

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

The Fire — Committee

Respectfully Report,

That, by the death of Mr. Keenan,
=deu, the appointment of Inspector of Boilers has
become vacant—

As this Branch of the service
is of a very important nature, your Com-
=mittee deem it advisable that a competent
Engineer should be at once appointed
to fill such vacancy.

Mr. William Short, one of the
applicants for the situation in question, is
in the opinion of your Committee qualified
in every respect to act as Inspector of Steam
Boilers.

They therefore recommend that
Mr. William Short be appointed Inspector of Boilers
for the City of Montreal, on the same terms
and conditions as his late predecessor
in office, *ie.* that he shall not be paid over
three hundred dollars for the performance of
such duty, to be taken from the fees obtained
for such inspection—

The whole respectfully submitted—

Committee Room
City Hall

Montreal 17 December 1872

Wm. A. Nelson & J. H. Orange
J. M. Gayton Charles Smith
Amable Robinson S. T. Swan

To His Worshipful Mayor, Aldermen and
Citizens of the City of Montreal, in Council
Assembled.

The Petition of William Hamilton
Short, of the said City of Montreal, Mechanical
and Practical Engineer.

Respectfully represents:

That your Petitioner has been
for the past twelve years a practical Mechanical
Engineer, and continually employed as such, has a
thorough and extensive knowledge of all kinds of
boilers, Steam Engines and machinery.

That your Petitioner has for the last eleven years been
almost exclusively employed as a Steam Boat Engineer,
and in the making and constructing of Steam Engines, Boilers
and machinery, and now holds a first class Certificate of
Capacity from the Board of Steam Boat Inspectors of the
Dominion of Canada.

That your Petitioner is a strict teetotaler and is
well known as such in said City of Montreal.

That His Excellency the Governor General of the Dominion
of Canada, has lately been pleased to appoint
your Petitioner Government Steamboat Inspector, in
and for the Port and District of Montreal, for which
Office your Petitioner has undergone a severe and
strict examination by the Board and found fully
qualified in every respect.

And that your Petitioner has been employed
for the last two months, at the request of the
City

City Building Inspector and the Police authorities, on
behalf of the City of Montreal, inspecting Steam Boilers therein.

Wherefore Your Petitioner most respectfully prays
that you will be pleased to appoint him Inspector
of Steam Boilers and Machinery in the said City
of Montreal, with such duties, powers and prerogatives
as you may see fit to attach to such Office; Your
Petitioner referring your Council as to his Character
and Capacity to a Copy of the Certificate (written
on the next page) annexed to his Petition to His
Excellency the Governor General.

And as in duty bound,

Your Petitioner will ever pray.

Montreal 23rd October 1872.

W. H. Shurt

We the undersigned Citizens of Montreal hereby certify that we have severally known William Hamilton Shiel, Mechanical Engineer for a number of years past, that he bears an irreproachable moral character, is a strict-Temperate man, and from his intimate knowledge of Boilers, Engines, and Machinery is in every way well fitted and recommended by us to be appointed Steam Boat-Inspector of the City, Port and District of Montreal.

Montreal 15th June 1872

(Signed) Hugh Allan

— " — Alex Willoy

Sec Canadian Nav Coy

— " — W. H. Gault, Surr^o Agent.

— " — J. A. Ireland

Montreal Chicago Line

— " — J. Hurteau Agent

Cie Navigation De Longueuil }

— " — J. Boucville, President —

de la Cie Navigation

— " — W. P. Bartley & Co.

— " — M. Demers, Capt^o of

— " — St Lambert S. F. Coy.

— " — J. J. C. Abbott

— " — J. B. Varin,

Mes^{rs} C. N. Laprerie

— " — J. G. Tranchesioutagne

— " — M. P. Ryan,

— " — C. A. LeBlanc CR

petition
of Wm. Short
to be appointed
Inspector of Boilers

5th Nov 1872

REPORT

FROM THE

First - *Committee.*

recommending the
appointment of *Mr*
William R. Clark as Inspector
of Steam Boilers

Presented, *10th January* 1873

Adopted, *same day* 1873

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To the Chairman

and Gentlemen of the
Fire Committee

I the Undersigned, Inspector of Buildings, of the City of Montreal, Herby Certify, that in accordance with the law, at the request of Alfred Tuck, doing business in this City, under the name and firm of M^r. Loisele, & Co I have examined the premises, no. 187, situated on St. Joseph street, St. Antoine ward, belonging to C^t. Rodier, where he intend to erect a Steam Engine, which will be placed in the one story wooden building, covered with gravel, adjoining in rear to the above said premises, the place is quite suitable for such purposes, providing no other but a Baxter Steam Engine, be put in operation in said building,

Respectfully

Submitted

G. Proulx
Inspector of Buildings

Montreal, 18th Nov^r 1872. }

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

AVIS

Les soussignés donnent avis qu'ils ont l'intention
de demander la permission d'ériger un Engine à
Vapeur sur la propriété No. 187 Rue St. Joseph.

M. LOISELLE & CIE.

Montréal, 25 septembre 1872. ls-bfpe-116

Notices.

NOTICE.—The undersigned intend
to apply to the Corporation of the City of
Montreal for permission to erect a Steam or Gas
Engine on their premises, No. 187 St. Joseph st., St.
Antoine Ward. M. LOISELLE & CO.

I, the undersigned, do not
business in this City under the name
and Firm of M. Loiseau & Co., represent
that I am desirous of erecting a Steam
Engine of three horse power on the
premises situated on St Joseph Street
No 187, St Antoine Ward, for manu-
facturing purposes, have advertised in
the public newspapers, copies of which
are here enclosed, and am prepared
to comply with the By-Laws of this
City in every respect.

And your petitioner
will ever pray

Alfred Truck
per T. Tremblay

Montreal 14th October 1872

petition of
J.M. Loiseleur & Co
for leave to erect
a steam engine on
St Joseph street.
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18th October

No. 715

REPORT

FROM THE

Fire Committee.

one applications for
leave to erect steam
engines. —

Presented, 10th January 1873

Adopted, 10th January 1873
Entered vol 9 - 3
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To the Chairman

and Gentlemen of the
Fire Committee

I the Undersigned, Inspector
of Buildings, of the City of Montreal, Hereby
Certify, that in accordance with the law, at
the request of M. W. Avery, I have examined
the four story brick building, known as —
(Sison's Block) situated on Craig street, west
ward, where he intend to erect a Steam-
Engine, which will be placed in a cellar
adjoining in rear of said building, the
place is quite suitable for the purpose
intended, being a Laundry.

Respectfully submitted

G. Proulx

Inspector of Buildings

Montreal, 18th Nov. 1872 }

To his Worship the Mayor,
Aldermen, and Councillors
of the City of Montreal

16 Oct. 42
A V I S
Le soussigné donne avis qu'il a l'intention
de demander à la Corporation, la permission
d'ériger un engin à vapeur sur la propriété
formée sous le nom de Sisson Block, rue
Craig.
M. W. AVERY.
5 nov. - 49 d

16 Oct. 42
N O T I C E.
The undersigned intend to apply to the Corporation
of the City of Montreal for permission to erect a
Steam Engine on their premises in Sisson's Block,
Craig street.
M. W. AVERY.

The Petitioner represents that
he is desirous of Erecting a Steam Engine,
Eight Horse power, on the premises, situated
on Craig Street at Sisson's Block, West Ward,
Manufacturing purposes, has advertised
the public news papers, Copies of which
are here enclosed, and he is prepared to
Comply with the By-Laws, of this City,
in every respect,

And your Petitioner
Will ever pray

Montreal 5th Nov. 42
M. W. Avery.

To his Worship the Mayor,
Aldermen, and Councillors
of the City of Montreal

The Petitioner represents that
he is desirous of Erecting a Steam Engine,
of Eight Horse power, on the premises, situated
on Craig Street at ~~McLissou's Block~~ West Ward,
for Manufacturing purposes, has advertised
in the public news papers, Copies of which
are here enclosed, and ~~is~~ prepared to
Comply with the By-Laws, of this City,
in every respect,

And your Petitioner
Will ever pray

Montreal 5th Nov. 42 *Wm. Avery*

15 Oct.
A V I S
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Craig.
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Renard R
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Sarault H T
St Charles
St Jean Zep
Jean Alb

Notion - 31 St.
N O T I C
The undersigned
of the City of
Steam Engine
Craig street.

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under the

petition
of H. W. Avery
for leave to erect
a steam engine
on Craig street

5th November

To Hire
[Signature]

To the Chairman
and Gentlemen of the
Fire Committee

I the Undersigned, Inspector
of Buildings, of the City of Montreal, Hereby
Certify, that in accordance with the law, at
the request of John Auld, I have examined
the premises, where he has erected a Baxter's
Steam Engine, of three horse power, for the
purpose of Manufacturing Corks, which is
now placed in the second story of a wood &
Brick building, covered with gravel, belonging
to J. E. Mullin, situated on College St. No. 106.
St. Ann's Ward, The place is quite suitable for
such purposes,

Respectfully submitted
A. Rouillard

Inspector of Buildings

Montreal, 17 December 1872

To his Worship the Mayor,
Aldermen and Councillors
of the City of Montreal

N O T I C E .

Application will be made to the City Council for leave to erect a Steam Engine on the premises, 106 College street.
JOHN AULD.
Montreal, Dec. 5th. 1872. 89-3

The Petitioner represent that he is desirous of Erecting a ^{Portable} Steam Engine of three Horse power on his premises, situated on College st. No 106 & 108, St. Ann's Ward, for Manufacturing purposes, has advertised in the public news papers, Copies of which are here enclosed, and is prepared to comply with the By-Laws of this City in every respect.

Montreal 5th Dec. 1872.

And your Petitioner
Will ever pray
John Auld

A V I S .

Le soussigné fera application à la Corporation pour obtenir la permission d'ériger un engin à vapeur sur le local 106, rue du Collège.

JOHN AULD.

5 Décembre 1872 - 76 dx o

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Petition
of John Auld, for
leave to erect a Steam
Engine, at no. 106, Colleg St

10th Dec 72

W. P. A.

To the Chairman
and Gentlemen of the
Fire Committee

I the Undersigned, Inspector
of Buildings, of the City of Montreal, Herewith
Certify, that in accordance with the law, at
the request of the Dominion Oil Cloth Company,
I have examined the premises, where they—
intend to erect a steam Engine, for the purpose
of Manufacturing Oil cloth, which will be—
placed in the first story of a Two story brick
building covered with gravel, belonging to
the above said Company, situated on Parthenais
- St. in rear of the front building, St. Mary's
- Ward, The place is quite suitable for such
purposes,

Respectfully submitted
G. Ronilland
Inspector of Buildings

Montreal, 17th Dec^r 1872 }

Montreal Nov 22nd 1872

To

His Worship the Mayor, the Aldermen and
Common Council of the City of Montreal

Gentlemen

We the undersigned respectfully
by leave to erect a Steam Engine
on our premises in Parthenais Street
in St Mary's Ward, it being necessary
for the prosecution of our business
due notice of our intention to make
application for the same having
been duly advertised

We are Gent^ls.

Your Obedt Serv^t;
Dominion Oilcloth Co
J. S. Woods
Manager

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, in-
tend making application to erect a Steam
engine on our premises in Parthenais St.
DOMINION OIL CLOTH CO.
Nov. 1872.

AVIS.

Nous soussignés, donnons avis que demande
sera faite au Conseil-de-Ville, pour ériger une
machine à vapeur sur notre propriété, dans
Parthenais.

DOMINION OIL CLOTH COMPANY

Nov. 1872.

petition of
Dorminow Oil cloth
Co^y for leave to
erect a steam engine
in Parthenais street

10th Dec 1872
To File

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 considered the applications
of the undermentioned parties for leave to
erect steam engines at the following
places:

John Auld, 106 College street.

Dominion Oil Cloth Co, Parthenais street.

M. W. Avery, Sisson's Block, Craig street.

M. Loiselle & Co., 187 St-Joseph street.

Your petitioners having complied
with the requirements of the Law and there
being no opposition, Your Committee
recommend that the permissions sought for,
be granted, subject to the superintendance
and approval of the Inspector of Buildings and
with the express understanding moreover that
no steam whistle shall be used on the
premises and that the owners of said steam
engines shall conform to and comply with
the requirements of By-Law n^o 56, to
compel

compel Proprietors of Steam Engines in
this City to provide the same with smoke
consuming apparatus -

The whole nevertheless respectfully submitted

Committee Room
City Hall
Montreal 17th December 1892

L. Loran
Charles Fortin
S. Nivon

J. M. Gauran
Amable Godwin fils
H. A. Nelson

To The Chairman & Members
composing the Fire Committee of the
Corporation of the City of Montreal.
The Petition of the
undersigned Members of the Fire
Brigade of the City of Montreal.

Respectfully Sheweth.

That your Petitioners duties are not only
of a most hazardous nature, but also of a
most hardudous description, and from
their respective natures are unable from
the present rate of pay not only to provide
for their families the necessaries of life
at the present high prices, but also to make
any provision in case of accident, death,
or otherwise.

That Petitioners duties are
so well known to you, as also the present
high rates of living that they deem it
unnecessary to enter into detail, but
would most earnestly request that you
will be pleased to take their case into
your most favorable consideration, and
be pleased to grant them such an
increase to their present pay, as you
may consider just and fair taking the
present high rates of living into conside-
ration, and thereby not only enabling
them to provide the necessaries of living
for their families, but also conferring
upon them a very great favor which
they will ever remember with
gratitude, and as in duty bound ever pray

Montreal.

February 1873

Francis McFullen

William McKinnon

Joseph Beaulieu

1873

petition of
Members of the
Fire Brigade for
an increase of
wages
Jan 1873

To his Worship the Mayor,
Aldermen and Councillors,
of the City of Montreal

The Petitioners represent that
they are desirous of Erecting a Steam Engine
of 2 1/2 Horse power on premises situated
on St James st. no 69 Centre Ward,
for Manufacturing purposes, have advertised
in the public News papers, Copies of which
are here enclosed, and are prepared to
Comply with the By-Laws, of this City, in
every respect.

And your Petitioner
Will ever pray

Montreal
12th December 1872

Young McNaughton & Co

AVIS.

Les soussignés donnent avis par les présentes
qu'ils demanderont à la Corporation, permission
d'ériger un engin à vapeur sur leurs propriétés,
No. 69, Rue St. Jacques.

YOUNG, McNAUGHTON & C^{IE}.

THE undersigned intend ap
plying to the Corporation for permission
to erect a Steam Engine on the premises, 69
St. James street.
YOUNG, McNAUGHTON & CO.
Montreal, 12th December, 1872. 294-3

Petition
of Young, M^r Naughton & Co
for leave to erect a Steam
Engine, of no 69, at James St

10th January 1873

To Finance,

11th January 1873

6th February 1873

11th February 1873

11th February 1873

To the Chairman

and Gentlemen of the
Fire Committee

I the Undersigned, Inspector
of Buildings, of the City of Montreal, Hereby
Certify, that in accordance with the law,
at the request of Young, McNaughton & Co.
I have examined the premises, where they
intend to erect a Steam Engine of six horse
power, which will be placed in the first
story of a four story stone house, covered with
metal, situated on St. James, St. No 69, Centre
ward, The place is quite suitable for such
purposes,

Respectfully submitted
A. Rouillard

Inspector of Buildings

Montreal, 20th January. }
1873. }

REPORT

FROM THE

Fire Committee.

*On applications
for leave to erect
Steam Engines.*

Presented, *11th Feb'y* 1873

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Adopted, *Sunday* 1873

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To the Chairman

and Gentlemen of the
Fire Committee

I the Undersigned, Inspector
of Buildings of the City of Montreal,
Hereby Certify, that in accordance with
the Law, at the request of W^m. Darling & Co.
I have examined the premises, where
they intend to erect a Baxter Steam Engine
of Eight horse power for hoisting purposes,
which will be placed in the second story of a
four story stone house, covered with metal,
situated on St. Sulpice St. No 30, Centre Ward.
The place is suitable for such purposes, providing
said Engine be not more than 3800 lbs. in
weight,

Respectfully Submitted

P. Rouilland

Inspector of Buildings

Montreal, 23 January, 1873. }

NOTICES.
NOTICE.—We intend applying to
the Corporation for permission to erect a steam
engine in our premises in St. Helips street.
W. DARLING & CO.

Witness 9th Jan 73

A V I S.
Les soussignés ont l'intention de s'adresser à la
Corporation pour qu'il leur soit permis d'ériger un
engin à vapeur sur leurs propriétés.
W. DARLING & C^{tes}.
10 Janvier 1873. — bl-203.

"National" 10 Jan 73

To his Worship the Mayor
Aldermen, and Councillors
of the City of Montreal

The Petitioners doing business
under the style and firm of Wm Darling & Co
respectfully represent that they are desirous of erecting
a Steam Engine of 8 Horse power, on their premises,
situated on St Sulpice st. no. 30, Centre ward,
Hoisting for ~~manufacturing~~ purposes, have advertised in the
public newspapers, Copies of which are here enclosed
and are prepared to comply with the By-Laws of this
City, in every respect.

And Your Petitioner
will ever pray

Montreal 9 June 1873

Wm Darling & Co

petition
of W^m Darling Esq
for leave to erect
a steam engine
in St Sulpice street

10th January 73
W^m Pire

37th St Sulpice

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To the Chairman

and Gentlemen of the
Fire Committee

I the Undersigned, Inspector
of Buildings, of the City of Montreal,
Hereby Certify, that in accordance with
the Law, at the request of Meir, Ewan, & Co.
I have examined the premises, where
they intend to erect a Steam Engine,
which will be placed in the first story of
a four story stone house, having a slate
roof, situated on St. Joseph St. Corner of
St. Henry St. St. Ann's ward, The place is
quite suitable for such purposes.

Respectfully Submitted

G. Proulx

Inspector of Buildings

Montreal, 20th January 1873 }

A. Balois

for leave to erect a
steam boiler on his
premises, Durham
Street

10th January 1793

To File

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 considered the applications of the undermentioned parties for leave to erect Steam Engines at the following places.

W^m Darling N^o 30 St Sulpice street
Muir, Ewan & Co Corner St Joseph & St Henry streets
Young, McNaughton & Co, 69 St James street
M. Fisher & Sons, St Gabriel locks,
St Mary's College, Bleury street.
Achille Valois, Upper Durham street.

The petitioners having complied with the requirements of the Law and there being no opposition, your Committee recommend that the permissions sought for, be granted, subject to the superintendance and approval of the Inspector of Buildings
and

and with the express understanding moreover that no steam whistle shall be used on the premises and that the owners of said steam engines shall conform to and comply with the Requirements of By-Law No 56 to compel Proprietors of Steam Engines in this City to provide the same with smoke consuming apparatus.

The whole nevertheless respectfully sub-

mitted.

Committee Room

City Hall

Montreal 20th January 1873

J. L. Lacombe
Charles P. Smith
Amable Lacombe fils
J. P. Lacombe

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

The ~~Fire~~ Committee

Respectfully Report,

That they have received applications from different parties for the purchase of the premises in German and Visitation streets, heretofore occupied, as ~~the~~ Fire Stations and as these buildings are no longer of any use to the Department, Your Committee are of opinion that it would be advisable to dispose of said properties at as early a day as possible —

They therefore recommend that they be authorised to sell the above properties by public auction, on the most advantageous terms —

The whole nevertheless respectfully submitted.

Committee Room,
City Hall,
Montreal 6th February, 1873

L. B. Loucheur
Chairman
Charles Foy
Amable Tardif
A. P. Lalonde

REPORT

FROM THE

Fire — Committee.
for leave to sell
by Public Auction
the premises heretofore
occupied as Fire Sta-
tions in Genoua and
Visitation streets —

Presented, 11th Febry 1873

Adopted, same day 1873

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Au Maire les Echevins et
les Citoyens de la Cité de Montréal

Le Comité du feu

~~Votre Comité~~ a l'honneur de faire
rapport.

Qui conformément aux instructions
de ce Conseil, il s'est enquis des faits qui ont
provoqué les accusations portées contre la
Police du feu de la Cité, et de sa conduite lors
de l'incendie de la Salle St. Patrice, en Décembre
dernier; et comme résultat de cette Enquête, il
soumet avec la preuve écrite, son appréciation
des témoignages, et les réformes qu'il croit devoir
suggérer.

La première accusation est un reproche
d'intempérance fait à ces hommes de cette
Police.

Votre Comité est heureux de dire que
la preuve ne justifie pas cette accusation.
Il a été prouvé que trois ou quatre pompiers
ont pris dans quelques occasions des liqueurs
enivrantes, mais l'enquête n'a révélé qu'un
seul cas, où l'un d'eux a été surpris en faute au
moment du devoir.

Il est à regretter que ceux qui
ont porté cette accusation, n'aient pas jugé
à propos de désigner les coupables, au lieu
d'en faire rigailler l'odieux. Sur tout le Corps, qui
l'on a injustement dit, être composé d'hommes
adonnés à l'usage des boissons enivrantes, ce qui
est faulx.

Votre Comité cependant, soucieux qu'il
est de n'avoir dans le département que des hommes
sobres, en seroit venu à la conclusion de
recommander

MONTREAL, Decr 27th 1842

To the Mayor alderman
& citizens of Montreal

The undersigned
would respectfully
request permission
to erect a steam
engine for manufacturing
purposes in their
new build ing corner
of Joseph & Henry
street -

M. M. C. Evans & Co

petition of
Messrs M. M. C. Evans
for leave to erect
a steam engine on
their premises,
corner St Joseph and
St Henry streets,

10th January 1843
To File.

FIRE INVESTIGATION.

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 carefully considered and investigated the several complaints and charges made against the Fire Brigade and its management in connection with the burning of the St. Patrick's Hall, in November last, and, after numerous and prolonged sittings, your Committee now beg leave to submit, as the result of their labours, the whole of the evidence taken, accompanied by such remarks and suggestions as seemed to them to be called for under the circumstances, and which are embodied in the following Report:

The first charge preferred is that of drunkenness, directed against the Fire Brigade generally.

This charge, your Committee are happy to say, is not borne out by the testimony, for, although it was shown that a few members (not more than three or four) occasionally partook of strong drinks, in one instance only was a member of the force seen intoxicated, or the worse of liquor whilst on duty. It may be remarked here that it is to be regretted that the originator of this charge should have seen fit to apply it, as it were, to the whole Brigade, thus holding them forth before the public at large as a set or drunkards.

Fully impressed with the necessity of enforcing perfect sobriety in the department, your Committee were disposed to recommend the immediate dismissal of the man above referred to, but considering that he is an old, experienced and skillful fireman; that he has, on many occasions, rendered the city most valuable services; in view also of the desire expressed by some of the parties who were instrumental in bringing about the enquiry to see him maintained in his position, your Committee came to the conclusion to keep him in the force, with the express understanding, however, that a renewal of the offence on his part will of course entail immediate dismissal.

Whilst on this subject, your Committee recommend that for the future, no fireman be allowed to introduce any intoxicating drinks into any station, under pain of immediate dismissal.

The second charge is "want of discipline and of a proper system of drilling."

No proof has been adduced to lead your committee to believe that there is a lack of discipline in the men. It has been suggested that the men should be subjected to a regular system of drill, by which they would become familiar with the handling of the hose, ladders, hydrants, reels and other apparatus in connection with the Department. This suggestion your committee heartily approve of, as having a tendency to develop the physical strength and vigor, so essential to good firemen, to increase their efficiency, and to enable them the more effectually to compete with the terrible foe they have to encounter. Your committee therefore recommend that provision be made in the rules and regulations of the force for such periodical drill of the men as to your committee may seem fit and proper.

It often occurs at fires that firemen are at a loss to know how to reach the interior of buildings on fire, and valuable time is sometimes lost on that account. To remedy this evil, it is suggested that every now and then the chief guardians and the men composing the salvage corps, should (with the consent of the occupants, which will no doubt be readily given) visit the interior of the principal and most valuable buildings in their respective districts, so as to make themselves familiar with the distribution and means of ingress and egress thereof, and thus insure a speedy introduction of the men into such buildings in case they should take fire.

It is further suggested that the permanent staff of both the Road and Water Departments should be organized into a reserve force, to be called out only in cases of large fires, on the sounding of a given alarm; and also that a proper understanding should be come to with the Chief of Police in reference to the duties to be performed by policemen at fires. Experience has shown that the firemen are oftentimes interfered with and prevented from fulfilling their duties from the want of a sufficient number of policemen to keep back the crowd. It should be understood in all cases that immediately on the sounding of a third alarm all the police force available ought to proceed at once to the scene of the conflagration.

To enable the policemen, as well as the staff of the Road and Water Departments, the more readily to serve on such occasions, they might be drilled once a month or oftener, in the same manner as the regular firemen.

Third Charge—Temporary absence of firemen from the city.

It was proved that some of the firemen were occasionally permitted to absent themselves from the city, but, in the majority of cases, for the express purpose of lending a helping hand to neighbouring cities or villages, threatened with serious conflagrations.

In the opinion of your committee, such permissions should not be granted, except in cases of great emergency. In view of the limited number of the force, it is absolutely necessary that every member should at all times be at his post. Therefore, no leave of absence should be granted unless the party asking for the same be ready to furnish a competent person to replace him and do duty in his stead during his absence.

Fourth charge—Absence of the men from the stations.

The evidence shows but one such case of absence; and, a few seconds after the sounding of the alarm, this absentee ran to the scene of the fire.

Fifth charge—Incapacity of some of the men to discharge their duties and ignorance on the part of others of the nature of their duties.

In support of this latter charge, instances were given where members of the force had to require aid from outsiders to open hydrants, because they were not sufficiently familiar with the use of the key. The cause of this complaint, it is confidently hoped will cease with the introduction of the drill system previously referred to.

The next charge, the most important one in the opinion of your Committee, is that which relates to alleged defects in the apparatus and appliances of the department and the too limited strength of the force.

It cannot be denied that the present investigation has brought to light facts which go far to substantiate the correctness of this latter charge. It is obvious that the Fire Brigade, as now constituted, and with the style and size of buildings recently inaugurated in this city, is inadequate to cope with large fires, and that increased apparatus and means of extinguishing fires is imperatively required.

The number of firemen should be increased at least one-third, giving a total of fifty men, which is all that the present stations can accommodate; this number to be augmented in proportion, as new stations are erected; of these three are absolutely needed in the opinion of your Committee, and should be erected with the least possible delay, one in the East, one in the West, and another in the centre of the city.

The hose used in the Department was tested in the presence of your Committee under the highest water pressure, and the result has shown that the leather of which it is composed is durable and of good quality.

Your Committee have also tested a new pattern of hose coupling which, although in point of celerity may perhaps be superior to the other, is, nevertheless, in the estimation of your Committee, inferior to the screw coupling as regards duration and reliability. It is the intention of your Committee, however, to have a thorough test of the hose and couplings before coming to a definite action in the matter.

Your Committee are of opinion that each station should be supplied with a spare reel and an extra supply of hose, to be kept in reserve and to be used only in cases of emergency; and that the present apparatus of ladders, ropes, pulleys, axes, &c., should be increased. They further suggest the immediate purchase of improved ladders and fire escapes of the modern pattern, now used with such advantage in the principal cities of the United States and Europe, of sufficient height to reach the roof of our highest buildings.

Some time ago your Committee submitted to your Council a report in which they recommended the purchase of a steam fire engine of a larger size than the one now owned by the city, with the usual supplement of hose, and they avail themselves of the present opportunity to renew the recommendation.

Your Committee also suggest the propriety of obtaining the necessary power to compel proprietors and architects who are about to erect new buildings of large dimensions and over three stories high, to deposit in the office of the Inspector of Buildings a copy of the plan and sections of such buildings, that the same may be referred to and examined by the Fire Department. In fact, this precautionary measure is so obviously in the interest of the proprietors themselves that it may be presumed they will voluntarily come forward and furnish plans, not only of intended buildings but of structures already erected of the nature and for the purposes above adverted to.

Whilst on this subject, your Committee beg to call the attention of your Council to the necessity of remodelling the by-law in reference to buildings, so as to meet the present requirements of the city.

The amendments which are needed should be prepared without delay, under the supervision of competent persons; and, it strikes your Committee, the insurance companies doing business here could facilitate matters by the adoption of a proper classification of risks, placing at reduced rates such buildings as are most fire-proof and in strict accordance with the by-law.

Serious difficulties have sometimes occurred at large fires, owing to the fact of there being but one head to give the command; and it has occurred to your Committee that it would perhaps be wise to appoint two additional sub-chiefs, to be elected from amongst the most active and competent of the force, and to each of whom a certain control and command could be given over a portion of the Brigade at fires.

The construction of tanks in the business part of the city has also engaged the attention of your Committee, and they are of opinion that a certain number of these tanks, where a constant supply of water could be had, to supply the steam fire engines in case of need, would prove to be of great advantage, especially in case of scarcity of water from the hydrants.

All these improvements will of course entail a considerable outlay, but the safety of the city and the welfare of its inhabitants seem to demand such indispensable expenditure. The Insurance Companies, who are deeply interested in having as effective and complete a fire brigade as possible, will, it is confidently expected, see the propriety of

their contributing more liberally than they have hitherto done, towards the cost and maintenance of the Department.

Your Committee now come to the last, though not the least, of the complaints that gave rise to the present investigation, and which engaged most of their attention and careful consideration, viz:—that concerning the destruction by fire of the St. Patrick's Hall.

The painful feeling created at the time by the unfortunate conflagration which destroyed that noble structure, one of the finest monuments in the city, and the utility of the efforts of our fire brigade to check its progress, is still too vivid in the recollection of Montrealers, to expatiate upon it at the present moment. Our citizens, who are justly proud of their beautiful and stately structures, witnessed with sorrow the rapid destruction of this splendid building, and accustomed as they were to hear of the efficiency and valour of our firemen, could hardly realize the fact that their efforts on this, as on many other occasions, were not crowned with success.

With a view of ascertaining as much as possible the true cause of the disaster, your Committee visited the scene of the conflagration shortly after the occurrence, and made on the spot a trial of the water pressure and hose, by which it was ascertained that, although in one of the lowest parts of the city and most favourable to a strong water pressure, a stream of water from the level of the street could not reach the roof of the hall, and that it was only by battling with the flames from the interior or by means of ladders, that the firemen could have successfully combated the fire.

But the investigation proved that under the circumstances it was altogether useless to employ ladders. The fire was communicated to the roof, even before the arrival of all the brigade, by the flames which sprang out above Mr. Shaw's building. This building, it must be remembered, is separated from the St. Patrick's by an open passage, only ten feet wide, with at least twenty-four window openings looking on said passage. Nault, the guardian of the Ontario street station, positively asserts that when he arrived at the fire the flames had reached the roof of the Hall, and his testimony is corroborated by that of several witnesses in no way connected with the Fire Department.

Despite the opinion expressed by some witnesses that by the use of ladders on the outside the fire might have been subdued, the bulk of the evidence goes to prove that such action was impracticable, because of the narrowness of the passage which divides St. Patrick's Hall from Shaw's building, and because of the heat, driven by a strong wind, absolutely preventing any one from standing there. The only resource remaining was to throw streams through the windows of the building, which was done, but, unfortunately, to no avail. The ladders could not be used, because the roof having taken fire, the only means of reaching it was by bringing the hose inside of the large Hall, which was also done.

Unfortunately, the form of its construction and the inflammable nature of the materials composing the ceiling and roof, spread the fire with such tremendous rapidity that the firemen could not long remain inside. To escape certain death they were forced to retire, leaving in the building a portion of their hose and ladders which they had not time to save.

The falling in of a portion of the wall of the St. Patrick's Hall was, in the opinion of your Committee the true cause of the total destruction of this splendid edifice. Had not the wall given way, the flooding of the upper and lower stories would have successfully checked the spreading of the fire.

In addition to this, the flames attacked several buildings in the vicinity, and the firemen were obliged to divide their forces in order to protect surrounding property, otherwise, according to several eyewitnesses, instead of two, a far greater number of buildings in the very heart of the city would have fallen a prey to the flames.

Great stress has been laid on the leakage from the hose, couplings and hydrants on the occasion in question. Your committee, after giving the matter their most careful consideration, are satisfied that the leakage which took place on this occasion had no material effect in diminishing the water pressure. However much leakages of this nature may be regretted, it can hardly be expected that when such lengths of hose as were laid on that occasion are brought into use, no leakage will take place.

In conclusion, your committee are of opinion that the charges brought against the Brigade, in reference to this fire, are unfounded, and that all the apparatus and appliances at the command of the city against fires were used on that occasion.

Before concluding these remarks, your committee deem it their duty to acknowledge the aid so readily given by some of the gentlemen who have appeared in this case, and to thank them for the valuable suggestions they have made during this long and, your committee trust, not unfruitful investigation.

The whole, nevertheless, respectfully submitted

L. O. LORANGER,
Chairman;
S. RIVARD,
A. JODOIN,
CHARLES GARTH,
H. A. NELSON.

Committee Room, City Hall,
Montreal, 12th March 1873.

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

The Finance Committee

Respectfully Report,

That they have considered the accompanying Report of the Fire Committee for an appropriation of \$26,000 for steam engines, fire escapes, ladders and other apparatus for the Fire Department, and that they concur in the recommendation to the following extent:

1 large size steam Fire Engine	\$ 6,000
3 Fire Escapes	2,800
1 set of ladders complete with carriage etc.	800
5 extra hose reels	1,000
2000 feet of new hose	2,500
Ropes, rope ladders, pulleys, axes, saws, sledge hammers etc,	2,000
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	\$15,100

Your Committee also concurs in the expediency of adopting immediate steps to compel

compel owners of Hotels in the City to provide suitable means of escape for boarders in case of fire, and to give additional safety in the construction of buildings.

The whole nevertheless respectfully submitted.

Committee Room

City Hall

Montreal 21st March 1873

A Bernard
Y. Desautels
and
Thomas Wilson
J. Guerin

The Fire Committee

Respectfully Report,

That the unfortunate Fire which took place at the St James Hotel on the 18th inst, with its sad and fatal results to life and property, have but too soon exemplified the deficiency in the apparatus and appliances of the Fire Department, as demonstrated in the Report of Your Committee which was submitted at the last meeting of the Council.

Fully impressed with the necessity of adopting immediate steps to remedy the present state of things, Your Committee met this day and after due consideration they have come to the conclusion to ask authority from the Council to procure at once the materials and apparatus mentioned and detailed in the accompanying schedule; and for that purpose they suggest that a joint deputation of the Fire and Water Committees, to consist of the Chairman of each such Committee and the Chief Officers of both Departments, be forthwith sent to the United States to enquire into the working of both the Fire and Water Departments in the principal Cities of the United States, including all modern appliances and improvements ^{adopted} in the _{said}

said Departments.

To carry out these views, Your Committee therefore recommend that an appropriation of twenty six thousand (\$26,000) dollars be granted to them.

Your Committee further recommend that a By-law be passed with the least possible delay to compel owners of Hotels to provide suitable means of escape for boarders in case of fire, — and also to give effect to the increased powers obtained at the last session of Parliament in reference to the mode of constructing buildings in this City.

The whole nevertheless respectfully submitted.

Committee Room
City Hall
Montreal 20th March 1873

L. D. Langue
Chairman
Charles Smith
H. A. Nelson
J. Sturges
Amable Lacombe

To the Chairman

and Gentlemen of the
Fire Committee

I the Undersigned, Inspector
of Buildings, of the City of Montreal, Herby
Certify, that in accordance with the law,
at the request of M. Fisher, & Sons, I have
examined the premises, where they intend
to erect a Steam Engine, which will be
placed in the basement of a three story brick
house covered with gravel, situated at the
St. Gabriel Locks, St. Ann's ward. The place
is quite suitable for such purposes.

Respectfully submitted

Inspector of Buildings
Montreal, 20th January, 1873. }

To the Chairman
and Gentlemen of the
Fire Committee

I the Undersigned, Inspector
of Buildings, of the City of Montreal, Hereby
Certify, that in accordance with the Law,
at the request of Donald Mc Lean, I have
examined the Two stoney brick Building,
Iron frontage, Gravel roof. Situated on
Craig street, St. Antoine Ward, belonging
to William Clendinning, and now occupied
by the above said Donald Mc Lean,
where he has erected a Steam Engine
which is placed in the basement of the
above said building, The place is quite
suitable, for the purposes intended,
being for the Manufacturing of Paper Goods.

Respectfully submitted
C. Rouilland
Inspector of Buildings,

Montreal, April, 1st 1873

To his Worship the Mayor
Aldermen, and Councillors
of the City of Montreal

The Petitioner represent that
he is — desirous of Erecting a Steam Engine
of Ten Horse power on the premises, situated
on Cris — St. No. St. Antoine Ward,
for Manufacturing purposes, has advertised
in the public News papers, Copies of which
are here enclosed, and is prepared to Comply
with the By-Laws of this City, in every respect.

And Your Petitioner
Will ever pray

Montreal 5th March 1873 } Donat Thériault

Petition
of Donald McLean,
for leave to erect a Steam
Engine, on Craig Street
St. Antoine Ward.

11th March 73

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To the Chairman,

and Gentlemen of the
Fire Committee,

I the Undersigned, Inspector
of Buildings, of the City of Montreal, —
Hereby Certify, that in accordance —
with the law, at the request of J. B. Duhamel,
I have examined the one storey wooden
additional building, Gravel roof. —
adjoining to a Tannery, situated on —
Sydenham street, St. Mary's Ward, where
he intend to erect a steam Engine, of
Eight horse power, which will be placed
in the above said wooden additional
Building, being already provided with
a proper brick chimney, which is not
less than fifty feet in height, the place
is quite suitable for the purposes intended,
being for the manufacturing of Patent —
Leather, Providing the same is lined
in and out with four inch brick work,
and no other but hard Coal, is used to
fire up the boiler, so as to prevent any
Annoyance from smoke,

Respectfully submitted
O. Rouillard
Inspector of Buildings,

Montreal, April, 1st 1873. }

A LA-CORPORATION.

Le avis qu'il fera a l'application a la Corporation pour l'erection d'un Engine a Vapeur, sur sa propriété Rue Sydenham, Quartier Ste. Marie. J. BTE. DUHAMEL, 27 Janvier 1872. 117-dxp

To his Worship the Mayor
Aldermen, and Councillors
of the City of Montreal

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned intends applying to the Corporation for leave to erect a Steam Engine in their premises, Sydenham Street, Montreal, J. B. DUHAMEL, 27 January 1872.

January 27
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The Petitioner represent that he is desirous of Erecting a Steam Engine, of Eight Horse power on his premises, situated on Sydenham St. no. St. Mary's - Ward, for Manufacturing purposes, has advertised in the public News papers, Copies of which are here enclosed, and is prepared to Comply with the By-Laws of this City, in every respect.

And Your Petitioner
Will ever pray

Montreal 18th Decr 1872 } J. B. Duhamel

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Petition
of J. B. Duhamel
for leave to erect a
steam Engine ⁱⁿ ~~at~~
in Sydenham St

To the City

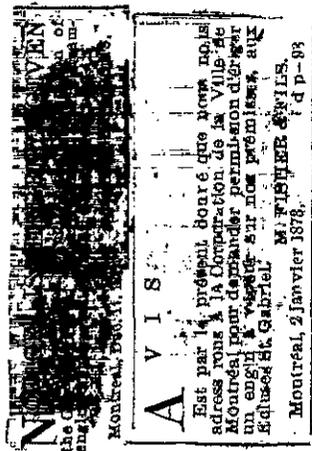
To his Worship the Mayor,
Aldermen and Councillors,
of the City of Montreal

The Petitioners represent that
they are desirous of Erecting a Steam Engine
of Twenty four Horse power on the premises, situated
on St Gabriel Street No. St Arns Ward,
for Manufacturing purposes, have advertised
in the public News papers, Copies of which are here
enclosed, and are prepared to Comply with the
By-Laws, of this City, in every respect.

And Your Petitioners

Will ever pray

Montreal ^{Adm.} 24th 1843. M. Fisher & Son



Montreal 7th April 1873

To the Chairman of the Fire Committee
City of Montreal

Sir

At your request, I have the honor to submit the following course of drills I would recommend for the members of the Montreal Fire Brigade.

1. "Setting up Drill" similar to that in A. M. Army - this would have the effect of making the men smart and quick in their movements.
2. A course of "Club" or "Dumma Bell" drills and the "Balance Positions" of the sword and Bayonet exercises - The first would strengthen the arms and develop the chest. the latter strengthen the legs, that the man may be able to support the body on either leg, throwing the weight of the body from one to the other as occasion required.
3. The tying and untying of knots, similar to that practised by the Royal Artillery and sailors in A. M. Navy - the advantage of this drill would be to facilitate the hauling up of hose, ladders, and the letting down with safety of human beings from a building &c. &c.

4. A course of Gymnastic exercises including the "Running drill" the benefit of this instruction would be obvious in having to climb to, or descend from an upper story, from the outside of a building in the absence of ladders.

5. A thorough knowledge of all the parts of the various implements and appliances used by the Brigade, - such as Reels, Hoses, Branches, Hydrants, Hose Stays, Ladders, Signal Boxes &c. and to be able practically to apply this knowledge whenever necessary.

There should also be a uniform system in naming and handling the various implements in use: a system of drill might be adopted with advantage in this respect, and should new or improved machinery be introduced the drill could be readily altered to meet the case as in the Army on the adoption of a new fire-arm &c.

Each man should also be able to drive and ride in the event of mounted messengers being required.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Obedt Servant

Napoléon La Branche

Major 66th Batt

Apt. Adj. & Interpreter McSchool

Montreal

1873

Major Laframboise's papers
to drill the Brigade
7 April 1873

10th April 1873

Cornwall, County Grey, Ont.
To The Committee of Fire Montreal
Gentlemen

From the Toronto Globe of the 8th Inst. I observe there was a fire in your City on the 4th which owing to a deficient supply of water did considerable damage. I am of opinion that when a fire originates and has not got to the outside of a building that by filling the apartments where the fire is with steam, and by keeping them close the fire could be easily got under. The steam can be obtained from a fire engine boiler by applying a hose. I consider if you give the steam a trial you will find it will put out a fire much quicker than water. Please let me have your opinion. I am
Gentlemen

Yours truly
John Black

answer
no deficit supply

To The Fire Committee
Montreal



1873
John Black
suggesting the use of
steam to purchase
Pipes

answer no
deficiency of
water

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

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE,

Respectfully Report,

That, as directed by the Council, they have considered the accompanying

Report of the

Fire —

Committee

for an

appropriation of \$250 to pay
Mr McGrath's claim for work
done for the new fire stations

and that they *concur* in the recommendation therein made, the
amount to come out of the
proceeds of the sale of the old
fire stations in *Berman & Craig* streets

The whole nevertheless respectfully submitted.

Committee Room, City Hall,
Montreal, *15th April* 1873. }

A Bernard
Charles Alexander
Y. Ouellet
Thomas Wilson
J. Guerin

Petition of
W. Fisher Esq
for leave to erect
steam engine at
St Gabriel docks

10th January 1833

To His

W. Fisher

To his Worship the Mayor,

Aldermen, and Councillors
of the City of Montreal

AVIS

Je soussigné demande à la Corporation la permission d'ériger un Engin à Vapeur dans ses prémisses, No. 308, Rue St. Paul.

Z. LAPIERRE.

8 avril.

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The Petitioner represent that he is now desirous of Erecting a Steam Engine, of Three Horse power, on the premises, situated on St Paul. st. No. 308. Centre Ward, for manufacturing purposes, has advertised in the public news papers, Copies of which are here enclosed, and is prepared to Comply with the By-Laws of this City, in every respect,

And Your Petitioner
Will ever pray

Montreal, 8th April.

1873.

Z. LAPIERRE

NOTICE. — I hereby give notice that I intend applying to the Corporation of the City of Montreal for permission to erect a Steam Engine upon the premises, No. 308 St. Paul street.

Z. LAPIERRE.

Montreal, April 8th, 1873

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Petition
of Zephine Lapierre
for leave to erect a
Steam Engine,
on St. Paul st. no 308.
Centre Ward.

10th April 1875

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To the Chairman,
and Gentlemen of the
Fire Committee,

I the Undersigned, Inspector
of Buildings, of the City of Montreal, Herewith
Certify, that in accordance with the law,
at the request of F. Geriken, I have examined
the place, where he intend to erect a Steam
- Engine, which will be placed in the basement
of a five story, stone building, having a Metal
roof, situated on Fortification Lane, No 124,
West Ward, belonging to the said F. Geriken,
The place is a large room, and quite —
suitable for the purpose intended, being
for a Laundry.

Respectfully Submitted,
O. Rouillard
Inspector of Buildings

Montreal, 24th April 1873 }

Petition of J. Gerken to the Mayor,
Aldermen, and Citizens of Montreal

I the undersigned, Proprietor of the
St. Lawrence Hall, do hereby make
application for leave to erect
a four Horse power Steam Engine
in Fortification Lane, No. 124.
for Laundry purposes, and
your Petitioner prayeth that it
may be granted

J. Gerken

Montreal.
21st April, 1873

Petition
of
J. Gerken
to erect a Steam Engine
at 10124 Fortification
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To the Chairman,

And Gentlemen of the
Fire Committee.

I the Undersigned, Inspector
of Buildings, of the City of Montreal, Hereby
Certify, that in accordance with the law,
at the request of Messrs Ives, & Allen, I have
examined the place, where they intend to
erect a Steam Engine, of about sixteen horse-
power, which will be placed in a one story
brick building, having a gravel roof, situated
on King st. St. Ann^e Ward, belonging to the
said Messrs Ives, & Allen, the place is quite
suitable, being for a Foundry, providing
a proper Chimney of sufficient height be
erected, & furnished with a Smoke burner,
so as to prevent the annoyance of Smoke,

Respectfully submitted,

A. Rouilland

Inspector of Buildings

Montreal, 23rd April, 1873, }

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To the Chairman -
and Gentlemen of the
Fire Committee -

I the Undersigned Inspector of
Buildings, of the City of Montreal, Herely Certify
that in accordance with the law, at the request
of the Rev. F. M. Lofinto, Superior of St. Mary's
College I have examined the premises, where
they have erected a Steam Engine of Two Horse
power which is now placed in the Cellar of a
one story wooden house, said cellar being
surrounded with stone work, situated on
Dorchester street, St. Lawrence Ward,
The place is quite suitable for such purposes,

Respectfully Submitted
O. Rouillard
Inspector of Buildings

Montreal, 20th January, }
1873. }

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 considered the petitions of the under-mentioned parties for leave to erect steam engines at the following places:

H. Geretkin, No 124 Fortification Lane.

Z. Laprise, No 308 St Paul Street -

~~Robert Lacombe, No 111 St Paul Street -~~

J. Desjardins, King St.

Hon. M. Lafontaine, 13 Little St. James Street

The Petitioners having complied with the requirements and there being no opposition, Your Committee recommended that the permissions sought for be granted, subject to the superintendance and approval of the Inspector of Buildings and with the express understanding moreover that no steam whistles shall be used on the premises and that the owners of said steam ~~whistles~~ engines shall conform to and comply with the requirements of Bylaw No 56, to compel Proprietors of steam engines in this City to provide the same

with smoke consuming apparatus.

The whole nevertheless respectfully

submitted -

Committee Room,
City Hall,
Montreal April 1873 }

L. O. Courange
Chairman

J. Nivard
A. Godwin
Charles South
H. A. Nelson

Bureau du Secrétaire Trésorier
de la Corporation du Village St-J^{ts}
St-Jean-Baptiste 13^e mai 1873.

L. O. Lorange Cevee
Président du Comité d'feu

Monsieur

À une séance du
Conseil de votre Corporation, il a été résolu
de s'adresser à votre Corporation pour
unir votre localité par un fil télégraphique
pour alarme en cas d'incendie, comme
vous le savez, votre Village a fait
l'acquisition d'un Engin à vapeur et
vos pompiers seront toujours disposés
à aller vous prêter secours en cas de
nécessité et sans ce but, un télégraphe
d'alarme serait d'une grande
importance.

Votre humble serviteur
Adolphe Normandin
Secrétaire Trésorier

1873

Municipality of
St. Jean Baptiste Valley
vested Fire Alarm
Telegraph wire

1873

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 considered the accompanying petitions of
messrs Couper which for leave to erect a steam
Engine on ~~St. Louis~~ street and of messrs ~~Robt & Co~~
at corner of Craig Street and St. Sophia Lane, and
that the said parties having complied with the requirements
of the Law, and there being no opposition, your Committee
recommend that the permissions sought for, be
granted conditionally however that the said
parties shall previously obtain the sanction and
approval of the Inspector of Buildings and that no
steam whistle shall be used on the premises, and that
the owners of said steam engines shall conform to and
comply with the requirements of By-law No 50, to compel
Proprietors of steam engines in this city to provide the
same with smoke consuming apparatus.

The whole nevertheless respectfully

Submitted.

Committee Room,
City Hall,
Montreal 9th May 1873

L. H. S. S. S.
Chairman
S. St. V.
H. A. Nelson
Charles J. S.
J. W. McFarlane
A. S. S.

To the Chairman,
and Gentlemen of the
Fire Committee.

I the Undersigned, Inspector
of Buildings, of the City of Montreal, Hereby —
Certify, that in accordance with the Law,
at the request of Messrs Couper & Pish,
I have examined the place where they are
now erecting a Steam Engine, of about six
horse power, which is placed in a One Story
Brick building, having a Gravel roof, —
situated on Hunter Street, St Ann's Ward,
belonging to the said Messrs Couper & Pish,
the place is quite suitable, being for Machinery
purposes, ~~providing no other but hard~~
provision ~~Coal~~ be used, or a proper Chimney not less
than fifty five feet in height be erected,
so as to prevent the annoyance of smoke,

Respectfully Submitted
P. Rouillard
Inspector of Buildings.

Montreal, 9th May, 1873. }

To his Worship the Mayor
Aldermen and Councillors
of the City of Montreal

The Petitioners represent that they
are desirous of erecting a small Steam Engine
on their premises, St. Mary's College, situated on
Dorchester Street, St. Lawrence Ward, for private
purposes, and are prepared to comply with the
By-Laws, of this City in every respect,

And Your Petitioners
Will ever pray

F. M. Lapointe M.

Montreal, 8th January, 1873 }

REPORT

FROM THE

Fire - Committee.

to amend section 35 of
By-law 4041, to increase
the rates for sweeping
Chimneys &c &c

Presented, 25 May 1873

Text.

Adopted, 2 July 1873

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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 considered the accompanying petitions for leave
to erect steam engines at the undermentioned places:

F. Shaw & Bros., 13 Recollet street.

William Morgau, 74 Albert street.

W. C. White, corner Breunau & St. Margarete streets —
and the petitioners having complied with the require-
ments of the law and there being no opposition, your Com-
mittee recommend that the permission sought for be
granted, subject to the superintendence and approval
of the Inspector of Buildings and with the express
understanding moreover that no steam whistle shall
be used on the premises and that the owners of said
steam engines shall conform to and comply with the
requirements of By-law 17056, to compel Proprietors of steam
engines in this City to provide the same with smoke
consuming apparatus.

The whole nevertheless respectfully submitted.

Committee Room,
City Hall,
Montreal 27th May - 1873

A. B. Gougeon
Chairman
Charles South
S. H. Jones
Amable Godwin

To the Chairman,

and Gentlemen of the
Fire Committee

I the Undersigned, Inspector
of Buildings of the City of Montreal, Hereby
Certify, that in accordance with the law, at
the request of F. Shaw & Bros, I have examined
the place where they have Erected a Baxter
Steam Engine, of three horse power, which is
placed in the first story of a four storey
Stone house, situated on Recollet, St. No 13,
West Ward, belonging to the said F. Shaw & Bros,
and now occupied by the same as a leather
store, the place is quite suitable, being for
hoisting purposes,

Respectfully Submitted
P. Rouilland
Inspector of Buildings,

Montreal, 6th June, 1873. }

To his Worship the Mayor,
Aldermen and Councillors
of the City of Montreal.

NOTICE

THE undersigned intends to apply to the Corporation of the City of Montreal for permission to erect a Steam Engine on the premises No. 13 Recollet Street.
F. SHAW & BROS.
Montreal, April 17, 1873. J-36

The Petitioners represent that they are desirous of Erecting a Steam Engine of three Horse power on the premises, situated on Recollet St. No. 13 West Ward, for ~~Manufacturing purposes~~, have advertised in the public newspapers, Copies of which are here enclosed, and are prepared to Comply with the By-Laws of this City in every respect.

Shaiting
Carpeted

And Your Petitioners
Will ever pray

Montreal, May 7th 1873

F. Shaw & Bros

Petition
of F. Shaw & Bros.
for leave to erect a Steam
Engine at No 13, Recollet St
Westward

To the Chairman,

and Gentlemen of the
Fire Committee

I the Undersigned, Inspector
of Buildings, of the City of Montreal, Hereby -
Certify, that in accordance with the law, at
the request of William Morgan, I have examined
the premises, situated on Albert, No 74,
St. Antoine Ward, where he intend to erect a
Steam Engine of six horse power, which
will be placed in a brick Vault of Ten feet
in width by Eight feet in depth, and about
Twelve feet in height, inside measure,
the place is quite suitable, being for
Dressing Meat purposes.

Respectfully submitted
G. Rouilland
Inspector of Buildings

Montreal, 6th June, 1873. }

petition
from the St. Charles
College, for leave to
use the Steam Engine

10th January 1873

To His



That at no distant day when our recommendations for the erection of new stations, shall be fairly carried out, the number of the force will be doubled.

Your Committee propose to form this force, into three separate districts, under the immediate superintendance and command of three assistant chiefs, each having charge over his own District and to subject the men to the quasi military system of drill, as practised in the City of New York. These assistant Chiefs will moreover have to supervise the carrying out of the City By-laws in reference to the storage of inflammable materials, the erection and repairing of Buildings and make themselves thoroughly familiar with the means of ingress to and from all large Buildings and Stores in their respective Districts.

Your Committee cannot allow this occasion to pass without drawing once more the attention of the Council to the pressing necessity of erecting without delay three new Fire Stations

1. - One grand central station, in the heart of the Commercial part of the City in the vicinity of the St Ann's Market. In this should be stationed the large steam Fire Engine, 1000 gallons - a complete set of ladders, fire escapes and a force of 15 men, with the necessary supply of Reels and hoses.

2. - A station of smaller dimensions, in the vicinity of Guy and Dorchester streets

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3. - And a similar one, in the vicinity of the
St James Market.

Two sets of Hook and ladder carriages, which
have been in use for the last twenty years, in
the Craig and Gain streets station, are no longer
adapted to the requirements of the Department
and have to be replaced.

Your Committee must also insist on the
necessity of supplying each of the stations with
a spare reel and a sufficient length of hose.

The necessity of increasing the pay of the
men has been so often brought before the Council
that Your Committee deem it inexpedient to
dwell at any length on this matter. They recom-
mend that the men's salary be increased ~~to~~
fifty two dollars per annum.

Your Committee refer the Council to the
annexed schedule in which are more fully mentioned
and set forth the different items of expenditure required
by them, forming in the aggregate a sum of
\$69,867.00 which said sum, they hereby recommend,
should be appropriated to them.

In dealing with the different propositions
which from time to time, were laid before
them, to organize their Department in the most
efficient manner, Your Committee had to
consider how far owing to his advanced age
the Chief is qualified to fulfill the important
duties entrusted to his care and management.

Before coming to any final conclusion
on so important a matter, Your Committee

deem

deem it advisable that the system which they
herely endeavour to introduce, should be
fairly considered and tested.

The whole nevertheless respectfully submitted

Committee Room

City Hall

Montreal 9th June 1873

L. C. Kaufman
Chairman

Charles Fortin
Amable Dohin

J. J. J. J.
H. A. Nelson

Increased expenditure as per Appropriation

1	of Babcock's Chemical Engines with extinguishers	2578.00		
1	Skinnell's Fire Escape with extinguishers	2693.00		
1	English Fire escape	400.00		
	Ladders etc already bought	300.00		
7	Horses at each \$225.	1575.00		
1	600 Gallons steam Fire Engine	5000.00		
	Alterations of Stations for Horses	300.00		
2	Extra Hose reels summer & winter	500.00		
	Winter sleighs for chemical & Skinnell engine	200.00		
	" " for steam Fire Engine	100.00		
7	sets of Harness at \$25	175.00		
1000	feet of Hose at $1\frac{25}{100}$ per foot	1250.00		
				\$15,071.00

Amount voted for the above \$15,000.

Proposed increase of expenditure

1	Large central Station near the St Ann's Market say	15,000.00		
1	Steam Fire Engine 1000 Gallons	6750.00		
2	Hook & Ladder carriages complete	2500.00		
8	Hose reels summer & winter vehicles \$250	2000.00		
4	Horses at each \$225.	900.00	✓	
4	Harness at each \$25	100.00	✓	
	Furniture Bedding & for Stations	650.00	✓	
	Fences for Gairn & Ontario stations	125.00	✓	
				\$28,025.00
	2400 feet of hose for the 8 hose reels at $1\frac{25}{100}$			3000.00
				\$31,025.00
	Stations near St James Market and come Guy's Sorcherer - each \$12,000-			24,000.00
				\$55,025.00

2	Assistant Engineers at each \$800.	✓	1600.00
12	Men at each 502.	✓	6024.00
14	Men's clothing	✓	630.00
14	" Insurance say \$30	✓	420.00
34	" Increase of wages to old staff \$52	✓	1768.00
7	Horses forage, shoeing etc	✓	900.00

Leather, rivets, oil, Hardware etc.	500.00
Light, fuel, etc, etc	500.00
Bonus to men of water & Road Depto. to attend fires.	500.00

\$12,842.00
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12 Men	2700
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2 Assistant Engineers	800
clothing for 14 men	630
Insurance of 14 men	420
Purchase of 2 horses \$225.00 each	450
800 feet of hoise at \$1.25	1000
	<u>\$6000</u>

REPORT

FROM THE

Finance Committee.

for a supplementary
appropriation of
\$67867.00, to organize
the Department

Presented, 11th June 1873

Referred to Finance

Finance Report
Adopted, 8th September 1873

Entered vol 9 3
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To the Chairman

and Gentlemen of the
Fire Committee

I the Undersigned, Inspector of
Buildings of the City of Montreal, Hereby -
Certify, that in accordance with the law, at
the request of Achille Valois, I have examined
the premises, where he intend to erect a -
Steam Boiler, which will be placed in a
one story wooden house, having a Gravel -
roof, situated on Durham st. St Mary's
ward, the place is quite suitable for
such purposes,

Respectfully submitted

G. Rouillard
Inspector of Buildings

Montreal, 20th January, 1873

To his Worship the Mayor,
Aldermen and Councillors
of the City of Montreal.

NOTICE.—The undersigned
intends to apply to the Corporation of
the City of Montreal for permission to erect a
steam heater on his premises, at the head of
Durham street.

ACHILLE VALOIS.
Montreal, 12th December, 1872. 298 5

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Le soussigné donne avis qu'il a l'intention
de demander à la Corporation la permission
d'ériger une boiler à vapeur sur sa pro-
priété située en haut de la Rue Durham.

ACH. VALOIS.
Montréal, 12 Décembre 1872. 82-31 K

The Petitioner represent that
he is desirous of erecting a Steam
Boiler on his premises situated on
Durham Street St. Mary's Ward
for Manufacturing purposes, has
advertised in the public Newspapers,
Copies of which are here enclosed, and
is prepared to comply with the
By-Laws of this City in every respect.

And your Petitioner
will ever pray

Montreal 15th Decr 1872

Achille Valois

recommander la destitution de celui qui a été, comme ci-dessus mentionné, vu sous l'influence de la boisson au moment du devoir; mais après avoir pris en considération les services qu'il a rendus, sa longue expérience, son intelligence dans l'exercice de ses devoirs, et l'espoir exprimé par plusieurs de ceux qui ont provoqué cette enquête, de le voir maintenir dans le service, le Comité en est venu à la conclusion de le garder dans le département, sauf à le renvoyer à la première offense.

Notre Comité prend occasion de cette accusation pour recommander qu'à l'avenir il ne soit permis sous aucun prétexte, d'introduire des liqueurs envivantes dans aucune des Stations de pompe, sous peine d'exclusion immédiate.

Le second grief repose sur l'absence de discipline parmi les pompiers, et l'on prend occasion de suggérer l'adoption d'un mode d'exercices convenables pour eux.

La preuve n'a démontré aucun manque de discipline quant à la tenue et la conduite des pompiers; mais le Comité est d'opinion d'adopter un mode d'exercices réguliers soit par la gymnastique, soit dans le manœuvrement des boyaux, des échelles, et généralement de tous les appareils à l'usage du département, propres à développer les forces physiques des pompiers, les rendre agiles et prompts à la manœuvre, tout en les rendant familiers avec les devoirs de leur charge.

Pour cela l'on pourrait les astreindre à des exercices périodiques à être déterminés par ce Comité. Il est arrivé souvent

dans le corps
de sauvetage

souvent, que par cause de l'ignorance ou
soud~~ent~~^{les} rompiers de la manière dont
les batisses sont construites à l'intérieur,
un temps précieux a été perdu et comme
conséquence, des pertes considérables en ont
résultés. Pour obvier à ce danger, nous
recommandons que des instructions soient
données aux chefs et gardiens des Stations,
ainsi qu'aux hommes employés au (salvage
corps), de visiter les batisses principales de
leur Division (avec la permission des
propriétaires qui, nous l'espérons n'y
auront aucune objection). De cette façon
ils pourront se rendre familiers ^{avec}
l'intérieur de ces batisses, et seront dans
les cas d'incendie, en mesure de les protéger
avec plus de promptitude et d'efficacité.

Votre Comité suggère en outre la
formation d'un corps de réserves composé
de tous les employés permanents des départe-
tements des chemins et de l'eau, les quels
ne seront appelés que dans les cas de grandes
conflagrations et sur un signal convenu.

L'expérience a démontré que le
travail des pompiers a souvent été gêné
et même paralysé, par la foule des curieux
qui se ~~rassemble~~^{rend} sur le théâtre des incendies.
Il serait désirable que le Comité vienne
à une entente avec le chef de notre police,
pour obtenir que ~~des~~^{des} instructions soient
données aux hommes qu'il commande,
de tenir ^{la} cette foule, aussi éloignée que
possible du lieu de l'incendie. En outre
toute la force de police en disponibi-
lité, devrait être obligée, aussitôt

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aussitôt que la troisième alarme a été
donnée, de se rendre sur le théâtre de l'incen-
-die, pour prêter main forte en cas
de besoin, et faire la garde nécessaire,
soit pour protéger le travail des pompiers
comme susdit, soit pour empêcher le
vol.

Afin de rendre le corps de réserve
dont il est question plus haut, ainsi
que les hommes de la police, plus aptes
à ce genre de travail, il serait à propos
de les soumettre comme les pompiers à des
exercices et manœuvres périodiques.

La troisième accusation dénonce des
absences fréquentes des pompiers hors de
la ville.

Il a été prouvé que quelques
pompiers se sont absentes, mais le plus
souvent pour porter secours dans des villes
et villages menacés d'incendies considérables.

Le Comité est d'opinion, qu'à moins
d'urgences, et de nécessité, ^{permis} semblables formations
ne soient plus accordées à l'avenir. La suite
de la ville exige, que tous les pompiers, en
leur nombre déjà restreint, soient cons-
tamment au poste. Ceux qui auront
obtenu un permis d'absence, devront
se faire remplacer. On se plaint en
quatrième lieu que les pompiers s'absen-
tent trop fréquemment de Stations.

On a prouvé qu'une seule
cas d'absence, et quelques instants
après que le tocsin eût sonné, ce pompier
était rendu sur le théâtre de l'incendie.

On a signalé en cinquième lieu

lieu, l'incapacité de certains pompiers et leur ignorance de leurs devoirs.

À l'appui de cette accusation, il a été prouvé que durant un incendie, un pompier a demandé de l'assistance pour ouvrir une borne fontaine, et parais-
-sait ignorer l'usage qu'il devait faire de l'abclif de cette fontaine. En soumettant les pompiers aux manœuvres et aux exercices que votre Comité a suggérés ci-dessus, on évitera le retour de semblables erreurs.

Le sixième grief rapporté, aux appareils à l'usage de ce département et à l'insuffisance numérique des pompiers

Il n'y a pas à se le dissimuler, la présente enquête a démontré jusqu'à un certain point l'exactitude de cette accusation. Il est certain que la brigade de feu telle que constituée, prenant en considération l'accroissement de la ville, le genre de construction ^{inauguré} ~~inauguré~~ en cette Cité, et la hauteur des bâtisses, est insuffisante, et n'a pas à sa disposition les appareils nécessaires pour protéger la propriété dans le cas d'incendies considérables. Le nombre des pompiers devrait être augmenté dans la proportion d'au moins un tiers, ce qui ferait en tout cinquante hommes, sauf à l'accroître d'avantage au fur et à mesure que de nouvelles stations seront const-
-ruites. Et à ce propos votre Comité recom-
-mande l'érection de trois nouvelles stations, l'une dans la partie Est, l'autre dans le Centre et la troisième dans l'ouest de la ville. Les boyaux ont

le Centre et la troisième dans

boyaux ont eubli l'epreuve de la plus haute pression de l'eau, en presence du Comite, et le resultat de l'esperance a demontre, que la qualite du cuir avec le quel ils sont faits, est bonne et durable.

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Ces liens

Ce Comite a aussi fait l'esperance des ^{nouveaux} ~~anciennes~~ (cupplings) pour ~~les~~ ^{unir} les boyaux, et en est venu a la conclusion que malgre qu'ils ~~qu'ils~~ accilirent d'avantage l'union des boyaux, ~~elle~~ ^{ils} n'offrent pas autant de garantie que celles qui ont ete employes jus qu'ici. Cependant avant de faire aucun rapport definitif sur ce sujet, Ce Comite desire en faire un essai plus complet et les soumettre ainsi que les boyaux, a une epreuve nouvelle.

Il est desirable que chaque station contienne un double service de boyaux pour obvier aue cas d'accidents et d'ineffisance, et que le nombre des echelles soit ~~augmentee~~. Il faudrait aussi pourvoir les stations de pioches, cables, haches et autres appareils, qui ne sont pas en qualite suffisante pour les besoins futurs de la ville.

d'appareils de sautoie

Ce Comite suggere en outre l'achat d'echelles se mouvant par mecanisme, et de (fire escapes) dans le genre de celles qui sont usites dans quelques grandes villes d'Europe et dans les Etats Unis d'Amérique, d'une longueur suffisante pour atteindre les toits les plus eleves.

Il y a quelque temps ce Comite a presente un rapport par le quel il recommandait l'achat immediat d'une pompe a vapeur d'une force plus considerable que celle que nous possedons

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possédons maintenant, ainsi que le
supplément de boyaux nécessaires. Ce
Comité ne peut que réitérer ses recommanda-
tions à cet égard.

Le Conseil devrait avoir le
pouvoir d'obliger les propriétaires et les
architectes de toutes les bâtisses ayant plus
de trois étages, de déposer au bureau de l'Ins-
pecteur des bâtisses, un plan de ces édifices,
afin que le Chef et les hommes de la Police
du feu, puissent en connaître l'intérieur.

Ces mises de précautions sont tellement
à l'avantage des propriétaires, qu'il est
à espérer que tous s'empresseront de
remettre volontairement et au plus tôt, entre
les mains du département, du feu, des plans
de l'intérieur de leurs bâtisses.

Votre Comité prend cette occasion d'attirer
l'attention de ce Conseil sur l'insuffisance
des règlements concernant la construction
des bâtisses en cette Cité. Le grand nombre
de bâtisses qui se construisent chaque jour,
et la manière dont elles sont construites, font
que les règlements anciens ne peuvent plus
répondre aux besoins, et n'offrent pas la
garantie et la protection nécessaires. Ces
règlements devraient être modifiés et amendés
au plus tôt sous la surveillance de personnes
compétentes. Les compagnies d'assurance
pourraient les rendre plus efficaces, en adop-
tant une échelle particulière quant aux
risques, classifiant les réductions de leurs
taux, suivant que les bâtisses sont en con-
formité des règlements.

Comme d'après la nature de leur

de leur travail, il est souvent impossible que dans les cas d'incendie, les pompiers puissent recevoir les ordres d'un seul chef, il serait à propos de nommer deux actifs - tant, choisis parmi les plus actifs de la brigade; chacun d'eux prendrait en cas d'incendie le commandement de leur Division.

Le creusement de puits dans certaines parties de la ville, où l'on tiendrait en réserve un certain volume d'eau pour l'usage des pompes à vapeur, serait d'un grand secours en suppléant à l'insuffisance des ~~bornes~~ bornes fontaines dans certaines saisons de l'année.

Ces améliorations ^{nécessitent} nécessitent des dépenses considérables, mais la Cité de la ville vous fait un devoir de les recommander.

Les compagnies d'assurances étant au plus haut degré, intéressées à une organisation effective et complète du Département du feu, devraient être appelées à contribuer dans le coût de cette organisation et de son entretien, dans une proportion plus élevée que leur contribution actuelle.

Après ces témoignages il me reste plus à voter Comité, qui a exprimé son opinion, sur la dernière accusation qui a été portée contre la Police du feu.

Pour être la dernière, elle n'est pas ^{la moins} ~~moins~~ importante, et c'est elle qui a le plus occupé l'attention de ce Comité; c'est-à-dire la conduite de La Police du feu, lors de l'incendie de la Salle St. Patrice.

L'incendie qui a détruit ce monument, un de plus beaux de notre ville, et l'impuissance des pompiers à vaincre l'élément destructeur,

a jeté l'alarme dans le public. Notre population qui avec un légitime orgueil se vante de posséder des monuments que nulle autre ville ne peut surpasser en splendeur, et en richesse, a vu avec effroi, cet édifice disparaître en quelques heures, et a ecutumie qu'elle était d'entendu vanter la Brigade du feu, elle s'est étonnée de l'inefficacité de ses services dans cette occasion.

Dans son desir de connaître la cause de cette inefficacité, votre Comité s'est rendu sur les lieux deux jours après l'incendie et a fait un essai de boyaux pour s'assurer si elle provenait du manque de pression de l'eau.

Ce Comité a constaté que, malgré que cet endroit soit un des plus favorables pour la pression de l'eau, le jet ne pouvait pas atteindre la toiture, de la rue, et que ce ne pouvait être qu'un combattant le feu à l'intérieur, ou au moyen des échelles que les pompiers auraient pu l'éteindre.

Or, il a été démontré durant l'enquête, que l'emploi de échelles était sous les circonstances entièrement impossible. L'incendie a été communiqué à la toiture de l'édifice par les flammes qui s'élevaient au dessus de la bâtisse Shaw, riparie de la Salle St Patrice par un passage de dix pieds sur le quel s'ouvrèrent vingt quatre ouvertures, et cela avant même que tous les pompiers fussent arrivés sur les lieux.

Le nommé Kault, gardien de la Station de la rue Ontario, affirme qu'au moment ou il est arrivé sur les lieux, le feu avait pris à la toiture de la Salle. Son témoignage est corroboré par plusieurs témoins étrangers.

au département.

Malgré l'opinion exprimée par plusieurs témoins, savoir que si les échelles avaient été appliquées à l'extérieur de la bâtisse, on aurait pu éteindre le feu, l'ensemble de la preuve démontre que la chose était impossible, vu l'étroitesse du passage en question et attendu que les flammes étant poussées par un vent violent, les pompiers ne pouvaient pas se tenir dans le passage.

Il ne restait aux pompiers qu'un moyen de combattre ces flammes, c'était de lancer de l'eau par les fenêtres de l'édifice, ce qui fut fait, mais sans résultat heureux.

L'usage de échelles à l'extérieur était en outre impossible, parce que la toiture ayant pris feu, le seul moyen de l'atteindre, était de monter les boyaux à l'intérieur ce qui fut également fait.

Malheureusement la manière dont ce toit était construit et la nature inflammable des matériaux qui recouvraient le plafond, ont propagé le feu avec une rapidité telle, qu'il a été impossible aux pompiers de rester longtemps à l'intérieur. Ils ont dû se retirer pour n'être pas écrasés sous les débris, laissant en arrière plusieurs des boyaux et des échelles qu'ils n'eurent même pas le temps d'enlever.

Votre Comité est d'opinion que l'écroulement du mur de la salle St-Patrice a été la cause de la perte totale de cet édifice. Sans cela une partie de la bâtisse aurait pu être sauvée.

Il faut ajouter en outre que les

les flammes avaient porté l'incendie dans plusieurs batisses du voisinage, et que les pompiers furent obligés de se disperser pour combattre ces différents incendies. Autrement, disent plusieurs témoins, au lieu de la perte de deux edifices nous aurions eu à déplorer celle d'un grand nombre de batisses situées dans le centre commercial de la ville.

Votre Comité est en outre d'opinion que malgré qu'il y ait eu perte d'eau, provenant soit des bornes fontaines, soit des boyause, ce qui est inévitable lorsqu'une longueur de boyause aussi considérable se trouve déployée, cependant, cette perte n'a pas été assez forte pour diminuer la pression de l'eau.

En résumé, Votre Comité est d'opinion que les accusations portées contre la police du feu à l'occasion de cet incendie, ne sont pas fondées, et que tous les moyens que la ville avait à sa disposition pour combattre les incendies, ont été employés.

En terminant ce Rapport,

des remerciements
à quels
Mepiens qui ont
bien voulu lui
faire part de
leurs suggestions
et les aider

Votre Comité croit devoir offrir
~~à Messieurs les membres du Comité~~
~~et Messieurs les membres du Comité~~
qu'ils ont faites, et l'aide qui lui a été donnée
durant cette longue et pénible enquête

Le Tout respectueusement soumis
Montréal 12 mars 1873.

L. O. Lorange
Président

Charles Paré
H. A. Nelson

A. Jodoin

Chambre du Comité
Hôtel de ville.
Montréal 12 Mars 1873.

Statement of Apparatus
required and referred to in the accompanying
Report with estimated cost &c.

2 large sized Steam Fire Engines		
English pattern	€ \$6,000	\$12,000
3 Fire Escapes		
1 Chicago pattern	2,000	
2 English " € \$400.	800	2,800
2 sets of ladders, same as used in New York ^{with carriage} Complete	€ 800.	1,600
9 Extra hose reels		1,800
4000 feet of new hose		5,000
Ropes, rope ladders, pulleys, axes, saws, sledge hammers, etc, etc		- 2,000
		\$25,200
Cost of Deputation to the United States.		800
		\$26,000

REPORT

FROM THE

Fire Committee.

for an appropriation
of \$26,000 for
additional steam
engines, fire
escapes & other
apparatus. &c.

Presented, 21st March 1873

Finance Report

Adopted, 26 March 1873

Entered vol 93
pages 61 & 62

The - Fire - Committee

Respectfully Report,

That, as directed by the Council, they have considered the accompanying petitions for leave to erect steam engines, and the petitioners having complied with the requirements of the law, and there being no opposition to any of said petitions, your Committee recommend that leave be granted to the following parties to erect steam engines at the undermentioned places:

- E. L. Ethier, 52 1/2 St Paul street, East ward
- Donald McLean, Craig street, St. Antoine do
- J. B. Duhamel, Sydenham street, St. Mary's do
- G. F. Carter & Co, 105 1/2 La Gauchetière street, St. Lawrence do
- St. Gauthier, 103 1/2 Visitation street, St. Mary's ward
- Charles Martin, 104 1/2 St Peter street, West do
- Robertson, Stephen & Co, corner St Helen & Leveillé streets, West ward,

subject however to the superintendence and approval of the Inspector of Buildings and with the express understanding moreover that no steam whistle shall be used on the premises and that the owners of said steam engines shall conform to and comply with the Requirements of Bylaw No 56, to compel Proprietors of steam engines in this City to provide the same with smoke consuming apparatus.

The whole nevertheless respect
fully

fully submitted.

Committee Room

City Hall

Montreal 2^d April-1873

L. D. Laugel
Chairman
S. F. F. F.
Charles F. F.
H. A. Nelson

To the Chairman,
and Gentlemen of the
Fire Committee,

I the Undersigned, Inspector
of Buildings, of the City of Montreal, Herewith
Certify, that in accordance with the Law,
at the request of Robertson, Stephen, & Co,
I have examined the place, where they
Intend to erect a Steam Engine, which will
be placed in the basement of a four stoney,
stone house, covered with slate, French roof,
situated on St. Helen, St. West Ward,
belonging to Andrew Robertson and now
occupied by the above said Robertson,
Stephen & Co as a Wholesale Dry Goods store,
The place is quite suitable for the purpose
intended, being for hoisting goods.

Respectfully submitted
A. Rouillard
Inspector of Buildings

Montreal, 4th April, 1873. }

Dry Goods Warehouse.

Corner of St. Helen & Lemoinne Streets.

Montreal 26th March 1873

To the Chairman & members
of the Fire Committee
Gentlemen

We are about putting in a
small steam engine for hoisting
purposes in a store and we respectfully
pray for authority from the Council
to put up and use the same in
accordance with the By-Laws of the
City regulating the same in order legal
advertisements be made there

Gentlemen
Very very Respectfully
Robertson Stephen & Co

Petition
of Robertson, Stephens & Co
for leave to erect a Steam
Engine on St. Helen St.
West Ward.

To the Chairman,
and Gentlemen of the
Fire Committee,

I the Undersigned, Inspector
of Buildings, of the City of Montreal, Hereby
Certify, that in accordance with the law,
at the request of E. L. Ethier, I have examined
the four storey stone house, Gravel roof,
situated on St. Paul, St. No 151, East Ward,
belonging to the estate Surgeon, and now
occupied by the above said E. L. Ethier,
where he has erected a Baxter Steam Engine
of Two horse power, which is placed in
the basement of above said house, the
place is quite suitable for the purposes
intended, being an Heating and
Ventilating apparatus.

Respectfully Submitted,
O. Rouillard
Inspector of Buildings,

Montreal, April 1st 1873. }

To his Worship the Mayor
Aldermen and Councillors
of the City of Montreal

I S . . .
Je, soussigné, donne avis que j'ai l'intention de demander à la Corporation de la Cité de Montréal, la permission d'ériger un petit engin à vapeur dans ma cave, au No. 151, rue St. Paul.

E. L. ETHIER.
Montréal, 27 Février 1873. —145

The Petitioner represent that he is — desirous of Erecting a Steam Engine of Two — Horse power on his premises, situated on St. Paul — St. No. 151, East — Ward, for ^{heating & ventilating} ~~Manufacturing~~ purposes, has advertised in the public News papers, Copies of Which are here enclosed, and is prepared to Comply with the By-Laws. of this City in every — respect,

NOTICE.

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, INTEND TO apply to the Corporation of the City of Montreal for permission to erect a small Steam Engine at No. 151 St. Paul street.

E. L. ETHIER.
February 26, 1873. 51

And Your Petitioner
Will ever remain

Montreal, 27th February. }
1873. }

E. L. Ethier

Petition
of E. L. Ethier, for leave
to erect a Steam Engine
at no. 157, St. Paul st

11th March
1854

To the Chairman,
and Gentlemen of the
Fire Committee

I the Undersigned, Inspector
of Buildings of the City of Montreal, Hereby
Certify, that in accordance with the Law,
at the request of E. J. Carter, & Co I have
examined their premises, where they
Intend to erect a Steam Engine of Fifteen
Horsepower, which will be placed about
Twenty feet, in rear of the Two storey stone
building, covered with metal, situated on
Lauchetière St. No 515, facing Cote Street,
St. Lawrence Ward, previously occupied by
the Ladies of the Sacred Heart, The place
Is quite suitable, for the purposes intended,
being for the Manufacturing of Paper Goods.

Respectfully Submitted
A. Rouillard
Inspector of Buildings

Montreal, April, 1st 1873. }

To his Worship the Mayor
Aldermen, and Councillors
of the City of Montreal

The Petitioners doing business
under the style and firm of *E. F. Carter & Co*
respectfully represent: that they are desirous of erecting
a Steam Engine, of 15 Horse power, on their premises,
situated on *Lagauchetière* st. No. 515, *St. Laurent* Ward,
for Manufacturing purposes, have advertised in the
public newspapers, Copies of which are here enclosed
and are prepared to Comply with the By-Laws, of this
City, in every respect,

And Your Petitioners
Will ever pray

E. F. Carter & Co

Montreal March 6th /73.

AVIS

Les soussignés ont l'intention de s'adresser
à la Corporation pour demander qu'il leur
soit permis d'ériger un engin à vapeur au
No. 515, de la Rue Lagauchetière.

E. F. CARTER & CO.
Montréal, 6 Mars 1873. 151-d A.

From *Le Minerve*
of March 7th /73.

NOTICE.

The undersigned intend to apply to the
Corporation for leave to erect a STEAM
ENGINE at 515 LAGAUCHETIERE STREET.
E. F. CARTER & CO.
March 7, 1873. u 7, 16M 56

From the *Herald*
of March 7th /73.

petition
of C. F. Carter & Co
for leave to erect
a steam engine
on the premises No 575
La Gauchetière Street
St Lawrence Ward

11th March
To Rire

To the Chairman,
and Gentlemen of the
Fire Committee,

I the Undersigned, Inspector
of Buildings, of the City of Montreal, Herewith
Certify, that in accordance with the law, at
the request of Francois Gauthier, I have
examined the place where he intend to
erect a steam Engine, which will be placed
in rear adjoining a One storey wooden house,
Covered with shingles, 50.8 ^{feet, in} frontage, 34.3 ^{feet, in} depth
Situating on Visitation st. No 373, St. Mary's Ward,
belonging to the above said Francois Gauthier,
and now occupied by the same as a Packing
Case Manufactory, The place is quite suitable
for such purposes, providing the present Chimney
be elevated not less than Ten feet from its
present height, and that no other Combustible
be used, but hard Coal, so as to prevent
the Annoyance of smoke,

Respectfully submitted
A. Rouilland
Inspector of Buildings

Montreal, 4th April, 1873. }

The undersigned intends
to apply to the Corporation of the City of Mont-
real for permission to erect a steam engine on his pre-
mises, 37^e Visitation street. F. GAUTHIER.

To his Worship the Mayor,
Aldermen, and Councillors
of the City of Montreal

A V I S .

Le Sousigné à l'intention de faire applica-
tion à la Corporation de Montréal, pour per-
mission d'ériger un engin à vapeur sur sa
propriété, No. 37, Rue Visitation.

F. GAUTHIER.

17 Janv.

dx p-109

The Petitioner represent that
He is desirous of Erecting a Steam Engine
of four Horse power on the premises, situated
on Visitation St. No. 37 St. Mary's- Ward,
for Manufacturing purposes, has advertised
in the public News papers, Copies of which
are here enclosed, and he is prepared to comply
with the By-Laws of this City in every respect.

And Your Petitioner
Will ever pray

Montreal, 22nd January } F. Gauthier,
1873. }

petition
of F. Gauthier
for leave to use
a steam engine
at No 373 Visitation
street

To the City

To the Chairman,
and Gentlemen of the
Fire Committee,

I the Undersigned, Inspector
of Buildings, of the City of Montreal, Hereby
Certify that in accordance with the law,
at the request of Charles Martin, I have
examined the Three storey stone house covered
with metal, French roof, situated on St. Peter St,
No 43, West Ward, belonging to the ladies of
the Grey Nunnery, and now occupied by the
above said Charles Martin, where he intend
to erect a Steam Engine, which will be placed
in the basement. The place is quite suitable
for the purpose intended, being for the
Manufacturing of Paint, and Ball blue,

Respectfully submitted
O. Rouillard
Inspector of Buildings,

Montreal, 4th April, 1873.

To his Worship the Mayor,
Aldermen, and Councillors
of the City of Montreal

NOTICE.

I, the undersigned, intend to apply to the Corporation of the City of Montreal for permission to erect a Steam Engine on the premises, No. 43 St. Peter Street.

CHARLES MARTIN.

Montreal, March 21, 1873.

The Petitioner represents that he is desirous of Erecting a Steam Engine of 5 or 6 Horse power on his premises situated on St. Peter St. no 43 (West) Ward, for Manufacturing purposes, has advertised in the public news papers, copies of which are here enclosed, and is prepared to comply with the By-Laws of this City in every respect.

And Your Petitioner
Will ever pray

Montreal March 22nd 1873.

Charles Martin

A V I S .

Le soussigné donne avis qu'il s'adressera à la Corporation de la Cité de Montréal, pour obtenir la permission d'ériger un Engin à Vapeur sur la propriété No. 43, rue St. Pierre.

CHARLES MARTIN.

23 Mars - 1873

Petition
of Charles Martin
for leave to erect a Steam
Engine at No 43 St Peter St
West Ward.

REPORT

FROM THE

Finance Committee.

On applications for leave
to erect steam engines

Presented, 7th April 1873

Adopted, same day 1873

Entered vol 9³
pages 80 & 81

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 considered the accompanying application from Mr George McGrath, to be paid certain sums of money, for extra-work and damages in connection with the erection of the new fire stations in St Gabriel and Wellington streets and that they have referred the said claim for verification to Mr David Brown, one of the City Assessors.

That, as appears by that gentleman's report herewith submitted, Mr McGrath's entitled to some remuneration, *viz.* \$250.00, which, in the opinion of your Committee, should be paid to the said George McGrath, in full payment and satisfaction of his claim for extra work and damages, in connection with the erection of the said stations —

Your Committee therefore recommend that an appropriation of (\$250.00) two hundred and fifty dollars be granted therefor for that purpose —

The above nevertheless respectfully
submitted—
Committee Room
City Hall
Montreal 30th January 1873.

J. B. Lorange
Charles Smith
Amable Godoin fils
~~A. G. Lorange~~
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If the Committee make the amount \$250 it will
cover all claims he may have or think he has
against the Fire Committee.

Yours
Genuinely
David Brown

Montreal 9 September 1872

To The Mayor Aldermen & Citizens of the
City of Montreal

Gentlemen

I beg leave to inform you that by virtue of the contract existing between us for the painting of the Wellington & St. Gabriel Streets Fire Stations the damages that I have sustained are as follows

Damage done the painting by plasterers	200. 00
Extra work in the 2 Stations	100. 00
Loss of Menstone and Material from the first of february to the 1 st of September, as also having to cancel other contracts as particulars mentioned in my protests	300. 00

Amounting in all to the sum of 600. 00
Six hundred dollars and which
Amount I now claim from you

Hoping you will immediately
settle with me and advise further
Costs and Expense

I have the honor to be

Gentlemen
Yours Obedtly
George McGrath
236. D'Anglure's Street

petition
of ~~George~~ ^{W.} Gyrath
for \$600.00 damages
breach of contract
for painting the Wellington
St Gabriel street station

9th Sept 1872

To Furo.

R. H. Sherman and Members of the Fire
Committee of the Corporation of the City of Montreal

Gentlemen: - Your petition humbly sheweth: -

Whereas: - By virtue of the Contract existing
between us for the Painting and Gilding
of the Wellington and St. Gabriel Streets
Chimneys & claims damages as follows: -

(I) At the 1st February ult: my work for Con-
tract should have been completed were
it not that the original contractor for
the plastering completely renounced his
work and three months elapsed before
the work was again entrusted for
during this time my work was ordered
again as the Contractor did not fulfil
his work at the stated time my
progress was still further impeded
with, consequently my work had
to be performed during the summer (not
being finished till the 28th Oct: ult:) instead
of during the winter as contracted for
and as the result I had to pay ad-
vanced wages for labor
for this claim damages as per Bill
rendered

(II) As the original Contractor for the Plastering
failed - as referred to above) during
the interval before the next Contractor
got to work the Corporation being suf-
ficiently advanced & did painting which

was damaged by plastering to amount
of one hundred Dollars for which I
claim damages as per Bill rendered

(III) Owing to alterations from original plans
Defendant's damages for extra work as
follows:—

(a) At St Gabriel St Station:—

On the four upper flats of said Station
four rooms were made into two and
as two of these had no light two
skylights were introduced which I
painted and glazed again

The flats should have been held 8
squares of floor each this was altered
to 4 and the floor originally cut was
wasted

(b) At the Wellington St Station:—

During the progress of my work a Bill
was held at which much work was
destroyed and this had to be re-executed

2 flats were changed from 8 squares
each to 4, and 4 of the latter were
broken by defective masonry, & these
replaced, and further

At both Stations were they occupied by the Fire-
men before any work was done, necessitating
extra work on my part, for all
this extra work I claim damages as
per Bill rendered

Yours memorandum will ever be
Obediently
Dec^r 24th 1872
Signed "George G. G. G."

Montréal 13th January 1873

P. O'Meara Esq
Assistant City Clerk

Dear Sir,

I herewith return you the papers which you handed me in connection with Mr McLeath's claim for extra work & damages suffered by him in carrying out contracts for painting the Wellington & St Gabriel St. Fire stations. I visited the stations in company with Mr McLeath and Mr Patton, Assistant Chief of the Department. Mr McLeath could not

show any extra work in the Wellington St Station, but claimed two doors in St. Gabriel St. Station, which after examination I found were only removed from one flat to another. Mr McLeath pointed out what had been destroyed by the plasterer & which he had to repaint

I found 242 qds repainted by day @ 250 @ 15	\$37.50
allowance for broken glass 100ft @ 20	20.00

He claims for damage on account of delay in finishing his work as material increased very much during the time. I think he should be allowed 25% on \$750 amt of his contracts

187.50
<hr/> \$2340.00

REPORT

FROM THE

Fire Committee.

for an appropriation
of \$ 250.00, to pay
Mr. Uypath's claim
for new fire stations

Presented, 11th Feby 1873

To Finance

Adopted, 23^d April 1873

Entered vol 93

pages 288 & 106

To the Chairman,
and Gentlemen of the
Fire Committee.

I the Undersigned, Inspector of
Buildings, of the City of Montreal, Herely —
Certify, that in accordance with the law, at
the request of Zephire Lapierre, I have —
examined the place, where he has erected
a Baxter Steam Engine, which is now placed
in the second storey of a three storey, stone
house, covered with slate. — French roof,
situated on St. Paul, St. No 308. Centre Ward,
belonging to Amable Godoin, the place is quite
suitable for the purpose intended, being for the
Manufacturing of Boots, and Shoes,

Respectfully submitted
G. Rouillard
Inspector of Buildings.

Montreal, 23rd April, 1873. }

IVES & ALLEN,
Manufacturers of
HARDWARE, STOVES,
RAILINGS,
Wire Goods, Leather Belting,
Babbitt Metal,
HOT AIR REGISTERS,
DOMINION BLACK LEAD.

113 to 126 QUEEN STREET,

Montreal, April 15th 1873

To the Mayor and Corporation,
of Montreal

The undersigned desire pro-
mission to erect a steam
engine upon their premises
on King Street

Respectfully

J. Ives & Allen

petition of
Messrs Swes & Allan
for leave to erect
~~for~~ a steam engine
on their premises

16th April
To His

To the Chairman
and Gentlemen of the
Fire Committee

I the Undersigned, Inspector
of Buildings, of the City of Montreal, Herby
Certify. that in accordance with the law,
at the request of Robert Thomson, I have
examined the place, where he intend to erect
a Steam Engine, of Six Horse power, which
will be placed in the first story of a Two
story. wood & brick house, covered with
gravel, situated on St. Constant. St. No. 18,
St. Louis Ward, belonging to Wm Perry.
The place is quite suitable for the purpose
intended, being for a Machinist Shop,
providing no other but hard Coal is used,
so as to prevent the annoyance of Smoke.

Respectfully submitted
P. Rouillard
Inspector of Buildings

Montreal, 23rd April, 1873 }

To his Worship the Mayor,
Aldermen and Councillors
of the City of Montreal

• NOTICE.

The undersigned intends to apply to the Corporation of the City of Montreal for permission to erect a Steam Engine on the premises, No. 18 St. Constant Street.
ROBERT THOMSON.
April 5th, 1873. r 82

The Petitioner represent that he is desirous of Erecting a Steam Engine, of 6 Horse power on premises, situated on St Constant St. No 18 St Louis Ward, for Manufacturing purposes, has advertised in the public news papers, Copies of which are here enclosed, and is prepared to Comply with the By-Laws of this City, in every respect.

And Your Petitioner
Will ever pray

Montreal April 5th 1873
Robert Thomson

A V I S

Le soussigné a l'intention de s'adresser à la Corporation de la ville de Montréal pour demander la permission d'eriger une machine à vapeur sur les prémisses, No. 18, rue St. Constant.

ROBERT THOMSON,

5 avril—1873

Petition
of Robert Thomson,
for leave to erect a Steam
Engine at No 18. St. Constant
Street.

7th April

W. H. H. H.

REPORT

FROM THE

Fire — Committee

on application for

leave to erect skam

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Presented,

29 April

1873

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Adopted,

Monday

1873

Entered vol 93

pages 297 & 112

To the Chairman.
and Gentlemen of the
Fire Committee,

I the Undersigned, Inspector
of Buildings, of the City of Montreal, Herewith
Certify, that in accordance with the Law,
at the request of the Hon^{ble} Maurice Lafram-
boise, I have examined the place, where
he intend to erect a Baxter Steam Engine,
of Six horse power, which will be placed
in the basement of a four story stone house,
having a slate roof. Situated on St. James St.
No 73. Centre Ward, belonging to John Pratt,
The place is quite suitable, for the purpose
intended, being for a Printing office.

Respectfully submitted
P. Rouillard
Inspector of Buildings.

Montreal, 24th April, 1873. }

Canada
Province de Quebec

A son Honneur le Maire et
Messieurs les Echevins et Conseillers
de la Cite de Montreal reunis en Conseil,

La Requete du Sousigné L'Honorable
Maurice Laframboise de la Cite de
Montreal,

Expose respectueusement

Qu'il a l'intention de placer
et de faire mouvoir un engin a vapeur
de la force d'a peu pres huit chevaux
dans la propriété de John Paré écuyer,
située sur la Rue St Jacques de cette Cite
et portant le n° 73-

Que cet engin y servira a faire
mouvoir des presses a imprimer -

Qu'il donne dans deux journaux
quotidiens publiés dans cette Cite, l'un
en langue Francaise et l'autre en langue
Anglaise, pendant le Temps voulu les
avis de son Intention de demander a la
Corporation de cette Cite la permission
qu'il sollicite par les presentes -

Que votre Requete a aussi affiché
sur la dite propriété l'avis en langue Francaise
et Anglaise de son Intention de faire le
presente application et de produire
avec les presentes copie des Journaux contenant
le dit avis pendant dix jours, et son certificat
constatant que le dit avis a été affiché sur
la dite propriété pendant au moins dix jours

Que votre Requerant soit déjà et qu'il
est encore prêt à se conformer aux
exigences de vos Réglements à cette fin.

Que votre Requerant par son
de L'Assemblée ci-dessus indiquée n'a
aucune objection à l'octroi de la
présente demande -

C'est pourquoi votre Requerant prie
votre Honorable Conseil de vouloir bien
lui accorder ou accorder la permission
qu'il sollicite et lui permettre de placer
et faire mouvoir un levier à vapeur
dans la propriété N^o 43 située sur la
Rue St Jacques de cette Cité, et en ce
faisant sous son sceau
Montréal 18 Aout 1873

Me Lafontaine

Requête

de

L'Honorable M^{re} Sépénthien
descendant des Sépénthien
de place ou la rue à l'opposé
des la Batisse St 73 petite
Rue St Jacques

^{of}
To his Worship the Mayor
Aldermen & Councillors of
the City of Montreal

The petitioners represent that they
are desirous of erecting a steam engine
of about 6 horse-power on premises (Brick)
situate on Hunter St. between Chatham and
^{S^t. Ann's Ward}
Canning streets, for manufacturing purposes
and that they will comply with the
City By-laws in every respect

And your petitioners
will ever pray &c

Cowper & Nish
Machinists

AVIS.
Les soussignés ont l'intention de s'adresser à la
Corporation pour obtenir la permission d'ériger
un Engin à Vapeur dans leur nouvelle bâtisse,
Rue Hunter, entre les rues Chatham et Canning.
COWPER & NISH.
15 avril - 11-222

NOTICE.—The undersigned intend
to apply to the Corporation for permission to
erect a steam engine on their new premises, Hunter
street, between Chatham and Canning streets.
COWPER & NISH.

Petition
of Couper & Nish,
for leave to erect a Steam
Engine on Hunter St.

29 April 1843

To File —

To the Chairman,
and Gentlemen of the
Fire Committee.

I the Undersigned, Inspector
of Buildings, of the City of Montreal, Herely —
Certify, that in accordance with the law, at the
request of R. Patton, & Co, I have examined the
place, where they are now erecting a Steam Engine
of about Eight horse power, which is placed in
the Basement of a Stone & Brick house, three stories
high, Covered with Metal, situated on Craig st,
St. Antoine Ward, belonging to Gravel & frere,
now occupied by the said R. Patton, & Co, —
The place is quite suitable for the purposes intended,
being for a Plumbers Shop, & Manufacturing of
heating apparatus, &c., no other but hard Coal
to be used, to prevent the annoyance of Smoke.

Respectfully Submitted
P. Rouilland
Inspector of Buildings

Montreal, 9th May, 1873, {

Montreal
April 17th 1873

To the Mayor Aldermen and Councillors
of the City of Montreal

Gentlemen I have again to ask your
permissions to erect a steam Engine on the
premises I am about to occupy, being
on Lemay street at the Corner of St Sophia
immediately opposite my present place
of Business. You have granted some
Years ago for the engine now in use on
my present premises according to my
request and hope that my present
application will be granted

Remain Gentleman
Your off. servant
R. Patton
R. Patton

petition of
R. Patton & Co for
leave to erect a steam
Engine, corner of Craig
street & Sophia Lane.

23^d April 1873

To File

REPORT

FROM THE

Fire Committee.

recommending favorably
the petitions of Messrs Cooper,
and Ash, and R. Patterson
for leave to erect steam
engines.

Presented, 14th May 1873

Next meeting

Adopted, 2^d July 1873

Entered vol 9.3
pages 185-186

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The Fire Committee

Respectfully Report,

That they have carefully considered the accompanying petition of Licensed Master Chimney Sweepers for an increase of their tariff rates and that they concur in the opinion that the fees now allowed by law for cleansing and sweeping Chimneys and Flues, are too low and should be increased.

They therefore recommend that section 35 of Bylaw No. 111, be amended so as to increase the tariff, or rates of fees to be allowed and exacted by each and every licensed sweep or sweeps, to the extent of two cents and that a Bylaw to that effect be prepared and submitted to Council with as little delay as possible.

The whole respectfully submitted.

Committee Room,
City Hall,
Montreal, 9th May 1873 }

L. J. Bonnier
Chairman
Amable Tardieu
Charles Fortin
H. A. Nelson

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Monsieur le Président &
Aux Membres du Comité du feu
de la Corporation de la Cité de Montréal

L'Humble Requête
des Sous-signés

Exposé Respectueusement

Que depuis plusieurs années
ils sont employés par la dite Corpora-
-tion pour faire le ramonage des
Chemines, dans les divers Quartiers de
cette ville; Qu'ils ont constamment
rempli les devoirs de ce service avec
zèle et ponctualité, à la satisfaction
générale du Public, ne s'épargnant ni
dangers ni fatigues, et ce pour une
modique rémunération qui était à peine
suffisante pour leur procurer les choses
nécessaires à la vie, mais dont ils sont
néanmoins très reconnaissants envers
la dite Corporation.

Qu'aujourd'hui, vu la cherté
croissante des vivres, de l'habillement
du logement et de tout ce qu'il faut
se procurer pour subvenir même à
un très modeste entretien, Vos Requérants
sont forcés de s'imposer bien des
sacrifices, et de payer à leurs assistants
une augmentation considérable de
salaire: de cinquante pour cent au moins.

C'est pourquoi, Confiant dans
votre esprit de justice et de zèle à
remunerer

récommencer convenablement tous ceux
qui se remplacent à servir le Public,
Vos Requéirants osent espérer que vous
ferez valoir leur présente supplique
auprès du Conseil de la dite Corporation
et que vous voudrez bien recommander
en leur faveur soit une augmentation
de tarif à raison de deux centins de
plus par ~~flus~~ ^{flus}, soit un salaire
fixe proportionné à leurs besoins &
à leurs services.

Et vos dits Requéirants ne cessent
de prier.

Ant. Morin
Jos. Raymond

petition of
Chimney Sweeps
to increase their rates

9th May
Report ordered

To his Worship the Mayor
Alderman, and Councillors
of the City of Montreal

The Petitioner represent that
he is desirous of Erecting a Steam Engine
of Six Horse power on premises, situated
on Albert ——— St. No. 74 St. Antoine Ward,
for Manufacturing purposes, has advertised in
the public News papers, Copies of which are
here enclosed, and ~~is~~ prepared to Comply —
with the By-Laws, of this City, in every respect.

And Your Petitioner
Will ever pray

Montreal 26th May
1873

William Morgan

1873

William Morgan

you have to erect
a steam engine
at No 74 Albert street,



26 May 1873

To Fire

To the Chairman,
and Gentlemen of the
Fire Committee

I the Undersigned, Inspector
of Buildings, of the City of Montreal, Hereby
Certify, that in accordance with the Law,
at the request of M^r. C. White, I have ex-
-mined the premises, where he has placed
a movable Steam Engine, of Fifteen horse power,
which is in a one story wooden building,
having a Gravel roof, situated on the corner
lot of Nazareth and Brennan, street, St.
Ann^e Ward, belonging to and occupied
by the said M^r. C. White, there is no brick
Chimney, but a Chimney made with Iron
plates, about thirty five feet in height.
The place is quite suitable for the purpose
intended, being for a Steam Boiler Shop.

Montreal, 6th June, 1873. } Respectfully Submitted
O. Pouilliant
Inspector of Buildings

petition of W. C. White
for leave to erect a
steam engine, corner
of Brennan & Hazareth
streets

26 May
90 File.

Montreal May 19th 1873

To the Chairman of the City Council

I hereby ask permission
to erect a steam engine on my
premises corner of Brennan & Hazareth
sts.

Yours respectfully
W. C. White

Boilermaker

REPORT

FROM THE

File Committee.

on petitions
for leave to use
steam engines

Presented, _____ 18

Adopted, 2nd July 1873

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The Finance Committee

Respectfully report

That as directed by the Council they have considered the accompanying report of the Fire Committee for an appropriation of \$67,867 for an improved organization of the Fire Department and that they concur in the recommendations of the Fire Committee to the extent of \$6000 for the following items of expenditure, viz:

12 additional men	2700.00
2 assistant engineers	800.00
Clothing for 14 men	630.00
Insurance of do.	420.00
2 additional horses @ \$225	450.00
800 feet of hose @ \$1.25	1000.00
	<u>6000.00</u>

The said sum of six thousand dollars to come out of the

Reserve fund.

The whole new rules
respectfully submitted

Committee Room

City Hall

Montreal 3^o Sept 1873

E. J. A. [Signature]
Thomas Wilson
J. G. [Signature]
J. Deane

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

The Fire Committee

Respectfully Report,

That in the month of March last, they submitted to the Council a Report, embodying the result of their investigation into the management of the Fire Department and their views on the organisation of that Body, and recommended the immediate purchase of such apparatus as in their opinion was most urgently required for the protection of life and property. Fully impressed with the importance of having the Department placed on the most effectual footing, Your Committee have continued to give their most earnest attention to its organisation, and as the result of their labours, beg leave to submit the following Supplementary Report.

To carry out the suggestions herein made a very heavy expenditure will have to be incurred. Your Committee are not required to point out the source from which the necessary funds are to be supplied, but they do not hesitate to state that the improvements which they hereby recommend are of a most pressing nature and that if no other means can be found, it will be necessary to resort to a Loan or the levying of a special tax.

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The sum of \$15,000 which the Council some time ago placed at their disposal, has been appropriated in the following manner.

The deputation which lately visited the United States, has purchased there a chemical engine, with extinguishers. This engine is now used in the principal cities, and from what they could learn, gives general satisfaction. It is expected shortly here, and will be fully tested before final acceptance. The cost of this engine and extinguisher is

\$2578.00

They have also purchased fire escape ladders, similar to those used in Chicago and other American cities, for the sum of

2693.00

These ladders serve at the same time for ordinary use at fires and when used as fire escapes, can reach to a height of 100 feet. They are also to arrive shortly and to be tested previous to acceptance.

A Hand & Mason Fire Escape has been ordered, and is now in this City - cost

400.00

The Department has been moreover supplied with a number of ordinary ladders and other indispensable appliances, such as ropes, pulleys, axes, hammers, value

300.00

Two extra reels for summer & winter use, at a cost of

1750.00

To work the chemical and fire engines, the fire escapes &c, seven additional horses are required, which with winter sleighs, harness and alterations to be made in the different

stations for stabling &c will cost a further
sum of

\$2350.00

Your Committee have had several offers before them for the purchase of a large size steam fire engine, but having been informed by their agent that the house of Shand and Mason have resolved to send out three improved engines of different sizes, they have come to the conclusion to defer the purchase till these engines have been fairly tested, setting aside a sum of \$5000 for such purpose, thus exceeding the amount appropriated to them by the sum of seventy one dollars.

Your Committee still adhere to the opinion previously expressed by them, that the time has come when it behoves the Council to organise this important branch of the service in a thoroughly efficient manner and not by piecemeal work, as has unfortunately been the practice heretofore.

The exorbitant rates, now levied by Insurance Companies, clearly demonstrate that the organisation of our Fire Brigade should be made thoroughly effective.

In our previous Report, we insisted on the necessity of increasing the force to 50 members. This increase is in our opinion, of paramount importance. A force of 36 men for a city like Montreal, is altogether insufficient. We cannot at present recommend a larger increase, for want of room and proper accommodation, but we confidently hope

that

A cet endroit se trouvait
une pétition du 8 septembre 1873

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GRAND FORMAT #50

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 considered the accompanying petition of Messrs
Pillow, Hersey & Co, for leave to use a steam engine,
on their premises, situated on St. Patrick Street,
St. Ann's ward, and that the petitioners having
complied with the requirements of the Law
and there being no opposition they recommend
that the leave sought for be granted, subject
to the superintendence and approval of the
Inspector of Buildings and with the express
understanding that no steam whistle shall be
used on said premises and that the said
Messrs Pillow, Hersey & Co shall conform to and
comply with the requirements of By-law No 56,
to compel Proprietors of steam engines in this city
to provide the same with smoke consuming
apparatus.

The whole nevertheless respectfully

submitted -
Committee Room
City Hall,
Montreal, 8th July 1878

L. D. Roy
Chairman
H. A. Nelson
J. M. Gauran
S. J. Ward

To the Chairman
and Gentlemen of the
Fire Committee

I the Undersigned, Inspector
of Buildings, of the City of Montreal Hereby -
Certify, that in accordance with the law, at
the request of Pillow, Hensley, & Co. I have
examined the place, where they intend
to erect a Steam Engine, of twenty five
horse power, which will be placed in the
first story of a two story wooden building,
to be bricked, having a stone foundation,
French roof, situated on St. Patrick street,
St. Ann's Ward, belonging to the said,
Pillow, Hensley, & Co. The place is quite
suitable for the purposes intended, being
for the manufacturing of Horse shoes,
Horse Shoe Nails, Screws, and Lead pipe, &c.

Respectfully Submitted
O. Rouillard
Inspector of Buildings,

Montreal, 9th June, 1873.

designated intend to apply to the City Corporation for permission to erect a Steam Engine on premises situated on St. Patrick street, in St. Ann's Ward. PILLOW, HERSEY & CO. Montreal, May 8th, 1873.

A V I S.
Les soussignés ont l'intention de s'adresser à la Corporation de la ville, pour obtenir la permission d'ériger un engin à vapeur sur leurs propriétés situées sur la rue St. Patrice, Quarter Ste. Anne.
PILLOW, HERSEY & CIE.
Montreal, 8 Mai 1873. - 204 dx p

To his Worship the Mayor,
Aldermen, and Councilors
of the City of Montreal

The Petitioners represent that
being desirous of erecting a Steam Engine,
of twenty five Horse power on the premises situated
on St. Patrick St. N^o ^{between Montmorency & Bohde streets} St. Ann's Ward,
for Manufacturing purposes, have advertised
in the public Newspapers, Copies of which are
here enclosed, and are prepared to Comply with
the By-Laws of this City, in every respect.

And your Petitioners
Will ever pray

Pillow Hersey & Co.

Montreal, May 8th - 1873.

petition
of mepro Gilow, ~~Herzog~~
for leave to erect a
steam engine, on
St Patrick Street,
St. Louis Ward

REPORT

FROM THE

Art Committee.

on the petition
of Messrs Pilon, ~~and others~~
for leave to erect ~~the~~
- Engine -

Presented, *10th Sept* 1873

Adopted, *same day* 1873
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