

A cet endroit se trouvent

Deux rapports de feux

de l'inspecteur Perrigo du

13 et 14 janvier 1847

voir: 119-06-01-01

VM 50/2,9

GRAND FURNAL # 27.1

GRAND FURNAL # 27.2

Moved by *A. Dumont* Seconded by *Councillor Kelly*

That the Report of the *Finance* Committee,  
now before the Council, be received and adopted.

To His Worship the Mayor  
The Aldermen and Citizens of  
the City of Montreal,  
The Petition of the undersigned  
Respectfully sheweth

That they - in  
ignorance of the requirements re-  
-garding the erection of Steam Engines  
contained in the Bylaw of the  
Council of the City of Montreal  
(No 169) entitled "To Prohibit the  
erection of any Wooden Building  
or Fence within the parts of the  
City therein defined" - ~~we~~ have pur-  
-chased a two horse power Engine  
for the purpose of working their  
Printing Press which they are desirous  
of erecting on their premises in  
St Gabriel Street. The Building in  
which the Engine (if permitted)  
will be erected is of stone detached  
from the main building and some  
ninety feet distant from any  
public thoroughfare (the law  
requiring 100 feet) and the boiler  
of their Engine is provided with  
Safety

safety valves' so as to avoid almost  
the possibility of a accidental explosion.

Under these circumstances your  
Petitioners pray that your Worship-  
-full body will be pleased to order  
a survey to be made of your  
petitioners premises and of the  
Engine in question and that should  
the result of such survey demonstrate  
that the spirit of the By-law above  
referred to will not thereby be  
infringed, or the lives or properties  
of the Citizens be endangered that  
you will be pleased to grant to your  
petitioners permission to erect  
the said Steam Engine in the  
situation and for the purpose  
before mentioned.

Therefore your Petitioners pray  
your worship full Body will  
be pleased &c &c &c

Montreal 16<sup>th</sup> January  
1846

Robert Meir & Co

Petition of  
Robt. M. H.

Rec'd 16<sup>th</sup> Jan'y 1846  
Clerk 21<sup>st</sup> a a

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A son honneur le Maire, aux Echevins  
sans Citoyens de la cite de  
Montreal -

Le Comite du Feu ayant pris en  
consideration la requete de M. M.  
Robert Meir & cie exposant que  
dans l'ignorance de l'existence  
d'un Reglement du Conseil prohibant  
l'erection de Machines à vapeur  
dans certaines parties de la cite  
ils ont achete un Engin de  
pouvoir de deux chevaux  
pour faire fonctionner leur  
presse à imprimer, & demandent  
la permission de l'erection dans  
une maison de guerre detachee  
de leur principal etablissement  
situe sur la rue St-Jacques, à  
une distance d'environ 90 pieds  
de la rue - a l'honneur de  
faire rapport.

Le dit Comite considerant  
l'absence de danger & étant  
informé qu'il est pourvu  
à des ~~vannes~~ soupapes de sûreté  
pour le bouillonnement sera employé

dans la vatitude, recommande  
que la demande des secours  
soit accordée à condition  
que l'engui n'excèdera pas  
un pourcentage de deux chevaux  
qu'il sera exigé sous les  
directives & d'après les ins-  
tructions de l'Ingénieur  
en chef -

Le tout néanmoins  
soumis -

Chambredulointe

31 Janvier 1846

To His Worship the Mayor, the  
Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Montreal,  
The Fire Committee of the Council,  
Respectfully Report:—

On the Petition of Messrs Robert  
Weir and Company, stating, that in ignorance  
of the existence of a By-Law of Council,  
prohibiting the erection of Steam Engines, within  
certain parts of the City, they have purchased  
a two-horse power engine for the purpose of  
working their printing press; and praying  
to be allowed to erect the same in a stone  
building, ~~attached to their main establishment~~  
situate on A Gabriel Street, and some  
ninety feet distant from any public  
thoroughfare—

Your Committee, considering the  
absence of danger, and being informed that  
safety-valves are provided for the boiler to be used  
in the building, recommended that the petition  
prayer of the Petitioners be granted, on condition  
the engine do not exceed two horse power, and that  
it be erected under the direction and according  
to the Instructions of the Chief Engineer—  
The



The whole nevertheless

Respectfully submitted

Committee Norm. City Hall  
Montreal 31 January 1846

J. Couillard  
Chairman  
G. L. G. G. G.  
L. G. G. G.

Committee Reports

As per Minutes of the  
Society

Presented & adopted  
6 Feb 1846

La Maire, aux Echevins & Consoillers  
de la Ville de Montreal

Respectueux Proprietaire de la Ville  
de Montreal by pare exemplement qu'il  
aurait fait construire l'annee derniere  
dans le faubourg St. Jacques de cette ville,  
une petite maison en bois d'un étage,  
qu'il aurait eu plusieurs difficultes et  
serait même encore en Pairs avec le  
pauvre Henry Duff, Intendant de la  
dite maison au sujet particulièrement  
de la Cheminée, attendu que son sieur  
Monsieur D'aurait fait faire la dite  
Cheminée d'assez grande hauteur la  
ayant eu quatre paues à quatre paues même  
d'espaisseur, ainsi que les faubourgs, dont le dernier  
d'ancien était rempli de mortier tellement qu'il y avait  
un puerre en briques pour les causes des dits  
que les faubourgs et avaient été mis de la  
et toutes sur la glace, que dans le tuyau de la  
Cheminée qui était de briques et avait été mis  
plusieurs morceaux de bois charnés un peu de la  
Cheminée à la plus de deux paues de distance,  
que Mr. Perrin, inspecteur, aurait été requis  
de visiter ladite Cheminée et l'aurait trouvé  
les respecter et en plus bien d'autres que le  
sieur Monsieur Duffera s'en sera  
en temps bien payés de sommes irréversibles  
que ledit Mr. Perrin appelle devant Messieurs  
H. F. J. et Petrus et autres Membres de  
cette ville et appelé nommés par la Loi

à la fin de la route, en tête des puits  
elles sont différentes en ce que, au lieu  
d'être les mêmes, l'une est plus élevée  
qu'une autre, et l'autre est plus basse  
par suite de la pente du terrain, et  
dans une même route, on en trouve  
pas de suite.

Pour savoir si Michel Moreau s'est  
fait satisfaction de son lot sans avoir  
de pour même en vertu de justice, et  
s'il n'en a pas, on peut s'en assurer  
en allant avec les témoins sur le  
terrain Moreau sans préjudice au point  
de vue de la justice, et sans avoir besoin  
de justice.

Montreal 18 Février 1888.

Michel Moreau

M. D. De la route de St. Michel Moreau sur  
cette route, il n'y a pas de puits, et  
s'il n'y a pas de puits, il n'y a pas de  
justice, et il n'y a pas de justice.  
Il n'y a pas de justice, et il n'y a pas  
de justice, et il n'y a pas de justice.  
Il n'y a pas de justice, et il n'y a pas  
de justice, et il n'y a pas de justice.  
Il n'y a pas de justice, et il n'y a pas  
de justice, et il n'y a pas de justice.

Michel Moreau

Mr Michel Moreau

Recd 13<sup>th</sup> Febr 1846

referred to Fire Committee

Plas. Order. Committee

Min. 4 Nov 1846.

James M. D. D. D.

Proposé par *Alexandre Paré* Secondé par *Alain de Meunier*

Que le Rapport du Comité *dusau*  
maintenant devant le Conseil, soit reçu et adopté -

et de  
Monsieur

M. Honoré James Ferrer, Secrétaire,  
Maire de la Corporation de Montréal  
et à Messieurs les Echevins & Conseillers  
de la dite Corporation 8<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>e</sup> -

Je humbte requête de Dame Marguerite  
Moquin, domiciliée en la Cité de Montréal,  
veuve de feu Hypolite Luciquiani alias  
Lusignan en son vivant de même lieu  
Vous exposant  
Messieurs

Que le dit et futur son mari aurait fait bâtir  
il y a quelques années une maison en bois à  
un seul étage sur son terrain qui il possédait  
sur le niveau de la Rue Ste Catherine en cette  
dite Cité

Que par l'ordre de votre Corporation  
la dite Rue Ste Catherine aurait été élevée de plu-  
sieurs perches plus haut que le niveau qui  
était lorsque la dite maison a été bâtie, et  
ce au grand dommage, et préjudice  
de la dite Dame Requirante qui est privée  
de louer sa maison et d'en retirer aucun  
profit & avantage à cause des caves de la  
dite Rue et de mauvais aspect qui elle présente.

C'est pourquoi votre Requirante  
vous supplie Messieurs de prendre en votre  
sainte considération l'exposé sur la présente  
requête, et de lui accorder le droit de hausser  
la dite maison et d'y construire un second  
étage en bois, ce qui lui rendra maison des dom-  
mages et intérêts qui elle a soufferts jusqu'à  
ce jour par l'élévation de la dite Rue; d'autant  
que la dite maison étant située à l'extrémité

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du c<sup>o</sup>t Humberg St Antoine, et à une  
assez grande distance de la ville -

Je vous Requierant successivement de  
passer pour la convention de vos sceux

Montréal 20 Janvier 1846 -

G. Hamel  
Agent de la Requirante

Requête de  
D<sup>me</sup> Monique Moquin

Recue et présentée

Le 20 Fev 1846.

à cet.  
M<sup>re</sup> Ennallée



To His Worship the Mayor, the  
Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Montreal,  
The Fire Committee.

Respectfully Report

On the Petition of Same Monique  
Moquin, praying to be allowed to build  
an additional story to a wooden house  
situated on St Antoine Street,

That, as the Petitioner represents,  
the raising of the level of the street necessitates  
such an improvement to their premises,  
which are at present materially deteriorated,

Your Committee, conceiving that  
no objections can be entertained to granting  
the permission asked for by the Petitioner, and  
considering the loss which might ~~be~~ <sup>has</sup> been  
suffered, in consequence of the works  
in the street, recommend that the prayer  
of the Petition be allowed,

The whole read the less respectfully

Submitted,

Committee Room City Hall

Montreal 24<sup>th</sup> July 1846

A. Bouvier.

J. La Tour.

J. H. B. B.

Benjamin  
Beaufort

The Committee

Replies

Mr. Mrs. Moquin's Petition

Is granted

Nov 1st 1846

Moved by *Alfred Bross* Seconded by *Councillor Gagnier*

That the Report under consideration be adopted.

To His Worship The Mayor The Aldermen  
and Citizens of The City of Montreal

The Fire Committee of The Council

Respectfully Report,

That they have taken into consideration  
the Model of a Machine purporting to have been  
invented by Mr J Lewis, in order to aid the  
Engines in preventing the extension of Fires  
and in extinguishing them. Your Committee  
are of opinion that such a Machine  
might often be made servicable, and conducive  
to the objects for which it is contemplated;  
but that the probable benefit to be derived  
from it, would be disproportionate to the  
expense of its construction. They cannot  
therefore recommend that Mr Lewis be  
encouraged in his desire to construct a  
Machine on the Model of that submitted  
by him; neither would they recommend, that he  
be led to expect any such (if constructed)  
would be purchased by The City. The whole  
nevertheless respectfully submitted

Committee Room - City Hall

2<sup>d</sup> August 1845

Jos. Boudet  
Chairman

Edg. Hocquard

Wm. Morrison

Monsieur le Maire, aux  
Messieurs & aux Citoyens de la Cité de Montréal  
Le Comité du Feu a l'honneur  
de faire rapport. Qu'il a pris en consi-  
dération le modèle d'une machine  
dite à air inventée par M. Lewis  
afin d'aider les pompes à préserver  
l'extinction des incendies et à les étendre.

Le Comité est d'opinion qu'une  
pareille machine pourrait souvent  
être utile & adaptée aux fins pour  
lesquelles elle a en contemplation,  
mais que l'avantage probable qui  
en découlerait serait disproportionné  
aux frais de sa construction.

Il ne peut en conséquence recommander  
d'encourager M. Lewis dans son  
dessein de construire une machine  
sur le modèle ~~de~~ soumis par lui;  
il ne recommanderait pas non plus  
que dans le cas où il en construirait  
une, ~~quelque~~ il fût vendu à l'état  
qu'il serait acheté par la Cité.  
Tout néanmoins soumis -

Charles-Louis  
2 août 1845

Jos. Bonnet  
Président  
Geo. Stogues  
Secrétaire

To the Honorable the Mayor, Alder-  
men and Common Council of the City of  
Montreal. —

The Undersigned Petitioner, humbly  
pray that your Honorable body would  
take into consideration the model of a  
Machine that I have invented, in order  
to aid the engines in extinguishing and pre-  
venting the spread of fire among wooden and  
other buildings in the City; the name of the  
Machine is — the moving portable fire wall,  
\* if required which runs on wheels, the length, ten feet  
when folded it stands eight feet high, when  
unfolded, it throws up a wall of twenty eight  
feet higher\* which is intended to run into  
streets, lanes and gate ways to prevent the  
fire from communicating, also to save the  
windows and doors of Stone or Brick  
houses, and to protect the fire men and  
engines from heat — Fire is like that se-  
cret visitor — death — we do not know when  
it is coming, therefore, we should be ready  
to meet both — I pray you would look  
at the model, and if you do to be useful —  
~~I will have one made to enable you to stay~~  
the power of this devouring element, all of  
which is humbly submitted

J. Lewis

Montreal 17<sup>th</sup> June 1845

Petition of  
Mr J Lewis.  
Rec<sup>d</sup> and presented  
25 June 1845  
and  
Referred to the Privy Council  
H.C.

Montreal.

It will show the  
cost more <sup>than</sup> the  
expense would  
the benefit -

13 August 1845  
Fire Committee  
Report  
on the Petition  
of Mr. J. Lewis  
in reference to  
a Machine  
called "Moving  
portable fire  
wall" —

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Presented 13<sup>th</sup> August 1845  
Adopted 13<sup>th</sup> August 1845



Committee formed  
decided by the July 1st Lewis  
That the report on Petition, and all the  
papers relating to the fire scene be  
referred back to the fire Committee  
with instructions to report thereon without  
delay.

To the Honorable the Mayor Aldermen & Council  
Of the City of Montreal

(In Council now assembled) — The undersigned Memorialist beg leave to state to your Honorable body, that he believes that you are at all times desirous of having the means by which you can protect your City and Citizens from the ravages of fire, and whereas I sometime ago petitioned your body to build one of my "Fire-Screens," and whereas you did not see it sufficiently clear to induce your Honors to take up the matter, I now have the honor of saying to you, that Mr Edgar Cook of this City has gone on and built one of those "Fire-Screens" which will clearly remove all doubts with regard to its utility and capability of promptly meeting and stopping the progress of fire.

Many Gentlemen of high standing and scientific judgment, such as Lord Catchcart and some of your own body, have seen my Screen and speak of it on the most flattering terms — Many of the poorer classes who live in long ranges of wooden buildings in the different suburbs, and who are uninsured by insurance have said to me that they are willing to be reasonably taxed to have the benefit of my "Fire Screen" — At this point I shall take the  
highest

highest grounds to show the important utility of these  
Screens in case of fire.

Every man in possession of his reasoning powers  
will not hesitate in agreeing with me that a wall of Sheet  
Iron 100 feet long, and 50 feet high is Capable of cutting  
off fire, or preventing it Communicating to any <sup>inhabited</sup> Dwelling  
from one to two stories high.

I have taken the pains to visit  
"Some of the Street in the Suburbs, and I find that there  
are gateways in every third or fourth house sufficiently  
large to admit my "Fire Screen".

The "Screen" being Completed and built under the dis-  
tinguished patronage of His Excellency Lord Metcalfe  
I have done myself the pleasure of giving it the name  
of that highly respected gentleman.

In view of the foregoing remarks  
I hope the Corporation will patronize me by ordering  
me to build as many of these "Screens" as they in their  
wisdom may think proper — all of which is respectfully  
submitted to them.

I Am  
Honorable Gentlemen

Yours with Great Respect

Abrahan Lewis

Montreal 8<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1845

Requete de M. Israel Lévesque reiterant  
demandant de nouvelles brevets de  
la Machine protectrice contre le feu  
appelée Screen - demandant le  
patronage du Conseil & l'autorisation  
de la construire autant que la  
Corporation le jugera à propos.

Photo

17th Street

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Montreal 17<sup>th</sup> Decr 1865

Unto,

The Honourable Committee of the Fire Department of the Corporation of the City of Montreal, wish to state to your Honor, viz; If you will take five of my fire Screens, you can have them for Ninety Pounds each, this price is at Cost, I am induced to let you have them at that price in order to obtain your Patronage, which will be of great service to me; in introducing those useful Screens, ~~to~~ into other Cities upon this Continent in consequence of their being invented in Montreal and encouraged by this Corporation. And I further say if the moneys of the Corporation is not at present available I will take your Bond payable at six and nine Months with Interest payable every three Months. The fire Screens will not cost the Householders over 1/3 each. The fire Screens that I have already built; was upon the following Condition, viz; if it was disposed off the Corporation five of the

the Fire Companies have subscribed five pounds each  
with that Condition: The Building of this Screen  
cost me one hundred and ten pounds, besides  
drawing & building Models, Printing and my time  
for 4 months, which I have used with great  
perseverance.

The other Screens which I intend to Build if Your  
Honours will take them will have great Im-  
provements, in place of standing 10 feet when fold  
the new ones will only stand 7 feet which will be  
much more compact and handy. the height will  
also be much reduced & therefore they can be drawn  
with much more rapidity, with six men.

The amount that has been subscribed by the Fire Companies  
is £250 — my wish then is the Corporation, to take  
the Machine & pay the Balance

I have the

Honor to remain

Respectfully,

Your most humble Servant

Isaac Lewis

unto the

Committee of the  
Fire Department of the  
City of Montreal

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Montreal 9th February 1866

We the undersigned Officers of the several Fire Companies of the Fire Department of the City of Montreal do agree with the Chief Engineer of the above Department, that the "Portable Screens" alleged to be the inventions of Mr. Isaac Lewis, are not practicable for the purposes for which they are intended.

(Captains)

John S. Litcher  
Wm. Bertram  
Wm. Scott  
A. S. M. M. M.  
John C. M.  
Chas. Moore.

(Lieutenants)

J. R. Cannon  
J. B. Tison  
L. M. M.  
J. S. Bertram  
R. Hammond

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The opinions  
of the  
Captains and Lieutenants  
of the several Fire Companies  
in regards to the portable  
Screens invented by  
An Israel Lewis

To His Worship the Mayor the  
Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Montreal  
The Fire Committee  
Respectfully Report:—

On the Petition of Mr. Grace  
Lewis, referred to Your Committee on the  
9<sup>th</sup> December last—

That, although a Report unfavorable  
to the Petitioner's views, had been presented to the  
Council and adopted ~~therein~~ in August last,  
Your Committee, desirous of doing justice to him,  
have taken particular pains to ascertain whether  
how far the utility of the fire-screens, suggested  
by the Petitioner, would warrant the ~~expensive~~  
their acquisition would necessitate.—

That these screens were referred  
for examination, to the several officers of the  
City Fire Companies, who have come to the  
unanimous opinion that "they are not  
practicable for the purposes for which they are  
intended,

Your Committee, ~~therefore~~, persisting  
in the adverse opinion they formed when this  
subject was first brought under their notice,  
cannot therefore recommend that the ~~hon~~  
~~our~~ Petitioner's ~~be~~ ~~encouraged~~ proposal  
be—

proposal has acceded to

The whole nevertheless respectfully

Submitted,

Committee Norm, City Hall

Montreal 24<sup>th</sup> Feby 1846

J. Bourset.

Ala Royné

J. J. J. J. J.

Ben Lyman

Wm Watson

The Committee

Report

Mr. Lewis's Report

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180 26<sup>th</sup> Feb 1846

referred till next meeting

11<sup>th</sup> May 1846

referred back to Committee

Montreal 4<sup>th</sup> May 1876

To the Honorable the Mayor and Common Council  
of the City of Montreal.

The Undersigned respectfully states to your Honorable Body that He the inventor of the Fire Screen by John Edward Cook the Builder has now completed: This screen was built partly by subscriptions from the Fire Insurance Companies the said subscriptions were to be paid when the screen was delivered to the City; five insurance companies subscribed £50- each; the screen as it now stands cost £110- in order to receive the subscriptions I wish the Corporation to appoint some person belonging to the Fire Department to receive this screen and I will depend upon the generosity of your Honorable body to pay the balance; and at the same time can furnish you with as many more as may be found necessary at reduced prices.

The late fire on Tuesday last convinced the most incredulous of the Fire-men that a fire screen would be a most important acquisition to their Department.

all of which is most respectfully  
submitted

Israel Lewis

Mr. Charles Lewis

Present 5th May 1886

Presented and admitted

To the Honorable  
the Mayor and  
Common Council of the City

of Montreal

of Montreal

11th May 1886

St. James Street to Fair Co.

John S. Green.

Presented to the Honorable  
the Mayor and  
Common Council

Bank Coffee House  
Montreal 24th July 1846

Gentlemen, I beg leave to inform you that I shall  
require for my own use at the expiration of the  
lease in the month of November next, the premises  
in Fortification Lane now occupied by the  
Protecto Fire Company, as an Engine House,  
I have the honour to be  
Gentlemen  
Your most Obedt Servant

The Chairman  
& Members of the  
Fire Committee  
Corporation of Montreal

A. W. T. J. J.

A. Courtenay  
24 Juin 1846

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To the Worshipful

The Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens  
of the City of Montreal;

The Petition of the Undersigned inhabitants  
in St Antoine and Aqueduct  
Streets,

Respectfully Sheweth

That your Petitioners  
are the occupants of houses near  
where St. Antoine and Aqueduct  
Streets intersect each other;

That it is the conviction  
of your Petitioners that the placing  
of a water plug at the corner of  
St. Antoine and Aqueduct Streets  
where they intersect each other is  
very much to be desired; because  
your Petitioners are humbly of opinion  
that in the event of a fire a  
water

water plug in the said situation  
would very much conduce to their  
security and safety;

That the erection of a  
Lamp at the said corner of St  
Antoine and Squevuit streets would  
also very much conduce to the  
convenience and security of your  
Petitioners in the immediate vicin-  
ity;

Therefore your Petitioners  
humbly pray, that the Corporation  
of their goodness will be pleased  
to order the placing of such  
water plug and lamp as  
above petitioned for.

And your Petitioners, as in  
duty bound, will ever pray

Charles Bone

J. J. J. J.

J. J. Gibb

Ampt. St. Helens

C. J. Brown

Geo. Brown

John M. M. M.

Petition to  
have a fire plug  
and lamp at  
the corner of  
St Antoine &  
Aperduct Streets

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Presented 10th June

Referred to Fire  
& Light Committee  
2<sup>d</sup> August  
To be reported  
unfavorably -

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Montreal, 12<sup>th</sup> August 1846

A. P. Sexton Esq.  
City Clerk &c  
Sir,

Being under the impression that all complaints against servants of the Corporation are to be made through you, I beg leave to prefer a complaint against one Joseph Dupuy, a Licensed Chimney Sweep for the City of Montreal, &c with pain that I report the following:

viz: That said Dupuy is in the habit of discontinuing his labors for 2 or 3 weeks at a period & then suddenly re-appearing as the work proper, he resumes his labors, telling the people that he is the only Licensed Chimney Sweep for the City - & then, saying that he is appointed to sweep the chimneys of houses tenanted by Irish & by Irish only - & then, he says, he has declined & is visiting his self styled appointment to the action of the person spoken to.

That said Dupuy is in the habit of extorting from persons a larger sum for sweeping a chimney than is allowed by the Law - & especially one Joseph Maret, No. 29, St. Constant Street - whom he charged with sweeping the chimney of one story house. That he receives orders & makes people wait for their execution by him, leading them to suppose that he is the only Licensed Sweep for the whole City - Chimney are then

neglected being swept, although requisite and  
the consequence is frequent fires in Chimneys of houses.  
Under these circumstances I have most humbly to  
request you will lay the foregoing statement of facts  
before the proper Committee of the Corporation, for their  
information, in the hope that they will remedy the  
evil complained of & thereby afford redress to one who  
was most deeply injured by his action.

I have the Honor to be

Sir,

Your very obedt.

Humble Servant

James R. McDonald.

Licensed Chimney Sweep

Montreal

1845

J. P. Sexton Esq  
City Clerk  
Montreal.

12 Rue

On the fourth day of August one Thousand eight hundred and forty six, it has been agreed combined between the undersigned parties - viz Thomas Speer, of the City of Montreal Gentleman on the one side and James R. McDonald of the same place, Gentleman, on the other side - That the said Thomas Speer, and James R. McDonald intending to meet with the views of the Corporation and in the execution of the Law, have for the purpose of having the advantage of possessing the Chimney Sweeping department, agreed between themselves and to be approved off by the Corporation, that they are dividing the business between themselves in equal share and the said Thomas Speer taking the North side of the City as near divided from St. Urbain St. down through St. Joseph St. to the limits of the City or in other words to the River, and the said James R. McDonald taking the upper part of the City viz from the said St. Urbain St. up to the limits of the City - and this for the Chimney Sweeping according to law to the by laws and Regulations made and provided for by the Corporation agreeing the said Contractors that they will stand by the act under the penalty of twenty five pounds currency against the intervening party - in form of damage and that they will aid one another in transcribing and transmitting the tickets which could be given from one side of the City to the other - all tickets answering to the division by them taken of their department and to be deposited, said tickets at the Post Office No 164 James R. McDonald and No 500 Post Office for the said Thomas Speer made and agreed by the said parties who have signed the presents at Montreal aforesaid.

Wed 1<sup>st</sup> August 1826

Report of J. W. M.

J. W. M.

and  
others



Montreal <sup>the</sup> 14 August 1846

Report

Prepared, against James Derby, Superin-  
tendant of Chimney Sweeping

by James R. McDonald  
Superintendent of Chimney Sweeping for  
the City of Montreal

James R. McDonald humbly  
begs to state that said James Derby has  
stolen some of his Orders out of his box  
in the Post Office, for which James R.  
McDonald has been reported to some of the  
Officers of the Corporation for neglect of  
business

James R. McDonald begs further  
to state that he has not had an Order  
through the Post Office since <sup>the</sup> 29 June last  
and has no doubt but that James Derby  
is still depriving him of his orders

James R. McDonald begs leave  
to state that several of the Inhabitants of  
the City, are Complaining of the said James  
Derby for overcharging Sweeping of Chimneys

Mrs Leishman residing in  
St. Urbain Street has told James R. McDonald  
that the above James Derby has swept one  
Chimney in her House two Stone House and  
Charged her the sum of One Shilling and three  
pence by which is not according to the rates  
or Tariffs allowed by the Byelaw of the Corpo-  
ration of Montreal

James R. McDonald

Montreal 10<sup>th</sup> August 1846

Report

Prepared against Joseph Dupre Superintendent of  
of Chimney Sweeping - By Thomas Spier Superintendent  
of Chimney Sweeping for the City of Montreal

Thomas Spier to the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Mayor have to state that said  
Joseph Dupre has told a number of the Inhabitants of  
Montreal that said Thomas Spier to wit is imposing on  
the people and that he Joseph Dupre is the only Master  
Sweep duly authorized to attend to the Chimney Sweeping,  
and that he Joseph Dupre will take up said Thomas Spier  
and have him sent to Gaol the first time he comes in  
contact with said Thomas Spier -

Thomas Spier humbly begs  
leave to state that it is utterly impossible for him to  
get on with his business as Master Sweep when said  
Joseph Dupre is endeavoring to impose the character  
of said Thomas Spier - Thomas also begs leave to  
state that said Joseph Dupre has no business in his  
employment at present, but said Joseph Dupre is  
going round the inhabitants and persuading the  
respectable Inhabitants and forbidding them to  
employ Thomas Spier as Master Sweep - Should  
Joseph Dupre be allowed to get on in the manner  
he is going on at present I have no doubt or hesitation  
in saying that should said Joseph Dupre be allowed  
to go on he is at present sweeping is of no avail -

Thomas Spier

Montreal 10<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>th</sup> 1846

Receipt

Received against James Darby Superintendent  
of Chimney Sweeping - By Thomas Spurr, Superintendent  
of Chimney Sweeping for the City of Montreal,  
Mr Edward Birch, Porter to the Commercial  
Bank of Montreal - Great St. St. Street, told said  
Thomas Spurr, to wit that said James Darby charged  
the above named Edward Birch Five Shillings for sweeping  
five places in said Commercial Bank - which is not  
lawful or according to the Tariff relating to the Charges for  
Sweeping - and said Thomas Spurr says leave to state  
that said James Darby has not been attending to his  
duty as Superintendent of Chimney Sweeping for the last  
two Months - and said James Darby told said Thomas  
Spurr that he had given up the situation as Master Sweep  
(as sweeps) for the last two Months - said James Darby  
~~not telling the Inhabitants of the City, he intends resuming~~  
his business as Master Sweep early in the Fall

Signed  
Thomas Spurr  
Superintendent of Chimney  
Sweeping

Moved by Mr. Linn

Seconded by Mr. Footner

That the Report of the Fire Committee  
be adopted —

To His Worship the Mayor,  
The Aldermen and Citizens  
of the City of Montreal  
The Privy Committee of the Council.

Respectfully Report,

That application  
has been made by Mr. J. P. Weston  
to purchase the "Cataracts"  
Engine, for the use of the Village  
of St. Laurent, and as the Engine  
referred to is not serviceable in  
the City of Montreal; as it will  
need expensive repairs to put  
it in order, and as it is more  
desirable to encourage a  
disposition on the part of  
Settlers of our Country  
Villages to provide themselves  
with Fire Engines. Your  
Committee recommend that  
the Cataracts Engine be purchased  
by

by the Council to the Municipality  
of St. Laurent.

The whole matter is  
respectfully submitted.

W. Bourret

Committee Room  
City Hall  
14 August 1846

W. Johnston  
Principal Valuer

À Son Honneur le Maire, aux Echevins et  
aux Citoyens de la Cité de Montréal,

Le Comité du Feu du Conseil a l'honneur de faire  
Rapport


M. M. J. P. Ashton a fait application  
pour l'achat de la Pompe à Feu "Cataract" pour  
l'usage du Village de St-Sauvent. Et bien que  
cette Pompe à feu n'est pas serviable dans la Cité  
de Montréal; et qu'il faudrait une forte dépense  
pour la mettre en ordre; et de plus comme il  
est à désirer que la disposition de se procurer  
des Pompes à feu soit encouragée chez les habitants  
des villages de la campagne. Votre Comité  
recommande que la Pompe à Feu "Cataract"  
soit présentée par le Conseil à la Municipalité  
de St-Sauvent.

Se fait néanmoins respectueusement

fourni.

Chambre du Comité,

Hôtel de Ville, 14 Aout 1846



Fire Committee  
Report

Recommending to present  
the Leclaire Fire Engine  
to the Municipality  
of St. Laurent

Presented and adopted 24 August  
1846



To His Worship the Mayor John E. Mills and  
Council for the City of Montreal.

The Petition of James B. McDonald and Thomas Speer  
Superintendants of Chimney Sweeping for the City of Montreal  
Petitioners most humbly beg leave to state that they have  
by the directions of His Worship the Mayor John E. Mills Esq and  
Council divided the City of Montreal between said James B. McDonald  
and said Thomas Speer for the purpose of having the Chimney  
Sweeping conducted to the satisfaction of His Worship Esq and  
those in Authority and that of the benefit of the Citizens -  
Petitioners also beg leave to state to His  
Worship the Mayor Esq that said Petitioners have laid before  
His Worship the Mayor Esq the (agreement) and other docu-  
ments relative to the above statement which documents His  
Worship Esq was pleased to say he would give His sanction to  
and said documents are in the possession of His Worship Esq

Petitioners also humbly beg leave to state that they  
have four steady Men in their Employment as Sweeps and  
said Petitioners are confident in saying that they will manage  
the sweeping of the Chimneys to the full satisfaction of His Worship  
and that of the Community at large -

Petitioners also beg leave to state that  
Many of the Respectable Inhabitants has complained to them  
of Sweeps coming to their premises and causing them to sweep  
at unreasonable hours just at Breakfast time Esq and demand  
"ding more pay than they Tariff allows, and Petitioners also  
beg leave to say that they have frequently been told there  
are persons sweeping without a Superintendent consequently  
should such abuses be allowed it is impossible for said Petitioners  
to manage the business and give general satisfaction.

Petitioners also beg leave to state  
that two Men known by the Name of Whittiger, who have been  
sweeping the Government departments and that of some Houses  
in the City, without a (Superintendent) or a Licence, they have  
been detected which has prevented them for the present

Petitioners most humbly beg leave to state  
to His Worship Esq that the profits arising from said  
Chimney Sweeping according to the Tariff, barely supports the  
above named Petitioners and four Men in their Employment.

Petitioners most humbly beg leave to state that they have gone to considerable expences for Licences - Advertisements - Cards - Post Office Boxes and Receipts &c. &c. Petitioners fondly trust that his Worship will take the same into his gracious consideration and adopt such means as may prevent any infringement on the foregoing Petitioners have strictly conform'd to the Regulations laid down by those in Authority in dividing the City and endeavouring to give satisfaction in the execution of their duty as Superintendants of Chimney sweeping for the City of Montreal.

Montreal 24<sup>th</sup> August 1846

And Your Petitioners  
will ever be  
Yours truly  
James McDonald  
Thomas Speer

Petition de Mm. McDonald et Thomas Speer, maîtres ramonneurs, exposant qu'ils ont divisé le Cité entier en six pour le ramonnage des cheminées; que certaines personnes ramonnent sans licences et sont en contavention aux réglemens du Conseil; et que les taxes sont trop hautes pour leur permettre de faire le ramonnage à la satisfaction des habitans de la ville.

Petition of  
James R Macdonald <sup>of</sup>  
and  
Thomas Speer  
to  
His Worship the  
Mayor  
John E. Mills

Res<sup>d</sup> presented 24<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>r</sup> 1866  
to  
Ref<sup>d</sup> to Finance Committee

To His Honor the Mayor &  
Council of the City of Montreal

The Humble Petition of  
Samuel Whittaker of the City of  
Montreal respectfully requests  
that your Petitioner may be  
allowed a License as a regular  
Chimney Sweeper through the  
City of Montreal & your Petitioner  
will by strict attention endeavor  
to deserve the favour & as  
in duty bound will ever pray.

Samuel Whittaker

Barrack Office  
Chamblay 27<sup>th</sup> August 1846

I hereby certify that Sam<sup>l</sup>. Whittaker (the keeper  
of this paper) has swept the Chimneys in this  
Garrison since the year 1837 - and since I have  
had charge of these Barracks in 1845. he has given  
every satisfaction

W. H. Gray  
Garrison

Thos. B. Pitt Meyer  
Barrack Master

Petition of  
Samuel Whitaker

To be appointed Master  
Chimney Sweep.

Presented to His Worship the Mayor  
27<sup>th</sup> August 1846 -

Reported to the <sup>and</sup> San Committee  
Attest

Ordered to be Filed - Men. Comm.  
4 Nov 1846

Mayor of the City of Montreal  
J. G. Fisher Secy

Moved by *Mr. Bouché* Seconded by *A. M. Fothergill*

That the Report under consideration be adopted.

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To  
Your Excellency the Mayor, the Aldermen  
and Citizens of the City of Montreal  
The Finance Committee of the Council

Respectfully Reports,

That it is necessary provision  
should be made to liquidate the debts of the  
departments remaining due since last year,  
and also to pay its current expenses,  
your committee therefore recommends  
that an appropriation of three hundred  
and fifty thousand dollars should  
be made to them for these purposes.

The whole nevertheless respectfully  
submitted,

Philippe Gagnon  
Chairman

Mr. Gagnon

Committee Room  
City Hall  
14th August 1863



A Son Honneur le Maire,  
Aux Echevins et aux Citoyens de la Cité de Montréal,  
Le "Comité du Feu" au Conseil,  
a l'honneur de faire

Rapport,

Qu'il est nécessaire de prendre des mesures  
pour liquider les dettes du Département  
qui sont ~~excessives~~ <sup>dues depuis</sup> l'année dernière,  
et aussi pour payer ses dépenses courantes,

le Comité recommande donc qu'il lui  
soit faite une appropriation de trois cent  
cinquante livres pour ces fins.

Se loue néanmoins respectueusement

pourmis.

Reij. Hyman Sec

Chambre du Comité,  
Hôtel de Ville, 14 Aout 1826

Fire Committee

Report.

Appropriation of £350 to  
pay debt  
presented 31 August 1846.

and

Ordered to be taken into  
consideration at the next  
meeting of Council  
W. H. B.

To Alderman Benjamin Lyman Chairman, and  
the Council Assembled for the Fire Company.

The Humble Petition of James R. McDonald  
and Thomas Speer Superintendants of Chimney  
Sweeping for the City of Montreal & Sherbrooke.

That Petitioners did on the Twenty four  
with day of August Eighteen Hundred and Forty six  
lay before His Worship the Mayor John E. Mills and  
Council Assembled a Petition Praying that His Worship  
and Council Assembled would take into consideration the  
very many abuses the Inhabitants of Montreal are daily  
subject to in consequence of Persons sweeping without  
License and if we Petitioners may presume to say the  
impunity practised by those Persons in over Haunting  
those that are not aware of the Standing Laws or Tax  
laid down by the Council for Regulating the Chimney  
Sweeping

Petitioners also beg leave to state that they  
did neglect stating in the Petition now before His Worship  
the Mayor and Council Assembled there are barely one  
third of the Chimneys in use from the first of April  
to the first of November consequently the Superintendants  
cannot oblige the Inhabitants to sweep those that are not in  
use therefore your Petitioners find it very difficult to pay  
them from 3/6 to 5/6 a day ~~to pay off the~~ ~~Proceeds~~ certainly  
Petitioners could provide men at less wages such as  
Street Sweepers and persons of loose habits, but we  
Petitioners they leave to state we cannot get steady  
Men who we can depend on to work for less than from  
3/6 to 5/6 a day which they earn very hard

Petitioners beg leave to state they are frequen-  
tly sent for to be at Gentlemen's Premises at 5 o'clock  
in the Morning, had Petitioners unsteady Men in their  
employment perhaps we would find them in a

state of intoxication not fit for work, Petitioners  
are then Reported to their Superiors for Neglect of  
Duty) therefore Your Petitioners are either discharged  
from their Situation or severely Reprimanded.

Petitioners humbly beg leave to state they are  
confident two Master Sweeps are sufficient for the  
City of Montreal; as Petitioners have devoted their entire  
time to the business and ready to state and prove to the  
Municipal Council assembled that the above  
Statement is correct.

Montreal  
27<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>r</sup> 1846

Witness My Hand  
at Montreal  
this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August 1846  
James Spence

Petition  
of  
M Donald Spears  
Master Scurps  
to  
The Fire Committee

Recd 31 Aug<sup>r</sup> 1846

To  
Alderman Lyman  
Chairman & Council  
assembled of the  
Fire Committee

To The Worshipful Mayor,  
& Aldermen & Councilors of the  
City of Montreal, in special  
Council assembled.

The Memorial of the undersigned  
Proprietors, Residents in the St. Mary  
& Queen's Wards of said City

Most Humbly Represents

That your Memorialists  
have learned with extreme satisfaction that  
your Lordships are about to effect a subdivision  
into smaller Districts for the purpose of securing  
a more general sweeping of Chimneys, thereby  
preventing against the yet frequent occurrence  
of fires in the City of Montreal - a measure  
which will merit the thanks of all residing therein.

That your Memorialists under  
this impression are further of opinion that such  
measure will be accompanied by the appointment  
of some one or other of the present Licensed Chimney  
Sweepers to superintend or otherwise execute the  
regular & periodical clearing of Chimneys at the  
several periods named in the bye Law No. 165.

Wherefore your Memorialists  
would most respectfully suggest that you should most  
earnestly recommend the nomination of Mr.  
James Donald MacDonald a diligent & most  
industrious person duly licensed Sweep for this  
City to the charge of sweeping the Wards St. Mary  
& Queen's, in which Memorialists reside and your  
Memorialists as in duty bound will  
ever Pray.

Montreal  
31<sup>st</sup> August 1846

(Enclosed)

W. J. Howell  
St. Joseph  
Joseph Lee

Petition

Proprietors of Residents

Launs of St. Mary's Ward

Created 7 Sept 1845

and referred to the Commission

Requête des habitants des  
quartiers de la main et de  
St. Marie demandant que  
M. Macdonald soit nommé  
au titre de cadastre de  
ces deux paroisses  
de la ville

- John Wilkinson
- Henry Dismore
- John Little
- John Williams
- Thos Gill
- Richard Langlois
- Wm Booth
- Hugh Martin
- James Fort
- James Linn
- John Rogarth
- Pierre Darcieux
- Joseph Dumont
- Daniel Munro
- Thomas Scates
- John Johnston
- Forest Locke
- Hugh Lynn
- Henry Abbottson
- William Dinton
- Arthur Corcoran
- William Phear
- Richard Thomson
- Geo. Phear
- Edw. Linn
- John Champayne
- Lewis Larive
- George Rogers
- W. Kottel
- John Grandall

To the Chairmen

And Members Comprising  
the Fire Departments

Inspectors Office City Hall  
1st September 1846.

Gentlemen

After much reflection, I have come to the conclusion that the manner in which the sweeping of the Chimnies in the City of Montreal is at present conducted, is very objectionable.

In the first instance, - so long as Licenses are given to Master Sweeps they can procure a decent livelihood and pay their men regularly from the receipts, respectable men can be procured to undertake it.

In the second instance, If Licenses are given for the City Generally, the Master Sweeps will be continually intriguing one against another, and no effectual check can be had in regards to the sweeping the Chimnies.

Thirdly, there is too great a latitude allowed in the wording of the By Law at present existing, regulating the sweeping of Chimnies, as to the times when the said Chimnies shall be swept,



I am humbly of opinion that the Chimneys  
ought to be swept every two Months throughout  
the Year! It may appear that the Chimneys  
do not require sweeping so often in Summer  
as in Winter; but I would respectfully  
beg leave to observe that ten times the  
danger is to be apprehended by a Chimney  
taking fire in the Summer than in the  
Winter; and it should be borne in mind  
that it is only the actual flies in use  
that are swept, consequently the expense  
in Summer does not exceed about one  
third the expense in Winter.

I would therefore respectfully  
suggest, that in the first place, Two Master  
Sweeps would be sufficient to perform  
the service effectually, and that they  
should go their rounds completely in  
every two Months, and register every House  
throughout their respective localities assigned  
to them. — And the Name of the Residents  
of every House, and he should insert opposite  
such House the date on which it was swept,

That the present Currier is unable to  
give full remuneration for the services  
of the Masters and their Men; but those

persons who should not avail themselves of the services of the Sweeps on going their regular rounds and should send for them to attend at times to suits their private convenience, should be bound to pay for such attendance as extra sweeping double the price, otherwise the new time would be taken up in a great degree by these special calls.

Lastly, that the City be divided down from St Verba in Streets to Crux Streets through the Place d'Arms, down St Joseph Streets to the River, and that the Master Sweeps should be Licensed for each district only, and further that a penalty should attach to either of the Masters interfering with the duties of the other in their respective divisions.

That the Masters should be bound to conform with the provisions contained in No 29 paragraph 7, of the Constitution of By-Laws under the head of the Fire Department.

That the Masters should also be bound to give a Receipt for all monies received from Individuals for sweeping their Chimneys, specifying the date

when required - to secure individuals from  
being prosecuted in the event of their  
Chimney or Chimneys taking fire?  
Should they have been regularly swept  
within the time prescribed by law.

Dear Gentlemen

With dutiful respects

Your very obedient Servant

John Perrigo

Chief Engineer

Fire Department

1846-1846

Mr. Perrigo  
Revision by  
James  
James

16<sup>th</sup> June 1842

Moved by Mr. Spear that the report of the Field  
Committee now before the Council be referred  
to the next meeting of the Council, seconded  
by Mr. Cannon

To His Worship The Mayor, The Aldermen  
and Citizens of the City of Montreal

The Fire Committee of the Council

Respectfully Report,

That the allowances heretofore made  
to the Officers and Men of the several Fire  
Companies in this City, have been found inadequate  
to cover the expenses, to which they are annually  
subjected for clothes and equipments; and  
a representation to that effect having been  
made to your Committee by the Officers of the  
several Fire Companies, they would be pleased  
that in lieu of the allowances fixed by the third  
of the Rules and Regulations for the Government of  
the Fire Companies, the following be substituted  
from and after the first day of July now next  
viz,

That the Annual Allowance to each Captain be  
Ten pounds Currency — £ 10. 0. 0  
To each Lieutenant. Five pounds 0s — £ 5. 0. 0  
To each Fireman Three pounds ten Shillings — £ 3. 10. 0

Yours

Your Committee likewise recommend  
 that from and after the first proximo, the  
 strength of the several Companies be established  
 as follows viz:

1 <sup>st</sup> or Phoenix	to be composed of Forty Men	under Forty years of age
2 <sup>d</sup> or Neptune	do	Forty Men do do
3 <sup>d</sup> or Protector	do	Forty Men do do
4 <sup>th</sup> or Caberact	do	Forty Men do do (and ten supernumeraries)
5 <sup>th</sup> or Queen	do	Forty Men do do
6 <sup>th</sup> or Mutual	do	Forty Men do do
7 <sup>th</sup> or Hero	do	Forty Men do do
8 <sup>th</sup> or Union	do	Forty Men do do (and ten supernumeraries)
1 Hose Company	do	Twenty five Men do do
1 Hook & Ladder	do	Forty Men do do

Making a total effective strength of Three hundred  
 and Eighty five Men, exclusive of Officers  
 to compose the Fire Department of this City.

The whole herewith respectfully submitted

Committee Room - City Hall

20<sup>th</sup> June 1846

Genl. Leonard Chairman

J. B. Bousset.

Mon Honneur le Maire, aux Echevins  
et aux Citoyens de la Cité de Montréal.

Le Comité du Feu a l'honneur de faire  
rapport: que les allocations faites jusqu'ici  
aux officiers & aux hommes des différentes  
Compagnies du feu de cette Cité, n'ont  
pas été suffisantes pour couvrir les dépenses  
auxquelles ils sont annuellement sujets  
pour des vêtements & des Equipemens; et  
une représentation à cet effet ayant été  
faite à votre Comité par les officiers  
des différentes Compagnies du feu, il  
recommanderait qu'on leur des allocations  
fixées par la troisième section des régle-  
& réglemens pour le Gouvernement des  
Compagnies du feu, les présentes allocations  
soient substituées depuis & après  
le premier jour de juillet maintenant  
prochain, savoir:

Que l'allocation annuelle à chaque Capitaine  
soit de six louis - £ 6. 0. 0  
à chaque Lieutenant cinq louis - 5. 0. 0  
à chaque pompier trois louis dix chelins - 3. 10/-

Votre Comité recommande aussi  
qu'à compter du premier du mois  
prochain la force des différents  
Compagnies soit établie comme  
suit, savoir:

- 1<sup>re</sup> ou le Phénix, composée de 40 hommes, <sup>(40 ans -</sup>  
2<sup>e</sup> ou le Neptune do - 40 hommes do -  
3<sup>e</sup> ou le Protecteur do - 40 hommes do -  
4<sup>e</sup> ou la Cataracte do - 40 hommes do -  
(et dix surnuméraires)
- 5<sup>e</sup> ou le Serein do - 40 hommes do -  
6<sup>e</sup> ou le Ventral do - 40 hommes do -  
7<sup>e</sup> ou le Meris do - 40 hommes do -  
8<sup>e</sup> ou le Union do - 40 hommes do -  
(et dix surnuméraires)

1 Compagnie des Pigeons 25 hommes do  
1 Compagnie de Crochets & Pellets 40 hommes do  
Faisant une force effective totale de trois cent  
quarante cinq hommes, sans les officiers, compo-  
sant le Département du feu de cette ville.

Le tout néanmoins respectueusement  
soumis -

Chambre du feu  
20 Juin 1866



Montreal 12<sup>th</sup> June 1846  
To the Chairman, & members of the Fire  
Committee of the City Corporation,

The Petition of the Undersigned Officers,  
on behalf of their respective Companies respectively  
sheweth,

That the present pay allowed to Firemen  
is wholly inadequate, to meet the expense of  
their proper equipment, and your Petitioners  
would request the attention of the Fire Committee  
to the Petition, made by the Firemen last Year,  
to the Council for increase of pay, & that the  
Reasons adduced then, hold good now, viz  
"That two suits of Clothing, are absolutely  
necessary to equip a Fireman in a proper manner,  
and that the present rate of pay is not sufficient  
to purchase one", Your Petitioners would  
likewise state, that at the present time all  
the Companies are in debt, some of the Officers  
responsible for large sums, and others out  
of pocket to a considerable amount, and  
that nothing short of an increase of pay,  
from 1<sup>st</sup> January 1846, will clear them from the  
liabilities incurred by the purchase of the  
necessary Clothing, and enable them to keep up  
their respective Companies in an efficient  
state, Trusting that the Committee, will  
accede to the request of their Petitioners,  
they beg to remain, their Obedient Servants

Wm. Thier  
John Cox  
John Fletcher  
Edw. Kingston  
M. J. Frost  
R. Hammond  
David Brown  
J. B. Tison  
Wm. Muir  
Thos. Bestram  
J. P. Bestram  
Michel Moses  
James Morrison  
Honour Paylor  
Levi Malard  
W. M. White  
George Ridger

Fire Committee

Report

On the Allowances of the  
Several Fire Companies

and

Their Effective Strengths

from 1 July 1846

Presented 14<sup>th</sup> Sept 1846  
adopted 14<sup>th</sup> Sept 1846.

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Moved by Mr. Lyman seconded by Mr. Bouché  
that the report of the Finance Committee now before  
the Council be adopted.

14th Sept 1846

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Carried on  
Division



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v<sup>3</sup>

Mr. Bennett

seconded by Mr. Ferguson.

That the Report of the Fire Committee  
now before the Council  
be adopted.

To the Mayor, Aldermen  
and Councilors, in Common Council  
of the City of Montreal

Respectfully Sheweth

That Your Petitioner is desirous of erecting  
a Steam Engine in his Sawney, situated on  
the Main Street St Lawrence Streets, for the  
use of said Sawney and would most  
respectfully beg that Your Honorable Body  
would take into consideration the complete  
isolated situation of Your Petitioner's  
premises, and grant him the privilege of  
erecting said Engine thereon

And your Petitioner  
as in duty bound will ever pray

Montreal 1<sup>st</sup> Dec 1846.

Robert Jones  
Petitioner



J. D. Lafontaine Esq  
City Clerk  
Montreal

to be  
returned on

Order of  
Mr. Nelson Davis  
Amount of \$100.00  
Paid to the Committee

Mon Honorable le Maire, mes Éle-  
vés & mes Citoyens de la Cité de Montréal

Le Comité du Fum ayant pris en  
considération la requête de Mr. David  
Davis après en avoir communiqué à ses  
Conseillers, demandant permission d'ériger  
une machine à vapeur dans son  
Lavoir, sur la rue St. Laurent,  
à l'homme de faire rapport  
Qu'en attendant que le Règlement  
du Conseil N° 169, passé le 11 février  
1845, défend expressément l'érection  
de telles machines, votre Comité ne  
peut recommander que l'on accorde  
l'application de Mr. Davis. Quant  
à la revocation soit partielle ou  
totale du Règlement susmentionné, votre  
Comité n'est pas disposé à donner  
d'opinion, mais il laisse la  
question à la décision du Conseil.  
Le tout néanmoins respectueuse-  
ment soumis -

Chambre des Comités  
5 Octobre 1846

Reçu par  
M. J. P. P. P.  
M. J. P. P. P.

To His Worship The Mayor, The Aldermen  
and Citizens of the City of Montreal

The Fire Committee of the Council

Respectfully Report.

On the petition of Mr Nelson  
Davis, for permission to erect a Steam Engine  
in his Sawmery, St Lawrence Street, St Lawrence  
Suburb, referred to your Committee on the  
2<sup>d</sup> Inst -

That inasmuch as the Bylaw  
of the Council n: 169, passed on the eleventh June  
1845, expressly prohibits the erection of such an  
Engine, your Committee cannot recommend  
that Mr Davis' application be allowed. As  
regards the repeal - either partial or total of the  
Bylaw referred to - your Committee are unwilling  
to offer any opinion; but leave the question with  
the Council.

The whole Nevertheless, respectfully

Submitted -

Committee Room City Hall  
5<sup>th</sup> October 1846

Reuf. Goussier  
W. Bourget.  
Mr. Hooper



To the Mayor Aldermen & Citizens of the City of Montreal

To the Chairman and Members of the  
Fire Committee

The Petitioners of the undersigned French  
and English of the City of Montreal.

Respectfully Sheweth

That in the Centre and most business  
portion of the City, there is a positive  
want of Security against the danger of  
Fire, as the only engine "The Phoenix"  
Stationed in that part of the City is utterly  
deficient for a Locality where the houses  
are so lofty and the value of property  
so great.

And your Petitioners would  
further represent that in the said  
portions of the City there is no proper  
or adequate Engine House for the  
keeping of the present engine or any  
other ~~which~~ which it may please the  
Corporation to entrust the Company  
with and which Company are  
now in a most complete and effective  
State.

That a new engine has been  
built after the model of the one taken  
by the Corporation (The Montreal built  
by Mr. Lepage) by Mr. Crawford  
Glen an able mechanic of this City  
with the expectation of the Corporation  
taking her when finished. That

That the builder is disposed to wait  
a reasonable time for payment of his  
engine.

Wherefore your petitioners  
pray that the Corporation in con-  
sideration of the premises will  
provide this portion of the City  
with an engine of sufficient force  
and power (to wit the aforementioned  
Engine) to meet any unforeseen  
Calamity that may occur. And  
your petitioners as in duty bound  
will ever pray &c &c &c

John Orr	Samuel McLaughlin
Robert Hammond	Maria Dunning
David Smith	George Clarke
Alon Westwood	William Potts
Robt Walker	Joseph Jones
George Armstrong	George Wallace
Wm B Graham	Herbert Lennard
James Stewart	Thomas Barrett
James Schmitt	J Edward
George Wiley	O Nagelkoelder
John McQuire	Joseph Picotte
John Wilson	Thomas Rogers
William Taylor	William N. Orr
Henry M. Mann	Michael Hill
Seth Graham	John H. Martin
Henry J. Garrison	Henry H. Sears
Peter Brousseau	Daniel Kelly
Thos. Coon	Thos Little
Robt Little	Peter Cooper
Nathl Eastace	George David Reinger
Daniel Homer	Chas Ross

Regrette des soussignés Pompier et  
Citoyens du Quartier Centre de la Cité  
demandant par suite l'insuffisance  
de la Pompe "Therion", la Pompe  
nouvellement construite par M.  
Crawford Glen soit achetée pour  
remplacer la première.



No 6  
Petition  
of  
Premier of the City of Montreal

Recd 3 Nov 1846  
sent 13th  
sup to the City

Messieurs le Comité de la Corporation

Comme ayant été informé que la situation de Chef  
des ramonnage ou autre étoit à votre disposition, en  
conséquence j'offre mes services pour la susdite situa-  
tion et ayant acquis une parfaite connaissance de  
la Cité de Montréal et des citoyens je me flatte de  
pouvoir remplir la susdite situation à votre satisfaction  
en référant à plusieurs personnes respectable &c

Votre serviteur J<sup>s</sup> Lafrique

Montréal 18 Mai 1846

18<sup>th</sup> May 1846

Order to be

filed

4th October

1846

J. A. Lapreterie

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Chiffre des revenus

Office pour la Sûreté de

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Office of Public Works  
Montreal 24<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1866.

Sir

We beg to call your attention to our letter of the 22<sup>d</sup> June last requesting that certain particulars connected with the erection of a Building near the Royal Artillery Stables in Parkman's Square might be laid before the Mayor and Council, to which we have not been favored with a reply, and as operations have been lately recommenced for proceeding with the completion of the Building we are desirous of learning the grounds upon which the validity of the objections we had then occasion to urge against the measure had been set aside, and we therefore request you will be good enough to afford us a communication at your earliest convenience of the decision of the Mayor & Council thereupon -

We have the honor to be  
Sir

your most obedient  
humble servants

J. Campbell Esq  
Corde R. H. B.

J. M. P. Esq  
Wm. P. Esq

The City Surveyor  
Montreal }

Admission

Relating to building  
Ernest Houde  
Balhousie Square

Files of Records  
Minutes <sup>for</sup> Com. 4 Nov 1846  
J. B. C.

Office of Cadastre  
Montreal 22<sup>e</sup> June 1861.

Sir

Referring to your letter of 7<sup>th</sup> April last  
and to the proposed erection by the Corporation of an  
Engine House near the Royal Artillery Forge in this City,

We beg you will take an early opportunity of laying  
the following particulars before The Mayor and Council,

Under instructions from this Department the line  
of Boundary between the Cadastre property and that  
belonging to the City has been carefully verified by a  
Provincial Surveyor from the Plan of the Ancient Citadel  
and its environs by Jacques Viger, Inspecteur des  
Chemins, dated October 1821, from which it has been  
ascertained that the Stone foundations commenced by the  
Corporation encroach about nine inches on the Government  
ground, the Wall moreover being irregularly built and  
overhanging towards the Artillery Stables -

It further appears from an examination of  
the Title under which the City hold possession of  
Dalhousie Square that the erection of the Building in  
question in that situation is an infringement of the  
terms

The City Surveyor  
Montreal }

Terms of the Decree of Donation from His late Majesty to the Magistrates of  
the City of Montreal  
dated 15. Sept. 1823, which granted "the ground required  
"to form a Public Square" - under the conditions "that  
"the spaces of ground above described shall be devoted to  
"the uses above-mentioned; that they shall be laid out  
"and rendered fit for the purposes to which they are  
"destined by the said power, and put and kept in  
"good order for use by the said Magistrates: -"

Upon consideration of these circumstances, and as  
the Building would seriously affect the Public  
Property, we doubt not the City Authorities will  
revoke their orders for its construction in that locality  
and cause all further proceedings in regard to it  
to be discontinued -

We have the honor to be  
Sir

Your most obedient Servant

Hampbell (St. St.)  
Com. R. City

W. M. H. H. H.  
Christ. J. P. H.

J. P. H.  
A. Storekeeper

W. M. H. H. H.  
J. P. H.

22 June 1846-

Royal Engineer Department  
complaining of an unauthorised  
excavation on the Gov. property  
by the uncovering in progress  
on Dalhousie Square.  
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Montreal 26 Oct 1840

Gentlemen

After I have just been put in possession of your reported favor of 25<sup>th</sup> Jun & 24<sup>th</sup> inst. <sup>in reply to the ill answer</sup> related to the erection of an Engine House in (Delphinus) Square. The former would have been answered at the time, but for the confused state of all Civil Matters. They to state that <sup>the Civil Code</sup> ~~was~~ supposed they were acting with your consent in erecting the building in question. The line was given to us I believe by Capt Page & the building would have been finished before the receipt of your letter had it not been for the circumstance alluded to above. The Contract for the building was entered into in Nov or the early part of December 1835 & the greatest part of the expense incurred previous to the receipt of your favor in June. Under these circumstances the Committee (in the absence of your Commissioner) deemed to proceed with the Engine House with the understanding that the House should be removed at any time when it was found ~~it~~ to inconvenience you or in any way interfere with the Government property which it adjoins. The Road Surveyor was to have made this intimation to you. In Conclusion I beg to assure you we feel the justice of your remarks & should you insist on the removal of the Engine House it must be done, but on the contrary if you will allow it to remain for the present we will esteem it a favor & will grant you a letter binding us to

to  
remove it within three months after the  
notice, <sup>to that effect</sup> the Council the Engineer plans that will  
be a protection to that part of the town  
& particularly the government property which  
it occupies. I have the honor to  
be kind

Your truly  
Edw. G. W.  
Byman  
Chairman  
Fire Committee

Chief Engineer's Office  
City Hall 4th November 1876.

To the Chairman  
And Members composing  
The Fire Committee

I respectfully beg leave to lay  
before you my report on the present state of the  
several Fire Engines and apparatus of the Fire Depart-  
ment of this City,

namely,

- No 1, or Phoenix Fire Engine, is in bad order and very  
inefficient, without a reel and suction, can only  
take 50 feet of hose without a time to refill; - Has  
no regular house, it is now in Mr. Samuels  
gateway, much too small, and very inconvenient,  
from its being on a high ~~and~~ ground, much higher  
than the level of the streets, making it very difficult  
on every occasion to place the Engine in the  
gateway.
- No 2, or Neptune Fire Engine, is also in bad order  
and very inefficient, without reel and suction,  
can only take 50 feet of hose at a time to a fire,  
Has a very good house, leased for one or six  
years commencing from the 1st of this month,  
at the sum of £7<sup>10</sup> per year, payable yearly.
- No 3, or Protector Fire Engine, is in good condition with  
reel, suction, Crook, axes, Shovel, coupling joints,  
one torch lamp, one flexible pipe, 2 solid pipes,  
and winter carriage, with rollers, house in total  
shape but not yet fitted up.
- No 4, or Montreal Fire Engine, lately purchased by the  
Council, is in good working condition, with  
Suctions

Suctions, Reels, 2 Solid pipes coupling joints side  
lamps. — but the following is wanted to complete.  
Key, namely, 1 pair of speaking trumpets, 1 pair of cuts  
offs, rope reels; The last mentioned to be furnished  
by the makers; There is also required a winter  
carriage & rollers. The engine still remains  
in No La pages gateway in consequence of the  
Engine house being in course of building.

No 5 or Queen Fire Engine, is a very expensive  
engine to keep up, is very inefficient, and breaks  
at most every fire, with good reels, good suction  
crops, flexible pipe, two solid pipes, shovel,  
winter carriage & rollers; The house is good,  
but is cold from its not being plastered inside,  
a great quantity of wood is consumed in  
winter to keep it warm.

No 6 or Mutual Fire Engine, is an old Engine  
but in good working order, without reels or  
suctions, only carries with it 50 feet of hose  
at a time to a fire; it is inconvenient from  
its construction in front. Having no hose reels  
it is difficult to turn in narrow places.

The house is the best of those that have been  
built previous to this year, but much annoyance  
is felt from boys gathering in front of the house  
and break the glass of the windows, with stones.  
There is also to this engine, coupling joints, shovel,  
winter carriage, & rollers pipes &c.

No 7 or Hose Company, This company has  
eight reels, all of which in very bad order and  
have now become very expensive to keep in repairs.  
They having been a long time in use and many times  
broken

broken are now nearly unfit for use, a new set of reets would be a saving as the old ones are at the blacksmith after all the files and labour nearly so. The place also where the hoses are kept is a bad one, being much too small, often times the hoses are of necessity put outside while portions of them are undergoing cleaning & oiling, and in that way the hoses can never give the wear, as if they were kept in a better place.

No 8. or Union Fire Engine, This Engine is in a most complete condition in points of implements; there are to it 2 reets, 27 feet of suction solid pipe 2 flexible pipes side lamps, trumpets, axes, cut-offs, winter carriage and rollers, there are also three torch lamps two shovels, and one signal lantern. The house is cold in winter a great quantity of wood has been burnt in consequence of its unfinished state, there having been no plastering done inside after the walls were put up.

No 9 or Hero Fire Engine, This Engine also is complete in points of implements, there to it, one reel, suction reel, cross, shovel, axes, side lamps, flexible pipe, 2 solid pipes, coupling joints, 2 torch lamps, &c. The house although unfinished as the Queen & Union, yet its is warm.

No 10 or Hook & Ladder Company, This company is now furnished with a carriage complete, for summer and winter, carrying with it when all is in order, 6 ladders 12 axes, 6 hooks, 3 hand saws, 6 saw bars, & 1 cross cut saw. There has been lost, at the fire of Laprarie on the 4<sup>th</sup> of August last, 5 axes. The house is in a good condition and of good size.

The conditions of the Cisterns are as follows  
namely

1. at the corner of Bagot Street & Wellington is good, and full of water
1. at the corner of Wellington & Grey Street holds but 18 inches of water
1. Between Prince & Queen Streets in Gabriel Street formerly Mr Wraggs Well, in good order
1. In Williams Street a good supply of water from the Creek,
1. In Mountain Street in good order
1. In Gilbert Lane in good order
1. In Chaboilez Square in bad order
1. In St Edwards Lane in good order
1. In Bonaventure Street in good order
1. at the corner of Williams & McGill Street require cleaning.

1. In Desriviere Street in good order,
1. In Lagnabettiere Street in good order,
1. In Worcester Street in good order,

Chief Engineer  
J. Perrigo  
1778 / 1800

I remain

Gentlemen with respect,  
Your very obedient Servant  
John Perrigo  
Chief Engineer

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Montreal 11<sup>th</sup> Nov 1846

I hereby certify that Mr Seth Graham  
has since about the 17<sup>th</sup> of August last  
been suffering with severe inflammation of  
the face and disease of the jaw bone  
and in consequence has been unable  
to work until within the last week or two

W. H. C. C. C. C. M. D.

To the Chairman and Members of the  
Fire Committee

The petitioners of the undersigned  
Fire men of the Phoenix Company.

Respectfully sheweth

That your petitioner whilst  
assisting with others to draw by hand the Phoenix  
Fire Engine to the Cross on the night of  
the 1<sup>st</sup> of October last and whilst at work  
during the time caught a severe cold which  
brought on an inflammation, by which he has  
suffered in health and rendered unable to  
earn the necessary support for himself  
and family since that period

That your  
petitioner is the principal support of an  
aged Father & Mother.

Wherefore  
your petitioner prays that your Honorable  
Committee will take his case into consideration  
and will be pleased to allow him some  
remuneration for his and his family support.

Seth Graham

Montreal  
11<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1846



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Mr. [unclear] seconded by Mr. [unclear] [unclear]  
That the Report of the Fire Committee  
now before the Council be adopted.

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Canal

Canal Gleason

de l'Est

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To His Honor The Mayor, Aldermen,  
And Citizens of Montreal

Mr the undersigned Agents of Fire Assurances Companies doing business in the City of Montreal, beg leave to call the attention of the Corporation to the danger to the property and lives of the Citizens, by the use of Camphine Oil for lighting Houses and Shops, a melancholy proof of which has recently been afforded by the appalling accident and loss of life at Quebec.

It having been found impossible to extinguish by the ordinary means fire occasioned by accidents occasioned by Camphine Oil, the several Fire Offices and Agencies, established here came to a determination some months since to refuse insuring properties or goods, where such a dangerous means of lighting the premises was used: but the said Insurance Offices finding that in many instances the Tenants had refused to discontinue such an objectionable mode of lighting, thereby rendering the policies of the Landlords void, do hereby respectfully suggest the propriety of the Corporation taking the matter into their special consideration, and framing a By-Law, prohibiting the use of Camphine Oil.

Wm Murray, Manager  
Montreal Assurance Coy

*[Signature]*  
Agent-Quebec for Office

*[Signature]*  
Agent for the Alliance Fire Company  
of London

*[Signature]*  
Agents for the Phoenix Fire & Life  
Company of London

Joseph Jones  
Agent for the Alliance & Protection  
of American Companies  
for Robert Moore

In Partnership Agents for  
The B. N. America Fire &  
Life of U. S. Toronto

*[Signature]*  
Agents for London

Requête des Directeurs Agents  
des différentes Compagnies d'Assurance  
dans cette ville demandant que  
la Corporation passe un Règlement  
pour prohiber le usage de Meuble  
Campurec dans cette ville pour  
l'entretien de différents individus

Petition from  
Agents of Fire Insurance  
Companies

Rec<sup>d</sup> & Presented  
12 Oct 1846  
to  
Rep<sup>y</sup> to F. M. Co.

Monsieur le Maire

Le Comité du Feu ayant pris  
en considération la Requête des  
agents des Compagnies d'assurance  
du feu de la Cité, demandant  
qu'un Règlement du Conseil soit  
passé pour empêcher l'usage de  
l'huile camphrée dans la Cité,  
à l'honneur de faire rapport.  
Que votre Comité a sérieusement  
pris en considération la portée  
de la dite requête & s'est assuré  
de la convenance qu'il y aurait  
de s'y conformer.

En conséquence votre Comité  
recommande qu'un Règlement  
soit dressé & passé pour empêcher  
l'usage de l'huile camphrée &  
des lampes à esprit pour les usages  
de l'éclairage, dans les limites  
de la Cité. Le tout soumis

Chambre du Comité  
4 novembre 1846

Paul Dumas  
M. Dumas  
W. Footner

To His Worship the Mayor  
the Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Montreal  
The Fire Committee

Respectfully Report

On the Petition of the Agents  
of the Fire Insurance Companies, of this City,  
praying that a By-Law of Council be enacted  
prohibiting the use of Camphine oil within  
the City -

That Your Committee have  
seriously taken into consideration the prayer  
of the said Petition, and ascertained the  
propriety of complying ~~with~~ therewith -

Wherefore Your Committee  
recommend that a By-Law be prepared ~~enacted~~  
prohibiting the use of Camphine oil and spirit  
lamps for lighting purposes, within the  
limits of this City,

The Whole nevertheless  
respectfully submitted,

Committee-Room, City Hall }  
Montreal 4<sup>th</sup> December 1846 }  
}

Respectfully  
W. Brunet.  
W. Footner  
John Baird



Fire Committee  
Report

Recommending a  
Bylaw to be enacted  
prohibiting the  
use of camphine  
oil within the  
limits of the city -

Presented & read 13<sup>th</sup> Nov 1846 -  
adopted 18<sup>th</sup> Nov 1846

Chief Engineer's Office  
18th December 1846,

To The Chairman and Members  
Composing the Fire Committee  
Gentlemen

I beg leave to report to the

following Relations to the departments,

- 1st I have caused the Engine Montreal to be placed in the Engine House recently erected in Pallmall Square, and have taken the necessary steps for heating the House.
- The above Engine wants certain appertanances: such as the Cams, Trumports, Axes, Cutoffs, Rope Reels, and Spring latches to the coils of the hose reel box and box of the rear part of the Engine.
- 2d After mature examination of the Appertanances of the Hook & Ladder Company, I find that the axes are all lost, there are 12 axes required to complete 6 Strong Hand Saws, the Hooks & Ladders are complete as also the Shovels.
- 3d Boilers of tin are required to the following Engines, Namely—Montreal, Neptune, Hero, & Queen, the object of the boilers is to heat water to put into the Engines on arriving from fires on a cold day in order that the ice may be immediately thawed in them.
- 4th I should also beg to inform the Committee that the contracts for cleaning & repairing the Houses office are the last of this month.
- 5th That I am in want of funds to meet the contingent expenses of the Departments.
- 6th I recommend as Lieutenants to the Montreal No 4 Fire Engine Company, Mr James Dwyer.
- 7th I also recommend as Lieutenants to the Hook & Ladder Company, Mr William Watson, Lieutenant Taylor having resigned, reported by Captain Bony.

at a Meeting of the Members of the said Company  
Wednesday last,

I am Sir

Your Most Obedient Humble Servant,

John Perrigo

Report of the Chief Magistrate  
to  
The Chairman & Members  
of the Committee of the  
Municipal Council

18th June 1855

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Montreal Dec 3<sup>o</sup> 1846

The Chairman of the Fire Committee

Dear Sir

As Capt of the  
Union Fire Engine Coy it becomes  
my duty to acquaint you with  
the fact that Mr Jas Perry  
one of my men has been  
so unwell for more than  
five weeks past as to be  
unable to attend to his business  
in consequence of injuries  
received at the fire in  
St Antoine St Oct 17<sup>th</sup> - &  
it is the opinion of the doctor  
(Dr Arnold) that he will not  
be able to attend to his duties  
for 5 weeks to come - this  
is to pray that you would see fit  
to discharge the Doctors bill & afford  
such other relief as you may  
think right & proper.

I remain yours respectfully

Capt Wm Merrin  
U. F. Coy

The Chairman of the  
Fire Committee

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Montreal Decr 15<sup>th</sup> 1846

Sir

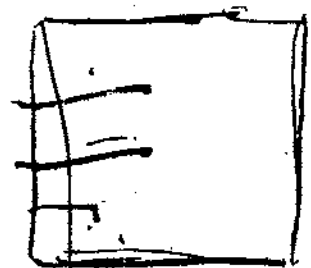
We the undersigned request an advance of one Hundred and fifty Pounds on account of our contract for building the engine House on Salhouse square, as we are much in want of money if we could have it this week it would

greatly oblige

Yours obt<sup>d</sup> Servts  
Otho Bulmerston

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W. J. M. J. 1856

17. 1. 1856

To the Chairman of the  
Fire Committee

Corporation of Montreal

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Poitras  
Speers



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To his Worship the Mayor & the Corporation of the  
City of Montreal,

The Petition of the undersigned inhabitants of  
this city.

Humbly Sheweth.

That your Petitioners  
have seen in the proceedings of the Corporation reported in the Mon-  
treal Herald, that the Council have adopted a report of the  
Fire Committee, recommending a By-law to be enacted prohibiting the  
use of Camphine Oil and Spirit Lamps for the lighting purposes of the City.

And whereas your petitioners are apprehensive that this prohibition  
is intended to extend to the lighting of Shops and dwellings, do most ear-  
nestly and respectfully pray that your honorable Council may not pass a  
By Law so directly opposed to the wishes and interests of a large portion  
of the Citizens.

Your petitioners urge this prayer for the following  
among other Considerations

1<sup>st</sup> Camphine Oil when used with ordinary care, is  
in the opinion of your petitioners as safe as either, Oil, Candles, or Gas  
in proof of which they adduce the fact that since its introduction into this  
city they are not aware that it has been the cause of a single fire. Nor  
do they think it has been the cause of a serious conflagration in Canada  
with the exception of the melancholy fire in Quebec — a fire they may  
add which many believe has been caused by the chemical process used in  
lighting the pictures exhibited on that occasion.

2<sup>nd</sup> Your Petitioners consider a By Law prohibiting the  
use of Camphine as an unjust invasion of the rights of the Citizens. If  
the use of Camphine be really dangerous to the City, the action of the ~~Fire~~  
Insurance Companies will be quite sufficient to correct the evil.

3<sup>rd</sup> The passing of such a By Law will necessarily be construed  
by the public into an attempt to Foster and encourage a monopoly the most  
exorbitant in its prices that has been known to exist in this City.

4<sup>th</sup> Your Petitioners would further call the attention of  
your honorable Body to the fact, that if the Gas Company was ~~in a~~  
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unexceptionable in all other respects, its arrangements are such that it does not furnish a sufficient supply to meet the wants of the City, many parties who now pay for Gas being frequently obliged to use Candles and Oil Lamps to compensate for the deficiency in the Gas light, and to enable them to prosecute their business.

5th The expense of Common Oil, — the impossibility of preserving cleanliness in connexion with its use, especially in Dry goods, & fancy goods stores. — and the imperfect light obtained from it, as compared with Camphine renders it most undesirable that the Citizens should be compelled to adopt it as the means of lighting their premises.

Your petitioners do therefore reiterate the prayer of this petition, that the By Law in question may not be passed.

And your petitioners as in duty bound

Will ever pray.

John Holland

J. Henry Evans  
J. G. Smith

~~Geo. H. Wheeler~~

William E. Bowman

Benj. Westerman

Green & Sons

Geo. W. Dyer

~~Thos. Dyer~~

Georg. Hunter

Thomas Kerrins

Leandre Chaput

~~Geo. H. Dyer~~

Silas Gregory

Edmond Miles

Edmond Gates

Chas. Booth

James Green  
Robt Anderson

~~Thomas H. Bridge~~

~~Rebecca~~

~~Thos. Carrier~~

~~Victor Attwater~~

Georg. Chellus

Josh. Harrison

Wm. Barron

John O. Butters

Harmon & Gush

C. Gallagher

~~Geo. H. Dyer~~

J. W. Cambridge

Albert Hopkins

Asa Burroughs  
John Elliot  
W. C. Parson  
~~J. H. ...~~  
J. Houston  
John ...  
H. Hudson  
Patrick ...  
George ...  
James ...  
Thomas ...  
John ...  
Wm ...  
Mar ...  
T. ...  
H. ...  
E. ...  
M. ...  
H. ...  
H. ...  
G. ...  
H. ...  
S. ...  
H. ...  
J. ...

A. A. Hibbard  
E. C. Wright  
Charles ...  
William ...  
A. ...  
John ...  
J. ...  
J. ...  
J. ...

Requete des soupçonnés demandant  
qu'il ne soit pas passé de résolutions  
à l'effet de prohiber l'usage  
de l'huile camphrée pour  
les fins de l'élavrage

Petition of  
Inhabitants ~~of~~  
to be permitted to use  
Campfire,

Desents 23<sup>d</sup> Dec 1846

Rep to Erie Co.

To his worship the Mayor Alder-  
-man and Citizens in Council assem-  
-bled

The Petition of Archibald McNaugh-  
-ton of the City of Montreal Merchant Grocer

Humbly Sheweth

That since about eighteen months ago  
your Petitioner has on the behalf of the Neptune  
fire Company and on behalf of some of the most  
respectable Citizens of the Quebec suburbs, had  
the honor of addressing several Memorials to the  
Fire Committee on the subject of having a  
through good Fire Engine in Centre of the  
Quebec Suburbs.

That your Petitioner will not trouble  
you now by exposing to you the urgent necessity  
of having a good Fire Engine in the Suburbs  
but will merely limit himself to mentioning  
the following facts, namely: that the Neptune  
never goes out to a fire but what she is brought  
back broken (and was brought back badly  
broken from the last fire which occurred  
out West<sup>rs</sup> Molsons). That the blame is daily  
thrown on your petitioner for not having a  
better Engine than the Neptune.

That the Neptune Company are thoroughly

sick of working that old engine, and your  
Petitioner will not take upon himself to guar-  
antee that he can keep the Company together  
much longer.

That unless the Corporation  
makes some speedy exertions to have the En-  
gine begun by Messrs Perry soon finished,  
your Petitioner is sorry to remark that it is  
not likely that new Engine will be soon  
finished. -

Your Petitioner thinks that no  
blame can be attached to him if the new  
Engine is not finished long since, he having  
paid to Messrs Perry <sup>& others</sup> about five or six months  
ago the sum of \$ 30. to effect the completion  
thereof.

Wherefore your petitioner  
prays that you will take the present Petition  
into consideration and grant the prayer thereof

Montreal 23 Dec<sup>r</sup> 1846

Arch<sup>d</sup> McNaughton  
Capt Neptune Fire Comp<sup>y</sup>

Requête de M. Archibald  
McNaughton se plaignant  
du mauvais état de la  
Compagnie de l'Éclaircissement & deman-  
dant que le conseil fasse  
finir la Compagnie commencée  
par M. M. Perry

No 5

Petition of

Archibald McNaughton

23 Dec. 1846

Presented 23<sup>d</sup> Dec 1846

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Dep't to. Sine C<sup>o</sup>.

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Office of the Chief Engineer  
of the Fire Department  
Montreal, 28th December 1876

Sir

I am directed by His Worship the Mayor  
to ascertain from you, the cause of deficiency of  
water in the Pipes in St Mary Street, on the occasion  
of the fire which took place there on Wednesday the  
23rd Instant at Seven P.M.:—I have therefore to  
request you will furnish me with a written reply  
in as few words as I may be enabled to comply with  
the instructions I have received to lay the same  
before the Council this evening,

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obedient Servant

John Perrigo  
Chief Engineer

Mr James M. Hideo  
Engineer  
Water Works Department

28 Dec 1846

John Perrigo  
to James McVidier  
on the subject  
of Water

Mr James McVidier

Engineer

Water Works Department

City Hall Montreal  
28th December 1856

Sir

In obedience to the instructions I this day  
received from you, having reference to the deficiency  
of water at the fire which took place in St Mary  
Street on Wednesday evening last; I called on the  
Engineer of the Water Works Department, to explain  
the cause, his reply to which, I have not been able to obtain.  
I beg leave most respectfully herewith to enclose, a copy  
of the letter sent to the Engineer on that subject,

I am Sir

With high respects,  
Your very obedient servant,  
John Perrigo,  
Chief Engineer  
Fire Department,

His Worship  
John E Mills Esq  
Mayor of Montreal



Moved by Mr. Lyman Talbot and  
by Mr. Miller, that the report now under  
consideration be read & adopted

Bon Voyageur le Marin  
Aux Echevins & Aux Citoyens de la  
Cité de Montréal

Le Comité du Feu ayant pris en  
considération la motion du Conseiller  
Valois faite à la séance du Conseil  
tenue le 15 septembre 1846, &  
référé à votre Comité, Que  
les tuyaux maintenant en la pos-  
session de la Compagnie des Boyards  
sont également divisés entre  
les différentes Compagnies qui  
composent à présent le Département  
du feu - à l'honneur de faire  
rapport. Qu'après votre délibération  
votre Comité a formé l'opinion  
qu'il serait à propos de fournir  
aux pompes suivantes, savoir:  
à l'Union, au Protecteur, au  
Montréal Lan Queen, et au  
Meris, six cents pieds de tuyaux  
chaque, faisant un double  
jeu de stock maintenant  
en la possession de la  
Compagnie

Compagnie des Truys, Ayu  
depuis & après le premier janvier  
prochain; tous les tuyaux sont  
retourés & tenus en réparation  
sous la direction de la première  
terme de Chignouin en  
chef du Département des  
Eau. Et votre Comité  
recommande en conséquence

Le tout unanimement  
Respectueusement Soumis

Chambre de Commerce  
23 Décembre  
1846

Paul Lymbay  
M. Frotter  
John Howard  
Marcus Veloz

To His Worship the Mayor, the  
Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Montreal

The Fire Committee

Respectfully Report:

On Councilor Valois' motion  
made at the meeting of Council held the  
15<sup>th</sup> September 1846, and referred to your  
Committee, "That the hose now in the  
possession of the Hose Company be equally  
divided among the several companies at  
present composing the Fire Department."

That, after mature deliberation,  
your Committee have formed the opinion  
that it would be advisable to supply the  
following Engines, viz; the "Union", "Protector", "Maitre"  
"Queen", and "Hero", with six hundred feet  
of hose each, making a double set, from the  
stock now in possession of the Hose Company.  
And that the balance of the hose for the  
present be kept by the Hose Company, and  
that from and after the 1<sup>st</sup> January  
next, the whole of the hose be cleaned  
and kept in repair under the direction  
and superintendence of the Chief Engineer  
of the Fire Department.



Committee recommend accordingly

The whole nevertheless

respectfully submitted,

Committee Room - City Hall

Montreal 18<sup>th</sup> Dec 1846

Benj. Lyman  
G. Hartman

Johm Beard  
Narcise Valois

20 December 1846

For Committee

Report

On Lord-Victor's Motion

Presented 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec '46

and

Ordered to be taken into

consideration with a view

to the

Meeting of Council

Adopted 28<sup>th</sup> December 1846

Statement of  
 Balance of Mr's Agreement of the 18<sup>th</sup> Dec 1845 to  
 build Engine Houses -

First Engine House in German St.

1845	Amount per Contract		£240
		cr.	
19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Bond N° 300 for	£100	03
"	Bond N° 301 for	<u>100</u>	<u>200</u>
	Balance remaining due		£40

Second Engine House on Dalhousie Square

	Amount per Contract		£280
		cr.	
1846	31 <sup>st</sup> Oct By Cash on Ac	£50	
"	Nov " do "	50	
"	Dec " do "	<u>50</u>	<u>150</u>
	Balance remaining due		£130

J. P. Sexton

City Clerk

Dec 18-78

# Roll of Mutual Company No. 6.

Names	Profession	Residence
Capt. Jos Patoas	Wheelright	St Lawrence Street
Lieut. J. B. Tison	Mechanic	Sagachetiere
Branchiman, Jos Marceau ✓	Painter	St Catherine
L. Veau ✓	Shoemaker	Do
Jos Lapierre ✓	Do	Mignone
W. Tison ✓	Carpenter	Garnier
Benj. Tison ✓	Do	Sagachetiere
Albe. Bondreau ✓	Shoemaker	Do
Andre Desroche ✓	Painter	St Catherine
Moise Desroche ✓	Tin Smith	Do
Jos Chasse ✓	Shoemaker	Garnier
Joseph Serat ✓	Stone Cutter	Leclerc
George Decere ✓	Wheelright	St Lawrence
Simon Leage ✓	Carpenter	Sagachetiere
L. Rousseau ✓	Do	St Catherine
Chs Thomas ✓	Shoemaker	St Lawrence
Narcisse Pithet ✓	Do	Do
George Crochere ✓	Carpenter	Vitre
Michel Felten ✓	Do	St Helen
Ant Robert ✓	Do	Sanguinet
Denis Desnoire ✓	Shoemaker	Do
Narcisse Chasse ✓	Do	Do
Blavier Rodier ✓	Painter	St Charles Borromeo
Chs Petit Clair ✓	Stone Cutter	St Hubert
Josac Bowles ✓	Printer	St Constant
Henry Meardon ✓	Shoemaker	Bonaventure
A. Harborne ✓	Do	Montcalm
Michel Blais ✓	Carpenter	St Antoine
Joseph Mouselle ✓	Shoemaker	Bonaventure
Ant Reel ✓	Do	Sanguinet
Hilais Reberge ✓	Do	Do

Names	Profession	Residence
Leon Lapointe ✓	Shoemaker	St. Catherine Street
Bernard Donahoue ✓	Turner	St. Lawrence
Jos: Jaworeau ✓	Shoemaker	St. Catherine
Pros: Jodoin ✓	Do	St. Paul
Pierre Thomas ✓	Stone Cutter	St. Catherine
Felix Briere	Plasterer	St. Lawrence
Chu Faloudeau	Shoemaker	Sanguinet
Leon Gauthier	Do	Dorchester
Albert Laisan ✓	Do	Sanguinet
J. B. Deschamps	Shoemaker	St. Lawrence
Ls: Lecomp	Carpenter	Mignard

Roll of the Mutual  
Company No. 6

1846

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Moved by Mr. Symon that the report  
now before the Council be adopted  
seconded by - Elizabeth M. Paul

To His Worship the Mayor  
the aldermen & citizens of the City of Montreal  
The Fire Committee

Respectfully Report:—

That Messrs Dulmer & Sons,  
having completed their contract for the  
erection of the Engine House on Dalhousie  
Square, have applied to receive the payment  
of the monies due them for the said Works,  
in cash, instead of Corporation Bonds, as  
originally agreed upon in the said contract,  
And that after ~~the~~ mature consideration of  
the circumstances connected with the said  
contract and its execution, Your Committee  
~~have~~ recommend that the said application  
be complied with.

The whole nevertheless  
respectfully submitted,

Committee Room, City Hall

Montreal, 18<sup>th</sup> Decembre 1846

Benj. Lyman  
W. Foster  
John Board  
Darius Valois



Boydellmann le Maire  
Aux Echevins & aux Citoyens  
de la Ville de Montréal  
Le Comité du Feu a l'honneur  
de faire rapport: Les M<sup>rs</sup>  
Puliner & Leno ayant complété  
leur contrat pour l'érection  
de la maison des Pompes sur  
la Place Da Montreuil, ont fait  
application pour recevoir le paiement  
des argets à eux dus pour cet  
ouvrage en argent comptant  
au lieu de l'usu de la Corporation,  
tel que primitivement stipulé  
dans ledit contrat, & qu'après  
vaine délibération & considération  
des circonstances rapportées  
audit contrat & l'usu mentionné,  
votre Comité recommande  
que la dite application  
soit accordée -

Et tout néanmoins respec-  
tueusement soumis -

Chambre de Ville }  
23 Decembre 1806 }  
Boydellmann  
W. Foster

Fire Committee

Report  
Recommending to pay

Bulmer's bonds in cash  
instead of Bonds

Presented 23<sup>rd</sup> & ber '46

and  
Report  
considered - to be taken into

consideration at the next

Meeting of Council 18<sup>th</sup> Dec

28<sup>th</sup> Dec 1846 - consideration

postponed till the next  
meeting

Adopted 18<sup>th</sup> June 1847