

Montreal, November 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Desouche, Narcisse Parent, & Frs 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,  
Frs. L. Honier, Stone Cutter, Sanguinet -

Pierre Carriere, Sadler - Ste Catherine -

Jean Neau, Paperster - St Dominique -

Frs. Resette, Grocer - Germain -

Pierre Boisvin, Cutter - Janet -

J. B<sup>th</sup> Neau, Joiner - St Dominique -

Cyprien Champeau, Stone Cutter - Sanguinette.

Frs. 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  
Yours Most Obedt Servt.

J. B. Tison  
Capt  
Voligeur Comp<sup>y</sup>

To John Perigo Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Chief Engineer.

Letter  
from Capt. Tison  
to fill up vacancies

Letter approved of by  
the Committee on the  
8<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1848.

C. S.

Wm. J. G. Gagnier  
Capt. Tison

M. Charles B. B. B.  
ville de  
4<sup>th</sup> quarte

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 11<sup>th</sup> instant, Mr Robert Parker,  
Cooper, Nuzerth St, St Anne Ward, was nominated  
to the office of 2<sup>d</sup> 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. 14<sup>th</sup> 1848

14 Nov 1848

Letter from Captain  
Fletcher recommen-  
ding Mr Parker as  
2<sup>d</sup> Lieutenant of his  
Company

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Mr, the Chairman of the  
Fire Committee  
City Corporation,

Montreal. Nov 14<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>y</sup>  
To, W. S. Perrigo }  
Chief Engineer }

Mr Robert Parker  
Chief Engineer

Montreal Nov<sup>r</sup>. 17<sup>th</sup> 1848

To The Fire Committee

Gent<sup>l</sup><sup>m</sup>

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<sup>l</sup><sup>m</sup> Your Obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>  
Isidore Bourgeois  
Per J Wood

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

Mr J P Sartor  
City Hall

Sender for Stamp

17<sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>at that time</sup> 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

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~~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, 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov - 1848.

J<sup>th</sup> 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 Donald  
William Gregg  
George Douglas  
James Stanley  
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

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23 Nov. 1848

Letter of Capt. McNaughton  
recommending Mr  
Clarke as Lieutenant

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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 Hiérarchie du Conseil de nos Représentants  
très respectueusement.

Qui votre requête nous  
plus jadis, 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 puis on occupé  
Luzette ce son, trois les jours de l'année,  
il a perdu plusieurs effets, même 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 qu'il y a des entrées avec son magasin,  
quoique ce soit la porte la plus étroite  
et arbalandée, votre requête est  
en dépend de la date, au cas où pour votre  
corporation de votre son, faire constater  
au cas où il se plaindre et l'état de l'édifice,  
et lui en faire un acte pour les faits  
qu'il a endurés et faire ensuite en cas  
d'urgence, il faut que son usage son son  
plus d'avantage qu'il n'a pu le faire d'urgence  
en son. Il suit que votre Corporation a  
à cause de faire tout le bien possible à ses  
locataires et c'est ce qui l'a encouragé 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. L.

Rejected 30. Nov. 1848.

C. L.

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<sup>l</sup>

James Ross

George Culham and

August Perrett

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,  
(Messrs Culham & Ross have at different times  
while the men were with the men 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

Asstly Hubbard Late Capt<sup>n</sup>  
drawed the amount of Pay due him  
while 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<sup>l</sup> your  
Obedt Serv<sup>t</sup>

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<sup>r</sup> 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 W<sup>th</sup> Stewart -

James Bay Lines

J. P. Gordon Esq.

City Clerk - Montreal -

11<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1848 - Paid by draft \$105.42 from the Montreal Bank on the order of the Receiver Genl Boston, dated 10<sup>th</sup> Jan for \$24 19.7 Cts @ 3 days sight

1<sup>er</sup> Decem 1848

Letter from Boydell  
to M. L.

Boston  
in reference to these notes  
p.

Montreal December 7. 1848

Sir,

On the 9<sup>th</sup> ult. I had the honor to receive from you a letter, written by direction of the Fire Committee, enclosing my letter of the 20<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> Oct, which was returned to me on the 9<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>r</sup>  
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 6<sup>th</sup> May,) these men along with <sup>the</sup> 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<sup>o</sup> 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 Dicit  
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<sup>o</sup> le 10<sup>o</sup>  
Septembre venant lors de l'alarme  
de l'incendie à Longueuil

Montreal 25 Septembre 1848

M<sup>r</sup>. Masson Capt du Sherar.  
Lieut Phillip Grouse Sherar Com<sup>o</sup>

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

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

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Monsieur le Maire aux honorables  
et aux citoyens de la ville de  
Montreal

Le Comité du Tramway  
respectueusement rapporte

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 s'être échappé

à travers la Courge Héros

de la place Chapultepec à l'extrémité

nord-est du faubourg D'Ardenne

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

passagers aux omnibus.

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 rigandies. Il est  
un pauvre homme à une  
maigre mais famille, et na  
an com anté, moyen moyen  
de le maintenir avec que  
sa famille, qu 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 omises  
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  
votre

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<sup>e</sup> Robert,  
to be compensated for the loss of his horse, which died  
in consequence of being overheated, drawing the Engine  
Hors, from Chabouilly Square to the North Eastern  
extremity of the Quebec Suburb on the Night of the  
5<sup>th</sup> 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  
10<sup>th</sup> Nov 1848

John Bell  
Joseph M. M. M.  
James Greenie

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

10<sup>th</sup> Nov 1848

Adopted 11<sup>th</sup> 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~~<sup>open</sup> 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 obt<sup>l</sup>

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 15<sup>th</sup> 1848

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> Oct. last past, if I except  
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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<sup>r</sup>  
City Clerk

Decr-15- 1848.

Letter  
from Capt. Fletcher  
re appointments

Montreal Dec-15th 1848

Sir

In reply to your favour of the 14<sup>th</sup> 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  
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 -

They leave to request you  
will bring before the Committee of  
the Corporation the following circum-  
stances: -

On the morning of the 11<sup>th</sup> 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 explosion 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 <sup>he</sup> 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. 19<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1868

decided - not granted -

Montreal

19<sup>th</sup> 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

W<sup>th</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

J<sup>os</sup> Contant

10 o'clock

Gentlemen

Montreal 21<sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>Council</sup> 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 Servant

Benj<sup>r</sup> Lyman

To the Fire Committee

Mr. Lyman's letter  
22<sup>d</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup>  
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 11<sup>th</sup> May last past,  
which order, your Memorialists were  
led to believe, was set aside by the  
Council at a Special Meeting held  
July 5<sup>th</sup> 1848.

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

of the Fire Committee upon the following grounds,

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

2<sup>d</sup> 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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Montreal 1<sup>st</sup> December 1848

Sir

I have to inform you that the under-mentioned names are men who have left my Company since the 30<sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>o</sup> 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

101 St. Louis St.

(David A. A. A.)

July	1	Duncan McLaughlin	Clock M <sup>r</sup> . 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. Saguenoy Street
December	1	Charles Hamiltan	Shoe Maker. Burpee's "
"	1	John Hines	Painter. Campeau "
November	1	James Houley	Cooper. Durham "

Capt. McNaughton's  
Letter conforming to  
the order 11<sup>th</sup> May  
1<sup>st</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>receipt</sup> ~~letter~~ of Capt.  
Hatcher, dated 20<sup>th</sup> Oct. last, which ultimately led to his removal,  
Your Committee were verbally but distinctly told ~~both~~ by him and  
~~Capt. Muir~~, that ~~they~~ <sup>he</sup> ~~would~~ <sup>would</sup> ~~not~~ <sup>not</sup> they the order  
of the 6<sup>th</sup> May. This was ~~done~~ <sup>done</sup> at a meeting of Your Committee  
held on the 11<sup>th</sup> ~~at 10<sup>th</sup> Nov. last~~ <sup>Oct. last</sup> ~~on the 18<sup>th</sup> Oct. last~~ <sup>last</sup> The  
letter of the 20<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> Nov. because there was no meeting of Your Committee  
between the 18<sup>th</sup> Oct. and the afternoon of the 8<sup>th</sup> Nov. A Meeting  
was intended to have been held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Nov. but only  
two members attended.

On the 6<sup>th</sup> Dec. instant pending the  
correspondence with Capt. Hatcher and Muir, a Deputation composed  
of Capt. Moses, ~~Hatcher~~ <sup>Muir</sup> and ~~Muir~~ <sup>Hammond</sup> waited on Your Committee.  
Their object communicated thro Capt. Bores, was to obtain a  
conference relative to the Premiums. It was only after the ~~Spoken~~  
had been replied to, and the business of the Deputation had been  
concluded that Captains ~~Hatcher~~ <sup>Hatcher</sup> and Muir, incidentally stated ~~that~~ <sup>that</sup>  
and Capt. Hammond were authorized on behalf of eight companies, to request that the  
order of the 6<sup>th</sup> 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 14th, 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 of a special meeting to be held on the 16th 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 Gauthier, 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<sup>s</sup>  
 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<sup>s</sup> 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 <sup>other</sup> means had been  
 tried and had failed, with the parties affected by it.

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The whole nevertheless respectfully submitted -

Committee Room 3  
City Hall  
Montreal 27<sup>th</sup> Decr. 1848.

John Bell

Ed. Walker

Joseph Thériault  
Jas Grenier



une assemblée avait été convoquée  
pour le 4 novembre, mais il ne  
s'y trouva que deux membres.

Le 22 décembre courant, pendant  
la correspondance avec les Capitaines  
Fletcher & Morris, une députation  
composée des Capitaines Moses,  
Lester & Johnson se rendit auprès

de votre comité. Leur objet  
fut d'entendre le Capitaine Moses par  
l'interprète, et d'obtenir une  
réponse au sujet des prisonniers. Ce  
fut qu'après qu'on eut répondu  
à l'interprète, et qu'après avoir  
examiné les affaires du Département,  
que les Capitaines Fletcher & Morris  
mentionnés par hasard qu'ils  
étaient autorisés par huit des  
Compagnies de demander que l'ordre  
du 6 mai fût repris en consi-  
dération dans la même assemblée.

Le Capitaine Moses remarqua  
aussi qu'il n'était pas le  
chef de la députation, qu'il n'avait  
rien à faire avec eux et qu'il était  
là pour une affaire propre. Il y eut  
quatre membres présents. Le 6  
on résolut de composer  
la dernière de la députation  
à la prochaine séance complète du  
Comité. Le 9 une assemblée  
il y eut une assemblée spéciale  
à laquelle trois membres seulement  
assistèrent. Le 15, mercredi, quatre  
membres étant présents, on résolut  
de recevoir la députation, et de finir  
le jour à l'heure pour une

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Muir & Hammond

Hammond

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 Pêches-général et dé-  
 cida 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 Phœnix,  
 Montreal & Ocean, 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 McNaughton  
 de la Compagnie Neptune  
 était comparu à l'ordre  
 donné au 1<sup>er</sup> du courant,  
 en preuve de cet avis, votre  
 Comité soumet la lettre  
 ci-annexée, et s'entretint sur  
 des procédés de votre Comité  
 du 2<sup>e</sup> courant.

" En une communication du Capitaine  
 McNaughton, de la Compagnie Neptune,  
 informant le Comité que les membres  
 suivants ont quitté sa compagnie,  
 savoir: Francis Hellen, Henry Pollard,  
 George Douglas, W<sup>m</sup> Burns, Chas. May,  
 Pat. 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<sup>rs</sup>  
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 nommer  
que d'après ce qui paraît d'après  
les Officiers concernés, il est évi-  
dent que la Compagnie ou  
~~la Compagnie~~ a été  
demandée que longtemps après  
que les Capitaines Hétton &  
Harris aient véritablement  
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 impute d'avoir  
retardé inutilement <sup>à</sup> accéder à  
la conférence en question. Mais  
ils ne promettent pas, sans manquer  
à son devoir, l'empêcher d'interrompre, par une  
demande de conférence un peu tardive,  
les procédés commencés longtemps au-  
paravant & alors pendant au  
sujet des Capitains Fletcher & Merrin  
ou arrêter le résultat, auquel ces  
procédés mèneraient nécessairement.  
L'un de ces procédés, il n'est ni honteux 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 haine  
seulement d'après son ~~le~~ 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*

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*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 6<sup>th</sup> 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."

*the appointment* 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 Pleasures 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

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 Honoré Le Marchand, ancien  
Échevin et ancien Citoyen 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'avait 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 gouverné  
du plus. En aucun Changement  
qui fut permis ou négligé  
dans aucune Compagnie de  
Département tant que l'Ingenieur  
en chef n'en avertit pas le  
Notific, 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  
omise dans 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 <sup>alors</sup> 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 report 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 Pompiers  
doit être laissée au bon plaisir  
ou aux différents Compagnons  
de feu. Les vœux 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 com-  
munaux de 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 laws  
is expulsion

Secondly, His being when at fires nothing  
more than a Nonentity, his conduct seeming to intimated  
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 <sup>men's</sup> ~~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.

5<sup>th</sup> Charge

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

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2<sup>nd</sup> 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

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3<sup>rd</sup> Question Are you aware that the Company passed an unanimous vote of want of Confidence in you; at their last meeting

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

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5<sup>th</sup> 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

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Chief Engineer Did you not direct M<sup>r</sup> 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 Uniforms &c &c. —

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

Did you at any time ~~give any~~ receive <sup>give any</sup> official document

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

Did you receive official reports from M<sup>r</sup> Hibbard complaining against any member of the Company

## First Charge

1<sup>st</sup> Question Were you not absent from four successive fires  
with evidence

2<sup>nd</sup> Question Did you sign the Bye Laws of the Company

3<sup>rd</sup> Question Were you aware of the penalty attached to  
such neglect

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## Second Charge

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

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## Third Charge

1<sup>st</sup> 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

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

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4<sup>th</sup> 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

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Did you tell any of the Committee any  
thing concerning me  
Turn over

Pétition of  
The Men of the Howe Company

The Captain (Chief Engineer)

1848

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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

That, on the 9<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> Novr 1878

Frs Langlois Sachapelle

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

A. G. Langlois  
Capt Neptune

Petition of  
Mr Francois Lajoie dit  
Lachapelle

3<sup>rd</sup> Nov. 1848

Rejected. 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> for  
disgraceful conduct  
and that S. O. Huddle has ceased

( to

4<sup>th</sup> January 1849

C. J. P. DeLoraine Esq

Chairman of the Board of Fire

Men from the Fire Dept

at the Fire Station

to be a Member, <sup>from Dec 31<sup>r</sup></sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Jan. 1849,

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

Your Obedt. Servt.

Wm Fletcher  
Capt. Protector Co,

January 4<sup>th</sup> 1849

J. P. Weston Esq.  
Montreal.

British January 17. 1849.

Dear Sir.

We have the honor to acknowledge  
the receipt of your esteemed favor of the 11<sup>th</sup> inst, enclosing a  
Draft on Saml Hencham Esq for £24. 19. 7<sup>d</sup> = 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

17<sup>th</sup> Janry. 1849.

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

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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 <sup>affairs</sup> ~~affairs~~  
at their earliest convenience

Can. 7 July 1864

Resol. 10

2.

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  
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.....<sup>2</sup>
- 3 ..... SNAITH .....
- ..... BELL .....<sup>1</sup>
- ..... 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

~~Le~~

~~pour 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 1849

J. Perrigo Esq.

Sir

I had the honor to receive from you a copy from the minutes of the Fire Committee Meeting held on Wednesday the 31<sup>st</sup> 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

4<sup>th</sup> That I acted neither arbitrary, hastily, unjustly,  
or ~~disputes~~ - Not arbitrarily, as I was under  
the <sup>constraint of</sup> ~~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 Comg  
Unusual and appointment  
of men to Protector  
Company No. 3

M<sup>d</sup>. Perrigo  
Chief Engineer  
F. D.

Montreal March 20<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> E. 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<sup>m</sup> Magee, Resigned, could not attend Fire's
- " W<sup>m</sup> Parks, do gone to Lachine

And would submit for the approval of the  
Committee, the names of the following members  
admitted on the 19<sup>th</sup> inst, & 8<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>m</sup> Fitchwell, Plasterer Kemp "
- " John Smith do Queen square
- " Jos, Webb Clerk McGill st

J. Perrigo Esq  
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 <sup>proper</sup>  
way in arranging for <sup>the</sup> company members  
at times as we are always the one  
selected for this duty. If you would  
allow twelve dollars per person for refreshment  
and lost time <sup>at even times</sup> 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

29<sup>th</sup> March 1849

Tenders for

Alterations to be made

to the New House &

Work of Ladder Station

Corner of Craig and Bleury

Streets

M<sup>r</sup> Clay Tender (No 1) accepted

given to the City Carriage

at 1/2 price

29<sup>th</sup> March 1849

Tenders for erecting  
these houses

No. 4

The Fire Command

To

Amended statement of deductions to be made from the account of Mr. Rich<sup>d</sup> 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
<del>Painting partition doors existing 99/6 1905 23</del>	<del>2 " 7 " 3/2</del>

Lower story.

Painting third partition to 87 yds @ 5 <sup>d</sup>	1 " 16 " 3
3 doors to be remade @ 10/-	1 " 10 " 0
Oil lights to be hung 24	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 1 " 10 " 0

£ 10 " 18 " 2/2

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<sup>d</sup> per yard, the alterations to the doors at 10/- each and considers that 1/2<sup>d</sup> per foot is as much as should be deducted for the old skirting which I now put down at 2<sup>d</sup>. 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. I have the honor to be

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 @ 3 <sup>d</sup> per foot	1 " 0 " 6	
Partitions	Alterations to	1 " 0 " 0	
Painting	Partition & skirting <sup>yards</sup> 99 1/2 @ 8 <sup>d</sup>	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 of yds @ 8 <sup>d</sup> &	2 " 18 " 0	
Doors	One not constructed	3 " 0 " 0	
"	Three, alterations to	2 " 5 " 0	
"	One small door (entrance)	<u>12 " 6</u>	8 " 15 " 6

Approved  
 July 18<sup>th</sup> 1849

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

Montreal March 27<sup>th</sup> 1849

To the Chairman,

& Members of the <sup>nd</sup> 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<sup>ble</sup> 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 <sup>ed</sup> 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 null

City Surveyors Office Montreal  
26<sup>th</sup> March 1849

James A. Bowie  
City Surveyor

This is the specification referred to  
in the contract

Richard W. H. McKim

James A. Bowie  
City Surveyor  
Richard Clay

Agreement  
and  
Specification

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

18th G.

2470  
324726  
300 16.5  
1940  
185  
100  
14  
1680  
1200  
100

Craig Street  
12<sup>th</sup> 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 DeLellis letters

10 April 1849.

Referred to the Fire Committee

Wm. Kennedy  
City Manager of Montreal

Craig Street  
17<sup>th</sup> 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 Cows: Rodier

That the Report <sup>office</sup> now  
before the Council be adopted  
and that his Worship the Mayor  
be authorized to issue <sup>and sign</sup> 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  
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 Cottage  
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  
29<sup>th</sup> 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 Quarters pour en  
consideration, la requete des habitants  
des Quarters St. James & St. Louis deman-  
dant un service d'acheter la nouvelle  
et superbe pompe, construite par la  
de cette ville, pour la Compagnie  
Heiss, et de transporter la dite  
Heiss maintenant la propriété  
de la dite, à la Compagnie des  
Proprietaires des Quarters, dans le  
Mobilier de la dite - fait respectueusement  
ce rapport.

Que la pompe Montmorency  
de la Compagnie de la Compagnie des  
Proprietaires n'est pas performant de  
la dite, et par conséquent ne peut  
pas se faire bien à elle-même  
et sous le rapport de l'utilité, est bien  
inferieur à la pompe Heiss qu'on  
desire se procurer pour la protection  
des Quarters St. James & St. Louis.

Que la nouvelle pompe Heiss, maintenant  
et depuis quelque temps en la possession  
de la Compagnie des Heiss, est une pompe  
superbe & excellent, valant à 750  
frs de la dite Compagnie des Proprietaires  
nommés par votre Comitee pour  
cet effet. Que la dite Compagnie  
de la dite, cependant les bagages de  
la dite, les tarands de la dite appartenant  
pas à la pompe, et valant 2000 frs  
sans pour valen ces de la pompe  
sans ses equipements, la somme  
de 2250 frs.

Qu'les Comités des Messes & des  
Votifs ont acheté des Comités  
pour la Regente. Lesdits Comités  
ont été présentés au Conseil  
L'achat a été approuvé  
Si sont admissibles à votre  
pour être entendus au sujet  
de la dite Regente, et de la  
à l'égard de l'achat à accorder  
à l'achat des Regentes, et à  
effectuer l'achat afin pour  
à changer l'achat, lesdits Comités  
pour l'achat volontaire de Comités  
à l'achat, si lesdits Comités  
ont contribué de \$100 aux frais  
de la nouvelle pompe. En d'autres  
termes, les Comités ont approuvé la  
ci-dessus, elles ont fait pour  
des arrangements qui leur permettent  
d'offrir la nouvelle pompe  
\$218.57 pour la somme de \$157, ce qui  
fait pour \$61.57 de moins que  
l'évaluation de la pompe.

Sous ces circonstances & considérant  
l'état de la pompe pour le département de  
St-Jean, il est d'avis de faire  
étendre la dite pompe par les Regentes  
sans protection, <sup>ou autre</sup> qui sera  
le résultat de l'achat de la nouvelle pompe  
& du transport de la même pompe vers le  
Comité des Votifs, pour être  
remplacée effectivement par l'achat  
qui ont été faits à l'achat pour \$157  
L'achat approprié spécial pour ce  
montant, ont fait pour cet objet  
de tout arrangement.

André Guinot  
M. de la Regente

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 Le Page, 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

I first saw the fire, sprang from the Laundry  
in the Base Room floor where there was a large  
bowl constantly in use and fire constantly kept  
in it. I have no reason to suspect there was any  
intention or design to set fire to the Building -  
The entrance to the Garret was constantly kept  
locked, and the Key kept in the Bar-Room; and  
I am not aware that any one during that day  
had been in the Garret. On the Night of the Fire  
there were only three or four rooms occupied in  
the upper fourth floor, immediately below  
the Garret, in the Bonsecours Wing - one of  
which was a servants room, I speak to  
the best of my recollection. Mr. Sney and myself  
occupied opposite rooms in the fourth floor of  
the Bonsecours Wing - the second rooms of the  
Wing, right left, from Notre Dame Street. Mr  
Thomas occupied the <sup>corner</sup> room at the extremity of  
the Wing looking into Champ de Mars Street. The  
Servants occupied a room ~~at~~ about the  
center of the Wing looking into the yard of the  
Building - I am certain two Maid Servants  
occupied that room, there may have been more.  
The two I knew were Eliza Hilliard and Sarah  
Cochran. The latter had been in the house probably  
two years, the former about six months. There  
was no public Meeting or Concert in the house  
that day; and the Fire had been reduced or  
partially turned off, before I heard the alarm  
of Fire. The Fire in the Bowl in the Laundry  
was kept up till the servants left off work  
there, which was generally about ten o'clock  
at night but occasionally extended till  
twelve o'clock or later if the work required it.  
So that the fire in the Boiler always continued  
till twelve o'clock or even later.

generally,

\* The Ganet windows  
on Bonsecours Street  
were always kept closed;  
not reach it. On the third floor I perceived the  
smoke coming into the halls from the unfinished  
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  
smoke coming into the halls from the unfinished  
Ball room and also from the yard thro' those  
windows unopened in Rooms that were not  
occupied. For a few weeks before 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~~ <sup>before</sup> months  
before the fire. I recognize the plan produced  
marked A 2, as being the plan of the Building  
and further I say not and have signed -

Sworn to before the Fire Committee

W. J. Combs

Joseph Guerin 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 <sup>at</sup> about seven or  
 eight feet from ~~the~~ Bonsecours Street.  
 And there was another one about ~~four~~<sup>thirty</sup> feet from  
 the young up 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  
 A 2 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

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 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  
at the time 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.  
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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~~ <sup>at the top</sup> of the Building. It was open throughout. There were only two rooms <sup>partitioned</sup> 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 <sup>to be</sup> 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 day that~~ 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'Abbe. I effected no insurance on the premises  
but had an indirect interest for  
my improvements for the amount 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~~  
~~increased 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 have been 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 me £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 10<sup>th</sup> 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  
Dowd 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.  
Dowd 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 12<sup>th</sup> September 1849

L. C. Meccaire  


Adjourned at 3<sup>1/2</sup> o'clock pm  
at 2 o'clock pm tomorrow - Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> Sept 1849

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> Sept 1849 - 2 o'clock pm

Present

The Worshipful 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~~ <sup>après</sup> temps après  
que l'alarme du feu fut donnée.  
J'ignore comment le feu a pu  
prendre; j'étais <sup>étant</sup> même dans  
le temps au rez de chaussée.

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

Quelques <sup>après</sup> 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~~ <sup>ce</sup> ~~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.

Marie-Elisabeth Cyrus Marain

The Spectator room was nearly full when I entered to  
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 <sup>Égypte</sup> ~~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  
à ce moment 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, me Mr. 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 Mr. Cyrus  
fit jeter hors du grenier et du théâtre  
tous les ballots de laine et de la soie qui  
s'y trouvaient. Mr. 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~~  
~~entre passer devant 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

A l'écrit devant le }  
 la cour de la rue le 15 Sept }  
 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  
 avec un 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

je vis jeter un matelas d'une autre  
fenêtre qui m'a paru être du même  
étage; c'est à peu près deux ou trois  
minutes après que l'homme eut  
sauté que l'alarme du feu fut  
donnée et je vis aussitôt la fumée  
sortir du haut de la maison.

J'ai vu une échelle qui partait de  
l'ouverture d'où est sauté l'homme  
en question, mais je n'ai pu voir  
si elle était appuyée. Le paquet sur  
lequel cet homme a sauté paraissait  
être un paquet de linge d'une couple  
de pieds de long; je ne puis dire au  
juste s'il en porta avec lui le paquet.  
On m'a montré un individu qu'on  
me dit être l'homme de la rue de Mr  
Laurier; il était habillé à peu près  
de la même manière que l'homme  
qui s'est sauté par la fenêtre, à  
cette époque et après que le premier  
avait un tablier et qu'il me parut  
être un peu plus grand. Je ne dis  
rien de plus et en déclaré me savoir  
Signer

{ Assurément devant le Comité  
du feu le 15 Septembre 1849

Munday 17. Sept 1849

Present

His Worship the Mayor  
alderman  
Councilman  
Beaudry

James Ross of the City of Montreal  
Plumber

On Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup> 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, quand même la maison  
brûlerait derrière toi" 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>de peur</sup> de  
bruit et d'être vu, j'ai  
je suis allé à la fenêtre et sauté sur  
la rampe d'où je n'ai rien de parler, sur  
les matelas que j'ai jetés, je  
ramassai les matelas, les jetai  
dans la cour chez Serafine et sauté  
immédiatement après, de là je me rendis  
sur la Place d'Armes, l'artière en passant  
chez Serafine par <sup>un passage</sup> l'artière de Serafine  
chez Serafine qui conduit à la Place Jacques  
Cartier. C'est de la part 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'ai vu deux femmes  
à une fenêtre dans une maison, et je  
les regardai et 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<sup>r</sup>

Ch. Moses Vice Pres

Alex. Beaton do do

John Fletcher Secy

Walter B. Corne Secy

P. C. Brouette

Petition  
Firemen's Benevolent  
Association

Rec<sup>d</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 1849.

To.

The Chairman

Members, Fire Committee,

Gentlemen.

Having been informed by certain Members of the Union Fire Company, that Captain Muir had reported and 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 must respectfully beg to submit a statement of the facts which led to the report of Captain Muir -

On or about the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> January 1845, on that date my signature was requested, but I declined giving it, assigning as my reasons,

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

2<sup>nd</sup> 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 <sup>the</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>which</sup> 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

Jos. King

30<sup>th</sup> Jan'y 1849

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

Administration  
31<sup>st</sup> Jan'y 1849

Montreal July 30<sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>of the Company</sup> 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 -

24<sup>th</sup> Wm Walsh - resigned

30 Wm Tabb - resigned -

Yours respectfully

Wm Morris

Capt Union Fire Coy

J. Perrigo Esqr  
Chief Engineer  
Fire Department  
Montreal

Accepted for mailing  
at Montreal

Jan 9 1849

30<sup>th</sup> July 1849.

Capt. Fletcher's letter

Montreal July 30<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> inst.

W<sup>m</sup> Steel, Carpenter, Craig St  
W<sup>m</sup> Cunningham, Confectioner, St. Lawrence St.

Yours respectfully  
John Fletcher

To  
W<sup>m</sup> Perrigo  
C. E. S. D.

To the Chairman and  
Members Composing  
the Fire Committee

Montreal Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>  
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 24<sup>th</sup>  
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<sup>th</sup>  
Jan 24<sup>th</sup> John McPhoric Carpenter 129, Notre Dame St.

Jan 24<sup>th</sup> David Myers Blacksmith 8 St<sup>h</sup> Lawrence Main St.

Feb 24<sup>th</sup> Hugh McMillip Blacksmith 8 St<sup>h</sup> Lawrence Main St.

Feb 24<sup>th</sup> Will<sup>m</sup> McCormack Shoemaker Lagracherie Street.

Feb 24<sup>th</sup> 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 Co<sup>y</sup>

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 20<sup>th</sup> Nov 1848

St. C.

To The Mayor Aldermen  
& Councilors of the Corporation  
of the City of Montreal

Presented & Read 1848 &  
Referred  
to the Fire Committee

18  
27  
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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<sup>e</sup> 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 la Compagnie  
des Boyeurs. A l'occasion de l'alarme  
dans la nuit du 12<sup>e</sup> Juin dernier, le  
Capitaine et deux hommes du Steele  
Alfred Perry & John Morris tirant  
un ou deux Horse reels, les hommes  
pensent qu'il y avait qu'un seul dans  
la direction du feu dans la rue  
St Joseph. Lorsqu'ils furent près de la  
Pratise de M. St John, 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  
Hay, 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, ordonna  
à Keys de dételer le sien du rec.  
Il y atela alors le sien et la  
Compagnie se rendit au feu qui était  
aux Sarrasins. Il ne paraît pas  
le cheval ait été même très vite  
soit en allant soit en revenant.  
Au contraire il en a bien de croire  
qu'il a été usé avec soin &  
attention. Rendu aux Sarrasins,  
le cheval fut détélé du rec  
& laissé à l'écurie, où il a  
de l'eau et il y a <sup>un</sup> très peu de nourriture  
qu'il soit de sa nourriture  
consignée de la nuit entre les mains  
du Chirurgien vétérinaire; mais  
il n'a pas été satisfait  
derrière à votre Comité qu'il a  
souffert au point que le vétérinaire  
dit qu'il est détérioré 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  
thénement 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 <sup>they</sup> 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 man named  
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

should 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

8<sup>th</sup> January 1849

Jas Greening  
John Bull  
J. J. Macdonald

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

Determined upon in the  
26 Jan'y 1849. by rejecting  
the prayer of Mr. Richards

Monsieur le Maire, avec  
Ehousins 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 ce qu'on  
savait 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  
auparavant depuis son incorporation  
le Conseil a été exempt de ces

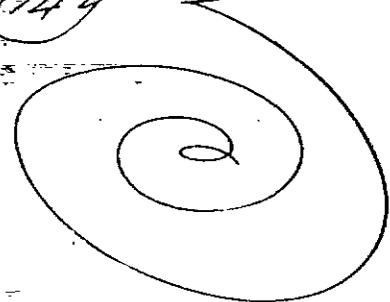
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1-Annexes  
il était  
citoyens  
sujets

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 twelfth 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.

of  
The Committee

Report

Recommendation

appropriation of  
1000 <sup>dollars</sup> of  
£100 to the ~~benefit~~

Beneficial Society

Adopted 7<sup>th</sup> February 1849.

21<sup>st</sup> March 1849

Com<sup>rs</sup> Perry to the Committee  
for the purpose to give of the  
for a Breakfast for the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Com<sup>rs</sup>  
and the practice of leaving the  
Hon<sup>ble</sup> Com<sup>rs</sup> but in charge of  
Perry

S<sup>r</sup>

The Chairman Fire Committee

Rec<sup>d</sup> 21 March 1849 -

City Hall

March 1  
Fire Committee

To Mr McHardy  
For Breakfast for Twenty Men Members of  
Horse Hook Ladder Co 1<sup>st</sup> each L 1.10.0

M<sup>r</sup> 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 £ 85<sup>00</sup> Cy

Montreal March 26<sup>th</sup> 1849

James Morahan Joiner

To Mr<sup>no. 2</sup> 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 Buhner Haus 147.00-0

John Morale 110.10-0

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

Decided upon 29<sup>th</sup> March 44  
- J. P. Co



James W. McGill Esq<sup>r</sup>  
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 28<sup>th</sup> 1849

To the Mayor Aldermen

& Council assemble,

Gentlemen

<sup>nd</sup> Understanding, 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~~ <sup>my</sup> case before you <sup>Worship</sup> ~~Worship~~ <sup>Body</sup>  
for consideration, as I conceive that I have been  
harshly treated by Captain Muir, in respect thereto  
that the facts of the case shown to the Council  
would countenance such treatment.

<sup>nd</sup> The 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. <sup>nd</sup> Therefore my refusal.  
<sup>nd</sup> However 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 Fin 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<sup>d</sup> & presented

28<sup>th</sup> March 1844

by  
Referred to the Finance Committee  
and on

29<sup>th</sup> March 44 (determined upon  
in Committee

J. H.  
B. J. Jackson Esq<sup>r</sup>  
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 Nose, 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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  
pilot 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 + 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 inch 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  $30 \times 21$ " 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 pivoted 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  $10 \times 6$ " to be run under the ceiling joists in the upper story supported on two upright posts  $8 \times 8$ " 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  $6 \times 6$ " 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 & 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  
John Estlin

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.

17<sup>th</sup> 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 134-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

Sam. Hogan

Patrick Mc-Gauley

Bryan Handby

John Kelly

M. M. M. M. M.

J. Aupiais

Petition of  
Wm Brewster

Rec<sup>d</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> ult<sup>o</sup> - 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<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>  
J. P. Leaton Esq<sup>r</sup>

J. P. Leaton Esq<sup>r</sup>  
City Clerk

7 June 1849

Messrs. Meredith  
& Besant & Quaker



# CITY COUNCIL.

## DIVISION ON

MOTION 3

Moved by Bell

Seconded by Rodier

Yes

Nays

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

### ALDERMEN

15	.....BOURET.....
14	.....OUMET.....
	.....GUGY.....
13	.....LYMAN.....
12	.....LAROCQUE.....
11	.....SIMS.....

### COUNCILLORS

10	.....RODIER.....
	.....WILSON.....
	.....SNAITH.....
9	.....BELL.....
8	.....GRENIER.....
7	.....McNIDER.....
6	.....WHITLAW..... 2
5	.....TULLY.....
4	.....BEAUDRY.....
3	.....LYNCH.....
3	.....HOMIER.....
	.....MACFARLANE..... 1
2	.....PREVOST.....
1	.....BENJAMIN.....
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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.                  | Mrs. Deaubert.               |
| Wm. Cabart                    | Jean Bérardette              |
| Jacob Desautel                | Jean B <sup>e</sup> Jaurille |
| 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 Parpette                 |
| Chs. Pélodere                 | George Roy                   |
| Francis Jolicœur              | Mrs. Ferriou                 |
| Delis Hamelin                 | Joseph Lachocche             |
| Yves Dupre                    | Veuve Joseph St Jean         |
| J. B <sup>e</sup> Bourbonnais | Thomas Leconte               |
| Joussaint Labelle             | M. Sanders                   |
| Alexis Lavoie                 | M. Sanders                   |
| Joussaint Lapierre            | J. B. Rabichou               |
| Larive Gnaulard               | 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 Gaudet                 | J. B <sup>e</sup> Beaudry    |
| Joseph Gaudet                 | Simon Lisage                 |
| Louis Dubord                  | Louis Roberge                |
| Agustin Levers                | Francis Guilbeau             |
| Antoine Guion                 | Joseph Charpentier           |
| Mrs. Joffe                    | Joseph Lepine                |
| Donat Dupin                   | J. B. Minville               |
| Pierre Piquin                 |                              |
| James Cooper                  | Edouard Perriau              |

M<sup>r</sup> Eugène  
Félix Racine  
Louis Côté  
Frs<sup>s</sup> Castongue  
Toussaint Chénier  
Guillaume Pelletier  
Peter M. Dumont  
John Hutchinson  
Albert Lupien  
Jos. Houde  
Jacob Hétter  
Vital Gibeau  
Louis Leveillé

Pierre <sup>de</sup> Ferte  
Francis <sup>de</sup> Rabbette  
Francis <sup>de</sup> Sepaty  
deux yeux Tessier  
Peter Bohle  
Kamas Duracher  
Michel Duracher  
Lé Brousseau  
Paul Stager  
Michel Pomintulle  
Simon Loblanc  
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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 ~~workmanship~~ 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  
Sua Communiter of the Council in the  
City Hall, at Montreal this 8 Sept 1849

W. Kerwin

William V. Courteney 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 connexion 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 adjacent  
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 neighbourhood 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 } John A. Mansons  
this 8<sup>th</sup> September 1849

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

Monday 10 Sept 1849 - 11 o'clock pm

Present

Via Worship the Mayor  
Councilors W. Smith  
Beaudry  
Allderman Ousmet

James Beckwith of the City of Montreal & Westmount

George G. Pope of the City of Montreal  
Complains being duly sworn deposes, 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 know beyond -

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~~ <sup>upper part</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of Sept 1849

J. W. Sony

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> 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.  
I joined 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 Juri Committee, 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, an as 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 & origin  
of the fire at Dorreghan's  
Hotel

on the 16<sup>th</sup> August 1849

and decision of the  
Fire Committee thereon



Charles J. Courval, I am advocate

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

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> 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  
Mason, me cause que ce nous réunimes  
un Jury dans la Station de Police, au  
Marché Bonsecours de cette ville; nous  
procedâmes dans ce lieu à l'enquête et  
la journa nous au lendemain 17 Août dans  
même lieu, rendus là la plupart des Jurés,  
ayant trouvé le local incertain et  
demandèrent à ~~être~~ siéger ailleurs.  
Je m'adressai alors à Mr Coffin  
un des Prothonotaires, et lui demandai  
s'il permettait que le Jury siégeât 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 l'accordait ma  
demande, dans le cas où un accident  
aurait lieu, soit par incendie <sup>ou</sup> autrement.  
Afin de parvenir à ce qu'il ne pourrait  
pas se rendre à mes desirs, je m'adressai  
par-dessus tout, 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<sup>e</sup> Cyrus, à qui je demandai  
si elle voudrait permettre que l'enquête en



au troisième, en a défilé au dessus de  
celui qui nous occupait. 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 en vain la Cour publique  
aussitôt que les cris de "un feu" se  
firent entendre, je descendis l'escalier  
conduisant au 2<sup>e</sup> 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

4  
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.

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

car j'en <sup>quelque chose</sup> ~~me souvins~~ 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

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ci dessus et au des sentinelles a vaient été  
mises, et l'escalier tournant et l'escalier

principale de l'Hôtel. Les personnes  
présentes à l'enquête. Le matin de ce  
l'incendie manant l'air toutes  
respectables.

Lorsque je sortis de l'Hôtel, après l'alarme,  
par les impressions que j'ai, je m'attendais  
à voir une grande foule dans la place  
où elle se tenait, c'est pourquoi j'ai  
été étonné d'y voir si peu de monde;  
avant que l'alarme fut donnée le  
cœur se rendrait dans l'ordre le  
plus parfait; de fait je ne craignais  
qu'il y eût ~~accablement~~ <sup>un grand</sup> ~~avant~~  
~~un grand~~ <sup>un grand</sup> ~~avant~~  
l'enquête. Le samedi avant l'incendie  
M<sup>r</sup> Lousy m'observa qu'il craignait que  
son Hôtel ne fut ~~mal~~ <sup>mal</sup> ~~à~~ <sup>à</sup> ~~brûlé~~  
ayant reçu des menaces à cet effet;  
Cependant il ne s'occupait pas à ce que  
l'enquête y continuât, car dans ce cas  
s'il s'y serait objecté on n'aurait  
fait de peur d'y contenir. L'enquête, nous  
néanmoins, par fait, persuadés que  
nous étions que nous n'avions pas  
le droit de le faire contre son gré.  
Je ne dis rien de plus et ai signé

Le matin de l'incendie  
je me rappelle que  
M<sup>r</sup> Lousy m'observa  
qu'il craignait que  
son Hôtel ne fut  
mal à brûlé  
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*[Signature]*  
*[Signature]*

Assisté par devant le  
à Montréal le 11 Sept 1849

*[Signature]*

Pierre Landreau, Journalier.

J'étais engagé chez Mr. Cyrus, en qualité  
d'homme de labour, lors 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 chanter, 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 le escalier principal) 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 <sup>une partie</sup> 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  
depuis le commencement <sup>de l'ouvrage</sup>  
à cet étage, j'ai fait de sept à huit toises  
de cours de toit qui se trouvaient  
dans la partie au haut de la  
l'escalier <sup>principal</sup> de la maison et aussi  
quelques établis de menuiserie, des bouts  
de planches et autres effets; les deux  
escaliers conduisaient du 1<sup>er</sup> 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 cour, le jour de l'incendie j'avais  
même fermé la porte de la cour.

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

La nuit L<sup>o</sup>s avant l'incendie de  
l'Hotel Danegana, M<sup>r</sup> Cyrus <sup>me faisait</sup>  
fait courir dans le passage, <sup>pour veiller en cas</sup>  
d'incendie. Je ne dis rien de plus

en ai signé **PIERRE  
RONDAU**

Assermenté devant le Comite  
du feu le 14 Octobre 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 <sup>the</sup> 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 Master  
Mr 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 ~~the~~ 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 15<sup>th</sup> September 1849

James Breckinridge

Mr. Henry M. Lord, <sup>now residing in</sup> 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 further that~~  
~~not that there was a fire.~~ Immediately on hearing the  
noise ~~that before the Fire Committee~~ took up the stair 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 name 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 que 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 écrit après ne dis rien  
de plus et ai déclaré ne savoir signer.

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

Handwritten text, possibly a signature or address, including the word "Supplément".

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

Député Cyté. de Montréal.

Pétition of M. G. Mercier  
for an Enquiry into  
the origin of the fire  
of Cyrul's Hotel

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Presented 24 Aug 1849  
&  
Referred to the Fire  
Committee

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Rec 23 August 1849  
J. S. C.