been well performed and to the entire satistaction of your Committee.

Your Committee have presented 15 Reports to the C'ommil, and have held 31 meetings, at which there was a quorum present for the transaction of business 29 times, - the members being present as shewn by th accompanying tablo.

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Your Committee would further recomnemb that，in future the Assist－ ant Clerk，under the direction of the Clerk of the Council，be instructed to attend all meetings of this Committee，to keep record of their min－ utes．

All which is respectfully submitted．
JOHN RITCHEY，Jun＇r，
Chairman．
Oommittee Room，
Toronto，30th Vec．， 1859.

## To the Council of the Coryoration of the City of Toronto:

The Board of Works, in compliance with the requirements of the "Act to provide for the better administration of the aiairs of the Corporation," duss to submit the furty second and inal report of its transactions for the current year.

On the 1 Sth of January 18.5 the fullowing members of the Council were appointed to constitute the Boarl.

Name'y:-


A special meeting of the Buad wa- held on we :1-t of Jannary, at which his Worship the Mayor presited, :um there was a full attendance of the memuers whe edected Aherman Brusel as their Chairman; from that period to the present date, linty regular and difteen special meetines have been collod, at ex-ht of which there were no quornti and at the others, the attentace of members was ats show in an appendix to this reput whel is inserted in compliane with the above mertioned Bye-Law.

On assuminer office, the Board found that in consequence of severai untureseen expenses, and of under cetimating the cust of repariner and mamtamine the city work-, it, perfecesor had incored liabilities
 at its credit, this e cress embraces the sutia of. $5 \pi 3 \%$ beine one hatif cost of Hagring sidewalks opporite the prenases of Br. W. I'. Howland.

Do. Do. Du. Mr. C. E. Momain
$\because 12 \mathrm{~B}$
Paid on account of juigment in fatrour of james beatty, for claims of E. Coatesworth on contract, for repaintir Strects in 18.56. 5133
Paid to J. G. Norris, for damages arising out of abandunment of Wuak by the City.
$1: 000$

## Expended on labonr for cleaning streets, daring the onusta-

 ally open weather in the two weeks prior to the retirement of the Board.31422.76

Leaving $\$ 1268.24$ as the amownt to be accounted for by deficiency if estimates.

Anxious to avoid the otjectionable practice of capending money before obtaining the wathetion of the Council, the present Beard in its sicond report, promented on she Sih of February, latia before the Cormeil, a full statement of the circumstances connected with the above mentioned over expenditure and requesten that it misht be discharged
 Finance Committee, lint as no action was taken the Board again brourlit the matter under the notice of the Council in its 19th Report, which was con-urred in, and the Finance Committet was directed to make spectal provision for this item: that Committee however failed to do so until the matter was again broughit in) by the $39 t h$ Riport of this loard, which was called fir by the intimation that the ober expentiture of 1558 woald be charged against th:s appropriation for the current yone, at a period when the fomed had trey reason to appese that the anount had been otherwise provided for as ordered by the council, and when the balance of the appropriasion wat tow small to meet the chares: the result was, to suspend all $v$ neration of the buard in relation to street repairing ; subsequent to the b...antation of the 39th repont, the necessary action was baken ly the iname Commitue.

This over expenditure is thus pricularly allucied lu, as shersing the importance of strictly a thering the the principle of nut ordering any expenditure of money until a votu of the Cutincil bas placed the funde wherewith to ment it at the dispual of the Board.

This principle has been carefally fllowed during the year now about to cluse, and although some necessary works of repairs have, in consequence, been left undone, it is believed that the example thus se: will be more than an equivalent for any inconvenience or damage that will be sustained.

O: the 26 th of January, the Coun- il placed at the credit of the general street account the sum of s.vo , and on the 3.5 of March, the further sum of $\$ 4000$ was also placed at its credit, with instructions to expend it in such works as would best provide employment for the unemployed labouring men. Previous to this the operations of the Board were confined to street repairs of a minor character, the whole cost of r-lich amounted to $\$ 109935$; but subsequent to that date, in order to

Sive effect to the instructions which accompanied the vote of $\$ 4000$, the grading of Wood, Alexander and Maitland Streets, and in connection therewith the filling of Church Street was commenced, and at the request of the Committee on Police and l'rjsons, some leveling on the tadustrial farm was also undertaken. A large number of men were also employed in throwing snow from the gutters into the middle of the streets, which although an unusual employment is believed to have: been usefuf, inasmuch as the rater courses were thus kept free, the: sleighing within the City prolonged by at least two weeks, and the wear and tear of the streets saved for that length of time. Other ment were employed in breaking stone, but as the first cost oi the material Eormed so large a share-about three-fourths of the outlay, it was considered that the purchase of any considerable quantity from the funds above mentioned would be inconsistent with the intentions with which they were voted.

Darimg the menth of March, while the above named works were in progress there were no less than 1021 applications for employment ; it was impossible with the organization ther azailabie or with the tools st the commard af the Board to eneploy so mary hands, the Board therefore adepted the expedient of affording partial employment, and wher men had worked feur day's, they were made to give place to others for a similar period, and so on in rotation, the latsur was thus distributed amomast the vihole of the unemplored as widely as pussible; for tite same purpose, the wages were fired at half a dollar fer day. But by :hose who are acquainted with the practical superintendance of labour it will be readily understood that works executed under the above named sircumstances will no have been done in the most ecoromical manner, and it is also sufficiently obvious that the economic results which are anticipated from inaving kept the streets covered with snow as lons as possible xill not be appreciated innmediately, it is therefore unatvoilable that the gross expenditure under the head of "general stree: arcount" will be somewhat greater than it would have been under other circumstances; but inasmuck, as by uudertaking the works ia the manner stated, a very large measure of relief was provided for the industrial classes, who would etherwise have remained unemployed it is believed that the Council as well as the citizens generally will concur in the course pursued.

In its 12th report the Board presented to the Council, an estimate of the anticipated cost of current repairs, during the year, amounting to $\$ 67,617$; being composed oi the following items.

Stone and Labour for Repairing and maintaining macadamized straets

| Seraping and cleaning do | 10,000 0 |
| :---: | :---: |
| Renewal of siclewalks.. | 6,81700 |
| Repairs of sidewalks. | 5,000 00 |
| Renewal of street croscipre | 1,000 (a) |
| Repairs of culverts. | 80000 |
| Continumbeies. | 2,000 00 |
|  | 567,61700 |

The above estimate, whic? was intended to cover the previous appropriations of $\$ 6000$, was adopted liy the Concil, on the 4th of May, and was believed to the a fair exhibit of the cost of the several ftems named, but owiner to the cheapness of labour and roaterial in comparison with previous years, as well as to the economy exercised in carrying on the works, a lares redection has been made from the estrmated cost ; not withstandiner this reduction however, the sum of $\$ 45,000$ roted by the Council on the Sth July, "towards the estimate of the Board of Works," was insufficient to meet the required expenditure; indeed is is diffeult to imagine by what process of masonire the Finance Committee arrived at the amount it placed in the estimates for the year for this seryice, for that Committee must bave leen connizant of the fac: that the expenditure for $1 \mathrm{~N} 5 \mathrm{5t}$, and 1 s 5 5 , whet the length of sidewalise, macadamized roads, at well as the extent of (ity works sinerally were lese than in 1 sos by a very consideralle propmion, and when all renewals of shewalks were provide! ser as permanen: improvements, to be paid for out of bormwel capital, was in exerss of the armant provided for in the current year by at least s $\$ 10,41 \%$. The loard has therefore Ben compelled to appli; for a futher appopriation which is done in its Sind Report, and ahhough that repot wis and taken up in time to enable the Board to perform the repairs neces-ary for preserving the City works in that state of thorowh cleanlinsens and whel order which was desireh, it mest not benderstond that may sarimg has been thereby effected; for the expentioure which, for the renoss stated has beer postponed ior the present mast be performe? in the Spring at an enhances cost. A comparatively small oathy in chenaing abd recontirg sense of the macadamisuit strecte duing the wernt upen weather, fur which the broker metal is on hath, :when wihe some miner repais to culverts, crossisgs, and the like wond hase emabled the Buard to tansfer to its successors all the city works under cts come, in a terter statethan they have been in at any previous date.

The 12th Report encanciated the principle thas "all renewal of works should be provided for out of the annual verenue, or in other words should be considered as repairs, and as sach, charged againgy the general street account," before the commencement of the now
closing municipal year this rule nad not been followed, and as previously stated the cost of all works that were entirely renewed was chiefly provided for out of the borrowed capital ; by the adoption of the present rule therefore the renewal of sidewalks estimated at $\$ 6817$, and the renewal of wood crossings estimated at $\$ 10 k c$, const:tute a charge on the general street account not hitherto borne ly it, and in order to institute a just comparison of $t: a$ account with previous years, the last mentioned items must be deducted, this being done the three years will compare as follows.:


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The total expenditure in 1858 haxing been $\leqslant 43,316$ s. and the amount expanded for renewals as above explained, ístiti 17

The amount placed at the credit of the general street acomit for the year now closing, has been $\leqslant 45,000$, to which the sum of \$io) received for old plank seld by tender will be added: the: amount of accounts audited to the present time is $\$ 43346.59$, leavine a balance of 51713.11 which will only suffice to meet the accounts outsta. atillo, but not yet audited; the Board is therefore of opmon that a intuer rote of $5 . .5 \%$ should be placed at the credit of the same acernit which will eqable the loard to pass a bidance to its successors oufticient to meet any energency that may arise, should, as is extreincly probable, a period of open weather set in hefore the new Pranil has had time to press the matter on the attention of the incommar Conal.

In clasing this part of its report the board has much satisfartion in stating that while it inherited only 63 toise of brokin stone for wrec: epairs it will bequeath to its successor no less than 3 Sh trise, which may be considered as an addition to the balance above mentioned of 55910 and as none but the best quality of field stome has bren purchascilduriter the closing year, this material is of a very werior quality.
 provements having received the sanction of the ratepayers, the ford set about the construction of the works therein provided for, but theirextent, and the lateness of the seasion at which ine authority for their construction was obtained, rendered it imrossible to complete the a buture the closing in of winter.

The principal works remaining unfinished are the experimental hiven paving on Yonge Street, for which the material is on hand, the layius down of some macadamizing, and the boulder paving on Windwr

Strect, the Board therefore leaves the completion of these works and some others of minor extent to the next Board; in this connexion it may be remarked that the law prohibits the diversion of the funds, raised for these works to any other purpose whatever.

In letting the works authorised by this By-Law, as well as those connected with the repairs, the Board has invariably given the contracts to the lowest offer, provided the sureties were considered sufficient and the forms under which the tenders were received complied with; the Board has taken this course in the belief that it would best meet the approval of the Council, but although the works have been thereby let at a very low rate, many of them have fallen into the hands of inexperienced persons, and to such an extent has this happened, that only one of the contractors forthe laying duwn of sidewalks, has ever before been engaged in similar works, it has in consequence been nearly inpossible to secure such excellence in the construction of the works, or in the quality of the material, as the Board was anxious to procure, but nevertheless, it is believed that they are as a whole equal, if not superior to any heretofore executed for the City, the main sewers are especially worthy of commendation, and notwithstanding the occurence of some delays in their completion, there is no room for serious complaint against the contractors.

The Board has much satisfaction in referring to the extension of the main sewers, as authorized by the By-Law, and when the great value of these works, in a sanitary point of view is considered, their comple. tion must be matter of satisfaction to the City generally; they constitute a portion of the general system of sewage adopted in 1857, and it now only requires that the mains on Yonge and Parliament streets, should be extended northward to the contemplated limits, and the system will be as complete as the wants of the City will require for many years to come. But although the main sewers may be considered thus near completion the subsidiary drainage is yet in a great measure to be provided for ; the uncertainty which prevailed during the greater part of the year as to the form in which those portions of the new Municipal Act which relate to these works would finally pass the Legislature, retarded the construction of these works in localities where individuals were willing to be specially assessed for their cost, aud although the law as it stands authorizes the levying of a special rate for the use of them in the form of a rent charge, as well as making their use compulsory yet their construction require the raising of capital to an extent which can only be effected by the City at large; notwithstanding therefore that this Board has recommended the construction of a large amount of subsidiary drainage, the cost of which would have been cheerfully borne by the petitioners, and although those recomendations have been concurred in ly the Council, and the Board ordered to accept tenders for the work,
the failure of the Finance Committee to provide the ways and means to meet their first cost has prevented the execution of these very important improvements,

The 26th Report of the Board which was adopted by the Council, on the $22 n d$ of November, recommends, as a measure preparatory to placing the construction of works of this kind on a more satisfactory footing, that a general survey of the existing sewers, and a careful definition of the boundaries of all property abutting on them should be made; for this work some preparation has been made but the pressure of other business incident to closing the accounts fur the year has prevented greater progress.

The amount made available for this service by the concurrence of the Council in the above named report, is, $\$ 2046$ and further particulars are ahewn in the appendix

In the appendix (p. 36) a bynopsis of the works of permanent improvement is given by reference to which it will be reen that their total cost was estimated at $\$ 115,722$, of which sum there has been expended $\$ 77,645,70$, that the amount required to complete them is $\$ 15,15570$ and that the surplus which will remain will amount to about $\$ 22,532$ 20. It is not the duty of the Board to deal with this surplus, as the law provides that no money raised for a specific purpose shall be applied to any other, but it is aratifying to know that the expenditure has been kept so much within ihe estimates.

As many members of the Council as well as some of the citizens appear to entertain an erroneous opinion of the nature and extent of the daties which devolve on the Board, and its officers, it may not be amiss briefly to review the statistics by which those duties may be represented.

The total amount of money expended by the Board during the year now terminating has been $\$ 149,50908$ exclusive of $\$ 912,61$ which was also expended under its management on the Industrial Farm, this brings the gross amount to $\$ 150,4: 2172$; but in justice to the Surveyor and his staff it must be stated that $\$ 10,600$ has been expended under his supervision by other committees, so that in calculating the per-centage of cost for|supervision and ranagement the sum of 161,02172 will be used. The total cost of this department for every purpose connected with this large ontlay has been $\$ 3860,00$ being $22-5$ per cent; of the sums thus expended, however, $\$ 43,346$ was for repairs or general street account, a class of work which involves a very much larger expense for supervision in proportion to outlay than is required for new works, if therefore the per-centage on it is calculated at 4 per cent, the per-centage on the
cost of permanent improvements will be reduced to about 13-4 per cent, a ratio of cost which, as it includes all preliminary surveys and ostimates, the making of plans and specifications, as well as the preparation of the contract deeds and bonds, and general supervision of the works, must be admitted to indicate a careful economy which has never been exceeded, and rarely equalled.

It will $n$, be considered invidious, if in reply to the aspersions which have been cast arsint this Board, the above rate of outlay for superintendance is compared with that which prevailed in the two preceeding jears. In 18.55 the outlay for general street account was $\$ 52,719$, and for permanent impruvements $\$ 116,310$ the cost of the department in that year being sse60 or 31-10 per cent on the sross outlay of $\$ 169,029$; bat, it the cost of supervising the reparsis calculated at 4 per cent, then the sulervision of permanent improvements will be represented by 2 $7-10$ ier cent. Again, in 15.57 the expenditute for repairs was $\$ 55,818$, and fur new wonks $\leqslant 32,170$, while the cost of superintendance, allowing 4 per cent on the former amount must be charged at 6 per cent on the jatter to make up the cest of the department for that year, namely, $\$ 4160$.

Simila: comparisons womld be instituted fol $3 \times$. the transactions of the depatment had been recurded in such a manner as toafford the nece-wary data for comparison, but while enough is known 10 wirrant the sta:e:uent that the ratio of cost was greatly in excess of that which prevailed tluring the three years alluded to, the expenditure is not chasifie.! witn that degree of accuracy which admits of precise dutais, and in this comnection it may be proper to state that prior to 1856 , no Buoks except minutes of its meetings had been keft hy the Board from which an exhibit of its transactions caul be made out, while during the subsequent years, a full set of accounts have been kept by deuble entry, as well as other books in which the most manute details of the Buard's pruceedings are recorded; from these it has been ascertained that luring the closing year there has been recorded 1681 minutes which are numbered and indexed for reference, $2: 30$ notes and memoranda have been entered for the guidance of this and other Boards, and there has been audited 532 seperate accounts and certificates, to each of which has been attached three distinct $v$ uachers and declarations as shown in the appendix, (p.34-5) all of which are signed by the Surveyor and Chairman : the Board has also received, classified, and acted upon 341 Tenders as more fully exhibited in schedule ( p .33 ). There has been referred to the Board by the Council, 97 petitions upon all of which reports havebeen made, in many cases requiringoparticular and careful enquiry into proceedings of previous Council; a correspondence of very considerable magnitude has also been conducted; the City Surveyor has submitted
to the Board 48 written reports relalive to various matters and among ot her detnils it is found that there has been measured, pand the contenta calculated and entere 1 on the Books, the particulars of no less than 1250 seperate quantities of stone broken or unbroken. Bonds and other documents connected with granting permission to construct 67 private drain have been prepared, and all the provisional surveys drawings specifications and other preliminary work connected wit! contracts for the subsidiary drains which remain unconstructed, ar well as many other documents which can not be classitied have been prepared under the direction of the Board or its officers, includng the issuing of 954 notices in relation to the awnings and other matters connected with the Committee on Police \& Prisons.

In concluding this portion of the report the Board submits the following statement of the quantity of the finished works which have been exacuted during the closing year, viz:-

Length of Sewers two miles.
" Planked sidewalks, $13_{3}^{3}$ miles.
". Macadaraiziná complete, three miles.
" Do. in progress and ior which the material is nearly all on hand, $1 ?$, miles.
" Turnpiking and grading streets, $4 \frac{1}{4}$ miles.
Boulder paring, 4009 yards Superficial.
Wooden street crossiags, No. 186.
Stone " " 7.
Newr culverts constructed " 35.

With reference to the future, the Board has but fow surgestions to offer; its successors will doubtloss know how to examine the proceedings of the year closed by this report, and will adopt so much of the policy of the present Board as may be conducive to the general interest of the City, while it will engraft such impruvements on that policy as may be conceived best adapted for the further promotion of those interests, and no portion of the citizens will more heartily rejoice at any amendment that may be introduced by the new board than the meinbers of the present une.

It may not be amiss however to refer briefly to one or two points to which this Board attaches much importance. And first,-it is strongly urged that while in compliance with the By-Law under which this report is submitted, the Board should in no case incur any liability nor authorize any expenditure however small until the funds with which to meet it have been voted by the Council; the estimates on which all appropriations are made should be carefully considered ; by rigidly adhering to this policy the necessity for taking up the estimates for the
current year at the earliest possible period, will be more strongly impressed on the Council, and the importance of carefully revising them and of basing them on reliable data will take the place of that desire to introduce amounts in round numbers, which in defiance of every business principle has marked the proceedings of former years; a course it may be remarked, which has in every case resulted in amended esstimates after the rates for the assesment have been determined, and almost invariably in an anticipation of the revenues of the succeding sear.

Secondiy;-adherence to the policy of providing for all repairs and renewals of works, in the estunates for the general street account is strongly urged upon the incoming Council as well as the succeeding Board, the departure from this policy |which has prevailed in former years has been most injurious to the interests of the City as well as subversive of sound economy, and has resulted morever in producing an erroneous impression as to the cost of repairs and maintenance of the city improvements.

Thirdly ;--the Board would direct the attention of its succeszor to the subsidiary drainage which in several localities has been petitioned for; as tembers for the work have been accepted, the question may properly now be considered as one of tinance, but it originated in the existine Board, and it is proper to place on record the considerations by which this bourd was induced to recommend the comstruction of these work: Which have hesu delayed by causes previously referred to.

The construction of works useful only to limited localities, at the reneral cost of the City has long been felt to be an evil, but the municipal law was not sufficient to enable preceding councils to provide an equitable remedy; hence the attemptis to provide for the cont of works of this class by lexal asesinent have been inoperative, inatsmuch, as the form in which the ify-Liws enacted for that purpose wert passed, hav: not been sustained by the Courts when they have been contested, it has resulted therefore that while the privilege of using sume portion of the sewers has been paid for by parties using them, the greater portion; are so used without any compensation to the City, and their cost is borne by the general revenue, and besides there has heretofore been no law by which the drainage of premises directly into the sewers could be made compulsory, therefore many who have built contiguous to premises already drained have availed themselves of the opportunity to drain without cost, by keeping their basement floors a few inches above those of their neighbours, the injustice of this is manifest, nor is the injustice of allowing the proprietors of vacant lots, which have been enhanced in value by the construction of sewers in adjacent atreets, to escape without contributing an equitable proportion of the
rate necessary to defray their cost, less apparent. Out of the 194,102 feet of frontage abutting on streets where sewers are in existence only 44,432 feet have paid for the privilege of using them; and if the frontare which represents property not liable to City rates is taken at 50,000 feet, there still remains a frontage of 100,000 feet from which a revence might be derived. As soon therefore as the new Manicipal Act hat passed the Lerislature the Board did not hesitate to recommend the construction of the works enumerated in its 15 th report the cust of which may be provided for by entacting a By-Law under the powers granted by the foliowing clause of the Municipal tet of last session.-Section 290.-Subsections
15. "For ascertaining and compellingowners, tenants and occupants - to furnish the Council with the levels of the cellars heretofure dug or " constructed, or which may hereatter be dur or constructed, along the "s streets of the muicipality such levels to be with reference 10 a line fixed - by the By-Laws.
16. "For compelling to be deposited with an officer to be named in the " By-Law, before comenencing the erection of any buildin", a ground ur

- block plan of such building with the levels of the cellars ant basements " thereof with reference to a line fixul by the By-Law.

17. "Por regulating the construction of collar", simks, water closets, " privies and privy vaults, and the manner of draining the same.
18. . For compelling or fegulating the filling up, drainare, clearind, "aherms, relatine and repuiring of any grounts, fard, vacant lutw, -r celian, private drains, sinks, cesspools, and privies; and for assess" ing the owners or occupiers of such grounds, yards, or of the the real "estate on which the cellars, private drains, sinks, cesopools, and - " privics are situate, with the cost thereof if done by the Council on their "default." ...

19 "For making any other regulations for sewerage or drainage that " may be deemed necessary for sanitary purposes."

20 "For charging all persons who own or occupy property, which is " drained into a common sewer, or which by any By-Law of the Coun" cil is required to be drained into such sewer with a reasonable rent " for the use of the same; and for regulatilis the time or times and " manner in which the same is to be paid."

Such a By-Law as might be enforced under the authority thus granted, might be made to produce a revenne from the works already con-

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tructed, but unused, as well as from those constructed hereafter, which would bear equitably on all interested, and after providing for the interest on the cust of works immediately or hereafter required, would contribute a considerable amount annually towards the burden inflicted on the general revenue by the cost of those worbs already in existence, and therefore in abatement of the taxes.

The amount of rental which should be imposed by the contemplated By-Law has also engaged the attention of the Board, and it is of opinion that while it would be unjust to make property abutting on main sewers, which may the considered as having a reneral value to the whole City, bear the whole cont of those works, yet, in all other cases the rental siovald be made to represent the interest, together with a sufficient sinking fund for rencwal and repairs of such a capital as will represent the average value of the whole system oi sewage.

It is a matter of regret with the Board that this important question has not been dealt with in a practical manner during the year now brought to a close, but as the question of levying this rate is so intimately connected with the financial arrangements of the City it would not have been consistent with the duties imposed on this Board to introduce the necessary measures without obtaining the co-operation of the Finance Commitee, it therefore remains to be dealt with by a future Council, and it is strongly urged that a satisfactory adjustment of it should be at once taken up as a matter of very great consequence to a large number of ratepayers.

In connection with these sewers, the Board would tecommend that the survey and maps so necessary to an aljnstment of the question shou'd be completed without unnecessary delay, and it may also be mentioned that as many encroachments on streets and other city property, have been made, the extension of the survey of the sewers, with a view to settling those other matters of boundary would be productive of the most beneficial results.

Fourthly :-'The Board would direat the a ttention of its successer to the recommendations of its $6 t h$, and 21 st lieports in relation to su! sidiary drainage, which have been concurred in liy the Council, and especially tothat portion of them which urges the nece-sity of providing for the drainage of the back lanes and alleys, where the accumulation of the excreta of animals and other filth is annually creating sorious canse for alarm in connexion with the health of the City, especially of that portion of the industrial population whose circumstances compel them to reside in the vicinity of those receptacles of filth.

Fifthly ;-The Board sees no occasion tor recommending the prosecution of any new woris during the succeeding year except those connected with the subsidiary drainage above alluded to, which should be provided for by a local assessment and the completion of such as were authorized by the By-Law of 1858 .

In conclusion this Board has muctr satisfaction in being able on going out of office to hand over to its successor a balance which though small in amount is a sufficent evideuce that in no case has the vote of the Council been exceeded.

All which is respectfully submitted.

> Signed, A. BRUNEL,
chairman

## Board Room,

January 8th, 1858.

# APPENDIX 

## FORTY-SECOND

AND

## FRNAL REPORT

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## THE BOARD OF WORKS,

OONSISTING OP

Tibles of Members' Attindance, Synopsis of Reports presented to Council; Tabulated General and Detailed Statements of Lieceipls and Expenditure, sec., \&cc., alluded to in Report.

Mrember's attendance at the sereral mectings of the Board for the yerer 1-58.


## SYNOPSIS

Of the several Reports submitted to the Council by the Bocurd of Worlis during its tenure of office: - 1858.

REPORT No. 1.-Submitted Jttuary $26 / h$.
Chase 1,-Lecommends that 200,000 teet of Pine Lumber, be adver tised fur, for Repairs.

Tide remm:tenthtion toas negatived by the Council.
Clause :-Requerts that the sum of $\$ 6000$ be placed at $t^{\prime}$, ditit of the Buard for Repairs.
$\$ 2,051010$ granted by the Council.
REPORT No. : .-Submilted Fibruary sth.
Explains that the Board of 15.57 had expeaded the sum of $\$ 2,698$. 95 more than had been placed at its credit, and requests that the present Buard may be elivesel therefrom, and that the amouat b. charged to the Expenditure of 1sist.

Adopted in full, Murch isth.
REPORT No. 3.-Submilted February $94 t h$
Clause 1,-Anlis leave to purchase 500 Toise of Stone for Reparry.
Adopted March 29th.
Clause $\Omega,-$ Reports having considered the communication of M. H. Fankoughnet, freferric.g on behalf of the heirs of J. W. Gamble, Esq, a claim for eumpensation for land taken in opening portions of Edwarl, Terauley, and tilizabeth Streets; and informs the Council that having procired the legal opinion of the Hon. J. II. Camerun, (ivthim, is attached to the Report) the Boerd recommends "that no steps what"ever should be takeal it the matter."

## Adopted Harch 15th.

Clause 3,-Recommends that the Petition of Mrs. A. McDomul, for the re-payment of money expended on Duncan Street, be not eorreplied with.

Clause 4,-Reports on the Petition of A. K. Boomer, and other* as to the employment of Labourers in St. George's Ward, and that the gesessary steps had been taken in regand thereto.

Adopied March 15th.
Clause 5,-Recommends that all advertisements issued by the Board - Works be published in one daily paper only.

Not adopted.

## REPORT No. 4.-Submitted Felruary isind.

Recommends that the silewalks on ling Strect, from Berkley to Simcor Street, and on Yonge Eireet from front to Qneen sreet be bured with stome, the ent tu be provided by special arsessment on the property benefited: and that no pat of them le re-constructed with woul, it also urges upon Council the advantase of, and the necesenty for dramine and pavine all the back lanes within the fire limits, the soat thereof th be als, provided for by special assessments.

Adopted April 19th.

REPOR'T No. 5.-Sumitted Yurch 8 th.
Clause 1,-Reports upon the petition of Henry Jarlin, praying payment for work done fortiemard bibsen; and recommends that the pioyer of the petition be not comphied with.

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Adupled March Z2nd.
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Cbuse 2 - L Lon the petition of Samuel Lar and others, recirnmending that the ( t t becomes a conenting party to the irocuing of an
 Street to Spalina Avenue, but that no expense ehoud be incurred in connection therewith.

Adopted Murch 2 Nind.

REPORT No. $6=$ Submitted NIurch 15th.
Clause 1,-Rec immenc's that James Philips be paid $£ 15$ compensation for personal ditmage sustained by him on Palace Street.

Adoplel March 9'th.
Clause $2,-$ On the netion of Alfed Brown, ont othera, for the

that it be complied with, on condition that all property benefitted thereby, be assesed for the cost,

Adopted March 29th.
Clause 3 ,-Recommends that $\$ 1500$ be placed at the credit of the Board for the purpose of scraping and cleaning the several macadamized Streets.

## - Not Adopted.

Clause 4, -Recommends that 10 new street Cnlverts be constructel on an improved priticiple, according to a design made for the same by the City Survegor.

Adopted March 29 h.

REPORT N:. 7.—Submitted March gand.
Reparts having performed the scraping of the macadamized Streets, by days latnor insteal of leting the same by contract, and explains the nucessily for so duing.

Ado. ted March 29 h .

REPORT N. S.-Submilled March s9h.
Clutuse $1,-$ Asks permission to advertize for tenders for the supply of lumber and nails for repaining plath sidewalks.

Clause 2,-For the laying down of wood crosings.
Clnuse 3,-Recommends that the Clairman of the Board, and Ilis Worship the Mayor, be a committee fot takinir steps to procure the insertion of such clauses in the New Municipal Act as will enable the Oouncil to equaize the coateraplated assessinents for local improvenents.

Adopied in full, April $1 \geqslant t h$.

REPORT No. 9.-Submitted April 5th.
Clause 1,-Reports on the potition of Georg̣e Graham, and others, praying that steps be taken to restrain J. W. Gamble, Esq. from closing a lane leading from Edward to Elm Street, and recommends that no action be taken in this matter, and refers to Report No. 6. on this same subject.

Clause 2-On the petition of Henry Laillaw, and others, praying that means be adopted to widen, and otherwise improve a lane leading, from Queen Street, into Esther Street, the Board recommends compliance therewith, provided that Esther Sireet, be conimued to Patrick Street, and that the owners of property benefitted thereby be specially ansessed for the cost.

Adopted April 1 Ih .
Clause 3,-Recommends compliance with certain petitions for Street watering, and requests leave to act upon all similar ones without delay.

Adopted April 12th.

REPORT No. 10.—Submitted April rth.
Reports the expenditure, of the present Board, during its tenure of antice and requests that a furlher sum of $\$ 4000$ lue placed at its credit on account of the annual estimates.

Adopted April $12 t h$.

REPORT NO. 11-Submilted April12th.
Reports having completed coneracts for 500 toise of stone with partialars thereof.

4dopted April 19th.

REPORT No. 12.-Submitted April 12h.
Reports listimates, and other particulars relative to the permanent improvements, which are recommended to be undestatien during the ceirrent year, with the reasons therefor.

Adopted May 4th.

REPORT No. 13.-Sulmilled April 26 th.
Clause 1,--Recommends that all private drains, constructed during the current $1 r$, be let by public tender, and that no other person but the contrutor to whom they may be let should ee allowed to break up the streets for the purpose of inserting them.

## Adopted.

Clause 2,-Further recommends, that the Board be authorized to baye

Die cames of all atreets conspicuously written or otherwise exhibited 21 their junction wit' each other.

Rdopled by Cunncil. - Finance Committce reported no funds.

REPOR'T No 14. -Swibilted April $26 t h$.
Supplementary to the 12 h , on "Permanent Improvements."
4 dopted with amendments May 4if.

REPORT No.15.-Submitted 1fay 10th.
Gives estimates and other riemoranda respecting certain sireet sewers, which property hodles have petitioned the City to build, and Aor the cuet of which the owners of the property abutting thereon ars willias to be epectially assessed.-Recominenda that the eame be sanstricted

Adopted with amendinents Aug. 23rd.

REPORT No. 16.—Submitted June 7h.
Claxse 1,-Reports on the petition of W. W. Coldwell and others, praying for the opening of Ontario Strect, from Robinson to Queen sitreat, and recom nends "that no action be taker, at present relative $\approx$ to the opening or widening of streets."

Adopted June 10th.
Clause 2,-On the Petition of James Brown and others, for the widening of Pust Office Lane, Recomineads that no expense should be incurred for widening the lane in duestion until it can be met by an zasesment on the property to be iminediately benefitted.

Amended by adoption of the following motion :-
Moved by Alderman Read, seconded by Alderman Moodie, and re-colved:-

[^1]"accopted by the owner of the land required, and to talke the necessary "steps to carry out the same if the land can be obtained on favourable terms and the means obtained for that purpose."

Clause 3,-Reports upon the communication of Messrs. Wilson, Patterson and Beatty, (solicitors to Mr. James Beatty,) relative to the westorn boundary of the lane referred to in the preceding clause, and states that the Board is unable to discover that the owners or lessees of the property abutting on the lane have at any time come under any agreoment with the Corporation, whereby the present boundaries of the lane would be changed.

## Adopted June 10th.

Clause 4,-Recommends compliance with the petition of Thomas Dick and others, for a topographical survey of the valley of the Dons River.

Adopted June 10th.

REPORT NO. 17.—Sitbmitt d July $131 \pi$.
Clause 1,-Reports on the petition of J. D. Ridout and others, for improvements on Maria streel, and recommends that no expenditure of money should be made on this street umtil it has been made the proper width.

4dopted August 31st.
Clause 2,-Upon the petition of A. M. Clarke and others, for improvements on Grosvenor Street, recommends that no action should be taken until the sewer has been built as previously reported on.

## Adopted August 31st.

Clause 3,-Reports on the petition of James Brown Junr., and othera, for improvements on Clover Hill, and recommends that the residente in the lucality be allowed to put down a box drain for temporary purposes.

## Adopted August 31st.

Clause 4,-Recommends that the stone bridge over the creek ors King Street West, be widened and the street filled in, so as bo give a belter approach to the Provincial Exhibition.

## Rejected August 31st.

Clawe 5,-Reports having commenced the grading of some of the stroots, included in the By-Law, providing for permanent improve-
ments in order $t$ ) afford immediate relief to some portion of the unemployed labourers.

Adopted August 31st.

REPORT No. 18.-Submilul July 19th.
Reperts having referred the clam of Mr. Thomax Saulter on account of a contract for stone to the City Sulicitor and reconnmenis that Mr. Saulter's ciain be not entertained.

Adopted siusust :̇erd.

REPORT No. 19.-Submilled July 26 ch .
Clause 1, -Reports that the Board had leamed that the Financo Committee proposed to charye the over-expenditare of 1857 agailist his years appropri tion and recos d- its opinion that the amount in question should be provided for as previous! y ordered by the Council.

Adopted.
Cliuse :,-On the Petition of Messrs. Beatley \& Burroughs anduthers for a new crossing on Yonge Street, between hints and Adelaile Street, and states that no funds are iavaiable for that purfise.

Adopled.
Clause 3,-Upon the Petitionof (jeorce Rich and others, for improvements on a lane between Mchiahois and Berkley Streets, and reporta that there are no funds at tho diaposil of the Board for that purpose.

Adopted.
Clause 4,-Recommends that the Cholera Sheds on the new Streats laid out on the Garrison Common, be disposed of by public aucion.

## Adopted.

REPORT No. 20.—Submitted July 26th
Reports having accepted tenders
For lumber and nails for repairing sidewalks.

* Stone crossiugs.
* Wooden crossings.
* Metal castings for culverts.
" Labour to Experimental Paving.
" Main sewers on Parliament Street Nelson and Jarviz Streot

King Street, Simcoe to John St., and Broch Street and Spudina Avenue: For the putting in of all private drains.
or the ercetion of the new Don Bridre.
" stone and labour for macadamizing, turnpiking and gradiss several strems.
( the construction of several sidewalks and toulder paving.
Adopted in full Aurust 31st.

II:PORT Nu. :1.-Submittcd August and.
dives statistire, data, and memoranda on subsiliary and house Arainage, chiffy compited foom the reports of the General Board of Health, homdon, England, "and recommends taat the principles which - have after nany years of enquily and trial received the sanction of "such high authority should al-o be adopted by council."

Adopted i, ful Nor. 15 th., wilh a rider, providing that "no sunitury "pipes should be rammmended less than six iuchis in diameior."

## LEPOPT No. 22.-Submitted August 9th.

Clause 1, - Reports on the petition of James Austin, for leave to construct s'cps to a basement, in the st. Lawrence block, and recummendn that as the proposed encronchment will not infringe upon the publis - rect, leare be granted on condition that the projection shall not exceed a 0 inclues in breadth.

Adopled Nor. 19th. with an aneendment providing:-
"That permission be sranted on the terms proposed in the report "and on the further condition that the cumcil be at liberty to put an "enl to the permission whenever the Council thint the public inter" ests require the same to be done."

Clause $2,-$ Oin the petition of A. M. Clarke, and others, as to damagen sustained t. property on Ann, and Church Streets by reason of a creek in this locality.
"The Board reports it opimon that the only effectual remedy will be If to connect the sewer on Church Street, between Gerrard and Carl"ton Street. and that bring a parely local work, the property now affec. c. ted by the nuisance torether with such other as may he benefitted by "the construction of the sewer should be made to defray the coat " thereof by a local assessment."

REPORT N. 23.-Submitted August 19/h.
Reports having necepted tenJers
For new plank sidewalks.
" Street lilling.
" Boulder and experimental paving.

## Adopted August 31st.

REPORT No. 21.-Submit'cd Stpt. 6th.
Clause 1,-Reports that a piece of si lewalk potitionel for by Joseph Foster, being included in the appropriations will be constructed.

Adopted Nou $22 n d$.
Clause 2. - Oil the petition of John Eiliot, connty clerk, it 18 recommended that the County Council be not permeted to drain the goal premises until the usual conditions have been complied with.

Adopted Nour. 22nd.
Clause :3,-On the petition of John Bell, and others, for inprovements on Richmond Street Fast, the Buand reports that it cannot rerommend compliance thore with " becauss no appropriation has been made to " meet the expenditure."

Adopted $\operatorname{Cu}$. $2.2 n d$.

REPORT No. 25.-Submilted September 13th.
Clause 1, -Reports that in order to carry out the amen Iment to its tifteenth report the Board has caused new drawings to be made for the con-tuction in brickwork of such sewers as the said report recommended to !e of 15 meh Sanitary pipes.
The athitional cost being estimated at $\$ 18 ? 2$.
Alopted September 1Sth.
Clause $\simeq,-$ The Board further reports having opened the tenters for the whole of the sewers which had been formally Petitioned for and that as the tenderz of Messrs. Carruthers and Hitchell, we:e the lowast throughout, the Board recomments that their offer be accepted for the following:-

| Richmond | Street, | Simcoe to John. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yonge | $"$ | Ann to Blonr. |
| Gerrard | $"$ | Yonge to Jarvis. |
| Elizabeth | $"$ | Agnes to Avenue. |
| Terauley | $"$ | Elm to Avenue |
| George | $"$ | Duke to Queen. |


| Alexander | " | Church to Yonge. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Grenvile | " | Yonge street Westward. |
| Grusvenor | " | D". do. |
| Queen | $"$ | John to Beverly. |
| Juin | $"$ | Kine to Queen |
| Shuter | $"$ | Church to Mutual |

Adopted Scptember 13th.

## REPORT No. 26.-Submitted Sept. oth.

Reports the intention of the Board to bring in a By-Law at an early date, authorizing the leyging of a rate, on ail projenty abont:ng upon public Sewers which have not heretofore receiv il : . . . 1 e to use them, and that in order tu carry out this intention effectual! t will be nevesary to have a surby of the several public suwne erabiting accurately the boundaries of all properties thereon, and wommendo that this survey be prepared under the direction of t:". City Surveyor and that he: be permitted to employ such a!dition win usul staff as may be regrated for the purpse, and fanther that " is the Board " proposes to charge against the "Pemanent linpovements," "account an equitable proportion of the current expelses of "the rifice the sums neces-ay for the payment of such ablational "assitatice will be available from the amonts a'realy estimatel and "granted for defraying the expenses of the City arvegno vilice."

Adoptid Noc. S!nd.

REPORT No. afh.—Submitted Sept. oth
Cluse 1,-Ruports having accepted tenders.
For macadamizing.
" lumpiking and grading.
" platked sidewaiks.
" street hlling, (Suath Park Street.)
Clause $2,-$ That the Tender of George Williams, had been previonsly accepted for the street fillirg last named, but that Mr. Willia:'s declined to go on with the contract, whereupon the Board re-adrentized the work, and is of opinion that Mr. Wibliams should be excluded from again taking contracts uncler the Board.

Adopted Navemb r 19ch.
REPORT No. 29.-Submilted October 1 t th.
Clause 1,-Reports on the petition of Andrew Andrews and others for the continuation of the main sewer on Spadina Avenue, that this
sewer is already under contract to the limit defined in the By-Law.
Adupted November 19th.
Clause ${ }^{2},-O n$ Petition of John Zimmerman and others for the remeval of material from off Simeoe Sheet, that the work will be done in due cour-e.

Adopted November 19th.
Clause 3,-On the Kev. Mr. Kennedy's petition for an additional sidewati on Bathorst sitent, compliance thesewith is not recommended as there is no appropriation for it.

Adopted Nutember 19th.
Claus 4, -On Petition of T. O Weil for permission to protrude step into tie sidew.lk on Adelaide sireet, the Board reports that me sued ercroachonents shoald bo permitten.
ddopted November 19th.

## REPORT No. 2!!. Submitted Uitober 17.

Reports having ace pted, Tenders.
For celar curbe for culverts.
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" macadamizing.
Adopted Nuc. 19.h.
REPORT No. 30. Subaittel Novemler lst.
Reports additional cases where works, let by public competition to persons who subsequently neglected, or refused to exccute the contracte, bad been given to noxt lowest Tenders namely:-

1. Wood crossings, 1 tt to Robert Boyd. who proved to the satisfaction of the Board, that he had mat!e an error in computirg the quantities and was permittel to withdraw his tender.
2. Bocl: Street sewer, hwest tender ly Mr. C. B. Huwitt, who was allowed to withdraw it, on shewing that his clerk had made an error in copying out the same.
Mescr.s. Todd \& Gearing being the next lowest were then offered the work but refused to go on with it, as did also Mr. Thoman Simpson who stood next.
3. Planked sidewalks on Jarvis Street, first let to Mr. John Sidaway, who failed to execute a contract and they were subsequently let to Mr. John Shea.
4. Cedar curbs and stone flags for culverts, macadamizing Fast Market Street, and sundry planked sidewalks.

The lowest tender for these works was made by Mr. Charles Robertson who derlined to sy on with them, and they were in eash cawe awarded to the persuns making the next lowest offer.
Adopted in full Nur. 19th.
REPORT No. 31.-Submitted Nov. Eth.
Clause 1,-Reports that the sewer built on Windsor Street, by the oiginal promeners of the property is so imperfectly coastructed as to be useless, and reommends that the permanent roadway be not conetructed until the sewer has twen rebuilt.
Adoptct Nov. 19th.
Cluss* 2 ,--O: meramial of John Langton, Esq, for the widening of Weileny Stret, from Yonge stret, to the University Pak it is recommended that the sa:ne rute should be carried out as has been recommended by the livard, in similar casies.

Adopted :irev. $19 t h$.
Clause :3,-Reports on the petitisa of T. Hedge ant other, that the oarth necessanily acce mulated during the construction of the main sewer on spadina Avenue will be dippsed of ind due course.
Adopted November 19th.
Clause :--Reprorts on the petition of John Bassett aml others for 1 . . econtinuativn of the sewer on Elizatuct Stree: and recorids its opinion that "it, is well as all other worlis similaty recommended should be -. carried to completion as soon as the ways and means are at the dispo-- al of the Council."

Adopted Nuzember 19th.
Clause 5. - Reports that the lateness of the season has made it neceseary to dispense with so mach of the 33 nit , clause of the Py-Law is provides "that all works shall be advertized at leat two weeks before "being let by contract" in relatinn to leting sidewal's in various places.

Adopted Noiember 194.

## REPORT No. 3: Subinited Nurember 8ill.

Requests the attention of the Council to the estimate of the Board for the strect repairs which was adopted and amounts to $\leqslant 67,61707$, the sum of $\$ 15,1 \% 00$ "towards" this estinate was voted in passing the 15 th, report of the committee on Fiuance and assessment.
And the Report then states, "that after proceeding with the repairs in "the most economical manner consistent with the due preservation of " the works committed to its care, the sum placed at its credit is now " nearly exhausted, and that to keep the City works generally in good "repair, and to be able to hand them over to the succeeding Board in a
"satisfactory state, it has become necessary to deriand that a further * credit be granted."

Amended January 6 th 1859.
REPORT No. 33 - Sumittel Noucmber $1.5 / h$.
Clause 1.-Reports on the per ition of J. W. Bow wh, praying paymeat for a sewer built by him on Mutnal Street; that the wurk in question is one of the numerous sewers petitioned for. Mr. lioner-, (one of the petitioner, appited to the Board to ha-ien its constracein, when, as the boud had no pmwer to do su, Mr. Rugers was permitted to open the atreet, and drain his prentises at has own cust, and he employed dis Bowiden to do the work.
Adopted Nov. ミ2ite.
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Clause $4,-\mathrm{Re}$ mis that the lateness of the season realers it expedient that the Buad bs pernitued th sibe part of the macalamized Streets to the second inssist Tenler, as the persoas wis, were loisent vould be unable to complete the wert a the.

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REPORT No. 31. Submilled Noi. 15th.
Reporis the cost of constiactiar roald, aind sidewalis, tu the exhibifion Buillins, as authonized by Council and recommends that the Finance Committes 1. instructed $"$ liquidate the cost thereof amouatin's to \$1611.s\%, from any funds at its dieposal.

Adopted Nuiember iznd.
REPORT Yo. 35. Submillad Nou. 22al.
Reports hatring sceepted tenter: for sundry planked sidowalks, abd states the reason for not giving tiem all to ons person.
Adopted Noo. :2nd.
REPORT N. 36. Submilled Nov. :90lh.
Reports circumstances under which the salary pait to J. II. Pattivon, occretary, and draughtsman to the Barl was determined and recommends that he be paid f 50 for extra services, aiso enumerates the aiditional services alluded to.

Adopted Dec. 30 th .
REPORT No. 37. Submited December, 6th.
Reporte on petitions of John Orr, and Alice Calaghan for compensa-
fine for dinnges done to their respective premises on Queen Sireet by the raising of the siterwalk and submits the opinion of the City solicitor in the cate and states that it woud be ine pediert to encomage such claims and therefore declines to recoin nend any compensation.

Adopled Jarnary 6th 1853.

REPMRN No. :3. Submiticl Decmber, 13th.
Repurs on the petition of istr. Willan ilenderson, as to the removal of the surplus earth trom Jarvis street sidewalk and sewer, that the oarth in que-lion has been used in the manner originally intended.

Adopred Jentary th 1659.

REPOR' No. :3. Submitted lecember, 20th.
Clacse 1 , - Reponts on the pethtu: of Charles Eright for payment for extra wilth of sudewank emstruted by him on King Street Eat and dechenes recommenting compliance with the prayer of the Petition the work havgetien done without the knowledge or concurrence of the Counci-

Clum: :--Reputs that the operations of the Board as far as general *ise i winir, ame concerned, hisw been bought to a sudden teimination by thathers Comathe having, contrary to the intructions of the Cunacil, charged to to delit the amount over expended by the loward of 15.5 and declares that in consequence, " no matter what "damar.", aray wsult in any of the woks under its care the Boad can" not then tuy steps towards prutecting t:em without contravening the By-Law of tse Councii."

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REPCIRT No. 40. Submilied Dec. 27 th .
Reprers that in consequence of the diversity of matters under its care the Board is unable to coully with $t$ e 3 Jh clause of the "By-Law "for ti:e better administration of the affairs of the Corporation," and requests:ullextensisa of time for making its final report to the Council. A lopicd Januery 6th 1853.

REPORT No. 41.—Sulmitied Dec. 20th.
Clause 1,-Reports upon the petition of D. McLachlan for compensation for extra works in connection with the sewer outlet at the foot of Parliament Strect, with eregard to which the City Surveyor, for various reasons staied, recommends payment in which recommendation after consulting the City solicitor, as to the validity of the c'aim the Board © ©

Clause 2, - On it cormmuntry of C. W. Patterson on behalf of the

Trustees of Cowns Chumb, for connemsation for damages smained by the strect waters thomith, the basment of that buiding the damage
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## FORM OF CERTIFICATE ON WORKS.

## (Copy.)

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## SURVEYOR'S OFFICE,

City Hall, Septembr 2.2, 1853.
I hereby Certify, that Thomas Simpson, is entitled to receive the Sum of Eight huodred and thity-seven dollars, ou account of hie Contract, for the following work, viz. :-


THOMAS BOOTH, City Sirveyor.

Board of Works Officea
September 9 Ind.. 1858.
The City Chamberlain will please pay the above a.nount of $\$ 8: 27$ and eharge to main sewer appropriation for 1858.
(Sigued,
A. BRUNEL,

Chairmen

## FORM OF DECLARATION

Signea' by the Surveyo, and attached to all Accounts or Certificates.
CITY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE,

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\text { Toronto, Sept. 2Znd., } 1858 .
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I hereby certify that tise Certificate hereto annexed, is on account of the new Sewpr on Kiugryreet West, which said work was ordered to be done by the Bord of Work; a al that I have examined, measured, and computed the same, and thit Thomas Simpson is entitled to receive the sum of $\$ 827$.
(Signed)
THOMAS BOOTH,
City Surveyor.

## COPY OF DECE $\backslash R A^{7}$ ION

Signed by the Chairman and altached to all accounts passed by the Board.

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { BOARD ROOM, } \\
& \text { Toronto, Sept. 22, } \mathbf{1 8 5 6 .}
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The Board of Works hereby certifies that the work stated to have been done in the above certificte of the surveyor was done with the sanction and by the direction of this Board, and under the authority of a By-Lavr of the Council, pasied July 5th, 18.53.
The Chamberlain will therefore pay to Thomas Simpson, the sum of $\$ 827$.
(Signed)

## A. BRUNEL, <br> Chairman.

## COPY OF DECLARATION.

Altached $\bullet$ or worilten upon all ordiuary accounts, and Signed by the Contractors.

I hereby declare that no member of the Council or Office of the Corporation has any interest whatever in a private capacity, directly or indirectly, in th s acdount, or in any part of the work, goods or materialn mentioned therein, or in the money hereby claimed.
(Signed,
THOMAS SIMPSON.
STATEMENT





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## STATEMENT

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Thos. Booth, City Surveyor............................... $\$ 2,00000$
J H. Pattison, Secretary \& Draughtsman to the Board.... 1,000 c0
Joseph H. Bennett, for one half of his services, the other
pa:t being rendered as Inspector of Buildings...... 330 co
Hobert Wilson, Rodman and Messenger.
38000
A lditional assistants employed occasionally during the season 18000

Toal puid for Salaries ant Services...................... $\$ 3,86300$

The Expealiture on the General . Street Account being $\$ 43,346-4$ per cent bereon for supervision (vide Report) gives.
\$1,731 00
Leaving chargeable to the general Improvement Account and available for the apurpose of conducting the survey authorized by the Council in adopting the 26 th Report of the Board 2,126 0 )
$\$ 3,86000$


[^0]:    1st. Brick Work, Masonry and Cut Stone
    Work and Slating: . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Messrs. Skelsey \& Sinclair.
    2nd, Carpenters', Work ................. . James Walsh.
    3rd. Iron Work... ......................... Joha McGee.
    4th. Plasterers' Work... ................ A. Loftus.
    5th. Painting and Glazing. ............... M. O'Connor.
    bth. Tinsmiths Work...................... John McGee.
    7th. Plumbing.

[^1]:    " That the 2nd clause of the report be not now adopted, but that it be * referred to the Finance Committee to ascertain upon what terms the ${ }^{6}$ land can be obtained for widening the Post Office Lane, and to see if " an exchange of other land in the looality can be made, and will bo

