

Montreal. November 3rd 1848

Sir

The following members have resigned from my Company to go to the United States &c namely: Lieut. Oliver Koder, Simon Lesage, Louis Roberge, Jos Hoque, Pierre Lamerriere, Moise Desroche, Oliver Perrau, Denis Desoude, Narcisse Parent, & Fros Dequise, and the following have been selected by the Company for the approval of the Fire Committee, every one of them I recommend. namely: John Desroche Stone Cutter, Ste Catherine Street.

Antoine Bourdon, Butcher, St Lawrence Street,
Fros L. Honier, Stone Cutter, Sanguinet -

Pierre Carriere, Sadler - Ste Catherine -

Jean Neau, Paperster - St Dominique -

Fros Resette, Grocer - Germain -

Pierre Boisvin, Cutter - Janet -

J. Bth Neau, Joiner - St Dominique -

Cyprien Champeau, Stone Cutter - Sanguinette.

Fros Demerice dit Dumais, Shoe maker, St Felix -

all of whom I recommend as good labor

men and I hope you will also recommend
them to the Committee.

I am Sir

Your Most Obedt Servt.

J. B. Tison

Capt

Voligeur Comp^y

To John Perigo Esq^r
Chief Engineer.

Letter
from Capt. Tison
to fill up vacancies

Letter approved of by
the Committee on the
8th Nov. 1848.

C. S.

Wm. J. G. G. G.
Wm. J. G. G. G.

M. J. G. G. G.
Wm. J. G. G. G.
4th grade

To The Chairman & Members of the
Fire Committee, City Corporation,
Gentlemen,

I have the honor to inform you, that at a
meeting of the "Protector" Company, held on
the evening of the 11th instant, Mr Robert Parker,
Cooper, Nuzerth St, St Anne Ward, was nominated
to the office of 2^d Lieutenant pro. tem. by
a majority of the members present,
I would therefore submit said nomination
for your approval and sanction and remain

Your Obedient Servant
John Fletcher
Captain Protector, C. Comp.

Montreal Nov. 14th 1848

14 Nov 1848

Letter from Captain
Fletcher recommen-
ding Mr Parker as
2^d Lieutenant of his
Company

Mr, the Chairman of the
Fire Committee
City Corporation,

Montreal. Nov 14th 1848.

Dear Sir,

I enclose to you a Communication
to the Fire Committee, informing them
of the nomination of Mr Robert Parker
to the office of I, or Lieutenant
pro, tem, for the Protector Company,
during the absence of Lieut Cameron
you will please lay it before
the Committee at their first
meeting, and oblige
your respectfully

Wm Fletcher
Capt Pro. Comp^y
To, W. S. Perrigo }
Chief Engineer }

Mr Robert Parker
Chief Engineer

Montreal Nov^r. 17th 1848

To The Fire Committee

Gent^lm

Herewith I send you a sample
(one of each) of Black and Brown Harness Leather
with which I can supply you at the rate of one
Shilling Currency per lb. The said Harness shall be
reasonably free from cuts and of good quality and
can be chosen by your agent from the stock I have in
hand

I have the Honour to be
Gent^lm Your Obed^t Serv^t
Isidore Bourgeois
Per J Wood

Recd on Friday the 17th Nov
1848 at 1/2 past 11 o'clock am
N^o 2

Mr J P Sartor
City Hall

Sender for Stamp

17th Nov 1848

Sender for Letter
(None)

de lui.

Boston. Nov. 21. 1841.

We rec'd your telegraph despatch in due time & wish it, that the writs should be sent on Saturday last - we regret to say that they have not yet come to hand from the factory - which is 150 miles from here - but the Wgt writes us that in making a part of them, his machinery broke down - it will be 2 or 3 days yet, before they can be finished -

The very moment they come to hand, we will put them on the way to Montreal, by the quickest route we can obtain - and will send Invoice by Mail of that day -

By way of explanation to you, as the reason why we wrote to Hubbard, &c that the Agent required the funds to be here before sending the writs - we will state respectfully that we were not willing to assume the payment on their account, from the fact that the house here to whom they referred us, could give us no satisfactory answer ^{at that time} in regard to their standing, having heard some unpleasant rumors of their character from N York - within a day or two, however, satisfactory information has been given to us, of Mr Ashley Hubbards good character & standing & we should be glad to execute any of their commissions in our line - Perceiving that you may possibly be a friend of Mr H's - we desire to state frankly the reasons which have influenced us, with the hope that if you deem it proper, you will make us our behalf the 'unwieldy' -

Very Respectfully -

Your Obedt Servants -

To E. A. Sexton Esq -
Montreal - L. C.

James Bay & Co
Montreal

21 Nov. 1848

Letter from Boyd & Sons
Boston

~~Montreal~~
To the Fire Committee of the
Corporation of the City of Mon-
tréal,

The Petition of the undersigned
Members of the, Neptune No. 2, Fire
Company,

Humlylly sheweth

That the Lieutenantcy of the Company
of the Neptune, is now vacant, and
that your Petitioners would most
Respectfully pray the Fire Committee
to allow the Company the privilege of
Electing one of their choice in the Com-
pany to be Lieutenant, or differ said
Appointment until the opinion of the
Majority of the Company has been heard
The proposed candidate, not being the
choice of one eighth of the Company
And your Petitioners will ever pray

Montreal, 23rd Nov - 1848.

Jth senezal

Ed. A. Livingston

John Buchanan

John Smith
Anthony Rogers
George Demer
Luke Fitzpatrick

Richard Martin
William Weston
John Bone
James Peterleigh
William Stephenson
Andrew Stephenson
William Doonall
William Gregg
George Douglas
James Hawley
Pierre Benoit

James Thomas
William Coutour
John Robins
Charles Charbonneau
Bouchard -
Joseph Lavoie
Leons Demerab
Pere Bell
Louis Lachapelle
George Robinson
Duncan McMartin
David Smith

23 Nov 1848

Petition
of Men of the Neptune
Boat
respecting election of
Lieutenant

23 Nov. 1848

Letter of Capt. McNaughton
recommending Mr
Clarke as Lieutenant

To the Gentlemen of the
Fire Committee, of the
Corporation of Montreal,

A Lieutenant being required
to replace Mr. Rogers
of the Neptune, No 3 Comp
allow me to suggest as
a fit and proper person
Mr Wm Clarke, to be
Lieut.

I have the honor
to be
Gentlemen
Yours most obedt Servt
A McNaughton

Montreal
23 Nov 1848

A Les Messieurs Le Maire
Messieurs Le Revenu & Les
Conseillers de la Corporation
de Montréal.

La Signé du Conseiller Messieurs
très respectueusement.

Qui votre requête me
plus j'aurais, au sujet de la loi sur le
son (régulation) dont il a pu faire de votre
Corporation, son nom est des Messieurs
Duché Bonhomme de cette Ville.

Qui de plus on occupé
Luzette ce jour, trois les jours de plus,
il a perdu plusieurs effets, sucre et autres
par la pluie qui a pénétré dans vos magasins
et spécialement par la porte de la prison
qui dans les jours de pluie ne peut se fermer
à cause que nécessairement entrées avec son magasin,
quoique ce soit la porte la plus élevée
et arbalandée, votre requête est
en dépend de la dalle, au cas où pour votre
corporation de votre bon, faire constater
au cas où il se plaindre et l'état de la
et lui enverra par un document pour les faits
qu'il a endurés et faire ensuite en cas
l'avenir, il fera les jours de son usage sur vous
plus d'avantage qu'il n'a pu le faire jusqu'à
en son. Il sait que votre Corporation a
à cause de faire tout le bien possible à ses
locataires et c'est ce qui l'encourage dans
sa présente démarche.

A Montréal
ce 17/10/1848
B. P.

Joseph Lesage

Requête
de M. Jos. Lesiège
pour dommages

Presented 7. Nov. 1848.

Referred to the Market Committee

C. J.

Rejected 30. Nov. 1848.

C. J.

November 20 1848

Gentlemen

It being my duty to lay before you
all matters relating to the conduct of the
men composing the Company you have
placed under my command.

I beg leave to represent that

Abby Randall, late Capt

James Ross

George Sullivan and

August Perceat

have for at least three months back, not
attended to their duties at fires &c
without assigning any cause for such
neglect and consequently throwing the work
to be performed on those who attend,
(Says Sullivan & Ross have at different times
while the men were with the reels to
the fires, spoke of the men as if they
were fools for not doing their duty &c &c.)
Although they profess to attend to their
duties, as they have expressed they never
will again, they firmly refuse to give
up their uniforms of the Company

Yours

As they Hubbard late Captⁿ
drawed the amount of Pay due him
wille none of the Men drawed one
dollar, he like wise neglect to deliver
up the uniforms of the Company
there by, keeping the Company in
a deficient state of, equipement

Seeing I have performed
my duty in laying the matter
before you I hope you will take
such steps as may lead to the remedy
of the evils complained of.

I am Gentl^l your
Obedt^t Servant &c

Alfred Perry
Commanding
Hatch Company

To The Chairman And

Members Composing

The Fire Committee

City Hall

30 Nov: 1848

Letter from A. Perry
communicating
absence of John

City of Montreal -

Boston. Dec^r 1st 1847.

Box of James Bay Lines -

100 lbs - 7/16 in HIRE writs - 2

40 . . . 1/2

20 . . . 5/16

65 . . . 12/16

105 lbs. 4oz - 66.00

504 - 23.50

1 93.50

1 6.42

1 99.92

Paid freight, & Drayage.

Bank

Dear Sir -

The above writs boxes in two kegs, were rec'd & have been forwarded to your address this day - they have been a long time making, but we hope they will reach you before navigation closes - we enclose a "Blank Bill Head" that you can fill out & send to St Johns in case you wish any one to pass them through the Custom House.

We have written our agent in May to forward them with all despatch - and we have no doubt he will do so.

Very Respectfully -

Wm Wth Stewart -

James Bay Lines

J. P. Gordon Esq.

City Clerk - Montreal -

11th Jan^y 1848 - Paid by draft \$105.47 from the Montreal Bank on the order of the Receiver Genl Boston, dated 10th Dec^r for \$24 19.7 Cts @ 3 days sight

1^{er} Decem^r 1848

Letter from Boydell
to M. L.

Boston
in reference to these notes
p.

Montreal December 7. 1848

Sir,

On the 9th ult. I had the honor to receive from you a letter, written by direction of the Fire Committee, enclosing my letter of the 20th Oct last, returned to me for the purpose of having the names contained therein submitted to them in another form.

I also beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday the 6th inst. requesting an answer to your former communication, before doing so I beg to apologize for my neglect in not answering your letter sooner. My excuse is sickness in my family, and the late trouble in my company.

With regard to my letter of the 20th Oct, which was returned to me on the 9th Nov. I beg to state, that ten days after I had sent the letter to the Committee, and ten days prior to the return of said letter, the Chief Engineer gave me the Roll Book of the Corporation, to have the names of my men enrolled in it and their signatures attached to the Printed Bond in said Book, I accordingly called a meeting of the Company, and judging from the time that had elapsed since the date of my letter, that the men whose names
To, J. P. Hexton Esq^r
City Clerk

(were

were reported in it, had been approved of by the Committee, (as had been the case with several of my Reports subsequent to the 6th May,) these men along with ^{the} other Members of the Company, were enrolled in the Roll Book of the Corporation, and signed a Bond or agreement, to comply with, and obey all every the Bye-Laws of the Corporation, and Rules and Regulations of the Fire Committee &c. &c. so that at the date of your first letter, the men whose names were returned to me, were in fact Bona Fide Members of the Fire Department, and the Bond of their obligation to obey the Rules of the Corporation, in possession of the Chief Engineer, the recognised Head of the Department, and Organ of Communication between the Fire Committee and the several Fire Companies,

The enforcement of the Order of the C^o May well of course apply only to those who may have joined, or may desire to join after the date of the enrolment of the Company, viz 30 Oct last past,

I have had no applications for admission since, the Company is full at present,

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most Obedt Servt,
John Fletcher
Captain Protector Compy

7 Dec. 1848 -

Letter from Le apte
- Fletcher -

- en appointements -

Procurer du
Canada
District de
Montréal

Mon Honneur Le Maire de
la Cité de Montréal, et Messieurs
Les Echevins et Conseillers de la Cité
de Montréal

Jean Baptiste Robert Charrette
de la dite Cité de Montréal a l'hon-
neur de vous exposer

Qu'en dans la nuit du Cinq septembre
courant, il fut employé avec un charre-
tin à traîner la pompe le Bois, jus-
qu'à l'extrémité Nord Est de la Cité de
Montréal, via si de la traversée de
Sanguin.

Qu'en dans cette course que
votre supplicant fut avec beaucoup
de célérité, son cheval s'échappa et
muet qu'il en mourut huit jours
plus tard.

Que votre supplicant est un
pauvre homme et incapable d'
acheter un autre cheval, que son
cheval est le seul moyen de gagner
qu'il a soit de gagner sa vie et celle
de sa nombreuse famille, composée
de sept enfants.

Qu'en si que son cheval est mort au
service de la Corporation, Il supplie
que le conseil de ville voudra bien
faire la charité de lui procurer les
moyens d'acheter un nouveau cheval

et vous priez Obit
Dix-septième page, sous le
Montreal 25 septembre 1848

perme Jean Baptiste Robert

J. B. Robert

Non Couraigue, Certifier que le
Cheval de Jean Baptiste Paul Robert
est mort de l'été échappé échappé
à travers la pompe le 10^o le 10^o
Septembre venant lors de l'alarme
de l'incendie a Longueuil

Montreal 25 Septembre 1848

M^r. Masson Capt du Heron.
Lieut Phillip Groux d'Heron Com^o

Pétition
de Jean-Baptiste Robert
pour être indemnisé
de la perte de son cheval

Reçue le 2 Oct. 1848
Présentée le 6 Oct. 1848
Référé
au Comité du feu

Monsieur le Maire aux Chinois
et aux Citoyens de la Cité de
Montreal

Le Comité du Foyer fait
respectueusement rapport

qu'il a pu en considération
la requête ci-dessus de M. L. L.

Après avoir demandé une indemnité

pour la perte de son cheval, qui

est mort pour être employé

à traîner la Coupe d'été

de la place Chapultepec à l'extrémité

nord-est du faubourg Ste-Cécile

pendant la nuit du cinq septembre

dernier, le requérant ne

sollicite pas la compensation

en question, considérant un droit

niche la demande comme

une charité, sous les circons-

tances et au vu de l'âge de

son ancienne famille.

Le Comité ne peut souscrire

au principe que le conducteur

est ou doit être responsable

de pareils accidents aux chemins

sous les soins de leurs

conducteurs ou des personnes

employées à transporter les

projets aux usages -

Cependant le requérant dans

ce cas-ci est Charretier.

Il a été depuis plusieurs

années employé comme tel

dans le Service du Département

ment du jour, à travers porter les
pompes aux rigaudies. Il est
un pauvre homme à une
maigre mais famille, et na
an com autre moyen moyen
de se maintenir avec que
sa famille, que son occupation
de charretier qu'il ne peut
exercer sans cheval, et le
seul cheval qu'il possédait
a été perdu du cheval de
la corporation. Sans doute,
ces circonstances sont assez
recommander qu'une somme
de sept louis dix chelins lui
soit allouée, non pas comme
une indemnité de la perte,
mais comme un don du conseil
en considération de ce qu'il est
par les circonstances sous lesquelles
elle est arrivée, et qu'une assignation
spéciale de cette somme
soit faite à votre comité
pour cet objet. Je suis
néanmoins respectueusement
sincèrement

Cher Comité
10 Nov 1858

vos dévoués

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 accompanying Petition of Mr Jean B^e Robert,
to be compensated for the loss of his horse, which died
in consequence of being overheated, drawing the Engine
Horse, from Chabouilly Square to the North Eastern
extremity of the Quebec Suburb on the night of the
5th Sept last. The Petitioner himself does not seek
the compensation asked for, as a matter of right,
but submits it as a Charity, under the Circumstances
and in consequence of his extreme poverty and
large family; further Your Committee
subscribe to the principle that the Council is
ought to be liable, for similar Accidents to horses
under the care of their drivers or employed to convey
Engines to Fires.

The Petitioner in the Case, however, is a
Carter. He has for years past been a pious and such
in the service of the Fire Dept. conveying Engines to Fires.
He is a poor man, has a large family, and no other
means of supporting himself and them than his occupa-
-tion of Carter, which he cannot pursue without a
horse; and the only horse he possessed was lost in the service
of the Corporation. Under all these Circumstances Your
Committee recommend that a sum of Seven pounds and ten
shillings be allowed him, not as compensation for his loss, but as
a gift or donation from the Council in consideration of it, and of
the Circumstances under which it occurred; and that
a special appropriation of that sum be

made to your committee for the purpose. The whole
Reverend's respectfully submitted
Committee Room City Hall
10th Dec 1848

John Bell
Treasurer
Gas Grenier

Fire Committee
Report
on the petition
of W. Roberts
for an indemnity

10th Dec 1848

Adopted 11th Dec 1848.

Moved by C. Bell
Seconded

That the Report now read be
received and adopted

To the Worshipful the Mayor the Aldermen
and Citizens of the City of Montreal.

The Fire Committee of the Council

Respectfully Report,

On the Accompanying Application
of H. Whitney Esq. for permission to erect a
temporary covering on a portion of the vacant lot
in Canal Street belonging to John Torrance Esq. -
That the ~~shed~~ ^{open} shed referred to, has been
put up over ice used for playing the game of
curling upon. That although the occasion of little
danger, the shed has been erected in Contra-
-vention of the By-laws of the Council, and no
permission for its continuance, or guarantee against
the penalty consequent upon the Act, can be given
to the parties who built it. -

Your Committee are nevertheless
disposed to do, all in their power, under the Circumstances
to promote the wishes of the Petitioners; and they will
direct that no proceedings be instituted against
them by the Inspector of the Fire Department
before the latter part of April or beginning of May
next, nor then, if it be removed as promised
before that date. The whole is respectfully
submitted.

Committee Room - City Hall
9 December 1848

Wm. Bell
Joseph M. Morand

et ordonné ~~avant~~ tel qu'il
l'ont promis, au jour de cette date.
Le tout néanmoins respectueuse-
ment soumis.

9 Décembre
1808

Montreal 24 Nov 1848

Sir

I beg leave to apply on behalf of the Montreal Skittle-Curling Club, for permission to erect a temporary covering on a portion of the vacant lot in Craig St. belonging to John Dorrance Esq.

The Club are putting down Rinkes for artificial ice during the winter

I may observe that no lights or fire will be used.

I am
Sir
Yours obedt

W. W. Whitney

President
M.S.C.C.

To Joseph Bonnet Esq
Mayor of Montreal

Petition of
H. N. Whitney Esq

Presented Decr 1846
and referred
To the Fire Committee

~~City Committee~~
Report

On the Application
of H. H. Whitney Esq
for permission to erect
a temporary building
for the curling club

Adopted 13 December 1848.

Montreal Dec 15th 1848

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst, informing me that the introduction into the Roll Book, of the signatures of the Men whose names were returned to me, was irregular and could not constitute them Firemen. In reply I would beg to state, that if the enrollment was irregular, (which I think might be disputed,) I am not to blame in the matter, as I acted by the orders of the Chief Engineer,

Regarding the latter part of your letter requesting me to submit any names that I may have to fill up the vacancies in my Company, I would state that I have no other names than the Five referred to in the returned letter, and in order to submit them in a proper form to be sanctioned by the Committee, there is a difficulty in the way, which I do not see clearly how to surmount, it is this, these men from the date that I enrolled them, have acted as Firemen, and received uniform from the Company. Now whether will it be necessary for me to discharge them, and submit their names, as persons desirous of becoming Members at the present date, or, submit their names for the sanction of the Committee, as having entered my Company at the dates mentioned in my letter of the 20th Oct. last past, if I accept
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the latter course, it is an infringement of the "Order"
if the Committee would be kind enough to explain how
I am to act, it would oblige

Your Most Obedt. Servt.

John Fletcher
Capt. Protection Co.

To, J. P. Sexton Esq^r
City Clerk

Decr-15- 1848.

Letter
from Capt. Fletcher
re appointments

Montreal Dec-15th 1848

Sir

In reply to your favour of the 14th inst. I have to state that (so far as I am aware) all the members of my are now enrolled as members of the Fire department in the roll book of the Corporation kept by the Chief Engineer — and that since then — I have not had any applications for membership in my Company

I have the honor to be
yours respectfully.

Wm H. Blair

Capt Union Company

To J. P. Sexton Esq^r
City Clerk.

Letter
from Captn Muir

15 Dec- 1848.

D. Holmes
complaint of admission
received

Gt. James St.

Dec: 19, 1848

19 Dec. 1848

Decided

Sir -

I have to request you
will bring before the Committee of
the Corporation the following circum-
stances: -

On the morning of the 11th inst I
was awakened about 6 o'clock in con-
sequence of large quantities of sparks &
flakes of fire flying past my upper
windows - After watching for some time
finding it still continue, I dressed my-
self and went into the Street where I ascer-
tained that the sparks &c. came from
Mr Willock's baker house Chimney -
Seeing a light in the Horse House adjoining,

I knocked upon a man to whom
I pointed out the chimney as I
supposed - He however made very light
of it and said that it was of constant
occurrence & that the sparks could do
no harm - Not being satisfied with this
I called upon you, and you requested
me to write officially to you which I now
do - The delay has arisen chiefly from
my having called upon Mr Willcock
to tell him of what I intended to do -
He assured me there was no danger
from such sparks and referred me
to Mr Brosson in proof of this -
I at last saw Mr B. and ^{he} was not at
all satisfied that there was no danger -
In consequence of finding my fears
corroborated, I have now to request
that the committee will take the subject
into consideration and apply a re-

medy - It appears to me a simple
& cheap one could be obtained by
obliging Bakers to cover their chimneys
in the same way as Steam boat
chimneys are. - You will, however,
be able to decide upon that matter.

I am Sir

Yours very respectful,

A. F. Holmes M.D.

B. Lyman Esq

Chairman Fire Committee

Mr. Contant's application
to form a fire company

Dec. 19th Dec. 1868

decided - not granted -

Montreal

19th Dec. 1868

To the President of the Fire
Committee, Corporation of
Montreal,

in understanding as I
do that the Captains of the Fire
Engines have resigned, their office
I hereby tender my services
to replace some of them in
any ward, (St. James) or in
St. Mary's. Please submit this

to the Committee. & oblige your

Wth Serv^t

J^{os} Contant

10 O'clock

Gentlemen

Montreal 22nd Dec 48

I have this moment had put into my hands the notes of the Committee meeting this morning & I am so situated that I cannot absent myself from business for an hour or two which I regret as I suppose the meeting is called with reference to the ^{Council} meeting this evening.

All I have to say about the foreman is what I have already stated that I believe the difficulties can be easily settled by reconstituting the two officers & call a meeting of all the officers, with the Committee, when all the steams will be let off & all will return perfectly satisfied

I am with respect
Yours Obedt Servt

Benj^r Lyman

To the Fire Committee

Mr. Lyman's letter
22^d December 1848.

Five Cents

To The Mayor, Aldermen, & Citizens
of the City of Montreal, in Council
Assembled.

The Memorial and Appeal
of the undersigned, respectfully
sheweth,

That since the organization
of the Fire Department in 1841, your
Memorialists have been members thereof,
and for several years past, have held
the office of Captains in said Department.

That on Saturday the 16th
instant, The Fire Committee of the City
Corporation, removed and discharged
your Memorialists from the appointments
hitherto held by them in the Department,
the alleged reason for so doing, being
disobedience to, (or rather non-compliance
with) an order issued by the Fire
Committee on the 11th May last past,
which order, your Memorialists were
led to believe, was set aside by the
Council at a Special Meeting held
July 5th 1848.

Your Memorialists would
therefore respectfully appeal to
your Honorable Body, from the decision
of

of the Fire Committee upon the following grounds,

1st That the order upon which the action of the Committee was based, was not recognised by the Council,

2^d That your Memorialists were dismissed from office without an opportunity having been afforded them, of being heard in their own defence.

Your Petitioners would pray that the Council would cause the matter to be investigated, and allow your Petitioners to be heard in defence, and render that justice which the merits of the case may demand, and they in duty bound will ever pray,

John Fletcher
late Capt. Protector Co.,
Wm. Lewis
late Capt. Union Company

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Petition
of Messrs Nevis and
Hetcher,
appealing to the Council
from the decision of
the fire committee in
relation to their dismissal
as Capt. of fire Company

Dec. 22. December 1848.
C. G.

- Captain -
reinstated on the 27. Dec. 1848
by the Council

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de Montréal.**

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Montreal 1st December 1848

Sir

I have to inform you that the under-mentioned names are men who have left my Company since the 30th May last -

To Wit.

May	30	Francis Botherwick	Left for Upper Canada
June	1	Henry Pollard	" for the United States
July	1	Narciso Gaudin	" for the Eastern Townships
"	"	William Burns	" on a/c of fire of the Company for absence
"	"	Charles Mayer	" for the United States
"	"	Patrick Hanahan	" for the United States
"	"	Henry Hunt	" for the United States
"	"	John Harold	" would not attend
"	"	Charles Buckner	" for the United States
September	1	John Maddens	" for N ^o 3 Company
October	1	John Thompson	" to the United States
"	"	Andrew Robinson	" would not attend
November	1	Robert Wight	" would not attend
"	27	James Thomas	discharged
"	28	Felix Provost	discharged for not attending

The following names are those whom I recommend for the approval of the Privy Committee and hope they may be appointed from this date: they have entered in my Company

Yours Sir

Your Obedient Servant

John A. Wright

100 St. Louis St.

(Caricatured Name)

July	1	Duncan McNaughton	Clock M ^r . Antoine Street
"	"	George Robinson	Chandler. Amherst Street
September	1	Georges Dumais	Grocer. St. Mary Street
"	1	William Colthart	Cooper. Wolf Street
October	1	Pierre Baillet	Saddler. Salabury do -
"	1	William Docters	Molder. Queen's Square
"	1	George Douglas	Blacksmiths St. Mary Street.
November	1	Joseph Wiley	Baker. Saguenet Street
December	1	Charles Hamiltan	Shoe Maker. Burpee Street "
"	1	John Hines	Painter. Campeau "
November	1	James Houley	Cooper. Durham "

Capt. McNaughton's
Letter conforming to
the order of the 11th May
1st Dec^r 1818

To His Honor the Mayor, the aldermen and citizens of the
City of Montreal.
The Fire Committee,

Respectfully Report,

On reference to the representation from eight
companies of the Fire Department of this City, now before the
Council for consideration:

That the order of the 6th May last was issued,
because for years previously, and up to that time, no general
or other authentic Roll of the Fire Department existed, or could be
furnished, either to the Fire Committee or the Council.

Only a short time before the ~~first~~ ^{receipt} ~~letter~~ of Capt.
Hatcher, dated 20th Oct. last, which ultimately led to his removal,
Your Committee were verbally but distinctly told ~~both~~ by him and
~~Capt. Muir~~, that ~~they~~ ^{he} ~~would~~ ^{would} they the order
of the 6th May. This was ~~done~~ ^{done} at a meeting of Your Committee
held on the 11th ~~at our hall on the 18th October last~~ ^{October last}. The
letter of the 20th Oct. was only an official communication to the
same effect, intended to test the determination of Your Committee
and bring matters to a crisis. The letter was not answered
till the 9th Nov. because there was no meeting of Your Committee
between the 18th Oct. and the afternoon of the 8th Nov. A Meeting
was intended to have been held on the 4th Nov. but only
two members attended.

On the 6th Dec. Instant pending the
correspondence with Capt. Hatcher and Muir, a Deputation composed
of Capt. Moses, ~~Hatcher~~ ^{Muir} and ~~Muir~~ ^{Hammond} waited on Your Committee.
Their object communicated thro Capt. Bores, was to obtain a
conference relative to the Premiums. It was only after the ~~Spekman~~
had been replied to, and the business of the Deputation had been
concluded that Captains ~~Hatcher~~ and Muir, incidentally stated ~~that~~ ^{they}
and Capt. Hammond were authorized on behalf of eight companies, to request that the
order of the 6th May might be taken into consideration at the
(same)

same conference. His matter, Capt. Moses immediately remarked, was not the business of the deputation, that he had nothing to do with it and that it was a separate affair of their own. There being but three members present on the 11th, it was Resolved to consider the request of the deputation at the next full meeting of your committee. On the 9th a special meeting was held at which also, only three members were present. On the 13th Wednesday, four members being present, it was Resolved to meet the Department, and to determine the day and hour at a special meeting to be held on the 16th the following Saturday. On that day the last letters were received from Captain Fletcher and Muir, and their removal was ordered. On the same occasion your committee examined the general Roll-Book and discovering that the names of persons not duly appointed - Firemen had been irregularly introduced into it, as if belonging to the Phoenix, Montreal and Queen Companies, they ordered that the Capt. of these several companies should be informed of the fact and be required to state their determination in reference to the order of the 6th May. Capt. McNaughton of the Neptune Company had specially complied with the order so late as the 1st Instant. In proof of this statement, your committee submit the annexed letter from him, and the following extract from the Proceedings of your committee on the 2nd Instant.

A communication was read from Capt. McNaughton, Neptune Company, informing the committee that the following members have left his company, viz: Francis Peetham, Henry Pollard, Narcisse Gulyon, William Burns, Chas. Hayes, - Pat. Hannahan, Henry Haund, John Harold, Chas. Quaker, John Madden, John Thompson, Andrew Robinson, Robert Wright, James Thomas & Felix Treasts

and recommending the following to be appointed,

viz: Duncan McNaughton, George Robinson, -
 George Dumais, William Cathcart, Pierre Gaille, -
 William Ducker, George Douglas, Joseph Wiley -
 Charles Hamilton, John Hines & James Howley.

Resolved - That the persons above recommen-
 ded be appointed Members of the Neptune Engine
 Company, from the dates mentioned in the said
 communication, and that the removals be
 confirmed.

In conclusion Your Committee beg to remark
 that from the shewing of the officers themselves it is clear, the
 conference referred to, was not demanded, till long after both Capt^s
 Fletcher and Muir had ~~been~~ testified their
 determination not to obey the order of Your Committee; and
 not till long after ~~a~~ correspondence had been begun (purposely
 provoked by themselves) which would have been much earlier
 terminated had their letters but been as little evasive as their words
 to Your Committee had been on the same subject.

The statement now furnished by Your Committee
 will they believe, satisfy the Council, that no unnecessary delay
 in acceding to the proposed conference can be fairly imputed
 to them, but they could not, consistently with duty, permit the
 somewhat tardy demand for a conference to interfere with the
 proceedings long previously begun and then pending in relation
 to Capt^s Fletcher and Muir, or arrest the result, to which those
 proceedings necessarily led - one which they hesitate not to say
 was as unpleasant and painful to themselves, as it could possibly
 have been to any one else, and one which they adopted
 most reluctantly, and at the eleventh hour, only from an
 imperious sense of duty, and after every ^{other} means had been
 tried and had failed, with the parties affected by it.

The

The whole nevertheless respectfully submitted -

Committee Room 3
City Hall
Montreal 27th Dec. 1848.

John Bell

Ed. Walker

Joseph Thériault
Jas Grenier

Assemblée Spéciale devant être tenue
 le Samedi soir suivant 16 du courant.
 Ce jour là on remit les dernières
 lettres des Capitaines Fletcher & Muir
 et leur destination fut décrétée.
 Le même jour votre Comité examina
 le Livre de Rôle-général et dé-
 clarant que les noms de certains
 personnes qui n'avaient pas été
 dûment nommés proprié-
 taires, avaient été introduits irrégu-
 lièrement, comme appartenant
 aux Compagnies du Chemin,
 Montréal & Québec, on ordonna
 que les Capitaines de ces différents
 Compagnies en fussent informés
 et requis de leur s'abstenir de confor-
 merment à l'ordre du 6 mai.

Le Capitaine M. Haughton
 de la Compagnie Neptune
 s'étant comparu à l'ordre
 donné au 1^{er} du courant,
 en preuve de cet avis, votre
 Comité soumet la lettre
 ci-annexée, et s'entretient sur
 des procédés de votre Comité
 du 2^e courant.

" En une communication du Capitaine
 M. Haughton, de la Compagnie Neptune,
 informant le Comité que les membres
 suivants ont quitté sa compagnie,
 savoir: Francis Hellen, Henry Pollard,
 George Douglas, W^m Burns, Chas. May,
 Pat^r Hanahan, Henry Hunt, John
 Harold, Chas. Bucken, John Madden
 John Thompson, Andrew Robinson,
 Robert Wright, James Thomas,

et Felix Casost -

et recommandant de nommer les
suivants, savoir: Duncan McManiston,
George Robinson, George Buchanan, M^{rs}
Cattcart, Pierre Caille, William
Dorlan, George Douglass, Jos Wiley,
Chas Hamilton, John Heins
and James Howley -

Resolu Que les personnes ci-dessus re-
commandées soient nommées
membres de la Compagnie
de la Banque Nationale à compter
des dates mentionnées dans la
dite communication, et que
les démissions soient
"confirmées".

Il est conclu, votre Comité
prendre la liberté de proposer
que d'après ce qui paraît d'après
les Officiers concernés, il est évi-
dent que la Compagnie ou
~~la Compagnie~~ ~~général~~
demandés que longtemps après
que les Capitaines Fletcher &
Heins aient certainement
le par écrit tenu que leur
détermination de ne pas
être à l'ordre de la Compagnie
de votre Comité; et non pas
longtemps après que la Compagnie

dame ont été communiées (pro-
posées à dessein par eux) laquelle
ont été terminées bien plus tôt,
si leurs lettres avaient été aussi
concises que leurs paroles à votre
Comité à ce sujet.

L'Etat maintenant fourni
par votre Comité comme par la
Route le Conseil général ~~par~~
raisonnablement lui imputant d'avoir
retardé inutilement ^à accéder à
la compensation en question. Mais
ils ne promettent pas, sans manquer
à son devoir, l'empêcher d'interrompre, par une
demande de compensation un peu tardive,
les procédés commencés longtemps au-
paravant & alors pendant au
sujet des Capitains Fletcher & Minin
ou arrêter le résultat, auquel ces
procédés mènent nécessairement.
L'un de ces procédés, il n'est ni honte pas à le dire,
lui était aussi désagréable & pénible
qu'à qui que ce soit, et l'autre
il qu'il l'a adopté avec beaucoup de
répugnance et à la origine même
seulement d'après son sentiment
le plus supérieur du devoir. L'après
que tout autre moyen ~~se~~ ait été
essayé et ait manqué auprès de
des individus y concernés.

Le tout néanmoins est net et
travaux fournis.

Chambre du Comité
17 Décembre
1850

*Mr. Committee
Report*

*submitting facts in reference
to the intended resignation
of eight of the fire companies*

decided on the 27. Decr 1848.

To His Honor the Mayor, the Aldermen and Citizens of the
City of Montreal.

The Fire Committee.

Respectfully Report

That soon after their appointment to the charge
of the Department assigned them by the Council, finding that no
regular muster roll of the firemen was in possession of the Chief
Engineer, as they conceived ought to have been the case, they
on the 6th May last, issued an order for muster rolls or states to
be furnished by the several Captains commanding fire companies,
from which a general muster roll of the whole force, might be
compiled, and that such general muster roll might therefore
be kept correct, Your Committee further ordered " That no change
" be allowed or be valid in any company of the Department till
" the Chief Engineer would be notified thereof, and he should inform
" the Committee of the same, and that no candidate for admission
" into the Fire Department of this city, be hereafter enrolled on the
" strength of any company composing the Department, till the name
" of such candidate be communicated to the Chief Engineer, by the Captain
" or other officer commanding the company which such candidate
" shall desire to join, and until the name of such candidate be
" submitted to, and be approved of, by the Fire Committee of the Council."

This order was objected to, at the time, by the
majority of the officers of the Department, who are of opinion that
the nomination of the men should be vested in the companies
and not in the Committee; and that the authority of the
Committee, in relation to the filling up of the companies should be
confined to dismissing any person previously appointed that
they might hold to be objectionable. This opinion, as adverse to
the By-laws of the Council, could not be adopted by Your Committee
who in consequence, after much negotiation, have been at length
reluctantly compelled to remove two of the Captains, Messrs. Meunier
(and

the appointment

and Fletcher for persisting in disobeying the order of the C. M. last. This proceeding has led to a notification from eight companies of their determination to resign, unless the objectionable order be repealed; and Your Committee therefore submit the facts to the Council, that it may be conclusively settled if the appointment of the Fireman is to be retained in the Council, or to be transferred to the several Fire Companies. The views of Your Committee on this question having been already communicated to the Council, they confine themselves to stating that in their opinion the transfer is not desirable and will necessitate a change in the By-laws governing the Department.

The whole nevertheless respectfully submitted

Committee Room

City Hall

Montreal 22 December 1848.

John Bull
Jus Greiner
Joseph Macdonald
D. W. W.

Monsieur le Maire, aux
Cherriers et aux Citoyens de la
Cité de Montréal.

Le Comité du Feu fait res-
pectueusement appeler.

Il y a peu de temps après avoir
été nommé à la Charge de
Département qui lui a été assigné
de conseil, trouvant que l'In-
genieur en chef n'ayant pas
eu sa position, comme il
aurait dû l'avoir, une liste
régulière des Propriétaires il donna
le 6 mai dernier, aux ordres
pour que des listes en état furent
fournies par les différents
Capitaines commandant les Com-
pagnies de Feu, afin qu'il pût
en compiler avec cette régularité
générale de toute la force, et
afin que cette liste générale pût
être conservée exacte dans la
Sûreté de votre Comité général
du Feu. En aucun Changement
qui fut permis ou négligé
dans aucun Compagnie de
Département tant que l'Ingenieur
en chef n'en auroit pas été
notifié, et qu'il leur eût
informé le Comité, et qu'un
certain candidat pour être admis
dans le Département de Feu de
cette Cité ne pût être à l'avenir
omis sans aucune Compagnie
composant le Département, tant
que le nom de tel candidat

ne serait pas communiqué à
l'Ingénieur en chef, par le
Capitaine ou autre Officier
Commandant la Compagnie
que tel candidat désirerait
joindre, et tant que le nom
de tel candidat ne serait pas
soumis au Comité du Fort du
Conseil et par lui approuvé.

Il fut ^{alors} réglé à cet égard, alors
par la majorité des Officiers
du Département qui sont d'opinion
que la nomination des hommes
devrait être laissée aux Com-
pagnies et non au Comité, et
que l'intention du Comité, au
sujet de la formation des Compagnies
devrait se borner à remettre
toute personne antérieurement
nommée auxquelles il aurait
objection. Cette opinion, étant
en opposition avec le Règlement
du Conseil, ne pourrait par être
adoptée par votre Comité
qui en conséquence, après plu-
sieurs négociations, a été
enfin forcé à regret de
demander des Officiers
capitaines. Messieurs Meunier
et Fletcher, pour avoir fait
à dessein à l'ordre de
le Comité de donner. Le procès
a conduit à une notification
de la part de huit Compagnies de leur
détermination de résigner, de l'ordre
auquel elles résignent n'est pas
renvoyé; et votre Comité

présent au Conseil, afin
de décider définitivement si
la nomination des Pompier
doit être laissée au bon plaisir
ou aux différents Compagnies
de feu. Les vices de votre
Comité sur cette question
étant déjà connus du Conseil
il se contentera de dire
que dans son opinion cette
cession n'est pas désirable et
nécessitera son changement
dans les Réglements con-
cernant ce Département.
Je suis néanmoins res-
pectueusement soumis.

Chambre du Comité
Hôtel de Ville
Montréal, 22 Décembre
1828

our committee

Report

at the occasion of
the resignation of several
of the fire companies

decided on the 27. Decr. 1848.

To The Chairman and Members of the Fire
Committee of The City of Montreal

The petition of the undersigned Members of the
Fire Hook & Ladder Company humbly sheweth

That in the month of January last the Fire
Committee appointed Mr Ashley Hubbard to the Captancy
of the said Company. Principally, we believe through the influ-
-ence of the Chief Engineer, and as we cannot persuade our-
-selves that with any personal knowledge of the man that they
would ever have appointed him to such an office

We humbly beg leave to submit the following
as a very few of the many instances in which he has acted
in direct violation of the Constitution and bye laws
of the Company, which laws he had signed, and also of those
of the Fire Department.

Firstly, His nonattendance at four succes-
-sive fires, the penalty attached to which by our Bye law
is expulsion

Secondly, His being when at fires nothing
more than a Nonentity, his conduct seeming to intend
that he would rather appear as an appendage to the
Chief Engineer, than as the Director of a Company.

Thirdly, His appointing men as members and
notifying them to attend fires, ~~in direct~~ without the know-
-ledge of the Company, whereby he not only violated the
laws of the Company, but exposed the members thereof
to obloquy by the ignorant bungling of these ^{men's} ~~business~~

Fourthly, His neglecting to Report the sickness of
a member, to the Secretary of the Benevolent fund, when
furnished by the Secretary of the Company, with the Doctors
certificate, of his sickness & incapacity.

Fifty His very act showing an utter contempt for
and decided opposition to the wishes of the men forty
saying himself with the declaration that he was acting
in accordance with instructions received from
the Chief Engineer, the Repeated instances in
which he in direct violation of our bye laws refused
to put motions from the Chair, at length compelled
us, as the last resource to, declare by unanimous
vote a want of confidence in him, and appeal
to your Honourable Body, for Redress.

In conclusion we would respectfully beg leave
to direct the attention of the fire committee
to the Chief Engineer whose whole conduct has
been marked by an undue interference with
the private affairs of the Company for instance
such as obtruding himself at our Special
Meetings of the Company, conduct which we
deem not only illegal and ungentlemanly but as
calculated, by creating dissatisfaction amongst the
Members to be of serious injury to the department.

5th Charge

1st Question Did you not repeatedly refuse to put Motions from the Chair when requested by the Company at their Meetings
Vote 8th March Perry & others, Evidence M^r Senan & Breez

2nd Question Did you receive instructions from the Chief Engineer, directing you to act in opposition to the wishes of the men Company, and in direct violation of the Bye Laws which you had signed

3rd Question Are you aware that the Company passed an unanimous vote of want of confidence in you; at their last meeting

4th Question Did you receive official instructions from the Chief Engineer, to call @ a date of the Company on the 12th of April

5th Question Did you on the evening of the half yearly inspection bring under the notice of the Company, a request to subscribe seven dollars for the purpose of assisting in defraying the expenses incurred in purchasing @ portrait of the Chief Engineer

Chief Engineer Did you not direct M^r Hibbard to instruct the Secretary of the Company, to notify eleven members of the Company that they were no longer members, and directing them to send in their Armiform &c &c. —

— Did you not discharge James Wolbrooke from the Horse Company without any just cause or reason

Did you at any time ~~give any~~ receive ^{give any} official document

Did you at any time give M^r Hibbard any official document directing him to discharge any members of the Horse Company

Did you receive official reports from M^r Hibbard complaining against any member of the Company

First Charge

1st Question Were you not absent from four successive fires
Call Evidence

2nd Question Did you sign the Bye Laws of the Company

3rd Question Were you aware of the penalty attached to
such neglect

Second Charge

1st Question In answer to which we produce evidence
by Messrs. Fletcher & Pearce

Third Charge

1st Question Did you appoint Men Members of the Company
and notify them to attend fires &c. as such, without the sanction
or knowledge of the Company

2nd Question Were you aware that by so doing you violated the
Laws of the Company which Laws you had signed
Evidence Lepage & Ferrault

4th Charge Did you report George Robison to the Secretary of
the Benevolent Association as Sick when furnished by the Secretary
of the Company with a Doctor's Certificate of his illness
Evidence Byers, Fletcher & the Laws

Decd. you shall say any of the Comette any
thing concerning me
Turn over

Pétition of
The Men of the Howe Company

The Captain (Chief Engineer)

1848

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de Montréal.

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To the Chairman of the Fire
Committee, of the Corporation of
Montreal.

The Petition of Francois Langlois dit
Sachapelle of the City of Montreal. sheweth
Humbly - sheweth

That, on the 9th of October last, the
Company of the Fire Engine Neptune, made
use of his horse, to draw the Engine at
the fire, in the main Street of the St. Lawrence
Suburb, and that on the same day a
fire broke out at the Carmelites, which
occasioned the Neptune to proceed as far
as the Red Store, and returning your
Petitioner's horse fell to the ground from
fatigue occasioned, by the heavy weight
of the Engine, - That Petitioner's horse
did not recover for eight or ten days after
thereby depriving Petitioner & family of
their support for livelihood.

Wherefore Petitioner prays that the Com-
mittee will take this memorial into their
consideration, and indemnify him of the
loss & damages he has suffered, and
Petitioner will ever pray.

Montreal 20th Novr 1878

Frs Langlois Sachapelle

I hereby certify that the contents of above Petition are
true & correct.

A. G. Langlois
Cap^t Neptune

Petition of
Mr Francois Lajoie dit
Lachapelle

3rd Nov. 1848

Rejected. 3rd Jan'y - 1849.
by the Fire Committee



To The Chairman & Members of the
Fire Committee City Corporation,

Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Members of the
"Protector" Company who signed the
"Resignation" presented to the Council on
the night of the 19th Dec, last past, I
would respectfully beg to withdraw
their Resignation, as they are willing
to continue their service as Firemen, and
do cheerfully agree to the Arrangement
made between the Fire Committee and
the Officers, on Friday evening last,
I would also at the same time report,
that Samuel Bresson, was expelled
the "Protector" Company, on Dec 29th for
disgraceful conduct
and that S. O. Huddle has ceased

(to

4th January 1849

C. J. P. DeLoraine Esq

Chairman of the Board of the

Firemen of the City of Montreal

at the office of the
City Clerk

to be a Member, ^{from Dec 31^r} on account of prolonged
absence in the country,

and I would submit to the Committee for
their approval, the names of the following
Members admitted on the 1st Jan. 1849,

Cornelius Campbell, Painter, St-Margaret St,
Joseph Castongue, Carpenter, St-Lawrence St,

Your Obedt. Servt.

Wm. Fletcher
Capt. Protector Co,

January 4th 1849

J. P. Weston Esq.
Montreal.

Boston. January 17. 1849.

Dear Sir.

We have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your esteemed favor of the 11th inst, enclosing a
Draft on Saml Henshaw Esq for £ 24. 19. 7^d = 199.92 - in
full payment for our bill of Receipts shown, rendered Dec. 1. 1848.

The amount has reached us in very good time & in
thanking you for your attention, we would assure you of the
pleasure it will afford us, to attend to any further commands -

Very Respectfully,

Your Obedt Servants.

James Boyd Esq

17th Janry. 1849.

Letter from Boyd & Sons
Barton, acknowledging
the receipt of £24.19.7
for horse rivets &c

Moved by C. Wells
Seconded by C. Smith

That the Report now before the
Council be adopted and that
an appropriation of \$100 be made
in favour of the Fair Committee for
the purposes recommended therein
and that the Association in whose
favour the above grant is made
be requested to lay before this
Council a Statement of their ^{affairs} ~~affairs~~
at their earliest convenience

Can 7 July 1864

Continued

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Poll + Smith

Ordered to be laid
on the table after
the consideration
thereof to be taken
up at the next
meeting of the Council

Sept. 1847

To the Chairmen and
Members Composing
the Fire Committee

Councillors Mr. Fortune

Resolved by Aldermen Tully
Mover in amendment
That nothing be allowed to the Pettibon



CITY COUNCIL.

DIVISION ON

MOTION *in Accord.*

Moved by *C. McFarlane* Seconded by *Alb. Tully*

Yeas

Nays

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR,
JOSEPH BOURRET, ESQ.

ALDERMEN

.....	GLENNON
8 TULLY
7 LAROCQUE
6 FABRE
.....	GIBB
.....	OUMET

COUNCILLORS

.....	VALOIS
.....	GUGY
.....	BEAUDRY
5 LYNCH
4 HOMIER
.....	LYMAN
.....	SIMS
.....	RODIER
.....	WILSON
3 SNAITH
.....	BELL
.....	GRENIER
.....	McNIDER
2 WHITELAW

1 *McFarlane*

musicien Belle

decided by Alderman Larocque

That the sum of seven pounds
ten shillings be allowed Mr Robert
as compensation for the damages
sustained by him as set forth in
the report now before the
Council and that said report
be adopted

~~F.~~

~~for any extra that remains~~

~~a departure from principle~~

The Mayor Aldermen & Councillors
of the Corporation of Montreal

May it please your Honourable
Body, I the undersigned your Petitioner believe
respectfully to lay before you a statement of
loss sustained by me on the 12th day of June last
and humbly pray that you will take such
measures to indemnify me for said loss as you
in your wisdom may see fit.

On the night of
the aforesaid day, the members and one of the
officers of the Horse Company entered my stable
and took from thence a Horse belonging to me
for the purpose of drawing the Horse Poles to a
fire which occurred on that night and did not
return him till the following morning when
the Horse was found to be in such a state as
to oblige me to send him to a Veterinary Surgeon
who declared him to be dangerously foundered
and gave it as his opinion that the Horse
could not live through the day, But after
administering restoratives &c and remaining
in the hands of the Surgeon about three weeks
he partially recovered when I sent him to
the Country to grass, The Horse is now of
very little value being injured for more than
half his value before the above occurrence besides
loss

Montreal February 13th 1849

J. Ferrigo Esq.

Sir

I had the honor to receive from you a copy from the minutes of the Fire Committee Meeting held on Wednesday the 31st ult to the effect that Mr James Ray had appealed to the Committee against his dismissal from the Union Fire Company by me and that Mr Ray declared his willingness now to submit to the rules and regulations of the Company, also referring the case back to me for reconsideration.

In reply, it will be necessary to lay before the Committee through you the leading facts of the case - Some time previous to the annual meeting of the Company I informed them that at the next meeting the secretary would have the constitution and bylaws written in a book and that they would be required by their laws, sign them thereby agreeing to maintain and abide by them so long as he shall continue to be a member. This was so reasonable a requirement that I did not anticipate the blightest objections to it - but at the annual meeting Mr Ray stated that he would not sign it, he was then informed that if he did not choose to submit to the rules and regulations he could not expect to remain a member of the Company or be permitted to vote on the question to be laid before the meeting. Mr Ray thus retired and the Company agreeing in my decision appointed another person in his place.

to represent them at the board of the Furmen's
Benevolent Association, other instances of the
same spirit of insubordination and wish to set
the officers and defectives at defiance was
manifested at the same meeting but which
was promptly dealt with and the man dis-
-tinguished told that as we had for our better
government certain rules and regulations which
they had unanimously agreed to obey; these
should be implicitly enforced, and that no
could not tolerate for a moment any
member getting up and saying he would
not obey these rules.

Mr. Ray having thus by his own
act ceased to be a member, should
be afterwards change his mind, he must
apply and be admitted in the same
manner as any other person. Mr. Ray
called upon me on Friday last and wished
to sign the constitution. This I informed
him I could not allow him to do without
violating the Society's rules, which he had voted
as they prescribed in what manner persons
should be admitted; but that I would be
quite willing that he should come into this
company in the same way as others had to
do under similar circumstances, that he declined
to do, asserting that he had not forfeited
his membership and would not submit
to the required regulations.

It will thus appear from the above
1st that Mr. Ray had deliberately made up
his mind to violate the laws; to say
if I would have the courage to enforce them
2d that Mr. Ray was informed of the consequences
of his act, and chose the result —

3 That Mr (Ray) having forfeited his Membership
he cannot be readmitted except in the regular
way without an act of ~~impartiality~~ and exercise
of power on my part which I do not wish
to assume

4th That I acted neither arbitrary, hastily, unjustly,
or ~~disputes~~ - Not arbitrarily, as I was under
the ^{constraint of} ~~Constitution~~ - Not hastily, as he was
well warned - Not unjustly, as it was the
enforcing of laws which he had agreed to
Not disputes, as I governed by our own laws

In addition to the above I should say that
the knowledge of the fact that there are some
parties in the Company who are desirous
that all offences no matter how aggravated
should be submitted to them for their action
they taking good care that certain laws
which I regard as the honor of the Company
should by this means be made a dead letter

The knowledge of this fact makes me more
jealous of the encroachments of the men on the
privileges of the officers invested in him by
their very Council - as well as his office

I am persuaded that the Committee
will approve of the course - which I have
adopted in declaring the fact that Mr Ray
had ceased to be a member

As to the propriety of his readmission -
on his repentance - there may be a little
difference of opinion and should Mr Ray
not be readmitted the Committee might
with propriety (should they think that he
gave sufficient evidence of a change of mind)
permit him to unite with another Company
and thus his valuable services not be lost to the ~~Company~~
over

In conclusion allow me to say that in
pursuing the course which I have - I am
actuated solely by the desire to maintain order &
enforce regularity without which I cannot consent
to act in the department -

I remain yours &c

Wm. Miller

Capt Union Fire Engine Coy

James H. H. H.

26 March 1849

Capt Fletcher Com^d
Unwound and appointment
of men to Protector
Company No. 3

M^d. Perrigo
Chief Engineer
F. D.

Montreal March 20th 1849

Dear Sir

I would respectfully report through you,
to the Fire Committee, that the following
Members have ceased to belong to the
"Protector" Company No. 3, viz

- Feb 22nd C. Gamble, Resigned, no reason given
- " S. Dolan do do
- " S. Johnson do by request of the Captain, his
conduct was bad,
- " Jos. Castongay, Dismissed, for absence at Fire's
- " W^m Magee, Resigned, could not attend Fire's
- " W^m Parks, do gone to Lachine

And would submit for the approval of the
Committee, the names of the following members
admitted on the 19th inst, & 8th ult,

- Feb 8. H. Rolley, Labourer, Kemp street
- " J. Brien Moulder St Mary "
- " A. Dier, Clerk Grey Nun "
- Mar 19 Jas Parker Cooper Margerith "
- " W^m Fitchwell, Plasterer Kemp "
- " John Smith, do Queen's square
- " Jos, Webb, Clerk McGill st

J. Perrigo Esq }
E. & F. D. }

Yours respectfully
John Fletcher, Capt. Pro. Co.

March 21

Gentlemen

The enclosed a/c of Mr. H. Hoag for Breakfast for the Horse Hook & Ladder Company was ordered by me, in the absence of the Chief Engineer, I would state that the company was on duty from Wednesday evening 11 o'clock until Thursday afternoon 4 o'clock & 5 of the members, until 2 o'clock the following morning (Friday), in view of the above facts, I trust you will please approve of & pay the said a/c

I do most respectfully request that you will, please to adopt some more ^{proper} way in arranging for ^{the} company men at times as we are always the one selected for this duty. If you would allow twelve dollars for refreshment and lost time ^{at even times} to the members, I would make proper arrangement &c so that the men become under the control of our laws, as it is some time the men is induced to drink to, free, thereby bringing the company a discredit instead of the reverse

I am Gentlemen

Yours &c

Alfred Perry

Captain

H. H. & L. Co

29th March 1849

Tenders for

Alterations to be made
to the New House &
Work of Ladder Station
Corner of Craig and Bleury
Streets.

M^r Clay Tender (No. 1) accepted
giving to the City Carriage
No. 1000
29th March 1849

Tenders for erecting
New House

No. 4

The City Engineer

Amended statement of deductions to be made from the account of Mr. Rich^d Clay for works to done to the Horse House in Craig Street.

Upper Story.

2 doors locks & fittings for each @ 4/6	£ 0 " 9 " 0
Alterations to partition	1 " 0 " 0
114 feet of skirting (the old skirting being used) @ 2?	0 " 19 " 0
Alterations to the stairs	0 " 10 " 0
Painting partition doors & skirting 99 1/2 yds @ 5	2 " 7 " 5/2

Lower story.

Painting third partition to 87 yds @ 5 ^d	1 " 16 " 3
3 doors to be remade @ 10/-	1 " 10 " 0
Oil lights to be hung @ 10/-	0 " 10 " 0
Alterations to Hall door.	0 " 12 " 6

1 double door order for its construction countermanded by the Fire Committee for which Mr Clay demands payment as the door has been made. say the half

£ 10 " 18 " 2 1/2

The City Surveyor begs to submit the foregoing statement. Mr Clay having called on him to re-examine the works, guarantees to do the different items on which the difference appears between this and the account previously rendered in, for the sums herein stated. Viz. The Painting for 5^d per yard, the alterations to the doors at 10/- each and considers that 1/2^d per foot is as much as should be deducted for the old skirting which I now put down at 2^d. Mr Clay furthermore thinks that he should be paid in full for the double door, the construction of which had been countermanded by the Fire Committee, on a representation from the Police Committee. I have respectfully to submit the foregoing statement for the consideration of the Fire Committee, and for their action thereon.

To the Fire Committee.

I have the honor to be
 Most Obedient
 City Surveyor

Statement of amount of works left
 undone by Mr Clay in his contract
 for repairs and alterations to the
 new horse house Craig Street

Upper Story

Doors	Locks & fastenings	£ 0 " 9 " 0	
Shutting	114 feet 23 ² per foot	1 " 0 " 6	
Partitions	Alterations to	1 " 0 " 0	
Painting	Partition & skirting ^{yards} 99 1/2 28 ²	3 " 6 " 4	
Stairs	Alterations to	0 " 10 " 0	
Key Light	Windows to be hung	<u>1 " 10 " 0</u>	7 " 3 " 10

Lower Story

Lead Partition	Painting 87 yds 28 ² &	2 " 18 " 0	
Doors	One not constructed	3 " 0 " 0	
"	Three, alterations to 28 ²	2 " 5 " 0	
"	One small door (entrance)	<u>12 " 6</u>	8 " 15 " 6

Approved
 July 18th 1869

£ 15 " 19 " 6
 Archives de la ville de Montréal

Montreal March 27th 1849

To the Chairman,

Members of the nd Fire Committee.
Gentlemen,

Understanding that my name was sent in by Captain Muir as having been dismissed by him from the Union Fire Company, & subsequently, that it was struck off from the list of members in consequence of my not appearing before the Committee, I would now most respectfully beg to lay my case before your Hon^{ble} Committee for consideration, as I conceive that I have been harshly treated by Captain Muir, in respect think that your Committee shewing the facts of the case would countenance such treatment.

The offence given ^{ed} to Captain Muir was a refusal on my part to sign a receipt for my clothing, which was handed to me by Captain Muir. By the By-laws of our Company such receipt should have been handed by the Secretary for signature: therefore my refusal. However on reconsidering the matter I called the following morning on Captain Muir for the purpose of putting my signature to receipt as required, but this he refused to allow.

J. H.

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The constitution & other By laws I had signed, I regret that the Secretary had not tendered me the receipt for signature as in that case all difficulty would have been removed. —

It was my duty to have appeared before your Committee, at the Meeting shortly after the Complaint was lodged against me, but, my reason for not doing so was that I felt myself at a loss & did not know how to address you on the matter, I hope that this application though late will have your due consideration.

I am most anxious to hold my position as member of the Union Fire Company, I hope that the error of judgment which I may have committed, in refusing my signature to the Captain when it would have been given to the Secretary, will not be deemed by you sufficient to warrant my dismissal.

Trusting a favourable reply to this petition.

I have the Honour to be
Gentlemen

Yours Obedt. Servant.

Henry Burnett

27 March 1849

Letter from Henry Burnett



St. Louis, Mo.

To the Honorable

the trough with supports from the said
flap to the brims so as to make it
sufficiently strong to allow the hose to
be washed and rubbed on it.

The whole of the foregoing works to be
done in a workmanlike manner, and to
the entire satisfaction of the City Surveyor
whose certificate of the same shall be
final. The works will be paid for in the
following manner, fifty five per cent
as the work progresses and the balance
within two months after their acceptance
by the City Surveyor. The Fire Committee
of the Corporation do not bind themselves
to accept the lowest tender, sufficient
security to be given, if required.

One word will

City Surveyors Office Montreal
26th March 1849

James A. Burtice
City Surveyor

This is the specification referred to
in the contract

Richard W. H. W. H. W. H.

James A. Burtice
City Surveyor
Richard Clay

Agreement
and
Specification

J. W.
Works to be done
to the new store house
Craig Street
18th G.

and

2470
Jan 47 26
300
1940 16.5
18.5
100
14
1680
1200
100

Craig Street
12th April 1849

Sir

I beg to inform you that
my Steam Saw Mills & Manufactory on Craig Street
was consumed by fire last night - commencing
at about three quarters past eleven: - from the
time of the breaking out, and the position where
the same occurred - combined with other circumstances
there is every reason to apprehend that it
was

His Worship's

The Mayor of Montreal

was the work of incendiarism, I therefore deem it
my duty as a citizen to apprise you thereof, so
that you may take such measures as you may
deem essential for the public safety---

I have the honor
to remain

Your very Obedient Servant
John O'Brien

Mr. John Sells letters

18 April 1849.
Referred to the Fire Committee

Wm. Kennedy
Off. Secy of Montreal

Craig Street
17th April 1829

Dear Sir

I have it in contemplation
to repair and re-instate the Steam Saw and
Planing Manufactory on Craig Street recently
burnt down - necessarily I shall be compelled
to see the buildings in Stone - covered with
metal - according to the By-Laws of the
Corporation, but I am not aware whether

J. P. Linton Esq. that

City Clerk

Moved by Councillor Rice
Seconded by Councillor Rodier

That the Report ^{of the} now
before the Council be adopted
and that his Worship the Mayor
be authorized to issue ^{and sign} bonds
of the explicit convenience ~~thereof~~
for the amount recommended in

said the Report in favor of Capt
Moses upon the delivery to
the Chief Engineer, complete, for
for the Corporation of this City
the new Engine No

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

The Fire Committee
Respectfully Report.

On the Accompanying Petition from
The Inhabitants of St. Lawrence and St. Louis Wards
praying the Council to purchase the New and Superior
Engine, built by Lepage of this City, for the Fire Company;
and to transfer the first Class Engine "The Hero" now
the property of the Council to the Vothiens Company
situated in their St. Louis Ward.

That the Engine "Mutual," ~~now~~ in the
possession of the Vothiens Company is unprovided
with a Suction, and therefore incapable of supplying
itself with water; and in point of utility, is considerably
much inferior to the Hero Engine desired to be
obtained for the protection of St. Lawrence and
St. Louis Wards. That the New Hero, now and for
some time past in possession of the Hero Company
is a very superior and efficient Engine, valued by
two Competent Engineers appointed by Your Committee
for the purpose at Two hundred and fifty Pounds
That said Valuation included however the Suction
hoose, the Couplings, Bucket and flexible pipe, not
belonging to the Engine, worth thirty one pounds and
fifty six Shillings, leaving the Net Value of the Engine
without these equipments, at Two hundred and
Eighteen Pounds and five Shillings Currency.

That the Hero and Vothiens Companies
having a Knowledge that the Petition above referred to,
had been presented to the Council, and had been referred
to Your Committee, made Application to Your Committee
to be heard in relation to said Petition, and with a

view to induce the Council to accede to the prayer of
Petitioners, and effect the purchase of the Engine and
transfer of the other they proposed by voluntary
subscription to make up the difference of the Council
will contribute One hundred and fifty Pounds
towards the Cost of the New Engine. In other words,
as appears by the Accompanying letter, they have
made such arrangements with Mr. LePage, as enable
them to offer the New Engine valued at £208.5/- for
the sum of One hundred and fifty Pounds, being
exactly Sixty eight Pounds and five Shillings less
than the Valuation of the Engine.

Under these Circumstances and considering
the great advantages to the Fire Department and of
benefit to the Public, especially to the extensive and
unprotected section occupied by Petitioners, that
will be consequent upon the purchase of the New
Engine and transfer of the old Horse to the Cottagers
Company, Your Committee respectfully recommend
that they be authorized to make said purchase for
One hundred and fifty Pounds only, and that a
special Appropriation of that Amount be made
to them for the purpose. The whole nevertheless
respectfully Submitted.

Committee Room - City Hall
29th March 1849

John Bell Chairman
André Guimond
Samuel Benjamin

Monsieur le Maire, aux Echevins
et aux Citoyens de la ville de Montreal

La Comitee des Eau ayant pris en
consideration la requete des habitants
des Quartiers St. Laurent & St. Louis deman-
dant un service d'acheter la nouvelle
et superbe pompe construite par la
ville de cette cite, pour la Compagnie
Heiss, et de transporter la dite
Heiss maintenant la propriete
de la dite, a la Compagnie des
Proprietaires d'Armenie, dans le
Bulletin Hebdomadaire fait respectueux
rapport.

Que la pompe Manufacture Mitchell
de la Compagnie de la Compagnie des
Proprietaires n'est pas performant de
la dite, et par consequent ne peut
pas se faire bien a elle meme
et sous le rapport de l'utilite, est bien
inferieur a la pompe Heiss qu'on
desire se procurer pour la protection
des Quartiers St. Laurent & St. Louis.

Que la nouvelle pompe Heiss, maintenant
et depuis quelque temps en la possession
de la Compagnie des Heiss, est une pompe
superieure & excellent, valuee a \$750
plus deux Armees de transport
necessaires pour cette Comitee pour
cet effet. Que la dite Manufacture
y compris le pendant les bagages de
la dite, les tarands de l'appareil
pas a la pompe, & valant tout
ensemble pour valeur nette de la pompe
sans ses equipements, la somme
de \$218.50 -

Qu'les Comissaires des Messes & des
Votifs ont apporté de la Commission
qu'ils ont faite de l'édifice de l'édifice
mais ils ont été présentés au Conseil
L'édifice réparé a été remis
Si sont admissibles à votre égard
pour être entendus au sujet
de la dite requête, et de la
à l'égard de la requête, à accéder
à l'édifice des Requêtes, et à
effectuer l'achat d'un pompe
à changer l'ancien, ils ont proposé
par souscription volontaire de l'édifice
la dite somme de \$1500 au Conseil
ont contribué de \$100 aux frais
de la nouvelle pompe. En d'autres
termes, les Comissaires ont approuvé la lettre
ci-dessus, elle ont fait de la
des arrangements qui leur permettent
d'offrir la nouvelle pompe estimée
\$248.57 pour la somme de \$150, ce qui
fait une différence de \$98.57 de moins que
l'évaluation de la pompe.

Sous ces circonstances & Médiant
le grand usage pour le département de
la Ville publique, & surtout pour le service
étendu de la dite ^{station} par les Requêtes
sans ^{avantage} protection, qui sera
le résultat de l'achat de la nouvelle pompe
& du transport de la vieille pompe vers la
Compagnie des Votifs, l'édifice
recommandé effectivement qu'autant
lui soit donné le prix d'achat pour \$150
l'édifice approprié spécialement pour ce
montant, soit fait pour cet objet
de tout inconvénient.

André Guinot
Maire de la Ville

André Guinot
Archives de la Ville de Montréal

M. Son Honneur le Maire, les Echevins & Citoyens de
la Cité de Montreal assemblés en Conseil.

La pétition des soussignés
propriétaires des Quartiers St Laurent & St Louis
expose respectueusement.

Que leurs dits Quartiers forme
une bien grande partie des faubourgs de la Cité
et deus des plus batis et des plus habités endedans
des limites de la Cité.

Que tandis que les autres quar-
tiers de la Ville et des faubourgs sont bien protégés
contre les ravages du feu par de bonnes et efficaces
pompes et autre appareils de feu, ces grands
et populeux quartiers sont laissés sans aucuns
préservatif contre le feu, à l'exception de la
pompe Mutuelle en possession de la Compagnie
Volligeur, une petite pompe inefficace sans
ducton &c &c.

Que des propriétés au montant
de plusieurs mille Louis auroient pu être sau-
vées dans la Rue St Laurent le 9 Octobre
dernier si la dite Compagnie Volligeur avoit
eu en sa possession une bonne pompe à duction.

Que la Compagnie du Hero a
maintenant en sa charge une puissante pompe
à duction de première Classe, batis dernièrement
par Lepage, laquelle si elle étoit achetée par
la Cité permettroit de transférer la présente pompe
Hero à la Compagnie Volligeur stationné dans
le Centre du Quartier St Louis, ainsi substituant
une bonne pompe à duction à la place de
leur machine inefficace et sans duction mainte-
nant stationné dans ce quartier.

Vos pétitionnaire desiroient donc
que le Conseil de la Cité ordonât que des arrange-
ments soient fait pour l'achat de la dite Pompe
afin que les Quartiers ci-dessus mentionnés ne soient
pas

* The Ganet windows
on Boissacours Street
were always kept closed;
not reach it. On the third floor I perceived the
behind the windows in the
Dome, were generally open
in fine weather and my
belief is they were open
at the time of the fire -

W. J. C.

generally. I can state positively there was no
fire on the first, second or third floor of the
Building, at the time of the alarm, nor for a considerable
period afterwards, till ignited from above. I
cannot speak to the fourth floor, as I did
not reach it. On the third floor I perceived the
behind the windows in the
Dome, were generally open
in fine weather and my
belief is they were open
at the time of the fire -
we had been discharging surplus servants
finding the business slack, on account of their
being little travelling, chiefly those last engaged,
but who were all discharged upon friendly
terms. I cannot account for the fire in any
way unless from the Laundry Chimney. In the
best of my knowledge there was no fire in
any of the Boarders Rooms at the time. I had not
been in the Ganet for several ~~weeks~~ ^{before} months
before the fire. I recognize the plan produced
marked A 2, as being the plan of the Building
and further I say that and have signed -

Sworn to before the Fire Committee

W. J. Combs

Joseph Greiner of the City of Montreal being
 being duly sworn deposes, I was the Architect
 and Builder of ~~that~~ additions to the Original
 Building of Bonapartes Hotel, namely those
 parts fronting on Champ de Mars Street and
 communicating therefrom to the Main Building
 on Notre Dame Street. I have a Knowledge of
 the General distribution of the Interior of the
 Whole Building. The entire roof over the front
 Building on Notre Dame Street, and over those
 on Bonsecours and Champ de Mars Street was open
 without any intervening separation, and the
 Chimneys of the Building traversed the roof.
 The divisions walls of the House rose to the floor
 of the Garret but did not traverse it. There was
 a Chimney at about twenty feet from the Corner
 of Champ de Mars Street, and ^{at} about seven or
 eight feet from ~~the~~ Bonsecours Street.
 And there was another one about ~~four~~^{thirty} feet from
 the young of Bonsecours Street. Both are marked
 on the plan with the letters E. and F. There was
 a Boiler attached to the last Chimney for the
 use of the Laundry and Bath and which was
 in constant use. There was no Communication
 between the two Chimnies. The roof was a tarp roof
 and is sketched on the back of the plan marked
 A2 and is marked TB. The roof was put up
 in the year 1846 to 1847 and was of dry pine;
 and the wood work being under time became
 perfectly dry and easily Combustible. There were
 no openings or stone pipe holes in the Chimneys in the
 Garret, to the best of my recollection. Since the house
 has been erected I have had occasion to go onto
 the garret and examine one of the Chimnies, that
 near the Corner of Champ de Mars & Bonsecours
 Streets

 r fifty

Stairs which were on Fire; and I found the
Chimney in good order. That was in the winter
of the year 1848. I was not in the Building
at the time the fire broke out. I left the Building
about half past Nine in the evening; and saw
nothing of the fire, but I heard about Six o'clock
that a Chimney had been on fire, in a part of the
Building near St. Montans, etc. I was with
Mr. Kerison who told me of it. I have no reason
to suspect any one of a design to set fire to the Building
or that there was such a design. I was reported
that some the night of the Concert, some persons
in Champ de Mars Street were discussing whether
the House should be set fire to or not and it was
decided not to do so. I heard the report from
persons passing in the street but I cannot say
from whom. Over the Main Building, there
was a Belvedere which was open and
admitted the air, so that if the fire took
on any part of the roof, the air would force
it along the entire line, and the timber being
dry and easily ignited, it might extend round
the whole roof ~~before~~ in the line of the curved air
air before the flame would break through
the tin covering of the roof. The Hatch
was not used for any purpose but occa-
sionally to deposit a few things there when it
was opened to deposit the things and locked
it immediately afterwards. The Key was kept
in the Bar of the House. There were several windows
in the roof looking out on Bonsecours Street.
~~The Concert room~~ The Dining room extended
along the line of Champ de Mars Street. The
room over the dining room of the same size
intended for a Ball room, was unfinished
was open to the roof and had a temporary
floor

floor, into which the Gas pipes, which were of
Iron, were sunk. These pipes supplied Gas
for the dining room. There was only one entrance
into the unfinished Ball room which I think
was generally open. Extra Furniture, and
Bedeckings were kept in the Ball Room. ~~and~~
~~further down~~ There were no lead Gas pipes
in the Ball Room. and further I say not and
have signed: - C. Gas Igniter

Joseph Boalaget of the City of Montreal
Merchant Tailor being duly sworn deposes,
I am Proprietor of, and occupy the premises on
Notre Dame Street, adjoining Donegan's Hotel
About six o'clock on the evening of the Night of the Fire, I smelt
soot in my own house, and on going to the front
door Mr Laffon my opposite Neighbour, said
he believed the roof of Donegan's Hotel was
on fire. I rushed into the Hotel and there met
Mr W. Huron one of the Trustees, and told him
that I believed one of the Chimnies was on fire.
He and I then immediately proceeded to
The Cupola on the roof of the House, and we
perceived that the Chimney of the Smoking room
marked. G on the plan, had been on fire but
that the fire was abated. We took up Mr Light
with us, it being broad day light. We examined
carefully to see that no Sparks had Commenced
Rashed

Mr Atkinson closed part of the windows
 in the Belvedere and in my leaving stated
 he would send up to close the rest. We went
 down again without entering the Garret.
 I was daily in the habit of frequently going into
 the Hotel; and at about four o'clock in the
 afternoon of the same day, Janet Mepp's
 Atkinson & Grenier, the Managing Trustees
 in the Hotel, when Mr Atkinson told me, that
~~the Hotel~~ it was reported the Hotel was threatened
 to be set fire to. I said it was nonsense and
 I could not credit it. He and Mr Grenier however
 determined in my presence that they would
 see the General in the house, on the subject.
 I said nothing more of it. On the night in
 question the ~~alarm~~ I was up when the alarm
 of fire was given, I was drawn to the window
 by noises in the street before the fire broke out.
 Hearing the cry of fire I rushed from the window
 into the ~~back~~ rear of my yard to close a
 window which communicated from part
 of the Hotel, with my yard. Immediately upon
 coming onto a gallery in the rear of my house
 I perceived smoke issuing from the roof of
 the Building (Donquichott) fronting a Champ
 de Mars Street, in three different places. One
 about forty feet from the Western gable, the second
 about fifty feet from Bonsecours street and the
 third about forty or fifty feet from the original
 Building in the roof of the Wing. I first saw
 only smoke but the flame followed shortly after.
 my knowledge Mr Atkinson through the tin roof, in the three places whence
 put his hand out and the smoke had issued and appeared simultaneously
 in all three. I saw no light in the rooms
 below the roof. To my view the fire gradually
 burnt down or descended from the Garret.
 Edw

When I ascended to
 the Cupola with Mr
 Atkinson, I found
 the door communicating
 with the Garret was
 closed. To the best of
 my knowledge Mr Atkinson
 put his hand out and
 tried it.

J. D.

Cyrus Jones
Monday 10 Sept 1849--

Present

The Worshipful The Mayor

Alderman Fremet

Coats Smith

" Beaudry -

Louis Cyrus Macaire, I occupied the Building, called Nelson's Hotel situated on Jacques Cartier Square when it was burnt on Monday the 20 August last past. The Inquest on the body of young Nelson was sitting in my House at that time. The Inquest was in the second floor. I produce a plan of the interior of the Building showing the third and fourth stories. The Main Stair Case in the Centre of the House ran from the bottom to the top of the Building and was lighted from a Cupola ~~above~~ ^{at the top} of the Building. It was open throughout. There were only two rooms partitioned off on the fourth story, which were unoccupied. I had not been in those rooms for about a fortnight previously. The last time I was on that floor myself and two or three others with me it was to practice with an Air Gun in the undivided rear of the story; and about the same time I caused the whole of that story to be cleared by a servant and all shavings and small pieces of wood removed from it and to be burnt in the Kitchen. There was nothing at all on that floor but in the front room a quantity of double windows belonging to the Building, a Carpenter's Bench and a 100 fold scenery, used in the Building when it was a Theatre. There were a number of persons in attendance upon the Inquest, as well as those who were there contrary to my desire, and there was the most easy access to every part of the House.

partitioned

From the Bar Room where I was on the ground floor I saw a great many persons go up stairs but I did not see all who went up. There was great excitement in the house, occasioned by the presence of the Monk Louis St Lafortune who was under examination before the Inquest when the alarm of fire was given - The excitement was not only in the House among the Strangers but also pervaded my whole family and servants, as from time to time from Friday evening up to that Morning we had been told that the house would be burned. In consequence I had directed ~~one~~ one of my servants who had told me he had something valuable in his trunk, to bring it down from the Upper Story, and I brought down one of my own for the same reason. I expressed my fears to the Coroner and stated my objections to his occupying my house. He stated all would be well & the information that the house would be burnt I got from my servant and I was also threatened myself on the Saturday by a Man to whom I refused to sell goods and who spoke in English and told me I should be burnt out by and by. He appeared to be in a state of intoxication at the time: ~~on the Saturday~~ I myself heard the report from a great many persons, one of whom was Bar Keeper at Donegan's Hotel at the time of the fire there. I cannot recollect the names of any of the others - I cannot state exactly if my servant had removed his trunk before or after the Inquest - and might have been after Donegan's fire that I told him to remove it. Donegan's fire was on the night of the sixteenth Inquest last. I had given orders to my servants to look about the whole house carefully every night before closing. There was nothing in the garret of the House - The only Chimney in use in the House was the Kitchen Chimney.

on the plan. There were Chimneys on the opposite Side
of the House two of which marked B and C had
Stone Holes but they were not in use, and there was
no fire at all on the second third or fourth floors. On
the fourth floor the doors from the Main Stairs marked
D, E and F on the plan were usually kept open and
afforded the easiest access to that floor. I was at
breakfast when I heard the Cry of Fire. At the same
time I heard the order or word Arms. My impression
was they were fighting and I seized my Child and
Carried round the Corner to Mr Beaudry's in Notre
Dame Street. On my return I saw the smoke break
out of the Windows in the fourth Story in front, and
in ten Minutes or thereabouts the whole Building was
in a blaze. I have no reason to suspect any one
in particular but my impression is the Building
was set on Fire. The Chimney was not on fire and
I believe could not have been set on fire by the
Stone used which Communicated with it. I had
four servants in my employ at the time viz Marcille
Brageau, John Groove, James Swong and Pierre
L'Abbeau. I effected no insurance on the premises
but had a lease I had an indirect interest for
my improvements for the sum of ~~one hundred~~
~~and fifty Pounds~~ because I was unable to view
~~them for improvements as I had intended to do so,~~
~~by reason of the Proprietors of the House having~~
~~leased the House for more than its Value, amounting~~
to about £750, as those improvements were made
and taken for the term first years rent. When I
leased the house it was insured for two thousand
Pounds by the Proprietors. When I began the improvements
the insurance was augmented to three thousand
Pounds, the Premium on the whole amount being paid
by me. In the month of May last I endeavoured to
effect Insurance for £500 on the improvements which

which should then be completed to the extent of £50,
but was prevented by the over-insurance effected
on the building - and in consequence gave directions
for a protest against the Proprietor with the intimation
that he should be held liable out of the Assurance
effected to pay not £500 in case of fire & but owing
to the absence from Town of the Notary this protest never
was made. I therefore consider the Proprietor liable to
me for £500 if he recover the amount of his insurance.
I had no interest whatever in the insurance on the Furniture
in the House which belonged to George Desbarats Esq -
I lost about £150 in stock, wines & clothes which
were uninsured - At the time there was a seizure in
the house for Six pounds. And further I say not that
I have signed -

Sworn to before the Fire Committee
the 10th September 1849

L. C. Maccaire

The Committee adjourned at 1/2 past
4 o'clock p.m.

Wednesday 12 Sept 1849.

1 o'clock p.m.

Present.


His Worship the Mayor
Coall - Smith

" Benjamin

Louis Cyrus Maccaire of the City of Montreal
Notary Keeper, the preceding Notary having again
appeared before the Committee and being again
sworn deposes - The following are the names
of

of some of the persons who spoke to me respecting
the danger of my house ~~being~~ incurred, viz
Dow's Beer man whom I can point out & Mr Augustin
Perrault, Mr Beling advocate, told me on the Saturday
that he had begged Mr Lafontaine not to be present
as he was afraid he would be assassinated.
Dow's Beer man told me after the fire that on
the Saturday previous he had been afraid to tell
me ~~that~~ the house would be burned, and he
had intended to have removed his bottles saying
it would have been so much safe as all events
Mr Perrault on the Saturday, going to look to a
house belonging to himself, asked me if I
were not afraid that my house would be burned.
A man by the name of Malette told me
he had seen a person escape from the platform
in rear of my house about the time the fire
broke out - and further I say not and
have signed -

Sworn to, before the Fire Committee
the 12th September 1849

L. C. Meccaire


Adjourned at half 3^o clock pm
at 2^o clock pm tomorrow - Thursday 13th Sept 1849

Thursday 13th Sept 1849 - 2^o clock pm

Present

The Worship^{ful} The Mayor

Alderman Smith

Councillor Smith

Madame Marie-Elisabeth Cyrus Marain

Le jour de l'incendie de l'Hotel Cyrus
j'étais présente à l'Hotel et je vis dès
le matin plusieurs personnes ~~qui~~
à figures étrangères qui entrèrent dans
l'Hotel, quelques uns avec des armes;
~~et qui~~ semblaient avoir des desseins
sinistres; ces personnes se dirigèrent
vers les appartements supérieurs.
C'est quelques ~~moments~~ ^{après} temps après
que l'alarme du feu fut donnée.
J'ignore comment le feu a pu
prendre; j'étais ^{étant} même dans
le temps au rez de chaussée.

Il n'était bien facile de s'introduire
dans le haut de la maison, tous
les passages en étant libres.

Quelques ^{après} jours après l'incendie, des menaces
d'incendie furent faites contre notre
Hotel, et notamment les arriérés
d'avant ~~par~~ M. Augustin Perrault qui

Deux jours après l'incendie, l'homme
qui nous fournissait de la bière ~~et~~
chil me dit - c'est curieux, Madame
j'ai vu comme un pressentiment que
l'Hotel Cyrus brûlerait, c'est ~~ce~~ ^{ce} ~~est~~
dit par bien du monde.

J'étais allée au quatrième étage de l'Hotel
à peu près quatre ou cinq jours auparavant
l'incendie, nous n'aurions pas habitude d'y
aller souvent - et je ne dis rien de plus
et ai signé.

passé en de vant la porte
à l'Hotel ce jour
là nous dit; si vous
vont pas per
d'être incendie
une autre person
nous dit aussi;
qu'il fallait bien
que nous y pass
aussi. ^{le lendemain}
qui était présente pour
demander des grâ
ce à qui Mr. Cyrus
avait dit servé qu'il
rien avait pas. Ne plus
et nous vont être brûlé
aussi. je ne connais
cette même personne
parmi celles qui mont
à l'Hotel le lundi soir
jour de l'incendie

Appart. de la rue de la République
N° 135. Delph. 1849

Marie-Elisabeth Cyrus Marain

The Spectator room was nearly full when I entered to
consult with the Coroner regarding the disposition
of the troops, and the people in the room and about
I saw go up the front stairs appeared to be all of a
respectable class. And further I say not and
have signed.

Sworn to before the Juri Committes } Wm. M. Cord
this 15 September 1849

Marcelle Bracault. J'étais cuisinière
et femme de chambre à l'Hôtel ^{Égypte} ~~Égypte~~
avant l'incendie. Le matin de
l'incendie j'étais à la porte de la cuisine
au rez de chaussée je vis un grand
nombre de personnes entrer et monter
en haut et il y en avait parmi de
mal habillées - je restai en bas tant
le temps jusqu'à ce que l'alarme fut donnée
momentanément l'alarme fut donnée.
Le même matin j'étais montée au troisième
étage pour faire les chambres. J'allais
suivant au quatrième étage, et il y avait
là rien qui put prendre feu -
La veille de l'incendie, j'étais à une fenêtre
sur le devant de la maison, et là
lors que M. Ross / ~~Alvin~~ / qui s'adressait
à passer me dit que je ne risais pas
tant lorsque la maison serait brûlée.
Une quinzaine de jours environ, avant
l'incendie je me rappelle que M. Cyrus
fit jeter hors du grenier et du théâtre
tous les ballots de laine et de la soie qui
s'y trouvaient. M. Cyrus avait l'habitude
tous les soirs avant de se coucher
de faire des recommandations, par
rapport au feu, et il faisait mettre
jete. tous les soirs un seau d'eau sous
le principal fourneau dans la cuisine.
Parmi les personnes que j'ai vu entrer le
matin de l'incendie il pourrait y en
avoir quatre ou cinq de mal habillées.
~~De la place j'étais dans la cuisine.~~
~~Ce matin de l'incendie je ne jetais~~

~~ce~~

ce

~~La nuit sur la porte qui conduisit à la cave~~
~~et sur l'entrée qui mène à l'escalier~~
~~principal de la cave au premier,~~
~~et ce matin là je ne vis personne~~
~~entrer par aucune de ces deux portes.~~
 Ce matin là je ne vis personne
 descendre à la cave ni monter
 par l'escalier principal. Je me dis
 rien de plus et ai déclaré me
 faire signer

Attesté devant le }
 le notaire du feu le 15 Septe }
 1849

Guillaume Mallette commerçant
 de la ville de Montréal -
 Le jour de l'incendie de l'Hotel Cyrus
 se trouvait sur la galerie d'une
 maison derrière l'Hotel au Mr. Marin
 occupant son bureau j'ai mis une
 personne saute d'une des fenêtres du
 troisième au quatrième étage de l'Hotel
 sur un paquet de quelque chose qu'il
 avait jeté sur une terrasse, ~~sur~~
 le paquet et se sauva avec vitesse
 dans la rue St. Vincent il avait sur la
 tête un petit cap de drap noir, et une
 petite redingote d'une couleur grise, et il paraissait
 être de taille moyenne. Après que je mis
 cet homme sauter de la fenêtre

James Ross of the City of Montreal
Plumber

On Sunday the 19th August last
the day previous to the fire of the Cyrus
Hotel, I remembered that I was
passing by the Hotel, and seeing one
of the maids at the window, laughing
I said to her - "Je crois bien que tu
riras ma fille, mais même la maison
brûlerait serais-tu fâchée" I had been
in the habit of calling often times at
the Cyrus Hotel, on business connected
with my trade, and had become
somewhat familiar with the persons
engaged in the hotel - and when
I thus addressed the maid above
referred to at the window, I looked
upon it as a joke -

James Ross

Sworn before the fire
Committee this 17th Sept
1849 -

Pierre Laradeau - examini de -
maison, de pas -

Au moment où l'alarme
du feu fut donnée, je me suis
arrêté au troisième étage, et
revenu là je voulais redescendre
~~mais en attendant beaucoup de~~
~~minutes de saut de saut je n'ai~~
~~pu le faire je voulais redescendre~~
par les escaliers, mais ^{de peur de}
~~trahir~~ et n'osai pas le faire, alors
je me suis, à la fenêtre et sautai sur
la rampe d'où je n'eus de parler, sur
les matelas que j'y jetai, j'étais
je ramassai le matelas, les jetai
dans la cour chez Serafine et sautai
immédiatement après, de là je me rendis
sur la Place d'Armes, l'artière en passant
chez Serafine par ^{un passage} l'artière de Serafine
chez Serafine qui conduit à la Place Jacques
Cartier. C'est de la porte de derrière que
je sautai du troisième étage - je ne crains
pas qu'il y ait à cet étage de fenêtre où
j'aurais pu sauter et au quatrième étage
je n'aurais pas osé sauter d'une des
fenêtres considérant qu'il aurait été
dangereux de le faire. - Lorsque je sautai
j'avais une casquette de cuir et un
vêtement, une espèce de jaquette de toile
blanche, et un tablier. Lorsque je
sautai dans la cour, j'étais deux femmes
à une fenêtre dans une maison, et je
leur demandai si elles pouvaient sauter
et du haut - je n'ai jamais vu
d'échelle dans l'allée de là je sautai -

je me suis mis à
sauver des effets
qui étaient là -
je jetai un matelas
et des meilleurs sur
une rampe et glissai
PR

To The Mayor Aldermen &
Citizens of the City of Montreal
in Council assembled,

The Petition of the undersigned
on behalf of the "Firemen Benevolent Association"
Respectfully sheweth,

That said Association has been formed and
Chartered, for the purpose of relieving those
members of the Fire Department, who may
while engaged in their duties as Firemen,
suffer such injuries to their Health & Limbs
as may prevent them from following their daily
Avocations,

That said Association trusts to the liberality of the
Citizens, and their Representatives in Council
for Funds to carry out its Benevolent purposes,
but owing to the dull state of Trade and the scarcity
of Money, no collections have been made among
the Citizens this year,

That the number of cases relieved this year,
are much greater than last year, owing to
the numerous Fires that have occurred lately,
so that the Funds are at a very low ebb at
present, Your Petitioners would therefore
Pray, that a grant be made by the Council, to
the Funds of the Association, in lieu of
individual Grants, and Doctors Bills, made
and paid by the Council previous to the
Formation of the Association, and your
Petitioners will for ever Pray,

James Morrison Pres.
Ch. Moses Vice Pres
Alex. Beaton do do

John Fletcher Secy.
Walter B. Corrie Treas.
P. C. Brouette

Petition
Firemen's Benevolent
Association

Recd 21st Sept. 1848 -

Requite
de l'association bienveillante
des Bouviers, demandant
l'assistance de la Corporation

Presented 27 September 1848

Referred
To the Fire Committee

Montreal, January 30th 1849.

To:

The Chairman

Members, Fire Committee,

Gentlemen.

Having been informed by certain Members of the Union Fire Company, that Captain Muir had reported me to the Chief Engineer, J. Perrigo Esq., as having been dismissed, and therefore as ceasing to belong to that Company, I trusted upon that officer, to enquire if such statement was founded upon fact, and I learnt from him that such report had been given in by Captain Muir, without assigning any reason for this "dismissal".

I therefore feel it to be my duty to appeal against this decision - if such it is to be considered - as an arbitrary and unjust one, and I most respectfully beg to submit a statement of the facts which led to the report of Captain Muir -

On or about the 2nd December 1844 the Bye-laws for the government of the Company were read and accepted, and ought then to have been signed by each Member, but such signatures was not demanded until the 23rd January 1845, on that date my signature was requested, but I declined giving it, assigning as my reasons,

1st That there had been too long delay from the time they were passed until the period we were asked to sign them,

2nd That some of these Bye-laws I approved of and others I did not approve of, and I had given notice to amend one of these same Bye-laws which I did not approve of.

On account of refusing to sign these Bye-laws and Rules of order on that evening, I was then and there told by Captain's Order, that I was no longer considered a Member.

I may here state, it was not with a view of creating a disturbance among the Members of the Company that I refused to sign ^{the} said Bye-laws, but merely because I did not approve of them as mentioned above.

I have been four years in the Company, during the whole of which time no dissatisfaction whatever has ever been expressed with regard to my Conduct in any particular, so that had I even been in the wrong, the Course pursued by Captain Muir would have evinced unclouded severity -

But I must respectfully urge that so committed no error my remarks were temperately and respectfully made, and no reasonable man would take exception at them -

By the 10th Article of the Constitution, I had a right to move an amendment to any existing Law, this I had done at a preceding Meeting to the one ^{which} I was asked to sign, and it would have been folly on my part to have recognised by my signature that which I had previously given notice to change; for this reason I declined signing -

As the object of this Communication is to justify my own Conduct, and the appeal against the decision of Captain Muir I leave to your Consideration how

Captain Genie is justified in the course he has
pursued even if I were in error —

I have the honor to be
Gentleman,

Your Obedt. Servant
Jas. King

delivered to you
3rd Jan'y 1849

Letter from Mr. King -
speaking from the
Commissioner by the
Honorable

30th Jan'y 1849

Montreal July 30th 1849

J. Perrigo Esqr

Sir

The following persons
have ceased to be members of my
Company on the respective date

July 23 Wm Bird - expelled for neglect of duty

" James Ray, refused ~~in~~ the presence
of the whole Company to submit to
the rules & regulations by which the
internal arrangements ^{of the Company} are governed.
at once setting the offices & Company at defiance

" Henry Burnet - refused to sign
the receipt for his uniform - this
also being a positive requirement of
our internal arrangements -

24th Wm Walsh - resigned

30 Wm Tabb - resigned -

Yours respectfully

Wm Meier

Capt Union Fire Coy

J. Perrigo Esqr
Chief Engineer
Fire Department
Montreal

Accepted for mailing
at Montreal

Jan 9 1849

30th July 1849.

Capt. Fletcher's letter

Montreal July 30th 49

Dear Sir

I beg to report through you to the Fire Committee that A. Chisholm & J. Fenwick, have ceased to be members of my Company since the 24th inst. the former having gone to England, and the latter on account of his health.

and to submit for the approval of the Committee, the names of the following members, admitted on the 24th inst.

W^m Steel, Carpenter, Craig St
W^m Cunningham, Confectioner, St. Lawrence St.

Yours respectfully
John Fletcher

To
W^m Perrigo
C. E. S. D.

To the Chairman and
Members Composing
the Fire Committee

Montreal Feb 23rd
1849

Gentlemen

I have to report that the following
persons have ceased to be Members of my
Company (The W. H. S.)

Names

Dates on
which
they ceased
Jan 24th
1849

Henry McCann.
Joseph Shannon.
Edward Gleason.

No cause assigned by any of
those three Members

And submit for your approval the Names of the
following Members admitted into my Company

Dates of Admission	Names	Trade	Residence
1849 th Jan 24 th	John McPhoric	Carpenter	129, Notre Dame St.
Jan 24 th	David Myers	Blacksmith	8 St ^h Lawrence Main St.
Feb 24 th	Hugh McPhillips	Blacksmith	8 St ^h Lawrence Main St.
Feb 24 th	Will ^m McCormack	Shoemaker	Lagauchetere Street.
Feb 24 th	John Simpson	Shoemaker	Dorchester Street

I beg to remark, that I have been expecting
Printed Forms, as should have submitted
the two first Members earlier.

Wm. Hammond
Captain
Fire Engine Phoenix
No 1 Coth

loss sustained through my being obliged
to engage another horse to do my work
expence of Veterinary Surgeon Bill & his
pasturage &c during the time of his illness.
The matter was laid by me before the Fire
Committee with certificate signed by the Surgeon
and other documents, which they now
have in their possession, I have waited
a length of time in expectation of a
satisfactory decision from them but
up to this time nothing at all has been
done, I therefore humbly pray that
your Honourable Body will take the matter
into immediate consideration

And your Petitioner
will ever Pray &c &c

J. V. Hibbard

Citation of
Wm. V. Hubbard

Rec 20th Nov 1848

St. C.

To The Mayor Aldermen
Town Councillors of the Corporation
of the City of Montreal

Presented at Decr 1848 &
Referred
to the Fire Committee

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Au Honneur le Maire, aux Echevins
et aux citoyens de la Cité de Montréal

Le Comité du Ter ayant pris en
considération l'application ci-dessus
de M. P. L. Hillard demandant une
indemnité pour le dommage fait à
son cheval qu'on lui a fait dans la
nuit du 12^e Juin dernier pour trans-
porter son Horse Reel à un incendie
qui a eu lieu aux Fumeries des Hollandes,
fait respectueusement rapport:

Le Comité a pris beaucoup de
peine pour se rendre au fait de
cette affaire qui son est actuellement
devant le Conseil.

A la date en question, M. Ashley
Hillard, fils du requérant, résidant
avec son père, au coin des rues Guy &
St Joseph était Capitaine de l'équipage
des Boyeurs. A l'occasion de l'alarme
dans la nuit du 12^e Juin dernier, le
Capitaine et deux hommes du Steele
Alfred Perry & John Morris tirant
un ou deux Horse reels, les hommes
pensent qu'il s'agit qu'un seul dans
la direction du feu dans la rue
St Joseph. Lorsqu'ils furent près de la
Pratise de M. Lavoie, le Capitaine
declara son intention de se servir
de son propre cheval, et laissant
les hommes tirer le Reel, il alla
de devant de ses pour tenir
son cheval prêt. Lorsqu'ils furent
près de la rue La Montagne, les hommes
rencontrèrent un Chariot comme
Hays, qui avait souvent l'habitude
de tirer les Boyeurs, pour

la compagnie. Keys prit son cheval
et s'attela au Reck. Lorsque le
Capitaine revint, et dit qu'il
son cheval était prêt, et donna
à Keys de dételer le sien du rec.
Il y atela alors le sien, et la
Compagnie se rendit au feu qui était
aux Sammes. Il ne paraît pas
le cheval ait été même très vite
soit en allant soit en revenant.
Au contraire il en a bien de croix
qu'il a été traité avec soin &
attention. Rendu aux Sammes,
le cheval fut détélé du rec
& laissé à l'écurie, et il y a
de la honte et il y a ^{un très peu de doute}
qu'il soit devenu invalide en
conséquence de la chute entre les mains
du Chirurgien Belémarien; mais
il n'a pas été satisfaitement
démontre à votre Comité qu'il a
souffert au point que le règlement
dit ou qu'il ait détériore en valeur
au point que le dit le capitaine
Ces sont les faits de l'affaire et
votre Comité les devant vous sans
commentaires ou recommandations après
le Conseil s'en est ordonné sur ces
constances, ce qui croira juste &
équitable. Le tout mesurément respec-
tueusement soumis.

Chambre de Commerce
8 Janvier 1849

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

The Fire Committee

Respectfully Report,

On the annexed application of Mr
P. W. Hubbard to be indemnified for injury done to
his horse, taken on the night of the 12 June last, to
convey a barrel to a Fire at The Sannery des Rollands.

That your Committee have been at some
pains to make themselves acquainted with the facts
of this case, and ^{they} now lay them before the Council.

At the date referred to, Mr. Ashley Hubbard,
a son of Peterboro, residing with his Father, at the
Corner of Gay and St. Joseph Street, was Captain of
The Staff Company. On the occasion of the alarm
on the night of the 12 June last, The Captain and two
horsesmen, Alfred Perry and John Burns were drawing
either one or two horse reels, (The Men think only one, in the
direction of the Fire along St. Joseph Street. When near
Messrs Dow & Co's Brewery, The Captain declared his
intention of using his own horse, and leaving the Men
to draw on the Reel an ahead of him to get his horse
ready. When near Mountain Street, the Men met a
Carter named Keys, who was frequently in the habit
of drawing the horse for the Company. Keys took out
his horse and was attaching him to the reel, when
The Captain returned, and declaring his own horse
was ready ordered Keys horse to be detached
from the reel. The Men trooked his own to it, and
the party proceeded to the Fire which was at The
Sannery. It does not appear that the horse was
over-driven either going or coming, on the contrary
there is reason to believe he was driven with care and
attention. While at The Sannery however, the horse
was cast loose from the Reel, and permitted to
eat grass; and there is very little doubt indeed

It had become necessary in consequence to place
him in the hands of the Veterinary Surgeon, but
it has not been satisfactorily shown to your
Committee that he suffered to the extent represented
by the Petitioner or that he has been so greatly deter-
-iorated in value as alleged by him.

These are the facts of the case, and your
Committee place them before you, without comment
or recommendation, that the Council may order
under the circumstances, what may be just and
equitable. The whole respectfully submitted.

Committee Room - City Hall

8th January 1849

Jas Greening
John Bull
J. J. Macdonald

[Faint handwritten notes, possibly names or initials, written vertically in the left margin.]

[Handwritten note:]
Determined upon in the
26 Jan'y 1849. by rejecting
the prayer of Mr. Richards

Monsieur le Maire, avec
Ehousis et aux citoyens de la ville
de Montréal

Le Comité de l'Association
pris en considération le requête
de l'Association pour le bien-être des
Pompier pour un octroi aux
fonds de l'Association au lieu
d'octroi individuels, à compter
de l'octroi fait par le
Conseil avant la formation
de l'Association, fait
respectueusement rapport.

Sur son semblable application
le Conseil, contrairement de tout bon
sens les fonds de l'Association
le 12 Février dernier 1847 et
indépendamment des réclamations
de l'Association sur le bien-être
et la libéralité de tous les Citoyens,
elle a un droit spécial à la
façon de son Comité de l'Association
puisqu'elle a été exempt de ces

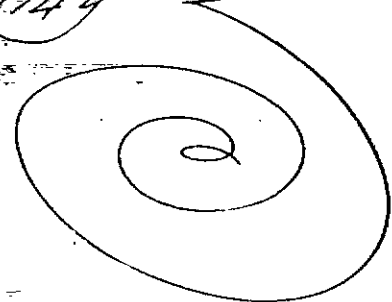
1-Annexes
il est
citoyens
sujets

contributions en faveur de
quelques uns des pompiers.

Votre Comité recommande

donc qu'une contribution ultérieure
de cent Louis soit faite
par le Comite envers les
fonds de l'Association
Benevoilente des Pompiers,
et qu'une appropriation
speciale de ce Montant
soit faite à votre Comite
pour cet objet.
C'est tout me surmises
respectueusement
votre
ami

Chambre du Comite
3 Janvier 1849



To Her Honor the Lady The Aldermen
and Burgesses of the City of Montreal

The Fire Committee

Respectfully Report,

On the accompanying Petition
from the Firemen's Benevolent Association for a
grant to the Funds of the Association in lieu of
individual Grants and Allocations Bills made and
paid by the Council previously to the formation of
"the Association".

That one similar Application the
Council contributed One Hundred Pounds towards
the Funds of the Association on the twentieth day
of February 1849, and independent of the
claims of the Association on the Generosity and
liberality of our Citizens, it proposes special
rights to the favorable regard of the Council inasmuch
as since its incorporation the Council have been
exempted from their Contributions in behalf of
individual Firemen, to which they were formerly
subject.

Your Committee therefore recommend
that a further Contribution of One Hundred
Pounds be made by the Council towards
the Funds of the Firemen's Benevolent &
Association; and that a Special Appropriation
of that Amount be made to your Committee
to pay the same. The whole Narrative is respectfully
submitted.

Committee Room - City Hall
3 January 1849

Jos. G. Giesey
John Bell
Joseph M. M. M. M.

of
The Committee

Report

Recommendation

appropriation of
1000 ^{dollars} of
£100 to the ~~benefit~~

Beneficial Society.

Adopted 7th February 1849.

21st March 1849

Com^{rs} Perry to the Committee
for the purpose to give of the
for a Breakfast for the Hon^{ble} Compt^r
and the practice of leaving the
Hon^{ble} Compt^r in charge of
the

S^r

The Chairman Fire Committee

Rec^d 21 March 1849 -

City Hall

March 1
Fire Committee

To Mr. McHardy
For Breakfast for Twenty Men Members of
Horse Hook Ladder Co 1st each L 1.10.0

M^r Hardy -

ap

L. 10. 00

I the undersigned do propose
to do all Carpenters and Joiners works
Plastering, painting and glazing
Required in the repairs of the new
Hos house according to plans and
Specifications of same, now in the office
of the City Surveyor, and to furnish
all materials for the sum of £ 85⁰⁰ Cy

Montreal March 26th 1849

James Morahan Joiner

To Mr^{no. 2} fire Committee

Finder for new house

Lucas } Union Pole -
Moses Cuyler
Reports for Home House

Richard Clayer tender \$ 85.00-0

James Mrazhan \$ 85.00-0

Thomas Buhm Haus 147.00-0

Thos Morale 110.10-0

Mem. of
Orders for alterations
to the New Hall and
Hook & Ladder Station
Corner of ~~King~~ and
Blenney Streets

Decided upon 29th March 44
- J. H. Co

James W. McGill Esq.
City Surveyor
Montreal

No. 3

Order for work in New West House

- 15 -
Montreal 27 March 1849.

I the Undersigned do
Agree to do all work
and the plan of the above work showed to me
at your Office finding all Materials for the
above and plaster the said rooms support the above
work in a strong workmanship manner and
Complete the same in the time specified
on your Specifications and if one the undersigned
Contractor and my sureties is acceptable from
the fore Committee of the Corporation of the
City of Montreal for the Sum of One hundred
and Ten pounds Ten Shillings Currency

£110.10.0

Contractor Thos Woodall Carpenter & Joiner
Montreal

Signature of Charles J. Bell
Sureties Charles J. Bell
Charles J. Bell
Supervisor of the
Government Emigrants

Montreal

Montreal March 28th 1849

To the Mayor Aldermen

& Council assemble,

Gentlemen

rdUnderstanding, that my name
was sent in by Captain Muir as having been dis-
missed by him from the Union Fire Company &
subsequently, that it was struck off the list of
members, in consequence of my not appearing before
the Fire Committee. I would now most respect-
fully beg to lay ~~my~~ ^{my} case before you ^{Worshipful Body}
for consideration, as I conceive that I have been
harshly treated by Captain Muir, in respect think
that the facts of the case shewn to the Council
would countenance such treatment.

rdThe offence
given to Captain Muir was a refusal on my part
to sign a receipt for my clothing, which was handed
to me by Captain Muir, By the By laws of our
Company such receipt should have been handed by
the secretary for signature. rdTherefore my refusal.
rdHowever on the following morning after reconsidering

the matter I called on Captain Min for the purpose of putting my signature to receipt as required, but this he refused to allow.

The constitution & other By-laws I had signed. I regret that the Secretary had not tendered me the receipt for signature, as in that case all difficulty would have been removed.

It was my duty to have appeared before the Fire Committee at the meeting shortly after the complaint was lodged against me, but, my reason for not doing so was that, I felt myself at a loss & did not know how to address them on the matter. I hope that this application though late will have your due consideration. —

I am most anxious to hold my position as member of the Union Fire Company. I hope that the error of judgement, which, I may have committed in refusing my signature to the Captain, when it would have been given to the Secretary, will not be deemed by you sufficient to warrant my dismissal.

Trusting the Council will take the matter into their earnest

Com -

consideration & hoping for a favourable reply,

I have the Honour to be
Gentlemen,

Yours. Obedt. Servant,

Henry Burnett

Petition of
Mr Henry Barnett.

Rec^d & presented

28th March 1844

by
Referred to the Finance Committee
and on

29th March 44 (determined upon
in Committee

J. H.
B. J. Jackson Esq.
City Clerk

It is hereby agreed between Richard
Clay Carpenter and builder, on the
one part, and the City Surveyor
acting on behalf of the Corporation of
Montreal on the other part, that the
said Clay shall finish and complete
agreeable to the specifications and plan-
sheets annexed the works required to
be done in the fitting up of the building
belonging to Madame Guy fronting on
Craig Street near the corner of Bleury
Street known as the bowling alley, as
a House, and Hoop and Ladder Company
station, for which he shall be paid
the sum of eighty-five pounds currency,
payable according to the progress of the
work, thirty-five per cent being constantly
retained until the whole of the works
are completed and accepted, which shall
be done within two months after being
finished and at which time the
balance shall be paid.

The said works to be done on
or before the Twenty first day of the
present month of April and delivered
up at that period in a perfect manner
to the entire satisfaction of the City
Surveyor.

Signed in duplicate, at Mon-
treal this ninth day of April one thousand
eight hundred and forty-nine.

Witness

J. H. McKinnon

Richard Clay
James M. Tree

City Surveyor

Specifications of Works required to be done to a part of the building belonging to Madame Guy situate on Craig Street at the corner of Melny Street for the purpose of its being fitted up for a Hook and Ladder and Hose Compensy Station by the Corporation. The works are to be done and performed to the entire satisfaction of the Fire Committee of the Corporation of the City of Montreal under the superintendance of the City Surveyor. The materials and workmanship are to be of the best description of their several kinds. Should any thing be omitted in this Specification of the works that might be considered appertaining to this Contract. The Contractor will be held to furnish and supply the same without any additional charge whatever. It is to be distinctly understood that the Corporation will not pay any additional sum beyond the contract price unless written orders from the City Surveyor for such extra works are produced by the Contractor. The Contractor is furthermore bound not to receive orders from any other person than the City Surveyor. The amount of the contract price to be paid within two months after the works are completed to the satisfaction of the City Surveyor, and whose certificate of the same will be a sufficient receipt to the Contractor of the works having been accepted by him on behalf of the Corporation. The works are to be commenced forthwith and be completed on or before the 25th April next.

First Floor

A flooring of two inches in thickness to be laid on the top of the present beds of the

pine Alley, of good round two inch boards
(in the rough) free from knots or shakes to be
laid close and tight, from the top of the bar
floor at the end of the pine alley, to the west
end of the building laying down the requisite
number of sleepers that may be wanting
so as that the said floor shall be properly
and sufficiently supported, the whole to be
well spilted and done in a workmanlike
manner, the edges of the planks to be
planed so as to admit of their being close
together. Two new double doors to be
constructed in the front of the house, one on
each side of the small door now used as an
entrance, and two of a like description in the
south side wall, each of six feet six inches in
width by eight feet in height, according to
the accompanying plan every possible
care must be taken in breaking down
the present brick wall for the door cases,
the brick work round the frames to be
made good, the lintels over the different
doorways to be of pine timber, to be hollowed
out so as to give the opening a spring of four
inches, to be at least fourteen inches in depth
by twelve inches in thickness, and to extend
at least one foot into each wall beyond the
door openings. The doors to be of pine two inch
framed stile rails and diagonal braces, filled
in on the outside with narrow battens planed
bougued and beaded solid, wrought and rebated
frames 15x4" stout hook riveted with square
shouldered Canadian made bolts and hard
pivot bar fastenings and half staples, the
hinges to be of the best description of Canadian

manufactory, to extend at least two
times the width of the doorway to be
well bolted and fastened.

An open railing partition to be construct-
ed as shown on the plan the whole height
from the floor to the ceiling, the stuff to be
4 1/2" with four inch openings between the
rails to be made firm at both bottom and
top by running cleets and the alternate
openings to be neatly fitted in with pieces
of wood the exact size between the cleets
and firmly fastened. Two stringties one
on each side of the railing of four inches wide
by one inch thick to be put on as borders
about four feet above the floor again must
be constructed in the end near Craig street
as shown on the plan six feet wide by five
feet six inches high similar to the railing
with all the necessary hinges and fastenings.
The whole of the partition to be neatly ex-
ecuted. A stair to be built from the lower to
the upper floor three feet six inches in width
the headings to be of two inch stuff of 10 inches
in height by 10 inches in width, with a hand rail
rounded on the top, flat beaded rails one and
half square, open at the back. The present
front door to be reduced in size to three
feet wide by seven feet in height, by filling
up the opening with a neat door frame,
with a ventilation window of the same width
of the door over head.

Second story.

A wooden partition to be constructed of two
inch pine stuff grooved and tongued and free
from splits shakes or bad knots, to be well seasoned

The side and end of the stair opening to be enclosed with a neat boarding of two inch stuff grooved and tongued similar to the partitions a borrowed light to be placed in the end 30×21 " and a door in the side at the landing, and another in the partition facing the stairs the upper part to be of glass, two inch framed with all complete both to be panelled doors, the whole to be finished in a workmanlike manner with locks and fastenings complete, the whole of the upper story to be plastered in two coats (except the partitions above mentioned) that is to say the three sides and ceiling of each room and to be afterwards white washed, and where necessary to be pined. A string beam 10×6 " to be run under the ceiling joists in the upper story supported on two upright posts 8×8 " and inserted into the front wall, a skirting round the bottom on the upper floor on the plastered sides of each of the two rooms of 10 inches in height moulded the whole to be neatly finished.

Three horse towers are to be built from above the present roof of the house, to be supported on four upright posts 6×6 " which are to be carried up from the ground floor through the roof to a height thirty three feet above the floor of the house, with an opening between them of five feet square, the upright posts to be of the best description of pine free from knots or shakes of any description to be properly supported with stays &c and to be framed clap boarded lathed and plastered

From the present roof upwards to its full height and roofed and lighted with all the fixtures know used as the other lights with all the necessary fixings that may be required for ranning and supporting the hose in the top & should the City Surveyor consider it necessary that the lower parts should be of two pieces (that is to say jointed) for the convenience of the Contractor, and permit the same to be done the Contractor will be bound to find all necessary iron work &c. Should any thing be damaged in the carrying out of this contract, the Contractor will be bound to make it good at his own cost, that is to say, any damage to brickwork, woodwork, plastering, sheetironing &c or in any other manner to injure the building the whole will have to be done at the expense and risk of the ~~and~~ Contractor. All works usually painted to be painted in this contract.

A Horse trough is to be constructed of Fifty one feet in length, Twenty four inches wide in the middle at top and fifteen inches wide at the bottom and fifteen inches in depth perpendiculary to be made water tight and warranted for twelve months, the bottom to be of three inch and the sides of two inch pine, the bottom to be rabbitted into the sides and all joints set with white lead. The trough to rest on six supports 10 feet apart twelve inches thick twenty four inches wide and two feet eight high, a flap to be constructed along one side so as to be raised up on a level with the top of the trough when wanting and when not wanting to hang down to be of two inch stuff fifteen inches wide and hinged and closely fitted to the

that the enclosures joining, are required to be of
other materials than wood: - the Steam Engine
& Boiler being already there, I conclude that no
question can be raised as to the repairing and
re-working of the same - but having lost severely
by the fire, I am anxious to avoid any risk,
and should therefore feel obliged by your com-
municating to me the regulations of the Corpo-
ration on this head - so that no after question
may be raised -

I remain

Dear Sir
Yours very truly
J. B. Ostell

Requête de M. Patelle demandant
les Règlements du Conseil qui régissent
l'érection de moulins à vapeur &
pour le diriger dans la bâtisse d'un
autre moulin à vapeur qu'il se
propose de construire.

17th April 1844

John Estell Esq

Rec Presented 18 April 1844

To the Mayor Aldermen and Council
of the City of Montreal.

The petition of William Brock
and others, humbly sheweth:-

That your ~~petitioners~~ petitioners have
learnt with surprise and regret
that the proprietor of the Steam Saw
Mills, lately burnt down, together with
the adjoining blocks of houses belong-
ing to your subscribers, at the corner
of Craig and St Alexander streets,
has petitioned your honorable
Council for permission to rebuild
the said Mills and to employ them
for the same purpose.

That your petitioners having it in
view to rebuild their own portion of the
burnt property - believe, and humbly
desire the decision of your honorable
Council, as to the correctness of their
belief, that to work a Steam Saw Mill
in the immediate vicinity of dwelling
houses, is contrary to the 184-law of

of the City passed in your Council some months ago

That your petitioners are ~~the~~ confident that the re-establishment of the said Mills would be highly detrimental and dangerous to their property; they would also submit, that warning of the danger of such business being carried on in the vicinity of private dwelling houses, has already been twice given in the course of a few weeks, in which brief period two conflagrations of a serious character ~~and~~ involving the destruction of considerable property have occurred

Your petitioners would also submit that not only is the insurance on property in such neighborhoods considerably increased, and even difficult to find in getting insurance at all, but the property is also deteriorated in value thereby, from the difficulty of obtaining tenants for the houses, in consequence of the great danger from fire to which they

are constantly exposed

That under these Circumstances
your petitioners pray that your Council
will take the matter into Consideration
and prevent their property from again be-
ing exposed by the same means to the
like imminent danger from fire.

The whole nevertheless respectfully
submitted

M Brode

W Carroll

Hypolite Fissiaux

Yves Ferron

Louis Brunet

Joussand Myers

Thomas Dowd

Edw. Hogan

Patrick McLaughly

Bryan Handby

John Kelly

M. J. A. J. A. J. A.

J. Aupiais

Petition of
Wm Brewster

Rec^d 7th May 1849
by
Referred to the Fire Committee

The petition of
William Brewster
and others

Montreal of the June 1849

Sir, We beg leave through you, to call the attention of his Worship the Mayor and of the City Council, to the Protest which Mr Millock caused to be served on the Council, on the 19th ult^o - But a very small part of the repairs required to be made by that Protest, have yet been made, and as Mr Millock has already suffered, and is still suffering very serious loss from the Causes set forth in his said Protest, he trusts that the Council will cause the required repairs to be made forthwith, in order that there may be as little increase as possible to the damage which he has already sustained.

We have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obed^t Serv^t
J. P. Leaton Esq^r

J. P. Leaton Esq^r
City Clerk

7 June 1849

Messrs Meredith
Bishop & Quaker



CITY COUNCIL.

DIVISION ON

MOTION 3

Moved by Bell

Seconded by Rodier

Yes

Nays

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR,
E. R. FABRE, ESQ.

ALDERMEN

- 15BOURRET.....
- 14OUMET.....
- 13GUGY.....
- 12LYMAN.....
- 12LAROCQUE.....
- 11SIMS.....

COUNCILLORS

- 10RODIER.....
-WILSON.....
-SNAITH.....
- 9BELL.....
- 8GRENIER.....
- 7McNIDER.....
- 6WHITLAW..... 2
- 5TULLY.....
- 5BEAUDRY.....
- 4LYNCH.....
- 3HOMIER.....
-MACFARLANE..... 1
- 2PREVOST.....
- 1BENJAMIN.....

pas plus longtemps sans être protégé, et qu'une
 Compagnie bien organisée ne soit pas plus longtemps
 rendue inefficace par besoin d'une bonne pompe, et
 vos pétitionnaires ne cesseront de prier

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| J. B. Tison. | Frs. D'Arment. |
| Wm. Cabart | Jean Bérard |
| Jacob Desautel | Jean B ^e Jaurès |
| Joseph Laurent | George Young |
| Luc Duprenis | Dame veuve Caty |
| Antoine Lavigne | Honore Parizeau |
| F. X. Roy | Jochain Blais |
| Pierre Raza | Francis Laflamme |
| Laurent Dubreane | Sol Paré |
| Chs. Pélodere | George Roy |
| Francis Jolicœur | Mrs. D'Arment |
| Delis Hamelin | Joseph Lachocche |
| James Dwyer | Veuve Joseph St Jean |
| J. B ^e Bourbonnais | Thomas Leconte |
| Joussaint Labelle | M. Sanders |
| Alexis Lavoie | M. Sanders |
| Joussaint Lapierre | J. B. Rabinson |
| Larive Gaudin | Antoin Poirau |
| Germain Derome | Joseph Poirau |
| Benjamin Tison | Patrick Kieley |
| Hippolyte Raza | Kott Mills |
| Joussaint Desrochers | Charles Mc Guley |
| Simon Martin | Polite Roy |
| Joussaint Desrochers | Charles LeBlanc |
| Joseph Gaudin | J. B ^e Beaudry |
| Joseph Gaudin | Simon Lisage |
| Louis Dubord | Louis Roberge |
| Agustin Levers | Francis Guilbeau |
| Antoine Guion | Joseph Charpentier |
| Frs. Joffis | Joseph Lepine |
| Donat Dupin | J. B. Minville |
| Pierre Piquin | |
| James Cooper | Edouard Perriau |

M^r Eugène
Félix Racine
Louis Côté
Frs^{es} Castongue
Toussaint Chénier
Guillaume Pelletier
Peter M. Dumont
John Hutchinson
Albert Lupien
Jos. Houde
Jacob Hétter
Vital Gibeau
Louis Leveillé

Pierre ^{de} Ferte
Francis ^{de} Rabbette
Francis ^{de} Sepaty
deux yeux Tessier
Peter Bohle
Kamas Duracher
Michel Duracher
Lé Brousseau
Paul Stager
Michel Pomintulle
Simon Loblere
Jean Brisson

Requête des
Propriétaires des Quartiers Saint
Louis

Reçu et présentée le 2 Fev 1849 -
et
Révisé en vertu de l'Acte

1 Mars 1849 Rapport à faire
favorable à la requête

To the Chairman & Members of the
Fire Committee of the City Corporation

Gentlemen

I beg to inform you that after
consideration, I accept the offer you have
made me of one Hundred & fifty pounds £ in
Cash and also the Auctions, Baskets & flexible
Branches for the purchase of the New Hero
Engine which under these considerations
shall be the property of the City Corporation.

I am Gentlemen

Your most Obedt. Servt.

M. Prodes

Capt Hero Campy

Montreal 29th March 1842

To
The Chairman & Members
of the Fire Committee of the
City Corporation

(App. Name)
Elect. - Mont.
New Market
P. 150-0.03

29 March 1849

I am of opinion that the Fire Engine
"New Hero" built by M. Sepage of this City,
now in possession of the Hero-Company
is worth two hundred and fifty pounds
currency

Montreal 24 March 1849

Jos Gault

Montreal March 1st 1849

Gentlemen

We the undersigned beg leave to inform you that we have examined the fire Engine in charge of Capt. Moses, and built by M. Page and we are of Opinion that it is a good piece of Workmanship and reflects great credit on the builder the ~~work~~ ^{work} is remarkable for got up, and seems to be very strong and we are of opinion that the other parts of the engine are equally good and that the Committee may safely recommend it to the Corporation for purchase.

We are Gentlemen Yours
Obedt Servants

To the Chairman and
Gentlemen of Fire Committee

Geo Gault

At the fire, at the Saw mill, in Craig Street last night, I attended expressly on purpose to see the Engine Work, and, assisted a short time in Working her, and I am of opinion that she works full as easy as any of the Engines belonging to the City, and throws a steady and copious stream

Geo Gault

[Faint, illegible handwritten text, possibly bleed-through from the reverse side of the page]

Some train of Communication, either from
one extremity of the roof to the other either by Gas
pipes or otherwise. The fire having appeared along
a continuous line. I never was in the Larch.

And further I say not and have signed -

I was to be sworn before the
Jury Committee of the Council in the
City Hall, at Montreal this 8 Sept 1849

W. Kerwin

William V. Courtenay of the City of Montreal
Gentleman, being duly sworn deposes. I was
living in O'Regan's Hotel at the time of the Fire.
Mr. Pope and myself jointly had charge of
the Building for the Trustees. I was in the
Building when the fire originated. I was
then conversing with Col. Compton in
the Hall in rear of the front Building and
heard ~~an informant~~ Messrs Krump a Boarder
in the House whom I saw enter from the Street,
exclaim that there was a fire and that he
had seen smoke issuing from the Bonsecours
Street Mills where it adjoins Notre Dame Street
Took precautions to rouse the Boarders
and in about a couple of minutes afterwards
I saw a small set of flame issuing from
the roof of the Bonsecours Mills, as near the
Chimney as possible, and in a few minutes
after that a dense smoke pierced through
the roof over the extended Ball room. There
was no ceiling in the Ball room, and standing
in that room, you could perceive the floor
of the Larch in the Bonsecours Mill for a
considerable distance and the entire roof
over the Ball room. The Chimney near which

and further I say not and have signed

Sworn to before the Committee } J. Boulangier
this 8 day of Sept 1849 }

John Atkinson of the City of Montreal
 Architect. being duly sworn deposes, that the
 Circumstances mentioned by the last Witness
 Mr Boulangier in his testimony, of our Visit
 to the Capote, in connection with the Chimney
 or Fire are Correct. I remained to see that no
 Sparks had communicated and I closed
 the windows and on coming down tried the door
 into the Garret and found it locked. That was
 the only entrance that I knew of to the Garret.
 There was a very strong door with a good key and
 lock to the Garret entrance, which I then heard
 Donaguba say, he caused to be put there to
 prevent accidents by fire. That door was always
 kept locked. The Wind was blowing from the
 South West and one or two Sparks for having come
 towards the Capote from the Chimney induced me
 to shut the windows to prevent any accident.
 I did not know of the Fire in the House till
 after it the roof was in one blaze. I went up to
 the fourth story of the Bonsecours very immediately
 under the roof and visited almost every room.
 There was no fire on that flat that I saw and
 but very little smoke, but the Garret was in
 flames. The Key of the Garret door was kept in the
 Bar, and Special Orders were given to the Bar-
 keeper, not to entrust the Key ~~with any of the~~
 to any but a Confidential Servant. having

occasion to go there. I left the House at half-
past nine and every thing was then quiet and safe
as far as I knew. There was no attempt from
the outside to set fire to the House, nor was there
any disposition as far as I saw, and no person
could have reached the gallery from the unfinished
Ball-room without a ladder of considerable
length which would have had to be carried
through the principal Halls of the Hotel - ~~etc~~
~~the latter of~~ There could have been no temptation
to any person in the establishment to set it on
fire because almost all the Silver and valuable
have since been discovered, and a portion of
the rest has since been found in the ruins, where
there is probably more yet. And further I do
not and have signed.

Sworn to before the Fire Committee }
this 8th September 1849 } J. H. Atkinson

At half past two o'clock, pm adjourned
till 1 o'clock pm on Monday next the
10th Sept 1849.

Monday 10 Sept 1849 - 11 o'clock pm

Present

Via Worship the Mayor
Councilors W. Smith
Beaudry
Alderman Ousmet

James Rectory of the City of Montreal &
Montreal

George G. Pope of the City of Montreal
Complains being duly sworn deposed, I
have no reason to suspect any of the Servants
at Donagans to have set fire to the premises;
on the contrary the Servants were all desirous
to re-engage with Mr. Courtney & myself
the Joint Managers for the Trustees of the
Hotel, ~~after~~ having heard subsequently to
the Fire that we about to open a Hotel on
our own account - There could not have
been any inducement for any of the Servants
to have set fire to the premises, as they were all
thrown out of place by the occurrence; a
great many of them have lost their clothes by the
fire, and there has been but very little loss of
plate by the Fire. I was not in Montreal on the
night of the Fire. I was absent from the City in
Upper Canada for several days previously
and for three days after - and further I say not
and have signed -

to the best of my
Knowledge
G. G. Pope

Servants at Montreal appeared this
10 day of Sept 1849 - Before the Fire Court

G. G. Pope

Henry Thomas of the City of Montreal Gentlemen
being duly sworn deposes, that he is a Boarder
at Doney and is Hotel at the time of the Fire there
on the Night of the Sixteenth August last past, and
occupied the Room No 66 at the ~~North Eastern~~
Extremity of the Bonsecours Wing facing Bonsecours
and Champ de Mars Streets. He had retired to my
bed room about an hour and a half before the
Fire. - On each my room I went through the
entire length of the passage in that wing, and
perceived no indications of Fire either from
Smoke or otherwise. My Room was situated
in the fourth story of the Wing, immediately
under the Gallery. I was aroused by the Gong
and upon waking from sleep perceived
that the Fire was in the ~~middle~~ ^{upper part} of the Building
and that the Roof was all on Fire. There was
no Smoke in my own Apartment, neither was
there any in the Hall. I went down from my
room three different ~~the~~ times with my Valise
and other effects, before the Fire descended into
my room. The third time I went up it was by the
back Stair Case, which was a public ~~Stair~~
Case and from which Access could be had to
the unfinished Ball Room, if the door of the
Ball Room were open. I can not say if it was
open that Night - I have not the slightest reason
to suspect any Cause for the Origin of the Fire.
I had been up into my room, immediately after
dinner - about half past six or seven o'clock, and
I neither heard nor saw any indications of Fire then -
and further I say not and have signed -

Sworn to before the Fire Committee
this 16th September 1849. at Montreal France } - Henry Thomas

James Sony of the City of Montreal Merchant
 being duly sworn deponent, I was a Boarder at
 Donagan's Hotel on the occasion of the Fire, and
 occupied a room on the same story of
 Bonsecours Wing as Mr Thomas the East Wing.
 I was also awaked by the sound of the Gong,
 and perceived that the Fire was in the roof above
 the wing. I must have been smouldering there
 for some hours, as I believe the Fire proceeded
 from a Chimney which had been on Fire about
 that time previously. I was playing Billiards
 in the Billiard room some hours previously to
 the Fire with Mr Genier when Mr Allison
 entered the Billiard room - and said we might
 have all been burned for ~~that~~ a Chimney had
 been on Fire - but the Fire was ~~there~~ out and
 all was right. This is my reason for supposing
 the Chimney occasioned the Fire. I had been
 up to my room at about half past nine o'clock
 p.m. but there were no indications of Fire then
 neither were there any at a little after twelve
 o'clock when I retired to bed. I am satisfied the
 Fire did not occur from people without the
 house - and further I say not and have signed.

Sworn to before the Fire Committee
 this 10th day of Sept 1849

J. W. Sony

Wednesday 12th Sept 1849

Present. His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Smith - Councillor Benjamin

William Comstock of the City of Montreal
 Esquire Police Magistrate of the City of Montreal
 being duly sworn deponent, I was in Donagan's Hotel
 on the night of the fire. I was sitting in the back passage
 of the front building looking into the yard, with a
 Companion

Companion upon whose face I remarked the
light occasionally play as a window suddenly
opened, which being repeated, we both looked up and
saw fire issuing from the roof near the Corner of
the second Chimney going down Bonsecours
Street. The Alarm was then given and we took different
directions to avoid the inmates of the Hotel. ~~a short~~
~~time after~~ I did not see the fire again for
some time, in fact till the whole roof was in a
blaze. When I first discovered the fire near
the Chimney, I saw no other indications of fire
in any other part of the roof in Bonsecours Wing
or the ~~the~~ Building on Champ de Mars Street. I do not
know the origin of the fire nor have I any suspicion
respecting it. My own belief is that it was accidental
and further I say not and have signed -

Sworn to before the Fire Committee
the 12 September 1849

W. E. Whiting

Ignace Krausz now of the City of
Montreal Gentleman being duly sworn deposed
I was a Boarder at Dorelans Hotel, at the time
of the fire. I was not the first person who perceived
the fire nor did I give the alarm of fire. Nor was I in the
Street at the time nor did I communicate the alarm
to Courtenay. I saw Courtenay in the Bar and spoke
to him about three or four times in the course of the
Evening previously to the fire. I know nothing of
the origin of the fire and have no reason to suspect
any thing regarding it. And further I say not
and have signed

Sworn to before the Fire Committee
the 12 Sept 1849 -

Ignace Krausz

Chap. Hubbard of the City of Montreal
Gang; duly sworn depositee, at the time of the fire
at Donegan's Hotel I was the Chambermaid
who had charge of the upper passage in Bonsecours
Wing. There were only four rooms occupied on that
floor to my knowledge, one by Mr. Sorel, one by Mr. [unclear]
a third by Mr. Thomas and a fourth by myself and
three other servants. We were all in bed and asleep
when we were alarmed by the Gong - I got up, and
opened the window, and looked out. The window
of my room opened into the Yard and upon looking
out, I discovered the roof of the front Building
in flames. The Cupola and the roof of the Wing
in which it was, to be on fire. My fellow servants
and myself hurried down stairs by the back stair
Case, in front of Mr. Thomas' room. Mr. Thomas' door
was closed and I can't say whether he was in his
room or not - After I first came down stairs I had
time to return back twice and remove my effects.
This occupied about ten Minutes, and during that
time I noticed the fire gradually creeping along
from where I first saw it through the roof of
the front building down along the roof of the
Bonsecours Wing. During all these times I saw
no indication of smoke or fire in the passage in
which our bedroom was situated. The Laundry
Chimney which passed through the roof near our room,
was kept constantly in use. I heard that one of
the Chimneys of the Establishment was on fire
that day but I cannot say to which. I distinctly
saw fire in the front roof but I could not see whether
there was fire in the roof of the Wing in which I was
situated. I served the service at Donegan's Hotel on the first of
February last. I never heard the slightest dissatisfaction
among the servants. I have from the slightest
reason

reason to suspect the house was set on fire.
And further I say not and declare I cannot write
a sign my name.

Sworn to before the Petit Comité, this
12 September 1849

Fire Committee
Special Meeting - Friday 14 September 1849

Present
His Worship the Mayor
Alderman Ousings
Councillor Smith
" Beaudry

The Fire Committee have carefully
inquired into the Cause and origin of the Fire at
Dovey and Hotel in this City, on the Night of the
Sixteenth August last past, and have examined
on oath, all Witnesses present at, and having a
Knowledge of the origin of said Fire, and
They are unanimously of opinion that there
exists no reason to believe but that the said Fire
was accidental; and that it originated in an
accident to, or defect in, one of the Chimneys
of the Hotel.

E. R. Fabre
Mayor
André Ousings
Wm Smith
Wm Beaudry

Evidence

given on the inquiry
into the cause of origin
of the fire at Dorreghan's
Hotel

on the 16th August 1849

and decision of the
Fire Committee thereon

Charles J. Courvalley, I am advocate

on the 16th August last I was called with
Mr Jones my first barrister, to hold an
Inquest on the body of the late

Friday 11th Sept 1849

Present
His Worship the Mayor
Alderman - Biquet
Councillor - Saville

Charles J. Courval, avocat et
coronnaire pour le District de Montréal.

Le 16 Août dernier, mon collègue
Mr James et moi fumes requis, comme
Coronnaires, de ce District, de tenir une
enquête sur le Corps de feu William Blakey
Masson, me cause que ce nous réunimes
un Jour, dans la Station de Police, au
Marché Bonsecours de cette ville, nous
procedâmes dans certains à l'Enquête et
la journaux, au lendemain, j'allai au
même lieu, rendus là la plupart des Jurés,
ayant trouvé le local incertain, nous
demandâmes et à ~~à~~ sieger ailleurs.
Je m'adressai alors à Mr Coffin
un des Prothonotaires, et lui demandai
s'il permettait que le Juré siegeât dans
une des Chambres du Palais de Justice;
Mr Coffin me répondit qu'il croirait
imprudent de sa part de le permettre,
à l'excitation qui régnait alors dans
la ville, et la grande responsabilité qui
peserait sur lui, si accordait ma
demande, dans le cas où un accident
aurait lieu, soit par accident ^{ou} autrement.
A finit par me dire qu'il ne pourrait
pas se rendre à mes desirs; je m'insistai
par davantage, comprenant la force
des objections de Mr Coffin. En sortant
de la Cour, quelqu'un me mentionna l'Hotel
Cyrus, comme une place propre pour
tenir l'enquête, j'allai alors à cet Hotel où
je vis Mad^e Cyrus, à qui je demandai
si elle voudrait permettre que l'Enquête en

au troisième, en a défilé au dessus de
celui que nous occupions. Il y avait
aussi des troupes sur le parapet devant
l'Hotel, et aussi dans la chambre
attenant à celle où se tenait l'Enquête.
Dans la chambre de l'Enquête, il avait
un grand nombre de personnes de
présentes, jusqu'à même au les
cri d'alarme se firent entendre; la
course étant ce jour la course publique,
aussitôt que les cris de "un feu" se
firent entendre, je descendis l'escalier
conduisant au 2^e de hauteur, où je
rejoinis Mr Lanthier, le témoin
que je croyais le plus en danger, je traivai
près de lui mon collègue Mr Jones, et

Magistrate Special

CL

Mr H. McLeod Cozy accompagnés de troupes
nous reconduisirent Mr Lanthier
à la maison du Sauvernement. En
sortant de l'Hotel, je n'ai bien peu de monde
sur la Place Jacques Cartier, mais je
vis plusieurs personnes réunies sur la
rue Notre Dame en face du monument
et puis et puis de la, sans pouvoir dire
dans quelle intention.

pendant que l'Enquête
se tenait je descendis
plusieurs fois au
rez de chaussée, je
rejoin Mr Cyrus

car j'en ^{quelque chose} avais besoin et je le traivai
en bas, ayant je crois une tasse de café
à la main; j'y demeurai et arrivai en
haut les cri de "un feu" se firent entendre.
Mr Lanthier l'escalier dont j'ai fait mention

CL

ci dessus et au des sentinelles a baïonnette
mise, est l'escalier tournant et l'escalier

Pierre Landreau, Journalier.

J'étais engagé chez Mr. Cyrus, en sa lité
d'honneur de l'habitation, qui l'incendie
a eu lieu. Lorsque l'alarme du feu
fut donnée, j'étais seul dans une petite
chambre où j'étais occupé pour
l'instant à un même étage, aussitôt que
j'entendis l'alarme je m'avançai jus-
qu'au pied de l'escalier, je regardai et
vis que toute la compagnie était en feu.
Je vis une personne monter par cet
escalier (qui était les escaliers) Quant
à l'autre escalier je ne pouvais le voir
d'où je me tenais. Je me suis parvenu
dans le haut de la maison le matin
de l'incendie. Environ une quinzaine de
jours avant le feu, j'avais fait ^{une partie} de
la quatrième étage, et j'étais de hors une quantité
de salpêtre et de bouts de planches qui
s'y trouvaient à ma connaissance il
n'y avait pas de matières combustibles
dans le bâtiment. Il y avait
à cet étage, à part de sept à huit toiles
de deurs de toile qui se trouvaient
dans la chambre au quatrième
l'escalier ^{principal} de la maison et aussi
quelques établis de menuiserie, des bouts
de planches et autres effets. Les deux
escaliers conduisaient du 1^{er} au quatrième
étage - on pouvait avoir accès à l'escalier
principal par la cuisine, soit par une
petite porte au dessus de l'escalier principal
et cet escalier principal allait jusqu'à la cage
qui est de couleur jaune de l'incendie j'avais
même fermé la porte de la cage.

et je Le Samedi avant l'incendie, à
raison de ce que m'a dit M^r Cyrus
qu'il pourrait bien y avoir du danger
par le feu, je donnai ma valise.

La nuit L^os avant l'incendie de
l'Hotel Danegana, M^r Cyrus ^{me faisait}
fait courir dans le passage, ^{pour veiller en cas}
d'incendie. Je ne dis rien de plus

en ai signé **PIERRE
RONDAU**

Assermenté devant le Comite
du feu le 14 Dec 1849

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Saturday 15 September 1849 - 2

Protest

The Worship the Mayor

Councillor Smith

" Beaudry

James Breckinridge of the City of Montreal
Merchant being duly sworn deposes, I was at
Cyrus' Hotel on the occasion of ^{the} Fire there, I was in
attendance at the Coroner's Inquest there. There was
nothing to prevent any person in the house at the
time, from ascending to the Apartments in the
Story of the Building above where the Inquest
was held, and where I afterwards saw the Fire come
from. When I entered the Inquest room, The Doctor
M Lufontaine was under examination. There
were assembled many persons in the Room, they were
generally speaking of a respectable class, and
there was no riotous tumult in the room. The Witness
did not arrive till after my arrival. When I went
in there was nothing to prevent people from
ascending the Stairs to the Upper Stories of the

Building. It was about fifteen or twenty Minutes
after my arrival that I first heard the alarm of
Fire. I rushed out onto the Lobby and saw flakes
of fire, as of burnt paper, coming down the
Stairs from the Upper Story. I was one of the last
that left and these flakes continued falling
till I descended the Stairs. It was then I should
say well on to eleven o'clock in the Morning, and
further I say not and have signed

Sworn to before the Jury Committee

the 15th September 1849

James Breckinridge

Mr. Henry M. Lord, ^{now residing in} of the City of Montreal
Esquire Justice of the Peace, being duly sworn
deponent. Upon application from the Corona
I made a requisition for fifty soldiers to attend
the inquest held at Cyrus Hotel on the day of the
Fire there. I attended with the soldiers there, with
a view to prevent any disturbance, but never
apprehending a Fire. The soldiers had no
instructions to prevent any person from
ascending the stairs, and it was consequently
in the power of any one who pleased to have
ascended the stairs to the Upper stories of
the Hotel. I had hardly placed the soldiers, more
than eight or ten minutes, when I heard a
noise down stairs from the story in which the
inquest was being held. I went then myself out
of the Building in the street. The noise down the
stairs was occasioned by the alarm of fire,
which then broke out and shortly afterwards
consumed the Building - ~~and for the day~~
~~not that time being~~ Immediately on hearing the
noise to that before the Fire Committee took up the case, I
looked up and perceived an immense mass
of dense black smoke, which it struck me
could not have been produced in any ordinary
way - It must have been produced from the ignition
of some combustible matter. My impression was
it was from Camphine - It was then about eleven
o'clock as well as I can recollect, and I had
a body of smoke as I saw could have been produced
by Camphine in five minutes, but by scarcely
any other means in less than half an hour.
From the state of feeling in the City, I considered
Mr. Talbot's case life in danger and accordingly
furnished the troops, but I saw no act or
any disturbance in the houses previous

Je ne dis rien de plus et
ai signé

PIERRE RONDAU

William Maltette examiné de nouveau

Après je n'ai vu l'homme de l'hotél
Cyrus comme je lui déjà dit, c'était à
peu près trois minutes avant que
l'alarme du feu fut donnée. Après
avoir examiné de nouveau les lieux
je suis parti à cinq heures du quai
St-Jacques et il est sorti après ne dis rien
de plus et ai déclaré ne savoir signer.

Assurance devant }
la Courte du feu. c.c. }
18 Sept 1844 }

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20 August 1849

Montreal 23 aout 1849

M. Monsieur Le Maire de la
Cité de Montreal.

Monsieur

Je viens vous supplier qu'une enquête soit
faite sur les causes de l'incendie de ma maison
aussi bien que sur les moyens qui ont dû
être employés à ce but.

Après avoir été ruiné par le fâcheux incendie
je suis menacé d'être ruiné sans mon honneur
par des bruits malveillants répandus dans le
public.

J'en appelle à votre humanité Monsieur
Le Maire pour faire sortir des médias les causes
et les moyens employés à cet acte de vandalisme
et pour la faire ressortir ce que chez moi le feu
a pu détruire mon honneur.

Je serai prêt à votre demande, de vous
expliquer à ma commodité tous les faits
qui ont eu lieu. Je suis Monsieur

Votre tout dévoué
et respectueux.

L. L. Macaire

Monsieur L. Mercier

Département de Montréal

Reçu le 23 Mars 1849
L. Mercier

Pétition de M. G. Mercier
pour l'enquête sur
l'origine de l'incendie
de l'Hotel de la Ville

Présentée le 24 août 1849
Référé à la
Commission
