

Le Comité du Feu

à l'honneur de faire rapport

Sur les Requêtes ci-annexées des Quartiers St. Marie et St. Jacques, pour le rappel du Règlement N^o 222 qui défend l'érection de bâtisses en bois dans cette Cité.

D'une des plus grandes calamités qui soit arrivée dans cette Cité, l'incendie désastreux de l'année 1852 - fut dans le temps attribué, en grande partie, à l'absence d'un Règlement comme celui que les Requerants voudroient maintenant ^{révoquer} rappeler. Une l'opération de ce Règlement a été trouvée être généralement avantageuse, quoiqu'il ait pu dans certains cas en particulier paraître onéreux; mais l'établir est une objection également applicable à toute autre mesure d'intérêt public.

Le Règlement en question a été passé au désir de la grande majorité des Citoyens de Montréal et dans l'opinion de votre Comité, ne peut être révoqué en tout ou en partie que sur la demande bien exprimée, d'une égale majorité des Citoyens. Un procédé rétrograde comme celui que l'on propose, ne sauroit être adapté sur l'application ou pour l'avantage d'une section particulière de la Cité en particulier, quelque respectable et influente que soient les applicants.

Pour ces raisons entre autres votre Comité ne peut recommander que les conclusions des dites Requêtes soient accordées
Etant en

REPORT

FROM THE

of Fire COMMITTEE.

*On the Petitions from
a number of Inhabitants
of St. James & St. Mary's
Wards, to repeal the
Bylaw N^o 222 prohibiting
the creation of wooden
buildings*

Presented, _____ 18

Adopted, *14* January 1858.
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TO HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR, THE ALDERMEN AND CITIZENS
OF THE CITY OF MONTREAL.

The *Fire* ——— Committee

Respectfully Report,

On the Accompanying Petition of several of the Firemen of No. 1 Company complaining of the Appointments of Captain and Lieutenant in that Company, lately made on the retirement of Captain and Lieutenant Short from the Company; and suggesting that other appointments be made in their stead.

That your Committee deputed the Chairman and former Mayor to meet the Members of the Company at a Meeting of the Company specially called for the 5th ult^o, to enable the parties complaining to state their objections to the Appointments and to be heard thereon. That twenty six Members attended on that occasion, twenty of whom expressed their satisfaction with, and approval of the Appointments on the spot. That six other Members afterwards sent in their assents to and approval of the Appointments in Writing.

That the Majority of the Company being thus satisfied with, and approving of the Appointments made, your Committee cannot recommend that they be interrupted with or changed in any way whatsoever. The whole Nevertheless, respectfully Submitted

Committee Room City Hall
13th January 1858

J. B. Morrison
Assisted by
Horton T. Brown
Henry B. Brown
William P. Brown
J. P. Brown

REPORT

FROM THE

Five COMMITTEE.

*on the Petition relative
to appointments of judges
in 1851 conspiracy*

Presented, _____ 18

Adopted, *20th January* 1858

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

The Petition of the undersigned
Members of the Fire Company

I Respectfully Represent

That in consequence of the resignat-
ion of the Captain and Lieutenant
of this said Fire Company it became
necessary to appoint two Officers of
equal Rank to fill the vacancies
thereby occasioned.

That notwithstanding
your Petitioners were well aware the
rights of appointment rest with your
Honorable body they nevertheless believe
that a proper recommendation from the
Company would not be disregarded.
And therefore they now represent
that the two persons who have been chosen
to fill the said vacancies have not the
Confidence of the majority of the Company
and are moreover incompetent to
discharge the important duties devolving
upon such Officers and further that
the money appended to the petition
asked for their appointment were obtained
some of them by false statements while
others were offered without consent or
Authority.

Your Petitioners further
represent that the persons
appointed

appointed to fill the place vacated by
Captain Short has publicly stated that
he would not tolerate any person in the
Company professing the Catholic Religion
to remain as such person or persons could
be got rid of by resolution which your
petitioners composed of Protestants and
Catholics heartily condemn not only
because such a line of conduct would
impair the efficiency of the Company but
also because such intolerant and uncharitable
distinctions would if encouraged in this
instance be calculated to destroy the
good feeling and harmony which has
hitherto characterized the Fire Brigade.

I therefore your petitioners humbly
pray that for the sake of the welfare
of the Company you will be pleased
to annul the appointments so made and
in the event of your doing so to
suggest in their stead the name of
Michael Shelly for Captain and also
the name of James Grafton for Lieutenant
both of whom have already served as
long and faithful apprentices in the fire
department and are in every way well
qualified to perform the duties appertaining
to such offices which the undersigned are
prepared to verify And your petitioners
as in duty bound will ever pray
Montreal 12th October 1857

Louis Guérin

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

The Petition of of the undersigned
Respectfully Sheweth,

That having Complied with all the
Requirements of law to enable them to erect a
Small steam engine in their premises St Joseph
Street, St Joseph Suburbs, for the purposes of their
business therein, they respectfully pray that you
will grant them the necessary permissions to
construct and use the same in the said premises.

Montreal 22 July 1858.

Wm D. Owen

Petition of
William Cow & Co.

Rec'd 22 Jan'y 1858 J. B. C.

TO HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR, THE ALDERMEN AND CITIZENS
OF THE CITY OF MONTREAL.

The *Fire* Committee

Respectfully Report,

On the accompanying Petition
of W. Daw & Co for leave to erect a steam
Engine in their premises in St. Joseph street
for the purposes of their business therein

That the Petitioner having complied
with the requirements of the law and there
being no opposition, Your Committee
recommends that the permission asked
for be granted.

The whole nevertheless respectfully
Submitted

Committee Room
Docty Hall
Montreal 5 February 1858

J. Brown
D. P. Hottel
Assabley Hoggan
William Haddue
Henry Brown
Walter B. Coore

REPORT

FROM THE

Fire COMMITTEE

on the Petition of
Messrs. W. Dowling,
for leave to erect a
steam engine

Presented, 5th February 1858

Adopted, 17th Febry 1858

City Issue # 6 March 1858

P. Capt P Cooper Protectors of 3

Dear Sir

I have to make a great
Complaint to you concerning some of your men
they Entered your Engine House this morning
about 1/2 belock 1/2 and made an Alarm of
Fire - when it was first started the Police
on Duty run to the Station to inquire where
the fire was when they could not see but ins-
isted that there was fire and they thought it
was in Victoria Street. but strong to say
that they drove off in the Direction of St. Louis
Man. Stab. being some of them to give Centing
given the Alarm. This one I found in
the house quite Drunk I asked him when
he had been he said they were at the Club -
now Sir had I soon my Duty I certainly
should have taken them up for giving an Alarm
when there was no Fire as they well know.

I have a good mind to bring the matter before the
Fire Committee. If I do I am sure they will cause
them to pay the whole expense. Give them as
warning that if they go to any Club they
must not make the Engine House their
resort to get into in the morning

I remain your most Obedt Servt
J. A. B. B. B.
J. A. B. B. B.

Letter to
Capt Cooper

March 6

1838

Montreal April 7/58

Dear Sir.

The beaver "George Robert"
has been in the employ of
J. G. Co., and I know him
to be a trustworthy, sober &
industrious man. He is
desirous of obtaining some
situation connected with the
"Queen Iron Co." - He is in
every way qualified to fit
in, and if in your power to
assist his getting a D. would
feel obliged - I am Dear
Yours
Wm. P. Adams Esq. J. M. Young

1858

Jarvis

TO HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR, THE ALDERMEN AND CITIZENS
OF THE CITY OF MONTREAL.

The Fire Committee

Respectfully Report,

That the abundant supply of water from the New City Water Works, and the high pressure from these Works enable the Fire Department, at present, to extinguish fires, whenever they occur in those parts of the City, where hydrants are placed, by means of the hydrants alone, and without the aid of the Engines as formerly; and as the hydrants are now extensively distributed throughout the City, and are daily becoming more so, the time has come, when in the opinion of your Committee an important change may be made in the composition and numbers of the Fire Companies; and the Department may be advantageously remodelled and reduced. Your Committee therefore respectfully submit the accompanying Statement of the strength and component parts of the Fire Brigade as it exists at present; together with the changes and reductions which they recommend to be made in its organization for the future.

And your Committee recommend that the By-law of the Council N^o 208 establishing the Fire Department, as now constituted be repealed from and after the 1st prox; and that another By-law be passed to establish the

Department

Department, of the Strength and Material
Suggested in the Accompanying Statement.

The whole Nevertheless Respectfully
Submitted -

Committee Room City Hall

5 April 1858

J. Brown Jr.

William R. Poirer

J. B. Poirer

Walter W. Gore

James H. Ferris

J. B. Poirer

the new
m. m. m.
m. m. m.

Proposition of William Riddell
for the Reorganisation of the Fire
Department

There are at present Seven Engine
Companies, Receiving -
Pay per Annum of £ 2299 0 0
1 Hose Company Receiving 227 0 0
2 Hook & Ladder Companies do, 374 0 0
2 Watchmen & Hose Cleaners 182 10 0
£ 3082 10 0

The present expense of Repairing
Engines, Wood Cutting, and
Cartage of Engines, is about 565 0 0
£ 3647 10 0

For the above
Substitute the Following

93 Men & officers	4 Engine Companies @ 197.10.0 ea	790 0 0
56 Men & do	4 Hose do @ 123.10.0	494 0 0
28 Men & do	2 Hook & Ladder Companies @ 123.10.0	247 0 0
<u>176</u>	2 Watchmen & Hose Cleaners @ 50 7 0	50 7 0
182 Total of men & officers	Probable expense of Repairs Cartage under the new system will be	250 0 0
	Balance, or Earn. in favor of change	1359 10 0
		<u>£ 3647 10 0</u>

Details

Each Engine Company to consist of

20 Men @ £ 8 ea	160 0 0
1 Branch Man	10 0 0
1 Lieutenant	12 10 0
1 Captain	15 0 0
	<u>£ 197 10 0</u>

Each Hose Company to consist of

12 Men @ £8	96 0 0
1 Lieutenant	12 10 0
1 Captain	15 0 0
	<u>£ 123 10 0</u>

Each Hook & Ladder Comp^y. to consist of

12 Men @ £8	96 0 0
1 Lieutenant	12 10 0
1 Captain	15 0 0
	<u>£ 123 10 0</u>

Watchmen & Cleaners &c.

3 of them to be paid £1.10.0 each per Week	234 0 0
3 of them to be paid £1.15.0 ^{each} per week	273 0 0
	<u>£ 507 0 0</u>

The men of any Horse or Engine Company to work at Fires whenever they may be required by the Officers in Command, if their own Engines or Hoses are not in Operation.

A proper System of Well understood alarm to be adopted.

Two Watchmen and Cleaners to be stationed in West end of the City with a Horse

Two Watchmen and Cleaners to be stationed in the Center of the City with a Horse

Two Watchmen and Cleaners to be stationed in the East end of the City with a Horse

These men to keep the Hoses, Engines and apparatus in their Respective Divisions in good order, Cart and Saw the wood, and do any other work

1858

7 mai

Copy, Please Chief Engineer Office the 11 May 1838

R. Capt. —

Sir

It is the desire of the
Fire Committee to use the Hydrants as
often as possible, when an Alarm is
given by any of the Engine Stations
in the Locality of Hydrants or when
it is known to them that the Fire
is when there is Hydrants they are
only to take out the Reels but
if to their knowledge the Fire is not in
the immediate Locality of said Hydrants
they are to take both Engine and Reel
This to a great extent to be governed
by the Officer in charge of the Company
I am ready to do when you see fit
Yours most obedt Servant

A. B. S. J.
C. B. J.

Fire Committee

Request

to the Capt of

Company

May 11

1858

Montreal May 19th 1838
To the Chairman and Members
of the Fire Committee City of Montreal
Gentlemen

Understanding
that according to the New arrangement in the
Fire Department of this City, it is the intention to have
Watchmen appointed for each Station or Engine House,
and having been for the last 14 years a Member
of a Fire Company, I would therefore make an
application to your Committee for the appointment
as one of said Watchmen, I am a Saddle Maker
by Trade and has also been engaged in the
Manufacture of Mail Bags and could take
a place in the manufacture of Horse or any
thing in the leather way appertaining to the
use of a Fire Engine, hoping that you will
favourably consider my application, and the
Service Rendered, as well as my fitness for
the appointment

I remain
Gentlemen

Your Most Obedt Servt
George Wallace

1858

19 mai

1858

19 mai

Aux Messrs les Membres
du Comité du feu

Montréal 19 Mai 1858

Aux Messrs du Comité
du feu

Je suis informé que le
Comité du feu desire avoir un gardien
pour prendre soin des bâtures, ou maisons
de pompe sur la Rue Visitation et
de prendre aussi soin de la pompe, hose
et échelles & crochets me croyant très
compétent à cette charge j'offre mes
services comme tel et pense pouvoir rem-
plir la charge à la satisfaction du
Comité du feu et du Public en général
Je fais déjà partie de la Compagnie du
feu depuis environ trois ans, si vous
desirez de plus amples informations je
vous réfère aux Officiers Supérieurs

TO HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR, THE ALDERMEN AND CITIZENS
OF THE CITY OF MONTREAL.

The *Fire* Committee

Respectfully Report,

That as directed by the Council,
they have enquired into the charges made against
the Fire Brigade of this City, of having used the
city property at a late public political torch
light procession, and after hearing the Chief
Engineer's testimony on the subject, which they
herewith submit, Your Committee have come
to the conclusion that the said charges, ~~as~~
~~expressed~~ as published are not supported by the evidence
adduced before your Committee.
Respectfully submitted

Committee Room
City Hall
Montreal 6th May 1858

J. Morrison

Wilton Blair

William Ross

James T. Serran

J. P. B. B. B.

Testimony of the Chief Engineer of the
Fire Department referred to in the
accompanying Report.

I was made aware in the course of
the day on which it was held, that a torch light
procession was to take place on the occasion
of Mr. McGee's return from Toronto. —
I immediately thereupon issued particular
instructions, in writing, to the men in
charge of the hose station, not to allow the
torches belonging to the city to be used for
that purpose. The torches that were used
on that evening were the private property
of the men; the oil was purchased by Mr.
Sharpley, an officer of the St. Patrick's Society,
from Mr. Hibbard, the wick being a
donation from Councillor Mullins, as I have
ascertained from both these gentlemen.
I believe that Hardy's Band which was engaged
for that occasion, some of whom form part
of the Negro company, used two of the public
lamps at the procession in question, without
my knowledge; that is all the city property
that was used that evening.

REPORT

FROM THE

Fire COMMITTEE.

on the charges made
against the Fire Dept.
of having used the
city torches as a late
political demonstration

Presented, 14th May 1858

Adopted, 15 June 1858

To Montreal 17th June 1858
To the President and Mem-
bers of the Fire Committee
Gentlemen

Allow me
to protest against the Dis-
charge sent to you by
Capt LePage concerning
myself in which Dischar-
ge he assigns as being
the cause of it that i ha-
ve insulted him I proo-
ve furthermore by the Cer-
tificate Enclose in this
Letter signed by the Lieu-
tenant of the Company
and the Majorite of the
members that i have not
insulted him i shall re-
peat here the Expressions
i made use then and
leave it to you Gentlemen

to say whether it was an
insult or not a motion
was made at a meeting
of the Company to the
effect of inviting the
Voligeur Fire Company
of Longueuil to come to
Montreal on the 21st of
June next 24 of the mem-
bers voted in favor of
the motions and I again
asked the Captain then said
that he would not pay
his share of the expenses
which would be neces-
sary to be made to con-
vince that Company
on that Day and that
any of the men who
did not like to pay the
share of the expenses
would not have to do it

the By Laws of the Com-
pany says that the min-
ority has to submit to the
majority in all cases
saying that by so doing
the Captain was first
to violate the By Laws
of the Company and
set a very bad exam-
ple for here after I got up
and said that I did
not think it was wis-
dom to act so that the
Captain of a Fire Com-
pany should be at the
Head of his Company
on all occasions that
a Company with out
a Captain looked very
much like a man with
out a Head but I never

said Gentlemen that
he had no Heady had
he says i have therefore
Gentlemen i Depend
upon your impartial
lity to Obtain Justice

I have the
Honor to be
Gentlemen
your most
Obedient
Servant

Joussaint Rousseau

City Hall Chief Engineer Office 28 July 1858

Dear Sir
I have the honour to inform
you that at a Meeting of the Fire
Committee on the 7 July 1858 you were
appointed 2nd Assistant Engineer of the
Mounties Fire Department and you
are requested to make such preparations
with the Company under your command as
to enter upon the duties as such
on the 1 August 1858

Yours truly
Robert

C.E.D.

J. H. May

Capt. Rem

1858
Account of
J. H. May to
2^d Inspector
Engineer of the
Fire Department

City Hall Chief Engineer's Office 8th July 1858

Sir

I have the honour to inform you
that at a meeting of the Fire Committee
you was appointed 1st Assistant engineer of
the Fire Department and that you are
to take command as such from this date

on the 7 July

Michel Moses Esq

1st Assistant Engin

Fire Department

Your most obt Ser

A. Burtin

1858

8 juillet

Appointé
M. Noles

to 1 Adresse

Croyez-moi
Dépense

A cet endroit se trouvait
une pétition concernant
la désobéissance de pompiers
lors d'un incendie (juillet 1858)

VOIR: 119-06-02-01

VM 50/2, 21

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A cet endroit se trouvait
une recommandation et une
pétition pour nommer
Mr. Parker capitaine de
compagnie. (19 juillet 1858)

Voir : ..173-03-14-00

VM 50/2, 21

GRAND FORMAT # 42

TO HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR, THE ALDERMEN AND CITIZENS
OF THE CITY OF MONTREAL.

The *Fire* Committee

Respectfully Report,

On the accompanying Petitions
of Mr. Taylor, Brewer and of Messrs. Leveillé
& David Printers, to be permitted to erect
steam engines, the first in St. Nicholas, Toterain
street and the latter in St. Vincent street

That the Petitioners having complied
with the law in such cases and there being
no opposition Your Committee recommend
that the permission asked for, be in both
cases granted subject to the superintendence
and approval of the Inspectors of the
Fire Department

The whole nevertheless respectfully submitted

Committee Room
City Hall
Montreal 21st October 1857

M. Brown
William Rodden
J. P. Pothier
Amable Fournier
Henry Buisson

Montreal 5 Octobre 1857

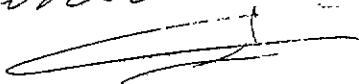
Aux Messieurs, Echevins & Citoyens de la
Cité de Montreal.

Le humble requête de
Senecal & Daniel, Imprimeurs,
Expose respectueusement :

Que pour les fins de leur commerce et
industrie, ils ont un besoin indispensable
d'un engin à vapeur dans leur atelier typo-
graphique; Rue St Vincent No 6.

Pourquoi ils demandent l'autorisation
d'en ériger un.

Et ils ne cesseront de prier

Senecal & Daniel


Province of Canada }
City of Montreal }

To His Worship the Mayor
Aldermen and Councilors
in Common Council assembled
4th

The Petition of William Layton
of the City of Montreal Province
of Lower Canada

That he has lately, by Deed of Lease
passed before A. Montreuil and
colleague Notaries, Leased and Rented
from Daniel Gossie Esq: That well
known establishment, known as
"Gossie's Brewery," in St James Street
in this City

That your Petitioner requires, for the
carrying on of his intended business to
have a Steam Engine of Four horse
power to be erected in said premises.
That your Petitioner has complied
with the terms of the By Law in
such cases, and has advertised in
the public newspapers of this City

Therefore your Petitioner humbly
prays that your Petitioner Honorable
body will be pleased to allow your
Petitioner to erect a steam engine
in

in Coors Brewery and your Petitioner will comply to the directions and orders of the Fire Inspector of this City, and as in duty bound will ever pray

Montreal 23rd Sept 1884

William Bayles

REPORT

FROM THE

Fire — COMMITTEE.

*on the Petitions of
W. Taylor & Senecal
& Daniel for leave
to erect steam engines*

Presented, _____ 18

Adopted, *14* January 1858.

TO HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR, THE ALDERMEN AND CITIZENS
OF THE CITY OF MONTREAL.

The Fire — Committee

Respectfully Report,

On the Accompanying petitions from
The S^t Mary and S^t James Wards, for a repeal of the
Bylaw N^o 222 prohibiting the erection of Wooden
Buildings in this City.

That one of the greatest calamities that has ever befallen this City - the destructive conflagration of the Year 1852 - was at the time attributed, in a great degree, to the absence of such a Bylaw, as that which the Petitioners now pray to have repealed. That the operation of the Bylaw has been found to be generally beneficial; though it is possible, it may have proved inconvenient, in some particular Cases; but this is an objection which will equally apply to almost every other Measure, which is of a publicly advantageous, or progressive character.

The Bylaw in question was passed, at the unanimous desire of the great Majority of the Citizens of Montreal; and may not in the opinion of your Committee be repealed, either wholly or in part, except upon the demand, generally & clearly expressed, of an equal Majority of the whole population. A retrogressive or pro-declining certainly ought not to be adopted upon the Application or for the sole benefit of any particular Section of the City - however respectable or influential the Applicants maybe.

For

For these amongst other reasons, your
Committee are unable to recommend that the
Prayer of the Petitioners be acceded to.

The whole nevertheless respectfully
Submitted

Committee Room, City Hall
21st October 1857

J. Brown
William Radden
Amable Gosselin
Henry Bulmer

✓ Daniel McFarlan
 Edward Robertson
 Peter St George
 Michael Sullivan
 ✓ Pat O'Grady
 Michael Finlay
 ✓ James Robertson
 Robert Kelly
 John Gallagher
 William Gallagher
 John Wilson
 Edward Heland
 James Buzak
 ✓ Vincent King
 ✓ George George
 John Mating
 ✓ James Murchelley
 Mitchellley
 James Grayson

The undersigned begs to state that when he was asked
 to sign the above document he did so being unaware
 of the real contents thereof. now that he has made
 himself cognizant of the tenor of said document he
 begs leave to withdraw his name therefrom
 Montreal 19th Oct 1857 J. M. Wooding

Petition
for a change in
the Captainscy and
Lieutenancy of the
Montreal No. 1 Fire
Company

Presented 14th octo 1857

On this sixth day, of the Month
of February, in the fore noon, in the year
of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred
and fifty eight.

At the request of Etienne Guy and
Michael Antoine Guy, both Notaries
publics of the City of Montreal; We,
the undersigned public Notaries, duly
commissioned and sworn, in and for that
part, of the Province of Canada, which
heretofore constituted, the Province of Lower
Canada, residing, at the said City of Montreal
went, purposely, to the City Hall, in the
said City of Montreal, where being and
speaking to John Donohy Justice Examine
City Clerk; We, declared that whereas
by Deed of Lease, from the late Dame Catherine
Vallee, widow of the late Etienne Guy, of the
said City of Montreal, to the Mayor, Aldermen
and Councillors, of the Corporation, of the City
of Montreal, executed before James Smith
and his Colleague, Notaries, and bearing
date, the thirteenth, of April, one thousand
eight hundred and forty nine, the said
late Catherine Vallee, widow, of late Etienne
Guy, did let and Lease unto the said Mayor
Aldermen and Councillors, of the Corpora-
tion, of the said City of Montreal; A certain
lot of Land, forming the north corner
of Craig and Bleury Streets, in this said City
of Montreal with a stone Dwelling House,
Brick Bowling Alley, large Ice House and
other dependences, thereon erected
enclosed, in the following limits, bounded
in front by Craig Street, in rear, by the
property of one Moss, on one side, by the
property of Dickenson, and on the
other side by Bleury Street, for the space

and

and Term of five years, from the first of May
then next, at the annual rental of one
hundred pounds Currency, and the usual
obligation of returning the premises, at
the expiration of said Lease, in a good order
state and condition, as when received, the
usual Tear and Wear excepted, said House
being then, in a thorough state of repairs,
having been then, recently fitted up for
an Hotel, called the Rialto, furnished
with Blinds, for the summer and double
windows, for the winter, all, then
recently painted, and Shutters, on windows
of the Lower Story, in front and rear, with
a Porch, to the front Door, and the Brick
Bowling Alley, being then, quite new,
had four separate Beds of Len Pins, com-
plete, with Gas Burners, Chandeliers
and Counters in the Bed of order
and also four sky lights, of the proper
height, for giving a good light.

And, whereas, shortly prior to the
expiration, of the said Lease, the said
Lease was continued for another period
of three years, from its expiration,
between the said Etienne Guy and M^r,
Patrice Guy, as representing, the said
late Catherine Vallée, and the Mayor
alderman and Councillors, of the
Corporation, of the said City of Montreal
as per Deed of Lease, passed before Gas
Smith and his colleague, Notaries
and bearing date the seventh
February, one thousand eight hundred
and fifty four, under the conditions
and stipulations therein contained

with

with respect, to the delivery, of the said
premises, and for and in consideration
of the rental of one hundred and fifty
pounds Currency per annum, ~~and~~
paid again, some time prior to the
expiration, of the said Lease, from the
said Etienne Guy & M. Patrice Guy, to
the said Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors
The said Mayor, Aldermen & Councillors
of the Corporation, of the said City of
Montreal, did agree, with the said
Etienne Guy & M. Patrice Guy, to continue
the said Lease, for another period of
one year, expiring, on the first of May
next, under, precisely the same
conditions, as to the delivery, of the said
premises, as were contained, in the
said Lease, of the seventh February
one thousand eight hundred and
fifty four, save and except the
rent, which would be, at the rate
of two hundred pounds Currency
per annum, as the same appears
in the draft of Lease, which the said
Etienne Guy & M. Patrice Guy, caused
to be prepared, by the said Notary Jas
Smith, and by him handed over
to the said Mayor, Aldermen and
Councillors, of the Corporation, of the
said City of Montreal, for their signa-
ture, but which, they neglected to sign
up, to the present date and whereas,
a few days ago, the said Mayor

Aldermen

aldermen, and Councilors, of the Corporation, of the said City, of Montreal have notified, the said Thomas Guy and M. Patrice Guy, that, they did not intend to renew, the said leases, but to deliver, the said premises, on the first day of May next; in what State the notice does not mention, but judging, from the appearance, of the premises, which are almost a total wreck, save the walls and roofs, of the Buildings, the interior being all destroyed and materially altered the said Stone House having been converted, into a Barrack and Police Station House, and the Brick Bowling alley, into a Fire Engine, Hook, Hose and Ladder Station, so that the repeated washing of Engine & Hose has not only destroyed the said four Beds of Ten Pins, of the said Bowling Alley, but also, the foundation, of said Brick Bowling Alley, which was erected on Piles and Beams of Wood, it would take months, at a cost of several hundreds of Pounds, to repair the same, yet no preparation seem to be made, for the approaching delivery, of the said premises, agreeably to the terms, of the said Deed of Lease of the seventh February, one thousand eight hundred and fifty four, it being perfectly clear, that, if the said

Premises

premises, are not forthwith put, in
the same order, state, and condition
as when received, the same can not
be leased, but, if leased at all, such
will have to be effected, at a great
loss, for which, the said Etienne Guy
and Mr. Patrice Guy, will hold, the
said Mayor, Aldermen & Councillors
of the Corporation, of the said City of
Montreal, responsible —
Wherefore, we, the said Notaries,
at the request aforesaid, have and by
these presents, do summon, notify
and require, the said Mayor, Aldermen
and Councillors, of the Corporation, of
the said City of Montreal, forthwith
to sign, the said Draft of Lease, which
was left, for their signature, last Spring,
and which they neglected to sign
and also, forthwith, to make all and
every the repairs and alterations
required to be done, so as to put the
said premises, in the order, in which
they received the same (reasonable
Leas and wear excepted) agreeably
to the Terms, of the said Deed of Lease
so, that persons, wishing to let, may
see the premises to more advantage
than they now exhibit; hereby —
notifying furthermore, the said
Mayor, Aldermen & Councillors
of the Corporation, of the said City of
Montreal, that, in default thereof,


The said

The said Etienne Guy and Mr. Patrice
Guy, will hold them, the said Mayor
aldermen and Councillors, of the Corpora-
tion, of the City of Montreal, responsible
not, only, for all and every the said
Damages and deteriorations, by them
caused, to the House, Billiard Bowling
Alley and premises, but also, for all
and every the rents, at the same rate
as they pay, until, the said deteriora-
tions are repaired, and the said
Premises, are put, in the order, in
which they received the same, as
aforesaid, and will adopt such other
and further legal means, against
them, the said Mayor, aldermen
and Councillors, of the Corporation
of the said City, of Montreal, as they
may be advised, by their Council at
Law, and as the Nature, of the Case
may require, in order, they then
may be compelled, to conform, to their
Premises, and received for answer
I have no recollection of the draft of lease,
this notification shall be placed before the
proper authorities

Which answer, not being satis-
factory, we, the said Notaries, have
and by these presents, do protest
as well against, the said Mayor
aldermen and Councillors, of the Cor-
poration, of the said City, of Montreal
as against all others, whom it may

Concern

Concern, for all costs, charges, damages, losses and interest suffered and to be suffered, in the premises, for the causes and reasons above mentioned an act being required, we, the said Notaries have granted the same to serve and avail, as of right, and to the end, that, the said Mayor, aldermen & Councillors, of the Corporation, of the said City of Montreal, may not pretend ignorance in the premises, we have served them, with an authentic copy of these presents, speaking as aforesaid, on the day, month and year, first above written, and the said Etienne Guy & M. Patrice Guy have signed these presents with us the said Notaries, these presents having been first duly read, under the number three thousand eight hundred and six
Signed, E. Guy, M. P. Guy, F. J. Durand
M. P. Jas. Smith M. P. A true copy
of the original remaining of record
in the undersigned Notary's Office -



№ 3806

6th February 1858

Protest at the
request of
Etienne Guy & M. Patrice
Guy M^r
agent for
Mayor, Aldermen &
Councillors, of the
Corporation, of the
City of Montreal

F. B. P. M.

Rec^d 6th Feb^ry 1858 - 12th lock
M^r C^o

Montreal, March 20, 1858
Mr Rodden Esq^r
City Councillor
d^r Sir

Having learned that the City Fire Committee of which you are a member would require two persons to take charge of the Horse &c in the St Annies Ward, I beg leave to tender my services to the Committee through you. And as you are aware that I have for the last 10 or 9 years been a member of the Fire Department, first as an Ordinary Fireman, then for several years as first Branch Man of Queen Company and at present and for the last two years as Lieutenant of the same Company, I do hope that the Committee will be disposed to consider my application for the present appointments favorably. I might further say that I have a perfect knowledge of all the apparatus &c

Yours very respectfully
A Mculloch

1858

20 mars

A cet endroit se trouvait

une requête des membres de la

"Montreal Temperance Society"

12 MARS 1858

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Wagon Office
Picta March 24th 1858

Sir - In answer to a Telegram to the Mayor of
Montreal I enclose your answer stating you
had a fine engine to dispose of
The Corporation intend purchasing an engine
and was sent you the correspondence with Mr.
Perry of your City about one but hearing you
had some one or more good ones that he had
since your water works require I suppose he
might get a good one no better than
wishing to see one

We want one the size you mention 5 in. cylinder
but it must be a first rate one in all respects
as we have one now in our town but it does
not work to the satisfaction of the fire department
- want We will pay you say nothing to you
if the time is any object but would like to pay
one half this July and the other half in a few days
the price with out - Please write us with a brief
description of the engine and the name it bore
when in use or now as I suppose the name
has not been changed. The length of time it
has been in use - Name of maker. The length
of bore. Direction of wheel as bearing the fire

know of payment with any other details
that would be of importance to us in
judging of the same. Also in case we should
require a description of a guarantee would
be given. As Perry warrants all his ser-
vices that he turn out as well as other business.

Please write me receipt of this

Yours truly
John Bayley -

Mr. P. Weston &
Montreal

Charles Wilson
Mayor

24th March 1858

Charles J. Wilson Esq
Mayor of Victoria

Recd 26th March 1858
J. J. J. J.

To his Honor the Mayor, Aldermen
and Citizens of the City of Montreal
in Council Assembled.

The Petition of the undersigned Proprietors,
Merchants and Other Occupants in that part of the
Centre Ward of this City from the corner of the Catholic
Parish Church to St. Lambert Street, represent to your
Honourable Council, that a Coffee Roasting Establishment
has been established in that very Quarter of the City, where
Property of great value is exposed to a greater Risk by Fire,
and that the Smell from such an establishment has become
a great nuisance in said Quarter.

Also your Petitioners respectfully represent to your particular
attention that they will have to pay an extra premium of
Insurance on account of the greater risk of such an establishment,
and further, after only a few days of Operation said Establish-
ment has already been in fire, and had it occurred in
the evening or during the night, Property and Goods to a
very large amount might have been destroyed. Therefore
your Petitioners pray that the said Establishment be
removed from said Quarter immediately to prevent
future disasters.

And Your Petitioners will ever pray
Montreal 1st April 1858.

Joseph Beaudry
Inf. Laficain

H. M. M. M. M.
G. Jones Symon
J. O. M. M. M.
John C. Brown
John Wood & Sons
J. J. J. J. J.
John Levey & Lewis Levey

Joseph Lavay
John Henderson & Co
D. G. G. G. G.
J. J. J. J. J.
Rich. Belland
A. P. P. P. P.
Sen. J. J. J. J. J.
H. H. H. H. H.
B. B. B. B. B.
Alex. Lafontaine

Petition
of Jean Bureau & C
against the establishment
of a coffee roasting
establishment in the
centre ward.

To the Chairman of the
Fire Committee of the
City of Montreal

Sir

Having for the last
3 years been a Fireman
in "Queen" Company ~~and~~
and understanding there
are some vacancies yet
to be filled in the new
organization of the Department
and feeling myself fully
competent to fill the sit-
uation of Mitcher or otherwise
as laid down in the scheme
I beg leave to offer myself
as a candidate, feeling assured
that you will do all in your
power to procure for me such
situation, and your petition
as is duty bound will ever

Paris,

George Roberts
47 Inspector Street

Montreal
April 8th 1858

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Required of them. One of them
to be at all times on Guard.

The Four Engine Companies to
be so placed, as to Protect Localities
not having Hydrants

Two of the Four Horse Companies
to be on the Center of the City,
but separate
One Horse Company in the West End

One Horse Company in the East End of the City

One or Two of the Engines might be
Sold, and the others to be kept in
good order in the Horse ^{Stations} Houses,
as a reserve in case of an
extensive Conflagration

Further details to be arranged by the Committee

Reorganisation of Fire Departments

Report in favour of this
plan of re-arrangement
of Fire Dept. to the effect
of June 1st 1894. The
re-arrangement of the
Fire Dept. is proposed
to be as follows:

REPORT

FROM THE

Fire

COMMITTEE.

*on the re-organization
of the Fire Department*

Presented, _____ 18

Adopted, *7. april* 1858

To The Chairman & Members of The Fire
Committee of The city of Montreal

Gentlemen

We the undersigned
do hereby solemnly protest against the decision of
Captain Poiry, of the Montreal Fire Engine
Company No. 1, of the City of Montreal, and
declare as may be seen by our affidavit a
Copy of which is herewith annexed,

That we are not guilty of the Charges
(preferred against us) whereby we have been
dismissed from the No. 1 Fire Engine Company
of Montreal,

That until we received the notice
of our dismissal dated 7th of May we were not
made aware of there being any Charges against
us, which a Copy of which notice is herewith
annexed, does not contain the truth, by this
arbitrary and very unjust course of
proceedings, your petitioners are much
injured and made to appear in an un-
-favourable light to the Fire Committee and
the Citizens of Montreal.

Wherefore we pray that
the said Committee may reconsider the said
Charges which are false and untrue and
moreover unfounded in fact, as shown in
and by our said affidavit, and as we
are otherwise prepared to prove, and we
further pray that our said dismissal
may be annulled.

Montreal, May 7, 1858.

Mr. Tom. Gallaher,

Sir,

I am directed by
Captain Pomeroy to inform
you that at a meeting
of the Fire Committee held
on the 6th instant, that body
thought proper to discharge
you from further service
in the Fire Brigade, and
that consequently you are no
longer a member of the Montreal
Fire Company.

I am, Sir,

W. Dalton
Lieut. and Sec. M. H. Co's

Province of Canada }
District of Montreal }

Michael Shelley Iron-Worker
John Gallagher, shoemaker, William Gallagher
shoemaker and James Grafton shoemaker, all
four of the City and District of Montreal severally
make oath and say

And first this deponent Michael
Shelley for himself saith:

That he is not guilty of the
charges for which he has been dismissed from
the No. 1 Fire ^{Company} of the city of Montreal
to wit: "disobedience and culpability at all fires
which he attends", but on the contrary that his
attention and diligence at all fires which he at-
tended were in strict accordance with his duty
as a fireman to the best of his ability, and the said
deponent further saith ⁱⁿ his said capacity of Fire
man, his conduct hath not on any occasion been
such as to warrant his dismissal ^{from the said company}

And this deponent ^{John Gallagher} for him-
self also saith

That he is not guilty of the
charges for which he has been dismissed from the
No. 1 Fire ^{Company} of the city of Montreal, to wit:
"disobedience and culpability at all fire which he
attends". but on the contrary that his attention and
diligence at all fires which he attended were in
strict accordance with his duty as a fire-man to
the best of his ability, and the said deponent
further saith, that in his said capacity of Fire
man his conduct hath not on any occasion been
such as to warrant his dismissal ^{from the said company}

And this deponent William
Gallagher

Gallagher for himself also saith
 that he is not guilty of the
 charges for which he has been dismissed from
 the N^o. 1. Fire^{engine} company of the city of Montreal to wit:
 "disobedience and culpability at all fires which
"he attends" but on the contrary that his attention
 and diligence at all fires which he attended were
 in strict accordance with his duty as a fireman
 to the best of his ability and the said deponent
 further saith that in his said capacity of fire
 man his conduct hath not on any occasion
 been such as to warrant his dismissal from the
 said company.

And this deponent James Grafton
 for himself saith:

That the reasons or charges
 for which he has been dismissed from the N^o. 1.
 Fire^{engine} company of the city of Montreal to wit: "disobey
 generally and too old to perform his duty as fireman"
 are false and untrue and unfounded in fact and
 moreover insufficient to procure his dismissal from
 the said company.

The above named
 deponents Michael Shel-
 ley, John Gallagher, Wil-
 liam Gallagher and James
 Grafton were severally sworn
 at the city of Montreal the
 seventh day of July one
 thousand eight hundred and
 fifty eight before me

signed

I swear on this day
 Edw. Thompson
 City Councillor

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James

Michael Shelley

Montreal 7th of May 1858

We the Undersigned do hereby that certify that the Boatsman Helaine Binet is personally known to us for a number of years, and that he is, honest, sober, active and industrious and also that we have witnessed his activity at several

Fines Antoin Epape Capt. des Ecluse

M. Moser 2nd Assistant

Edouard ditte Capt. Ross Louis La Roche, first, ^{his} ^{mark}

Mr. Biethe
S. Lussier

Philip Gross

W. B. Forest

G. C. Burk

Morin Tailors

David Stewart

Joseph F. Chesse

Papier

Malchelosse

Thommas Muller

Charles Yiquieres

Terence Moore

C. G. Collet

J. J. Larocque

P. S. Rodier

Joseph Laplume Lieutenant du Hero

Dimitri Larocque forger

John White

District de }
Montréal }

Au Maire
de la Corporation de la Cité de Montréal
et à Messrs les Scherins et conseillers de la
dite Corporation - &c &c &c.

Hilaire Binet demeurant au quartier
Sts Anne en cette dite Cité sur la rue St Joseph
à cet endroit appelé Quarré Chaboulez -

Expose
Respectueusement à vos Honneurs -

Qu'attendu que la dite Corporation a
besoin d'un homme pour résider dans la
Caisse appelée Gléro ou il y a une pompe
pour le feu, en conséquence votre suppli-
-ant offre, à la dite Corporation, ses services
tant pour avoir soin des hausses, les net-
-toyer et graisser et conduire la dite pompe
partout où il sera nécessaire d'aller avec
toute l'énergie et l'activité requise et né-
-cessaire en pareil cas, promettant le dit re-
-quérant remplir tous les devoirs exigés
par la dite Corporation suivant le règle-
-ment

Il joint de trouver un certificat des personnes
qui m'ont connu à l'égard de la dite pompe
à l'occasion des feux qui ont eu lieu aux
environs de la Pompe de Gléro, ayant conduit
la dite pompe depuis plusieurs années -

Je considère, veuillez bien prendre en
considération la requête de votre suppli-
-ant et lui faire droit

Montréal ce 10 Mai 1858

du département du feu.

J'ai l'honneur de vous
souhaiter votre très dévoué
serviteur.

Joseph Gauthier

To

The Chairman & Members of the Fire Com-
-mittee.

The Humble petition of the under-
-signed Members of No 1 Engine
Company.

Humbly sheweth

That the dishonourable
course ~~adopted~~ by Captains Pomroy, to
procure their discharge from the Company
together with the dishonest and covert
means he employed to obtain the sanction
of your Committee to a discharge founded
on false accusations is highly reprehensible
and urges them to call for an invest-
-gation into the charges preferred.

Your petitioners having full
confidence in your honour and love
of justice and knowing that they will
~~get an impartial hearing~~. They are ~~not~~
~~satisfied~~ to be governed by the result
hoping therefore that your Committee
will take the matter up at your earliest
opportunity

Your petitioners will as in duty
bound ever pray

Mich^l Shelley
John Gallagher
William Gallagher
James Grafton
James Booth
Edward Heelan

Patentes

de
M. Shelly & Hens

Reads on the

20th May

1858

Of the Chairman and Committee of the
Fire Department of the City of Montreal

The Petition of Thos. Smyth Grocer,
Sheweth

That Y^r Pet^r is grocer and Innkeeper
and Occupies a House Corner of St. Mary &
and Queens Square, that on the night of the
Fifteenth of May inst. a fire company under
the command of Arch^d. M^r. Vanpeltou used
and opened a water plug or hydrant belonging
to the Store of Y^r Pet^r and after trying the power
of the water &c It appears that from
some cause or neglect the hydrant was
left insecure during the night in question
causing an overflow of water, in the cellar
of Y^r Pet^r not less than six inches deep thereby
causing loss and damage to the goods depos-
-ited therein, besides the inconvenience
and danger to the health by standing in sludge
and mud until such time as the same
becomes dry

Your Y^r Pet^r approaches your
Hon^{ble} board hoping that you will in your
Wisdom and Judgement toward him
a fair and remunerative amount for

the damages thus sustained. Your Pet^r
has notified the chief engineer, on the mor-
=ning after the neglect had occurred - and he
has examined the same but did not report

Your Pet^r humbly requests your committee
will consider the serious consequences
arising from such culpable neglect on
the part of the City officials, and allo-
=cate him the amt of damages thus sustained
and your Pet^r will ever &c

I Thos Smith procs

Petition

of

Thos Smith

Lawyer

Dec 20th 1868

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To the Chairman and Members of the Fire Committee of the
Fire Department of the City of Montreal.

The Petition of Alexander Heay of the City of
Montreal.

Respectfully sheweth;

That Your Petitioner is desirous of
purchasing the building commonly called the Racket Court,
situated in Cote Street in this City, for the purpose of converting
the same into Livery Stables, and previous to any alterations
being made in the said building, he is desirous to obtain permis-
sion from your Committee to convert the said building into
Stables.

Your Petitioner begs leave to state that, from the
present height of the said Racket Court, which in rear is about
sixty feet high, the danger from Fire and other accidents is very
great: That Your Petitioner purposes, if your Committee
grant him permission, to reduce the building to a uniform
height, of about eighteen feet, which he proposes to cover according
to Law.

Your Petitioner begs leave further to state that so
soon as he has the means it is his intention to fill in the said
building with brick.

And Your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever
pray, &c.

Alex^r Heay

Montreal 20th May 1858.

20 mai 1854

A son Honneur Le Maire,
Les Echevins et Citoyens de Montréal
La Pétition du Soussigné
Expose respectueusement

Lui ayant rempli
toutes les conditions de la loi pour
pouvoir ériger un petit engin à
vapeur dans la maison qu'il occupe
rue St. Théodore, N°7, Quartier Est de cette
Cité, pour ses propres affaires, demande
respectueusement de lui accorder la
permission nécessaire de placer le dit
Engin dans la dite maison et de s'en
servir

Jacq. M. Plingret

Montréal 31 Mars 1858.

TO HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR, THE ALDERMEN AND CITIZENS
OF THE CITY OF MONTREAL.

The *Fire* Committee

Respectfully Report,

On the accompanying Petition
of Mr. J. A. Plinquet for leave to erect a small
steam engine in his printing establishment on
St. Therese street.

That the Petitioner having complied
with the law and there being no opposition
Your Committee recommended that the permission
asked for be granted on the usual terms and
conditions.

Respectfully submitted

Committee Room
City Hall
entered 6 May 1858

J. Bronson
William Goudin
Anton Robson
James Terron
J. P. Cotton
Henry Palmer

REPORT

FROM THE

June COMMITTEE

*the situation of
the District of
the City of
Montreal*

1858

Adopted 15 June 1858

We the undersigned Officers
and members of the Hero No. 9
Fire Company hereby Certify
that Mr J Rousseau has not
insulted Captain Lepage, has
he pretends he has and that
he has made use of no other
Expressions but those he mentio-
ns in his letter We therefore
earnestly Hope gentlemen that
you will not sanction the
said Discharge as it would
be a great injustice to do to
a man who has served 5 years
of very active services in the
Fire Department

We have the Honour
to be gentlemen
Montreal June 1868 your most
Obedient servants

Signed

Lieutenant Joseph Laplante	Jacques Brunet
Secretary Bourdon	O. Derré
Clément Gravel	J. Belanger
François Roch	Joseph Patron
J. J. Myette	J. C. Richard
Joseph Rousseau	E. Boudry
Joseph Jolie	also Jean Bédard
René Lamache	J. G. Grenier
Joseph Belanger	J. Benoit
F. X. Belanger	

J. G.
Larose
G. Pilou

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18 June 1858

Montreal 18th June 1858
To the President and Mem-
bers of the Fire Committee
Gentlemen We the
undersigned members
of the Hero of St. Fire
Company Rec^d Leave
to inform you that
Captain Lepage has
refuse to pay the
Amount due to us
for Our Services as
Firemen for the Quar-
ter Ending 30th April
Last and as we dont
think that Captain
Lepage has the autho-
rity to keep our money
against our Will and
as we never authorized
him to do so We hope

that you will not allow
us to be imposed upon
in that way and that
you will give such
Orders as will satisfy
our just Claim. We
claim Justice as
being Legitimately due
to us the same Oppo-
site our respective
names

Therefore the
Honor to be
performed
your most
Obedient
servants

Signed Joseph Belanger \$5.00
J. C. Belanger \$5.53
Joseph Pillon \$3.40

June 20th 1858

To the Chairman and Members
of the Fire Committee,

Gentlemen

We beg leave to inform you that whereas we were expelled from the No 1 Fire Company of the City of Montreal we were thereby unjustly treated & aggrieved; in as much as we were expelled as aforesaid at the instigation of some designing men who having ^{our} ~~their~~ ^{own} ~~their~~ object in view conspired together in order to procure our expulsion, & also in as much as we had not been previously heard in our own justification.

Wherefore we addressed an humble petition to the Chairman and members of the Fire Committee (asking to ~~see~~ ^{hear} for redress, and praying a hearing in our own defense, which said petition has not been laid before them, but on the contrary has been mislaid, or otherwise concealed from their knowledge. —

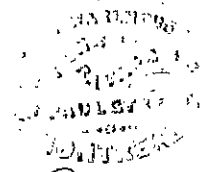
Wherefore feeling ourselves still aggrieved we trust that you will grant us a fair impartial hearing in our own defense as already prayed for in our said petition (of the 19th ult).

Mich^l Shultz
James Grafton
John Gallagher
William Gallagher
James Burke
Edmund Heelan

20 Juin 1858

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Montreal June 24th 1858.

Dear Sir

The residents of Sherbrooke Street meet, have made an arrangement with a private party to water the street. Mrs J. B. Anderson desired that I would endeavour to procure the use of a piece of leather hose to attach to the water cart. It occurred to me that possibly your department might have some pieces of unserviceable hose which could be used for that purpose.

Being that we have to pay for this service out of our own private funds, that Sherbrooke Street is seldom or never cleaned, we think that the Corporation will not

The Chairman
 Fire Committee
 Montreal.

not
exceed the limits of propriety
in giving us the use of the boat
for the season, to be returned
afterward if required.

I am very respectfully

Yours.

Henry Lyman

138. Sherbrooke St.

City Hall Chief Engineer's Office June 27th 53

Sir

Resolved

At a meeting of the Fire Committee held on the 28th the reduction of the Fire Department was agreed upon. That the Officers of the Companies be notified; that from 1st August the ^{reduction} is to take place, and that the strength of the Brigade shall be 4 Engines, 4 Hoses and 2 Hook & Ladder Companies. And that the Company under your command shall contain ~~men~~ 2 officers. And you are to reduce yours to that number. You will therefore forward to me at the earliest opportunity a list of the men intended to be kept on and also of the honorary members with their places of residence and time of entering the Brigade.

Yours truly
M. Bertram

Chief Engineer
J. D.

To Capt

Hose

Engines Two Union Protection & Voluntary
Hose with Engine & Ladder Men & Honor

Note A.

Captains Community
Company

30 June 1858

A cet endroit se trouvait
une pétition de citoyens
pour ne pas réduire le
nombre de pompiers de la
Compagnie Hérou
(21 juillet 1858)

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Montreal, July 26, 1858.

To the Chairman and Members
of the Fire Committee,

Gentlemen,

Early in the month of May last I considered it my duty to discharge several members of the Montreal Fire Company for various causes, amongst others some for those of "disobedience" and "carelessness in the performance of their duty." Four of the parties so discharged have recently presented a Petition to your body denying the correctness of the charges preferred against them, and praying to be reinstated.

In order that your Committee may be satisfied that they were not discharged by me without good and sufficient reasons, I will endeavor to show that they were guilty of disobedience,

1st

1st — At a fire which took place in the shop of one Craycott, St. Lawrence Street, on the 1st April last, when I gave the order — "All hands Montreal Company to the hose" — three of the petitioners, namely, Michael Shelley, John Gallaher, and William Gallaher, stood amongst the lookers-on, and paid no more attention to the order than those who did not belong to the company at all.

2nd — At the same fire, when I gave the order for the men to fall in and return to the Engine hose, they neglected this order also, and marched by themselves at a considerable distance in rear of the other members. And it is so at every fire they attend, for I do not remember them even once falling in with the rest of the company, but invariably strolling along as if they were in no way whatever connected with the Montreal Company.

They have been "careless and lukewarm in the performance of their duty."

In standing idle at every fire they attended, and not doing anything unless expressly commanded to do it, no matter ~~what~~ how great might be the necessity for them to give even the slightest assistance at the time, — thereby showing a very obstinate spirit and bad example to any others of the company who might feel disposed to shirk the performance of their duty, and the disagreeable consequences which sometimes attend it.

Besides their conduct when the company was on duty, it was of a precisely similar character, if not worse, at the business meetings in the Engine house. No matter what was proposed by any other member for the good of the company, they opposed it, and cried out loudly for laws to govern the company, saying that the company could never get on right without them. In accordance with their wishes, a committee was appointed to draw up a code of laws for the better management of the affairs of the company, but when the laws were made and passed, they

gentlemen refused to be governed by them, and said it was absurd and tyrannical to have any laws but those of the Corporation, although they knew well that every Company in the Brigade has laws independent of, yet co-operating with, those of the Corporation. In short they made objection to every thing proposed unless it came from their own select few. They even defied me at several meetings to carry into force any law of the company respecting them unless they themselves chose to be governed by them. To the day they were discharged they refused to pay the sum of 10/10¹/₂d. into a contingent fund (quarterly) to meet the ordinary expenses of the company, although every other member paid the money most willingly. They disputed every thing. Nothing was done right unless they did it.

From the threatening language I was told they had used respecting me, I was afraid to leave my own house at night for a length of time, and one of them (John Gallacher) in my own presence and of two of the members threatened to "split open the head of the Lieutenant with a brick-bat" if he dared to give him any order at a fire.

The whole of the above statements can be proved on oath by many members of the Company, and they only desire an opportunity to express before your body the opinion they entertain of the very four gentlemen individuals who have petitioned you to reinstate them in a company whose harmony they would destroy and render miserable by their presence.

I have the honor to be

Gentlemen,

Your most obedt. servt, A. Poirroy,

Capt No. 1 R. G. Co. M.

Montreal July 30, 1858

J. R. Bronckson Esq

President of the Fire Com-

pany

At a Meeting

of the Union Fire Engine Company held last
Evening it was unanimously resolved that
Alfred Perry be nominated Captain and William
Middleton Lieut. I have the pleasure
to forward the nomination for your approval
also the names of those men who propose to
remain upon the full strength of the Company
as well as those of the super-numerary or
honorary members, in selecting these men
I have taken particular care to get the best
in the Company and those that were the most
convenient to the Engine House, several of
the men who join in the recommendation
of Mr. Perry, say they signed as with list
handed about by Mr. Parker, but they did
so under a false impression, and could
not under the circumstances sustain

Mr. Parker for a moment - in his presence
to the Captains, the feeling was so strong
against him that he could not get a second
=der to a motion to that effect others on the
list - say they never signed it at all.

Yours truly

S. H. May

Capt. W. P. P. P. P.

We the undersigned Members of the Lion Fire Engine Company
beg leave to recommend to the Committee further approval
as fit and proper persons, as officers of this Company
in the plea of Capt. May promoted, to assist
Engineer Alfred Perry for Captain

Will Middleton for Lieut

Robert Hall

William Corrie

Wm Mason

George Smith

George Hawkins

Thomas Cunningham

George Wallace

Ch Wilson

D. Ryan

James Hall

James Scott

Thos Stewart

Andrew Holiday

Wm. Hall
William Holmes

Wm. Wilson

John Wilson

George Wilson

George Hoggard

Thomas Middleton

In by Mr. Conin read by Mr. J. Scott that Mr. A. Perry
be Capt. & Mr. W. Middleton be Lieut of the 25th
Regiment Company. Carried Unanimously

Recommendation
of Mr. Perry as
captain and of Mr.
Middleton as Lieut.
of the Union Company

of the 30 July
1838

Chief Engineer of the City Hall 31 July 1855

Dear Sir

At a meeting of the Fire Committee
held on the 30 July your Note was duly considered
and passed with the exception of Mr the Master
St David Brown William Sharp and John Brown
Protectors John Hossney Devereux Joseph Vandeur
William Johnson & James Armstrong
said men to be replaced by men being
in the Receipts of the Engineer Station
& Capt A Perry Capt P Pease Capt Robert Perry
Yours Most Obedtly
E. E. D.

1858

31 juillet

• lettre to

Capt A Penney

Capt P Penney

Capt R M Penney

July 1858

City Hall, Clerks' Engine Office 31 July 1838

Sir I have the Honor to Inform you
that at a Meeting of the Fire Committee
held on the 30 you were ~~only~~ ^{only} ~~considered~~
Appointed Levies of the Union of
Fire Companies and that you are to take
Command as such ~~from~~ ^{on} the 1 August
I have the Honor to be

J. Levins ~~of~~ Parkers

Attest

C. E. L. O.

Union of 80

Appointee
of Luby
~~John~~ Penker
578

31 July
1878

Chief Clerk Ensign Office 31 July 1858

Dear Sir I have the Honour to inform
you that at a meeting of the Fire
Committee held on the 30 July
You was duly appointed Captain
of the Union Fire Company N^o 8. And
that you are to take command as
such from the 1 August. With
the understanding that you are
to move your residence into Montreal
about one month from the date
You most Obedt Servant

P. A. Perry Captain
Union Fire Company N^o 8

A. Beutram
Chief Ensign
N^o 8

Appointments
of Capt. J. P. King
Comm. N^o 35 F. E.

31 July
1858

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Montreal August 4th

J. H. Broadson Esq
Chairman Fire Committee

Sir

I beg leave to furnish you with a petition unanimously passed by the Union Fire Company. I need not inform you the necessity of immediate action in this matter. I can assure you Mr. Park and me can not work in good harmony. Therefore I trust you will see the propriety of acceding to the request of the Union Company.

I am Sir,
Yours obly
Alfred Perry
12 St. Nicholas

To the Chairman and Members
of the Fire Committee.

Gentlemen

The Union Fire Engine
Company most respectfully
submit that they have learned
with much regret, that it has
pleased you to appoint Mr.
R. Parker as Lieutenant of
the Union Company.

To this appointment the
Union beg to remind the com-
mittee they did not recommend
the said Mr. Parker, or that
they are in any way in favor
of such an appointment.

It has been one of the chief
characteristics of the Union Company
during a period of 17 years, con-
tinual service to obey all orders
emanating from the Fire Com-
mittee, or its legitimate officers.
As a rule they are determined
most religiously to conform to.

But to enable them to do so
more fully they trust the Fire
Committee will see the necessity
of meeting the views of the
Company, in a manner it may
be done without any detriment

to the well working of the Fire
Department. And the Company
can with confidence put it to the
good sense of the Committee whether
it would not be for the better
to give the Union the officer of
their unanimous choice. In so
doing the Union cannot see by any
possible means the Fire Committee
would be yielding ^{any right} they possess
in the appointment of officers
to the Union or any other Company.
In every instance of officers
being named by the Union to
fill the vacancies which have
occurred since its formation they
have been confirmed by the
Fire Committee, and the Union
at this juncture can not see
why a deviation from this rule
should now be adopted. Should
the Fire Committee be in posses-
sion of any facts to the detri-
ment of Mr. Middleton which
is not known to the Company
that would induce them to reject
him, the Union will not press
his appointment. Should the
committee have no objection to
Mr. Middleton as a Citizen and
a Fireman, the Union is persuaded
that

that when their unanimous desire
for his appointment to the office
of Lieutenant, as again solicited
in preference to Mr. Parker, the
committee will put over the Union
the right man in the right place.
For the well working of the
company and a sense of justice
to the Union they are persuaded
the committee will see the necessi-
ty of cancelling the said appoint-
ment of Parker and place in his
stead, a German who has the entire
confidence of the company. And
here the company most distinctly
express their disapproval of
the uncalled for conduct of the
Captains of other companies
interfering in the selection of any
officer or member to the Union;
Such interference from them
has never yet been solicited, or is
likely will be. The character,
discipline and standing of the
company have at all times, from
its first organization up to this
date, stood independent of
such interfering; their conduct
can only be traced to their general
ignorance of their duties as members.
And

And the company would thank
the committee for discomenancing
such interference and ⁱⁿ not making
the appointment; such interference
tending to make strife and
much inpleasantness between
the Officers and members of
the Fire Department.

Whatever list Mr. Parker
might have submitted to the
committee with names of the
men composing the Union Co-
two of them at least. Thomas Stewart, J. Neal
were put out unknown to
the parties, the other was obtained
previous to any meeting of the
company being held for organi-
zation, or to make selection
of Officers. When the meeting
for choosing Officers was held,
Mr. Middleton informed the meeting
that he had forbid Mr. Parker to
associate his name with his Parkers
to be the Officers of the Union.
The men unanimously, (not one
dissenting) repudiated the conduct
of Mr. Parker in obtaining the
signature, with the knowledge
of Mr. Middleton referring to
act with him. And at the meeting
for choosing officers, the members
to a man voted against Mr.

Parker's Pretensions to be an Officer
of the Company. And has still
presuming to force himself on
the Company, after such a unan-
-imous vote has not in the opinion
of the Union, better his Pretensions
to be in any way connected with
it.

The Union Company there-
-fore trust that their petition
will meet with favourable
notice from their Committee
to their requests.

On behalf of the Company.

George Haggard

Secretary

W. A. & Co.

August 2^d 1868

Letter from
Capt A Perry
of the 4 August

And Attention
Of George Hoggard
Esq Secy

Union St
of the 2 August
1838

To the Fire Committee

Montreal 11th August 1838.
To the Chairman & members of the
Fire Committee

Gentlemen

It is proper for me to inform you that since the reception of my appointment as Lieutenant of the Union fire Company I have endeavored to discharge my duty faithfully and with but few exceptions the men appeared well disposed towards me until a meeting of the new company were held and the late Captain and the present Captain joined in the introduction of discontent and asked the men to dissent from the appointment of the Committee. Of course these gentlemen have some influence in the company as now arises and former thirten willing to agree to their request particularly as they were led to believe that the Committee would not or could not persist in maintaining an appointment if they would consent to petition against it therefore the petition brought in by the officers no doubt be submitted to you but I distinctly state that if there had not ^{been} such a course taken by Mr Perry & Mr May against me the men would have been on the whole as well pleased as they usually are in such cases and I feel assured you would not have the trouble but for other matters which it is perhaps not proper for me to speak of now if it was at all necessary I could furnish you with the best of recommendations as to character abilities & fitness for the place you were pleased to place me in a place which is at any time troublesome and had I for a moment supposed it would have caused

So much trouble now i would have preferred
the choice had fallen upon another. But now
that your kindness placed me there i fall
assured your Dissision will be maintained
unless you find me unworthy, in which case
i would not expect it, yet it would
now be a matter of serious injuice to my
Reputation if without cause i would be
Remanded at the instance of interested parties
and feeling every confidence in your
Dissision to do every publick service proper
justice i leave the matter intirely in your
hands hoping for your Best Consideration
it is proper for me to
state to you that the late meetings
of the Company was called without
my knowledge & myself & other Members
were not notified to attend, and
by and by other means your late appointment
has not been acknowledged by Captain
Perry or treated with the
Respt. due to it -

I am Gentleman

Your Obedt. Servant & Partner
Lieutenant of Honour
Fire Company

11 march

1858

Wentworth August 12th 1856

To the Chairman

and Promoters of the Fire Committee

Gentlemen

I hope you will pardon me
 but having been advised I ask of you a hearing
 for a few moments I have been a member of the
 Union Fire Company for nearly fifteen years and have
 I have done my duty I leave the Public to state
 I could stand to be cast as dead or placed on the
 Supernumerary list on account of personal spite
 that Capt May has against me His only
 reasons are those that I would not receive
 Capt May as a life man and that I stated
 my dislike to Capt May saying certain numbers of
 the Union Company were not present at times I can
 bring forward a man that was a member of the 3rd Regt Comp
 was not paid when absent about the first fire that
 he missed and still he was fined for after he
 left the Regt Company again Gentlemen I can
 bring another member of the Union Co say that
 recommended a man to Capt May and that person
 was rejected solely because he would not join
 the 3rd Regt Company a friend of which the same man
 recommended another that would join the
 Regt Company and he was accepted

Gentlemen do that Justice or Honesty
 to other members when good men will be kept
 out of a fire because he will not join a Regt Comp

Gentlemen these are sound facts
 I can also prove that for the last 14 years
 there has not been an objection in the
 Union Company although in an average of 14 years

B. Bear what has just said of Perry's statement
has required in that time that I can prove
By the Chief or assistant Chief as well as the
Members & Officers of the Brigade in General
and I personally have done their duty
and you see now how they act

Gentlemen The Grand secret is this
that Capt. May wishes to have Mr. Middleton
appointed Lieut. of the Union Company knowing
that Mr. Perry has no intention of coming
into town to live Mr. Middleton will then
get appointed Capt. of the Union and Mr.
J. Wilson Lieut. of the Union both having
Commissions under Mr. May a rifle man
then Mr. May has still control and
rule as he likes the Union Company

But I sincerely hope that you all
Gentlemen will for the benefit of
the public and the credit of the Fire Department
will keep good the appointment of Mr. Parker as
Lieut. for your well by so doing give the Members
a chance of return that I had some time
Union Company had before connected with
the rifle company there is one question I should
like you to ask Capt. May or the new Capt. Perry
What has brought the Union Company to what
it is now The reason was openly stated
by Mr. Perry that the rifle company was
a Gods curse on the Union Company

and so it has become
some of the new chosen go has stated they
will resign if Mr. Parker is still kept there
Have you chose to appoint them at your meeting

You need not be afraid of that for I can
assure you that in less than 5 Hours we
can fill that Company up twenty strong
of men that has been through that
kind then that you should willing admit
as members all being old firemen
and some of the best the City can
produce Gentlemen try us we
do not want teaching our duty

again those chosen are not those
who live nearest the Engine House
some of the new members live near the
Farmers Hill Bar and some some at Head of Mountain
Street while others that has been discharged
live near the Engine House and I think
we have to thank the Society why Gentlemen
have we then been so badly treated
You can judge for yourselves all I can
say is that I still hope you will keep
good your appointments and you
will find the Company will prosper
and become a credit to the City
and further the committee who govern it

With your pardon

your ever long & trusting
Friend

Yours Respectfully

Robert Williams
1st Fireman Union Engine Company

Letter from Robert
Williams - complaining
of his services kept
aside in the reorganization
of the ~~North~~ Company
of the 12 August
1855

Hose Station Craig St. August 12th 1878
to the Chairman & Members of the Fire Committee
Gentlemen

By the Present arrangement
of the Fire Department I have been Requested
By Mr Bertrani to take Charge of the Hose
and keep it in Proper order to attend the Fires
and see after the Hose from getting Bad
usage I Promise to do all that lays in
my Power for the Good of the Fire Department
if your honourable Board thinks Proper
to allow me some Remuneration for my Extra
Service I had Fire Man's Pay from the
Hook & Ladder Company By the Present ^{arrang}
I am deprived of it

Gentlemen

I have the Honor to
be your Obedient Servant
Wm Ferguson

12 April 1857

To The Chairman & Members
Composing the Fire Committee
City Hall

City Hall
Montreal 22^e Sept 1858

Sir

I am directed to inform you that the Petition of the Union Company remonstrating against the appointment of Mr. Robt. Parker as Lieutenant of the Union Company, was submitted to the Fire Committee on the 12^e August ultimo, and that after due consideration it was Resolved that the decision came to ~~by~~ the Committee with reference to the said appointment be adhered to.

G. W. Jones
Archives de la Ville de Montréal

Also the note sent in by you has 21 names
on it which is on more than the same
that you will submit to me at your
earliest convenience the name of the person that
you want to be as the Pay that may
be made up properly

Yr. A. P. P.

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A cet endroit se trouvait
une requête pour la nomination
d'un lieutenant de compagnie
23 septembre 1858

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To the Chairman and Members of
Fire Committee of the Corporation
of Montreal

Gentlemen

At a special Business
Meeting of "Queen" Fire Co. held on Tuesday
Evening last the 21st inst. for the purpose
of taking into consideration the resignation
of our Lieutenant, Mr. Francis McCulloch,
and also to nominate, and recommend
to your Honorable body, a suitable person
to fill the vacancy caused by the
resignation of said F. McCulloch, we there-
fore proceeded to nominate such a person
wherein the following was the result
of the votes taken by the members
present.

For David Thomson 8
" Wm. G. Black 8 the Captain
giving the casting vote in favor of
W. G. Black.

Signed Wm. G. Black
Secty

Montreal

September 23rd 1858

Requisition
of the Queen In-Compt
for a Receipt
of the 23 Sept
1858

Montreal August 27th 1858

Received from Capt. A. Bertram thirteen
shillings & nine pence by as payment
for the shields of Protector Company Eugene
sold at Auction by C. Hill auctioneer

Peter Cuper

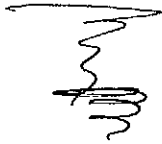
1858

27 sept

Rest of Protection

Exon & Hubs

Bought at the
Sale



Montreal November 11th 1847

J. R. Bronson Esq
Chairman Fire Committee

Sir

I desire through you to convey to the fire
Committee the following complaint against
R Parker Lieut Union Engine Co.

1st That his general conduct at the meeting
of the company were such as to create division
in the ranks. As it did to influence the men
against me

2nd For on Sept 9th Inforcing the men I
stated what was untrue when I said the man
was good on the Benvolent Society; Book
and adding the name of the Chief Engine
as proof of his assertion.

3rd For using abusive and unbecoming language
as an Officer towards the private members
of the company in the Engine House October 2nd

4th For challenging a private member to
fight on the same occasion October 2nd

5th Endeavouring to prevent my name being added
on at the Hall of the Union & St. John
Company October

- 5th. For using abusive insulting and unbecoming language towards me and the company at the meeting. October the 11th
- 7th For his conduct in desiring Mr. J. Mason not to apologize to the company or in any way give satisfaction for his conduct in the Engine House after the return of the company from Mr. Hodier's fire.
- 8th For his conduct in advising Mason to stand his ground and not leave the Engine House for me although the advice of Mason was not a member of the company, and his actions and language was most violent.
- 9th For challenging me to fight as well as using threats towards me.
- 10th For calling the company a mean lowe lot of men.
- 11th For arriving at Engine house the worse of liquor since of alarm of fire.
- 12th For being drunk or the worse of liquor in the uniform of the company.

Samson

Your Most Obedt
Alfred Perry

Incendies & Eclairage

Documents

11 nov. 1858

Charges made by
Mr. Perry against
Mr. Parker

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To the Chairman and Members of the Fire Committee
Gentlemen

Understanding that it has pleased you to dismiss the Union Fire Company, I beg to say while it is my duty to bow to your decision, I have to express my great regret that you do not allow me an investigation, for by it I would be able to satisfy you that I have been grossly abused, simply because you were pleased to appoint me Lieutenant in opposition to the wish of some persons who have done their utmost to injure me. My temper being sorely tried several times by the grossest insults, I may have been tempted to meet it in a manner that might not be approved of. Yet I can assure you I did my best to work agreeable with all, but the determined opposition was carried so far, and the changes made in the Company placed me in such an awkward position I was forced to complain to you for redress feeling assured that if you would allow the investigation I can prove to you that Capt. Perry's conduct was improper, and he allowed a man to persecute me. I am told he has made charges against me. I applied for a copy of the letter or leave to see it but could not, however being informed of one of Mr Perry's complaints I submit herewith the testimonials of worthy Firemen & Citizens certifying to the contrary, and I am sure if I knew the whole I could prove the rest to be as false and malicious as that one. Now Gentlemen I throw myself completely into your hands for justice and I hope the action you may be pleased to take will justify me before the Public for I feel deeply the injury inflicted upon me by the few who have sought my injury.

Yours ever

Gentl^y Respectfully submit for your consideration
a petition of forty respectable Citizens the most of whom
reside in the immediate neighbourhood of the Enginehouse
praying to be allowed to reform the Union Fire Company
and should it please you to favour it you may rest
assured nothing will be left undone on our part to
recover the good name of the Company and make
it a credit and satisfaction to our Citizens as it used
to be prior to its last government and difficulties —

I also submit the recommendation of the
Captains of other Companies who knew many of us to
be good Veterans and worthy fire men — I could
multiply documents to this but knowing you have
plenty of trouble in this matter I will go no further
at present leaving the whole for your best and most
favourable Consideration

I am

Gentlemen —

Your obedient Serv^t

Robert Parker

Montreal 8th November
— 1838 —

Mr. Robert Parker

Dear Sir

We the undersigned
(at your request) do Certify that we saw you
at the meeting of the Firemen's Benevolent Society
on the evening of the 29th Sept^r last at 10¹/₂ O'Clock
and we saw you again on the same evening when
the Alarm of Fire was given and we declare you
were not in Liquor nor had you the appearance of
it. if you had been so, we were in such close
contact with you we would have observed it, and
we further state that we have always known you
as a sober man and of good Character, this we
can testify on Oath if necessary

William Knight	Capt. N ^o 2 Neptune Camp
Peter Couper	Capt. N ^o 3. Protector Camp
J. Fernroy	Capt. N ^o Montreal
	Capt. R. M. Beatty N ^o 4
	Francis McCallum N ^o 5
	Robert Kean Lieut N ^o 2

Lieut
R^d Parkers

Letter
of the 9 October
1858

To the Fire Committee of the Corporation
of the City of Montreal.

Gentlemen

On different occasions I felt it to be my duty to report to you the manner I have been treated and the injustice done to me while on duty by several members of the Union Fire Company, since it pleased you to appoint me Lieutenant, but hoping the parties would come to a sense of their error, and desiring to do all in my power to show a patient and forgiving disposition, with the view of securing the future harmony and well working of the Company, I did not submit to you my complaints, now that I find it quite useless to hope for anything like good order or usefulness from the Company in its present state, and in as much as the irregularities in subordination and neglect of duty are continued by the Captain, and he openly and in his presence permits insults to be heaped upon me, I feel called upon to bear it no longer, and I consider it due to you that I should make known to you the conduct of the parties referred to, that you may take such action as may be necessary to insure the proper discharge of the duties expected of the Company, secure the safety of life and property, and enforce observance of the instructions and regulations of the department. I regret having to trouble you with complaints, and only do so, because I feel it to be my duty. I have met with such determined opposition and injustice on duty and otherwise and the desire to injure me has led some of the

am to such irregularities and improper conduct
as well as refusing to acknowledge my authority.
I now solicit your enquiry into the matter feeling
assured, that you will do justice to all and
take such action as will insure to the Citizens
of Montreal a more efficient working than that
which now exists in the Union Company.

I fear that under any circumstances a
large number of the present men will say and
do all they can to my injury, inasmuch as
in the reorganisation of the Company it would
appear as if information had been by some
means obtained as to who of the whole Company
were and were not in my favor, and in furnish-
ing your Committee with the names of those who
were to be kept on the pay list, some of the
oldest, and best men of the Company, were
struck off, and those who were more recently
admitted being members of Captain Gray's
Rifle Company, were kept on, apparently with
the view of keeping men in, who were known
to be opposed to me and who would not work
aguably with me.

Gentlemen I can assure you I would
be ashamed to repeat to you the scenes which
occur in the company as now composed and I
only believe it is because there is a wish to
show the Corporation that they will give me
no peace till they get their own way and
work me out that they may be able to continue
with impunity their irregular practices, I am
sorry to be obliged to report also that in the
absence of the Captain he desires ~~the~~ Middleton

to call the roll and in fact he has shown a
desire to get him to supersede me in the situation
of disintment in direct contradiction to your
appointment. I had hoped to have assisted
in a better management of the Company and
a more correct return of its accounts but
have been prevented. I wish also to remark
that Assistant Chief May has encouraged
members of the Company against me and at
Mr Molson's fire letter work could have been
done by the Company if I had been allowed
to direct it properly.

I pray your early consideration and
will be prepared whenever called upon to
produce sufficient evidence to satisfy you
my complaints are well founded and that
your prompt action is necessary

I am Gentlemen

Yours very respectfully

Robert Parker

Montreal Sunday
18th October 1838.

R Parkers
Letter
of the 18 October
1858

Sir

with Mr Masson should be sent
that of Robert Parker. but as
he is more under the fire Committee
I desire you to bring his conduct
before that body for their dismissal
of him from the company
He challenged any member of
the company to fight. and other
misconduct ^{on the side of Mr Masson} himself which will
be fully proved when required
This with once been drunk and
unfit for duty at an alarm
I think will convince the
Committee he is not fit to
be in the position of an officer
as he now is recognized by
the laws of Fire Committee

Yours Alfred Perry

Capt. Vanner

MONTREAL, the 18th day of October 1858

SIR,

I would respectfully report, through you to the Fire Committee, that the following Members have ceased to belong to the Union Company, No. 8 viz.:

Date of Discharge.	Names.	Causes Assigned.
16 th	Samuel Masson	His disorderly conduct in making disturbances in Engine House after returning from the fire on the 16 th . and challenging one of the other members to fight without the least provocation.

And would submit, for the approval of the Committee, the names of the following Members, admitted on the dates opposite, respectively: Mr. Amé Guin

Date of Admission.	Names.	Age.	Trade or Occupation	Place of Residence.	
				Street.	Ward.
	who come on the strength from the Honorary list				
	Call	REXX	Letter of Adm.		
		18 Oct 1858			
		to the Fire Committee			

(Signed,)

Alfred Veray

Captain, Union Fire Company, No. 8

To

Chief Engineer, Fire Department, Montreal.

over

City of all Chief Engine Officer to 10 October 1858

Sir

I am instructed by the
Chairman of the Fire Committee to inquire
of you if you have moved your residence
into the City of Montreal. As your App-
ointment to Captain of the Union Fire
Company ^{was} with the understanding that
you was to do so about one month
from the date of your Appointment.
And as information has been given to him
that you still reside beyond the City Limits
by an early answer you will much
oblige you most obedt Servt.

A. B. Thompson

1 Lett to A. P. Ruy
18 Oct, 1838

Montreal October 29th 1858.

To the Chairman.

And Members of the Fire Committee,

Gentlemen, I am sorry for to trouble you on this occasion knowing as i do that there has already been @ number of Petitions sent in to you from the Union Fire Company which has caused you @ great deal of unpleasantness, but being my first time of troubling you, and feeling that justice is not done unto me. I pray that you will look into the matter for me, as I am willing to abide by your decision. I have been @ Member of the Union Fire Engine Company for the last three years, the last year being Secretary for the same, during that time, I have both attended Fires & Drills, as Regular as any other Member of the Company, which can easily be proved by Referring to the Roll book of the Company on the first of August last, when the Reorganization of the Fire Brigades took place, I was asked by the Capt. if i was willing to remain on as full Member of the Company, upon my answering in the Affirmative, my Name was placed on the list of full Members, and sent in to you for to be accepted, which was done, as we was afterwards told at @ Meeting of the Company, I have then as @ Matter of course looked upon myself as being @ of the Company, still, but after a drill which took place on Monday evening the 18th of this present Month when we returned to the Engine House the Roll being called

My Name not being mentioned. I asked the
Reason, Capt. Terry said for no Reason at all, which
I thought very strange. I afterwards found out that
there was 21 Names on the list, and that that was the
Reason, this also looks strange, I think, but be this as it
may, I would like to know as I served the Quarters out all
but 1/2 a Month before I received any knowledge of my Name
being taken off the list. If I am entitled to the Quarters pay
or not, but since that I have received a letter from Capt. Terry
stating that owing to my conduct on Wednesday evening the 2nd
of August, when a disturbance took place at the Engine House
he had removed my Name off the Honor list also, so that I
have no connection with the Company at all. Now this is
inquiring my Character to some extent as I have been told
several times since that I have been kicked out of the
Company. This I take very hard with as I do not think that
I committed myself in any way, I think I rather helped Capt. Terry
for I advised Mr. Mason several times to leave the place
for fear of any disturbance taking place, but to do me justice
Capt. Terry ought to bring the charge against me and prove
it, and then if I am found guilty, why by all means ^{expell} ~~dismiss~~
me from the Company. It seems curious to me that all this
misfortune should come upon me within the last 3 Months,
the present Asst. Chief, J. H. May, when Capt. of the Company
never had any thing against me I think, my Name being chief
of 20. out of 43 that was put upon the list shows that there
was nothing against me at that time, and as far as I can
see I have conducted myself as well, since the organization

As I did before it. However I refer the Matter to
You Gentlemen hoping to receive Justice at your hands
And by so doing. You will Oblige

Your humble Servant
George. Hoggard

To the Chairman
And Members of His Committee

C. Hoggart

Letter

of October 29

1838

To the Chairman and
Members of the Fire Committee of Montreal
Gentlemen

The petition of Samuel W. Mason
of the City of Montreal a member of the
Union Fire Company of Montreal

Respectfully sheweth

That your petitioner has been
a member of the said Union Fire Company
of Montreal for a period of about seven years
and upwards the first three and a half
years of which said term he served as a hose
man and the last four years in the
capacity of branchman receiving the pay
of a branchman during all the last named
period and that during all the said time
Your Petitioner ^{was} so acting as complaint
whatever has ever been made of his
conduct or qualifications. —

That at the present time
a great deal of animosity exists in the said
Union Fire Company in consequence of
which its efficiency and utility are much
impaired, this animosity has arisen by reason
of the ill-will and jealousy of Captain
Perry the Captain of the said Company
and a few of the private members of the
said Company towards Lieutenant Parker
the Lieutenant of the said Company and
has been fostered and encouraged in every
possible way by Captain Perry at private
meetings of his own supporters. —

That Your Petitioner has
always endeavoured to work harmoniously
with all the officers and members of the
said

said Company, but has recently been dismissed (without any fault having been found) by Captain Perry, from his position of Branchman and placed at the brakes, that Your Petitioner can, in no way account for this removal, unless it be that he has always been and still is on friendly terms with Lieutenant Parker against whom (as has been hereinbefore remarked) Captain Perry entertains great hostility. That Your Petitioner has been superseded as Branchman, in the said Company by a man, who is one of Captain Perry's supporters and, who has also on all occasions shewn a decided spirit of animosity to Lieutenant Parker, and that the person appointed as second Branchman, in the said Company, has twice left the Hose section because he was unable to stand the fatigue of the work, that at the fire which took place at Molsons distillery on the 8th day of October instant, neither of the newly appointed Branchman were present, on excusing himself under the plea of indisposition. Your Petitioner enquires that any person predisposed to sickness is unfit for the position of a Branchman, nor was Captain Perry himself present at said fire and in consequence of his absence the Lieutenant had to take charge of the Engine, and received much insolence from the party in the Company, who supports the Captain. Wherefore Your Petitioner prays that an enquiry may be made in order

that justice may be done himself and others
and that he may be restored to his position
of Branchman, and that steps be
taken to restore the Company to the
Harmony and efficiency it enjoyed
heretofore

And Your Petitioner is in
duty bound will ever Pray

Montreal

Oct 1858

Samuel W. C. Mason

SW Massons
Letter of
~~October~~ 1838

To The Chairman & Members of the Fire Committee
Gentlemen

As the Notice to submit my charges in writing was received too late for me to prepare them before attending the meeting last night, I now beg to submit send them, as follows.

1st I complain that Captain Perry did refuse to acknowledge me as Lieutenant, or even ~~with~~ me agreeably in the Union Company after your appointments and did not call my name on roll and used language to the men calculated to induce them to disrespect and disobey me as an officer or member of the company, & otherwise ill treated me.

2nd For collusion with several of the men against me he encouraged Mr Middleton in particular in assuming an official position and when at duty gave him a preference over me, he ~~dis~~obeyed the company contrary to orders and made changes in the men and their duties without consulting me and used me improperly on my remonstrance.

3rd For allowing men in the company to insult and annoy me without checking it, but rather encouraging them with the view of getting me to commit myself with improper answers to have a complaint.

4th For collusion with Mr May late Captain & Assistant Chief against me, ~~and~~ in calling meetings of the company without notifying me, making incorrect returns of the company & leaving my dues unpaid on the Benevolent Board to get me off it, for making use of violent & threatening language on the occasion of torch light procession & for roasting or exclaiming on the public streets at the company then.

5th For

5th For generally treating me improperly in violation of the Rules of the Company & Department thereby inducing the men to do the same and be insubordinate.

6th I complain that several of the men of the Company refused to acknowledge me as Lieutenant, used insulting and annoying language to me at many times, tried to provoke me to say or do something wrong that they might get rid of me and refused to take instructions from me or answer my roll call; their names are as follows Mr Middleton, Charles Wilson, George Wilson, William Wallace, James Hall, Robert Hall, William Hall, Thomas Stewart, George Rawkins, these with the countenance of others were insubordinate.

7th I complain of the general bad conduct & insubordination of the men who attended Mr Wilsons fire and particularly mention the unwillingness of George Wilson to obey instructions of the Chief Engineer through me & James Hall refused instructions given by myself.

I might add to the above many details but suppose they can be brought out in evidence.

The whole is respectfully submitted

Robert Porter

Incendies et Eclairage

Documents

12 nov. 1858

Mr. Parker's charges
against Mr. Perry

Filed 12 Nov 1858

Let.

**Archives Municipales
de Montréal.**

Si vous vous dépar-
tissez de ce document
veuillez en prévenir
sans retard

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If transmitting this
document to another
party please, without
delay, advise the

ARCHIVIST

Montreal City Hall 3 October 1858

Sir

I am directed to inform
you that at a meeting of the
Fire Committee held last evening it was
Resolved that owing to the insubordination and
wants of hermany at present existing
amongst the members of the Union
Fire Company. the said Company as
now composed be Disbanded from this
date. I am further directed to
request you will please hand over to
me without the least possible delay
the Keys of the Door and all appurtenances
in your hands belonging to the Company.

J. E. P.
A. P.
1858

I have the Honour to be Sir
Your most Obedt Servt
A. B.

Capt A Perry

3 Octob

1838

To the Chairman & Members
Of the Fire Committee

Gentlemen

Instead of appearing before
you to sum up or argue the nature of the evidence
I beg to write you a few lines on the subject it is
clearly shewn on the face of the charges made
by Mr Perry that they were concocted in malice
and not founded on facts, one charge in particular
displays the desire to injure me without a shadow
of evidence to shew even that he had been informed of
my drinking, the only charge made by him in which
I might have allowed my temper to go a little too far
was the time I was grossly insulted by Wallace when
I told him I would not disgrace the Fire House but
if he would step out I would kick what he wanted
me to kiss I can assure you Gentlemen I regretted very
much having condescended to such a reply, but if you
knows but half the insults and abuse I was subject
to you would excuse me for that omission of my
position, the nature of the evidence given against
me was such and the coloring it was given by Mr
Perry's witness, you must have observed was a
display of spirit and enmity which I am at a loss
to account for when I consider that only a short time
before the difficulties I stood so well with the Company
that they elected me with the Captains & Lieutenant to be
the Representative at the Benevolent Board and the
members to come to me to get their grievances redressed
at the meeting of the Company doing which may have been the
cause of feeling against me by Mr May and Mr Perry Gentlemen
I have every confidence in your good judgment and know
that arriving at the Dismissal on Mr Perry's charges.

You will take into consideration the Manner I was dealt
with and do me the Justice to acquit me from blame under
the Circumstances with Reference to the Charges I make against
Mr Perry and part of the Company I think I have succeeded
in proving them to be correct by Witnesses out of as well as
those in the Company who acknowledged that they
were not in my favour till they saw how I was
used and then wished to give me a fair trial
which if I had got you would have been satisfied
with my Conduct & Captain Perry has not been
able to produce a single Evidence to disprove his
guilt of my Charges, and as for the false Returns
that is so clearly brought home to him and
Mister May that you will at once see they were
linked together in trying to injure me, I do not
know what Affidavit Mr May has put in but
I am sure you will not receive anything an
accused party will say when it is contrary to Evidence
of other Reliable persons and supportable by Documents
I can only refer you to the Evidence of Witnesses who
clearly prove that had Mr Perry & the Company treated
me & dealt with me as they should I can
assure you Gentlemen that had Mr Perry been willing
even to speak to me as he would to another,
and had he ordered the men to treat me properly
there would have been no difficulty, I am only surprised
when I look back to see that I escaped so well
as I did and that I was enabled to bear all
I did Bear without committing some more Grievous
Wrong, In Conclusion Gentlemen, I refer to the
fact that I had the support of a Majority of
the Company with me when my appointment
was made, that in rearguing the Company Captain
May withheld his Report till after my petition.

Was in and the names of my supporters were
Known and did not send it in till the very last
day of the existence of the old Company then
he struck off the majority of those for me and
put on a large majority of those he knew to
be opposed to me and deceive the Committee he
wrote to say the new Company were unanimous
for Captain Perry and Lieutenant Middleton,
whereas by examining the signed list you will
see that several did not sign for them and it
was shewn in evidence it was not unanimous
the petition against me having failed before the
Committee a regular custom of abuse, insult and
annoyance was heaped upon me at Warrichance
I was countenanced or not rebuked by my Captain, my
name was not put on the Roll, another was consulted
in my place, I put to do my duty and all this was
done to injure and disgust me, that they might
get me out, and continue the irregular practices,
as well as to try and force your Committee to understand
that a man of their choice after reorganization
must be put in, or they would make the place
so hot for me and give the Committee so much
trouble they would be glad to let Captain Perry
His friends have their own way in future
I can assure you I had no desire, to do anything
but what is right and to serve the City to
the best of my abilities, if the abuse I got
crowded me into the oversight of my duty on
any one occasion of soft of temper I sincerely
regret it, and hope my future conduct
will show that if I had been fairly used
the City would benefit by my services, begging
to be excused for troubling you at so much
length I am your Obedt Servant
A Parker

1858

A M^{rs} l'Inspecteur du
feu de la Cité de Montréal, et
à Messieurs les Membres du
Comité.

La Requête des Souffrants,
Jean Baptiste Berthelot, Paul
Lencille, Edouard Dépaté, et
Joseph Duellot, ouvriers de
Montréal.

Supplie & expose respectueusement;

Qu'ils ont récemment érigé
avec beaucoup de travail et de peine,
et en économisant sur leur salaire,
et le pain de leur famille, chacun,
une petite maison en bois ~~qu'ils~~ avec
l'intention de l'entourer en brigue
conformément ^{à la loi} mais qu'il leur est
impossible de faire cet entourage en
brigue avant l'été prochain.

Ils néanmoins ils ont reçu
notice de se conformer à la loi à
cet égard sous ~~peine~~ ^{de} jours sinon
qu'il que leurs maisons seraient dé-
faites ou ena emprisonnés.

Qu'ils ont bien l'intention et
le désir de se conformer à la loi,
mais qu'en la mettant rigoureusement
à effet, sous un aussi court délai,
ils se trouveraient ruinés, leur famille
dans le chemin, à la veille de la saison
rigoureuse de l'hiver, et ena à toujours

provis

privés du légitime espoir qu'ils a-
vaient d'être enfin logés chez eux
& sans payer de loyer.

Les requérants vous supplient
en conséquence de leur accorder
délai jusqu'à l'été prochain
pour finir leur dites bâties et les
mettre en conformité à la loi,
promettant que vous qu'ils
emploieront utilement ce délai.
Et vous ferez un acte qui, tout
en sauvant de la ruine et de
la misère, des familles pauvres
mais honnêtes et laborieuses,
vous attesteront également leur
gratitude.

Montreal 23 Novembre 1858

Jean B^{te} ^{sa} Berthelot
margu

Paul ^{sa} Lévillé
margu

Edouard ^{sa} Dépaté
margu

Joseph ^{sa} Ouellet
margu

Les soufignés, citoyens
de la Cité de Montreal
connaissent les requérants
cités pour des ouvriers
pauvres, mais honnêtes et
laborieux, & dont les efforts
pour

pour obtenir un chez soi sans
être à loyer, sont louables
et méritent d'être encouragés,
de plus affirmant que les
faits mentionnés dans leur
requêtes sont vrais et qu'ils
sans le délai demandé, ils seraient
réduits à ~~la misère~~
une affreuse misère
Montréal 23 novembre 1858

C. L. Papineau M. P.

Julien Papineau
Clément Courteau
François Royce
Charles Yergeau
Maxim Luce
Joseph Dumont
David Labranche
Eli Feure
Jean Marie Fortin
François Beauchamp
Julien Fontaine
Parr Petitte
Henry Beauchamp
Samuel Champagne
Blaise Champagne
Baptiste Champagne
Augustin Monreault
Maurice Guilt
Dominique Charbonneau

La requête des souf

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Province of Canada }
City of Montreal }

Duncan Merish, of the City of Montreal, Carpenter, being duly sworn upon the Holy Evangelists, deposes and saith; that he belongs to the Queen Fire Company since more than five years. That Depovent was present at Molson's fire, which took place in October last; I was going towards Papineau square to turn off the water, when I met two of the men of the Union with the reel, and they asked Mr. Parker for help; Mr. Parker came on a few steps before me and meeting James Heall he told him to go and help the two men I have just now referred to; James Heall refused to do so, saying he had no business with Mr. Parker and would not go for him.

I have known Mr. Parker for the last four years and always considered him as a good fireman. I never saw him under the influence of liquor. and further I say not and have signed

Sworn before me, at }
Montreal, this 23rd day }
of November 1858 }
Edw. Thompson }
City Councillor }

Duncan Merish

affidavit
of Duncan Merish

filed 25th Nov 1888
City.

Montreal, Aug. 28th 1858

Received from Lieut. Perry of
the Union Company, the sum
£2..17..6, being the amount
due by that Company for the
Benevolent Association, from
1st July to 31st Dec, 1858.

P. Dalton
Secy. B.A.

Office of the Chief of Police
Montreal 2 December 1858 —

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Alderman Leclaire
Chairman of the Police Committee
City of Montreal

Sir,

In compliance, with the instructions, I received from you at the last meeting of the Police Committee, respecting the case of Abraham Wilson, Embezzler, who was arrested by the Police, I beg to inform you that after (Wilson) was brought to the East Station House by (Jette, Martin & V. Bailey) on the 13 November last at 2 o'clock in the morning, he was then given over, to Sub Chief Cuvier, who was then on duty, and as usual in such cases, the prisoner, was searched, and on his person, were found a Gold Watch, with chain and fob, also the sum of £9. 16-0 in Gold and Silver, out of which $\frac{1}{3}$ was paid to the Cab Man, who brought him to the Station, and the Balance, with the other articles was returned to (Wilson) in the morning. After (Wilson) had been searched, he was removed to the Guard Room, where the Reserve Man, Henry Collette offered to watch (Wilson) (face which he declined) (Wilson) was then under the influence of Liquor, and the Reserve Man gave him a seat near the stove, he then fell a sleep, and remained so, for half an hour, when he awoke, and was then removed to the Cell, he then was very disorderly, and after a short time, was quiet, and requested to be again

Removed to the stove, which was done, and he remained seated
by the stove until 6 O'clock, in the Morning, at which time
the Don Man, Samuel Bottom, arrived at the Station, and
commenced cleaning up the Guard House. He was then
removed to the Cells, and remained there until taken before
the (Recorder) at 10 O'clock. This is all that passed in the Station
House after the Prisoner was brought in. Wilson was treated
kindly by the Officers on duty. My Orders to the Officers and
Men in the Force, is to treat all persons, kindly, without distinction
Whether a Citizen or a Vagrant. —

I have the honor to Sir,

With Great Respect,

Your Obedt Servant

W. J. H. H. H.

Chief of Police

City of Montreal

2 Dec. 1858

Personally came and appeared before me
I. R. Bronson, City Councillor for Montreal
S. H. May late Captain of the Union Plain Engine Company
being duly sworn deponeeth upon oath, that sundry returns
of fines made by him signed by himself and Alfred
Penny late Lieut. of the same Company bearing date as follows
Feb'y 22: 1858, March 18 - June 13 & July 19, 1858
which are now in the possession of a Denton byr Chief
Engineer of the fire department of Montreal declareth that he
has seen the above returns now before the fire Com- of the
City Corporation and that they are not the same as
when rendered, in as much as the word or phrase
has been substituted in the blank space left to designate
whether present or absent - of Lieut - thereby making it
appear as if said Lieut. was present - when it was the
intention of said Lieut. to return him absent - as he
declares he did not return him as present - upon the above
named returns, and he further declares that he has no knowledge
of the person or persons who may have made the alterations
sworn to before me, at
Montreal, this 7th day of
December 1858

S. H. May

I. R. Bronson

Mr. May's affidavit

7 Dec. 1858

Chief Engineer Office 11 Decr 1858

Sir

I am directed to inform
you that the Fur Committee after inves-
tigating the difficulties existing at late the
the same Fur Company has come to the conclusion
to ~~order~~ Adhere to the former Decision in the
matter

G. A. Perry

Yours
A. B. C.

Copie
A. P. P.

11 Decem 1868

Montreal 27th Dec^r 1858

To the Chair Man
and members of the
Fire Comatee

Gentlemen I have contracted
the work on the Hero
Engine house Chimney
By building 12 Foot of
Brick work on it

at $\frac{4}{3}$ per foot ————— $\$ 3-15-0$

Extra work one Sweep hole
Door ————— $\frac{3}{6}$ ————— $0-3-6$

Repairing Sealing in the
Engine house and closing
Cracks between Stable and
other house —————

$\frac{0-2-6}{\$ 4-1-0}$

Repairing 2 Chimneys on
the police Station
adjoining By Building
5 Foot 6 inch each at $\frac{4}{3}$ per foot $\$ 11-8-9$

Extra work 2 Sweep hole doors
at $\frac{3}{6}$ each —————

Your humble servant,
Joseph Gardiner

$\frac{0-7-10}{\$ 3-15-9}$

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To the Chairman and members of the Fire
Committee of Montreal
Gentlemen

We the undersigned members
of the Union Fire Engine Coy; beg leave to represent to
the Chairman and Members of the Fire Committee,
that we signed Mr Parker's list in favor of
himself and Mr Middleton upon the
representation of Mr Parker that Mr Middleton
was agreeable to be canvassed for by him;
it was upon these conditions alone that
we signed the document presented by Mr
Parker; - having since learned that Mr
Parker had used Mr Middleton's name
without his knowledge or consent, and that
Mr Parker has admitted the same at a
public meeting of the Company since held,
we therefore beg the Committee to have our names
erased from the said list.

William Holmes
George Wallace
Patrick Ryan
John Waldon
Andrew Holiday
Thos Middleton
Samuel Cunningham

1858

Pittsboro
of
The Union F C
of the No Docks

To The Chairman & Members of the
Fire Committee City Corporation,
The By-law of the Corporation
passed in 1849 for the purpose of
reorganizing the Fire Department at
that time having been amended at
various times since that period, inasmuch
that the printed copies now in use are
no guidance to the Officers of the Department,
and the fact that the New Works of
the City ^{Water} ~~and~~ now completed, renders
it necessary that a new By-law should
be adopted by the City Council having
for its object the Remodelling of
the Fire Department upon an efficient
basis. The Chief & Assistant Engineers
would therefore, Respectfully submit
for your consideration, the following
plan of a re-organization, as one
that in their opinion - would be thoroughly
efficient.

- The present department to be dissolved
and reconstructed as follows.
- 1 One Chief and three Assistant Engi-
neers who shall be responsible for
the working of the Department, to have
the entire control of the several companies
or or
 - 2 The strength of the Department to
be

5 Engine Companies of 24 Men each
 4 Hose do of 8 do
 1 Hook & Ladder Company 30 do
 the Engine Companies to 2 Officers each
 the Hose do 1 do and
 the H & L, Co. 3, as the present system
 of Captains & Lieutenants has a tendency
 to split the department into too many
 separate commands, the title of
 the Officers would be Foremen and
 Assistant Foremen, several Companies
 to be under the immediate charge of
 each Assistant Engineer, by this change
 it is expected the whole Force would
 be brought ^{to work} together as one body,
 in addition to the above strength of the
 Hose Companies, 2 Men to be employed
 permanently at each Hose station and
 one additional at the Centre station, as
 a Watch, and to keep the Hose and
 apparatus in working order & repair,
 The Members of the Force at its reorgan-
 ization to be selected according to their
 efficiency from the present Companies
 but no man to be admitted under
 18 nor over 40 years of age, and all
 members admitted must be approved
 of by the Engineers,
 The Force to be drilled together at least
 once a month,
 The Engines to be stationed in the

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suburb wards, and the Hoses in
the City wards or adjacent thereto,
The Hoses to be taken out to every
alarm. The Engines stationed at a
distance from the locality of the Fire
to be taken out only when sent for
by the Chief or Assistant Engineers,
a proper system of Alarm or Telegraph
to be adopted so that that the Men
belonging ^{to each} station may know what is
expected of them, and in no case
should an Engine unlimber, or take
water, when it is seen that the Fire
can be extinguished with the Hoses
from the Hydrant, in this way the
Majority of Fires would be extinguished
with very little expense of Time on the
part of the Engine Men, and a saving
of tears & wear of Apparatus would be
effected.

The Members of each Company should
as far as possible, live in the Ward
(or near it) where their apparatus is stationed,
In order to secure the services of
good and efficient Men the present
amount of pay should be increased to
say £10. for Engine & Hook & Ladder Men
£12.10.0 for Hoses, £15. for Assistant
Foremen & £20. for Foremen, the
Watchmen to have at least $3/4$ per day.

Some inducement ought to be held out to the Men to remain in the force, such as a payment of Gratuity Money at the end of a certain number of years service, or a good service Medal or something of that sort, hitherto nothing of this kind has been done, the man who leaves the department after a service of fourteen or twenty years receives no more than the Man of twelve months,

Three additional Hoses should be purchased and stationed one at each of the Hose depots, all the outlay would be in the purchase money, the keep of them would not amount to as much as is paid to carters at present, two Hose Reels ought to be kept in each of the Engine Houses, to be used either with or with or without the Engines,

The above arrangement will involve a purchase of additional Hose & Hose Reels,

The cost of the above arrangement will be under that of the present system, and when the number of Hydrants are increased in the Suburb Wards sufficiently to warrant a reduction in the strength of the Engine Companies from 24 Men as

proposed, the cost will be further reduced,
 Cost,

5 Engine Company	24 men ea, 120 a	£10.-	£1200.0.0
4 Hose	8 do "	32 a 12.10.0	400.0.0
1 Hook & Ladder Company	30 men,	a 10.0.0	300.0.0
9 Firemen employed as "watch"	a 3/4 per day		615.18.9
7 Foremen	a	£20.0.0 ea -	140.0.0
10 Assistant Foremen			150.0.0
			<u>2805.18.9</u>

Strength

Engine Men	120
Hose Men	32
Hook & Ladder Men	30
Watchmen	9
Foremen	7
Assist do	10
Chief Engineer	1
Assistant do	3
	<u>212</u>

Present strength 350 showing a
 reduction of 138 men,

Cost of Present Department 3082.0.0

Showing a reduction of 279.0.0
 in this respect the ~~these elements as provided for and in the present estimate they are not~~ 279.0.0
 with a daily & nightly watch paid
 of 4 men on duty in different parts of
 the City,

The Salaries of the Chief & Assistant
 Engineers to be regulated by the
 Committee according to the duties required
 of them,

6.
The Stations of the Engines & Hose
Reels to be determined by the Committee.
The Returns & Paylists of the Companies
to be inspected ^{& signed} by the Engineer in charge
of a Code of Rules to be adopted
by the Fire Committee for the guidance
of Officers & Men, to be strictly
enforced, The whole of which is respectfully
submitted,

Wm. B. Bostrom
Chief Engineer &c

To the Chairman and
Members of the Fire Committee
Gentlemen

As a member of the Fire Brigade for the last twelve years, but more especially in my capacity as Lieutenant of the "Pro-
=tector" Fire Company. I deem it my duty to direct your immediate attention to the fact that Captain Cooper, in his very partial selection of the men for that Company, under the new organization, has made choice of four individuals for permanent enrolment against whose engagement I most decidedly protest. I have to complain that I have not been consulted in these appointments, but I base my objections on stronger grounds - objective ones, that cannot be gainsayed. If fault is continually to be found with the working of the department, let it be shewn that efficiency will not be wanted if the Fire Committee can secure it. Let my objections be fairly tested and I shall not be wanting in determination to do my duty.

1st of - Then, William Boye, never attends a Fire in
the day time. This I state most positively
2nd of - John Hesley lives in Bishop Street near
Mountain Street, and works at Carter's
Ship yard, it being so far away from the
Engine House that he is generally found to be

Honorable body to ask you to grant
me permission to erect the aforesaid
Machinery for the purposes set forth
in this application

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen

With the greatest respect
Your Obedient & humble Servant
Duncan Bruce

Monsieur le Maire, Leveur, et Citoyen de Montréal,
présenté en conseil.

La Pétition des Soussignés expose humblement

Qu'ils désirent employer au 1^{er} Mai prochain un petit
Rufin dans la bâtisse en arrière du N^o 26 rue St Gabriel,
située en la Cité de Montréal, et s'étant conformés aux exigences
de la Loi, ils vous prient de leur accorder cette permission.

Et la Pétitionnaires ne s'opposent de rien.

Montréal, 28 Mars 1859.

Pinguet & Lepoint

A Son Honneur le Maire, les Échevins
et les citoyens de la ville de Montréal

Je soussignée prie votre
honorables Conseil, de prendre en considération
la requête de votre requérant

Que je suis après
bâter une maison en bois dans la rue
Ducharme dans le quartier St. Marie
et prie votre honorables Conseil de m'accorder
un délai jusqu'au premier de Juin prochain
pour me conformer. J'ai vu la loi,

Que les raisons qui
m'obligent de vous demander ce délai
jusqu'à cette époque est que le prix de
la brique est beaucoup plus élevée dans
ce moment ici qu'il ne l'est dans le printemps
et en obtenant ce délai votre pétitionnaire
épargnerais beaucoup d'argent, et qu'il
espère que vous lui accorderiez le délai qu'il
vous demande, et votre pétitionnaire ne
cessera de prier.

J'ai l'honneur d'être
Avec votre très obéi serviteur

Joseph Jobin

Pétition
de Joseph Sobier
pour du délai pour
obtenir une patente
en bois au nord de
la rivière.

Présenté le 18^e July 1859.

A son Honneur le Maire
aux Echevins & Citoyens formant
sous ce nom la Corporation de la
Ville de Montréal.

La Requête d'Herminie de Des-
autels, Menuisier de Montréal.

Expose Humblement

Que votre Requierant est bâtie sur
la Rue Rose dans le Quartier St
Marie, isolé des autres maisons de
la localité - qu'il désire ajouter
à sa maison une allage qui sera
lambriquer en briques & fait suivant
les règles et réglemens de la Cor-
poration.

Que votre Requierant
escrie que dans le moment
actuel il est presque impossible
de se procurer la brique à moins
de payer un taux exorbitant.

Que voulant ne pas s'exposer
à des poursuites pour infraction
à la Loi, il prie humblement
votre honorable Conseil, de lui
accorder un laps de temps pour
briquer son allage. C'est à
dire lui accorder le temps pour
que votre Requierant puisse
se procurer la brique nécessaire
qu'il achètera sur les quays aux
premiers arrivages du printemps
prochain, alors votre Requierant

se conformer à la Loi.

En ce faisant vous ferez

Justice

et votre Requête sera

de prier.

Montréal 16 Mars 1859

Hermenegilac Demontés

at hand when we are packing up to go home.
3rd Sep The same objection applies to David
Wilson, who lives in Inspector Street, St.
(Anns Ware) and working at Shearer's
Mills on the off. side of the Canal cannot
possibly be blessed with physical ability
to be in two places at the same time

4th Sep Henry Allen, living at the head of St.
Simon street, being a locality where
he cannot hear the Alarm at night,
consequently making a bad attendee
I submit these reasons for your consid-
eration as an Officer of the Brigade
I ask for men who may be retired on,
to replace the persons now named
I beg to mention four men who lives
in the City, close to the Engine House,
and who are always found at their
respective posts I namely B. Lepin's,
John Stephenson W^c Cunningham
and John Irvine - B. Lepine lives in
St. Paul St. East Ware. J Stephenson, corner
of Charles Baromie and Vitre Streets -
W^c Cunningham, La Gauchetière, near
Main street -

John Irvine, three doors from the Engine
House -

owing to the selection that has been made
only six have consented to remain in
the Company as supernumerary members
I am prepared to prove my assertions &
respectfully ask to be heard for the

REPORT

FROM THE

Fire COMMITTEE.

*on the Petitions of
Edwards Fernald & Keeshaan
and de Montigny & Co
for leave to erect
steam Engines*

Presented, _____ 18

Adopted, *25 May* 18*87*

To the Mayor, Aldermen & Citizens
of the City of Montreal

The Petitioners of the undersigned "Mavor
and Morgan" of Montreal, Marble manu-
facturers, respectfully represent,

That they are desirous of erecting a
Steam Engine of 6 horse power in their manufac-
tory, situated in Craig & Blaney Streets, in the
west ward of the city, for the purpose of car-
rying on their business as manufacturers in
in Marble, Stone &c. The building, now used
as a manufactory, is a wooden frame building
detached from any other, and that in which
it is proposed to erect the Steam ^{Engine} will be of
Brick adjoining to the present factory.

And as petitioners have given notice of
their present application and complied with
the Bye-Law of the city in every respect as
regards their present application, they respect-
fully pray that they may be permitted to
erect the said engine in the premises afore-
said.

Mavor & Morgan

Montreal June 25th 1859.

1859

Petition

of Messrs. Mavor & Morgan
for leave to erect
a steam engine.

25 June 1859

To the Mayor Aldermen and
Citizens of Montreal

The Petition of the Undersigned
A. Moran & Moran of Montreal Farmers &
Carriers Respectfully Represents

That we are desirous of Creating
A Steam Engine of Horse Power in your
Manufactory Situated in Amherst Street
St. Marys Ward for the purpose of our Business
as Farmers & Carriers & the Building in which
it is proposed to Create the Steam is of
Brick and as Petitioners has given notice
of their present application and Complied
with the By Laws of the City and in Every
Respect as Regards their present application
and do Respectfully pray that they may be
permitted to Create the said Engine in the
Premises aforesaid

A. Moran & Moran
July 12th 1859 Amherst Street
Montreal

1859

Politian

from Dawson and
Maran for leave
to erect a steam
Engine in Amherst

street

12 juillet 1859

good of the Department in which
I have so long & I must say zealously
worked —

Yours &c &c
John Jarven
Lieut. Protector Fire Co

TO HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR, THE ALDERMEN AND CITIZENS
OF THE CITY OF MONTREAL.

The Sub Committee appointed to
consider the several lists of the Fire Companies
as submitted by the Captains in accordance
with the new mode of organization
Respectfully Report,

That they met yesterday evening
and after mature consideration have come
to the following conclusions.

N^o 1. Company. List approved of, with the exception of
David Brown, Mr. Sharpe and J. Bow who are
put down as residing in Prince street, which
is too far distant from the Montreal Engine
house.

N^o 2. Company. List approved of.

N^o 3. Company. List approved of with the exception
of one John Walsley who lives too far from
the Engine house

N^o 5. Company. List approved of, with the exception of
Jos. Verrables, Mr. Johnson & James Armstrong
whose residence is too far distant from the
Engine house.

N^o 6. Company - List approved of.

N^o 7 Company - List approved of.

N^o 8 Company - List approved of -
Captain May being on the
point of ^{abandoning} the command of this
company, the subcommittee recommended
the expediency of leaving the selection
of the man to his successor in office.

N^o 9. Company - List approved of.

N^o 1 Hook & Ladder company - List approved of.

N^o 2 Hook & Ladder company List approved of.

REPORT

FROM THE

Sub 1858 COMMITTEE.

*appointed to examine
lists office employees
under the new
organization*

Presented, _____ 18

Adopted, _____ 18

A Son Honneur Lesseigneurs les Echevins
et Citoyens de Montréal

Je supplie très humblement votre honorable Conseil

Que j'ai batu une
maison en bois dans la rue Visitation dans
le quartier de l'Église, contrairement aux
réglements et que toute pétition a été
fournie et jugement rendu contre lui

Que votre requérant
desire ait avoir son délai d'ici au
printemps prochain pour remettre la dite
maison avec la briques, et comme la briques
est beaucoup plus cher dans cette saison
ce qu'il a demandé au printemps est une des
causes qu'il lui fait demandé ce délai
et entrant le mauvais état de sa santé
ne lui permet pas de faire faire de tels travaux
dans cette saison,

Votre requérant espère
qu'après avoir fait ceci en votre con-
sultation que vous lui accorderiez d'ici
au premier de Mai prochain pour mettre
la dite maison sur vant vos règlements
et toute pétition ne sera déposée

Louis Berlinguet

Petition
de Louis Berlinguet
pour un délai pour
établir une maison
de bain avec douche
froide -

Recu le 8 Janvier 1859
— 100
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A Son Honneur Le Maire, aux
Echevins & Conseillers de la Cité de
Montréal,

La Requête du S^r J^gé

Expose humblement

Qu'ayant rempli toutes les
conditions de la loi pour pouvoir
utiliser un engin à Vapeur sur le
terrain qu'il occupe, sur le Parc
St Pierre, dans le Quartier St Louis,
pour ses propres affaires, il demande
respectueusement de lui accorder
la permission nécessaire de placer le
dit engin sur le dit terrain & de
lui servir

Montréal 29 Janvier 1839

J^gé

Montreal 16th February 1859

To His Honor the Mayor and
Corporation of the City of Montreal

Gentlemen

I have leased the premises on Parthenais Street lately occupied by John et Converse Esqs as rope works, for the purpose of erecting Machinery to convert the Offal and Blood of Slaughter houses now fed to Hogs, or allowed to putrify and corrupt the air of the city, into a fertilizer

In preparing the deodorizers, the purifiers and the absorbents, used in the process to prevent the gases from escaping as they are generated, I require to erect a Small Steam Engine, Retorts, and other Machinery to calcine and grind the Material.

I have given the Notice required by Law in two of the Newspapers published in this City in the French and English languages viz in ~~the~~ *le Minerve* and the *Herald* and I now approach your
Honorable

Requête
A M^{re} Hermengilde Desautels,
pour du délaï pour
acquiescer une Matrice
le bois -

Presented 16 March 1859.

Recd 13th April 1859
City.

New York March 31. 1859
497 Broome Street

Sir
I have supplied during the last
7 years two lights opposite the
Theatre in Cort Street - without
being recompensed for the
license of one - as has been
the custom with other public
Buildings. The present is to
request that the Corporation
may hereafter pay for one
of the said lamps - the require-
ments of which have lately
been
The Chairman
Light Committee

been so much increased
by the public buildings
erected in said Street of
Montreal so heavily to the
City revenue: It is my
intention - in regard on the
admission of the above claim
made by me - to ~~erect~~ place
at my own expense a

Second Camp on the Cor-
ner of Cote Street (East)
thus again contributing to
the benefit and advantage
of the City =

J. B. Bouchard
M. Bouchard

Second

TO HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR, THE ALDERMEN AND CITIZENS
OF THE CITY OF MONTREAL.

The *Fire* Committee

Respectfully Report,

- On the following Petitions:
- 1st From W. C. S. Rodier for leave to erect and use a steam engine on his premises in St Peter street St. Ann's Ward.
 - 2^d From Mr. Duncan Bruce, also for leave to erect and use a small steam engine in the premises on Parthenais street, St. Mary's Ward, formerly occupied by Mr. Canverse as *Wagon Works*
 - 3^d From Messrs. Pluquet & Laplante Printers, for a similar permission in St Gabriel street in the Centre Ward.

That the Petitioners having severally complied with the requirements of the law and there being no opposition to the granting of their application from the parties in the neighbourhood, Your Committee recommended that the permissions asked for be granted, subject in each case to the approval and superintendance of the Inspector of the Fire Department.

Respectfully submitted

Committee Room
City Hall
Montreal 13 April 1889

Wm. Gordon
William Madden
R. Belliveau
Henry Bulmer
Anton Blouin
J. Dubreuil

REPORT

FROM THE

Fire COMMITTEE.

On the Petitions of
G. S. Nodier
Dureau Bruce
Messrs. Pluquet & Laplante
for leave to erect
steam engines,

Presented, *1st April* 1859.

Adopted, *6th May* 1859.

Montréal 16 Mai 1854

Mon Mess^{rs} du Comité
du Feu.

Mess^{rs}
La Corporation de Montréal étant
sur le point de faire des changements
dans le Département du Feu, on
m'informe qu'elle aura besoin de
gardien pour prendre soin des différentes
maisons de pompe en cette Ville, ayant
servi pendant onze ans consécutives
comme pompier dans la Compagnie des
Volontaires. J'ose croire que je pourrais
prendre soin d'une maison de pompe
à la satisfaction de la Corporation & du public
en général par les Connaissances que j'ai
acquises dans ce Département depuis que
je serai comme pompier. Ainsi Mess^{rs}
Je sollicite une place de gardien de
maison de pompe, si cela est possible
celle de la Rue des Allemands, comme
ayant une Connaissance parfaite de la

et j'ose espérer de votre part une réponse
en décision satisfaisante.

Jean Nau

Montréal 16 Mai 1859
Sans sousignies recommandons Jean
Nault comme gardien d'une maison
de pompe en cette Ville, les connaissances
qu'il a acquies dans le département ayant
Paris 11 ans comme pompier, nous fait
croire qu'il peut remplir la charge avec
diligence & activité, connaissance, nous en
différens de plus qu'il est un jeune homme
très sober & d'une probité exemplaire.

Ab: Portier

6329

M. H. May Saint-Louis

Michael Gross

Ad. Daughton

M. King

Joseph P. King

Chasé

Jean M. Dubuc

J. Samoché

Montreal Apr 6th 1859

The Hon Mayor & City Council

Gentlemen

The undersigned respectfully ask leave to erect a Steam Engine at no 112 Craig St, and as we shall not be in the City after tomorrow, for some weeks, avail ourselves of this occasion to say, that the Engine is to be used for manufacturing Fire & Burglar Proof Safes, Iron vaults, Doors, Locks of various kinds, and such other work of that kind as the market demands, and that we shall use for fuel anthracite coal, that makes no smoke, or offensive Gases, size of Engine not more than ten horse power, our present place of business is at no 73 Great St James St where our agent can be found if wanted

Respectfully yours

Edwards Fremont & Reshaw

Messieurs le Maire, Echevins et Conseillers de la Cité
de Montréal

Les soussignés informant la Corporation
de cette cité qu'ils transporteront leur
machine à vapeur (pour laquelle ils ont déjà
permission dans leur résidence actuelle)
dans la maison de George Desbarats, sur
Rue St^e Thérèse, N^o 11, au premier
de Mai prochain 1859

Pro. P^{te}

de Montigny Phil

Montréal, 11 Mars 1859

To His Worship the Mayor, the aldermen
and citizens of the City of Montreal

The Fire Committee

Respectfully Report;

In the accompanying petitions
of Messrs Edwards Fernald & Pemberton to be
permitted to erect and use a steam engine at
N^o 112 Craig street West Ward for manufacturing
iron safes, vaults &c. and of Messrs
de Mostigny & Co for leave to remove their
steam engine to their new printing
establishment in St. Therese street.

That the Petitioners having
complied with the requirements of the
law and there being no opposition, Your
Committee recommend that the
permissions asked for be granted and
that the engines referred to be allowed to
be erected, subject to the superintendence
and approval of the Inspector of the
Fire Department.

The whole nevertheless respectfully
submitted

Committee Room
City Hall
Montreal 13 May 1859

J. B. Groulx
R. W. G. G. G.
William G. G.
J. Duhamel
R. Bellemare