

water, and no current whatever to carry off the excrement, which is often seen floating on the surface; the Transportation Company occupy nearly all of the frontage and increase the nuisance.

The city Drill Hall roof, damaged by storm, has been repaired.

The works at the Royal Military College have been done under the superintendence of Sergt.-Major Birtles, R.E., and the outside work under Messrs. Power & Son, architects, Kingston.

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On Cartier Square new trees, to replace those dead, planted the year before last, have been planted. There is a difficulty to get soft maples to grow on the north side of Square, where the ground is low and wet from the want of drainage, caused by the raised grading of Maria Street. The roadway around the square and drill hall has been graded, and a track for riding has been laid of tan-bark and sawdust. Front of drill shed has been graded and covered with small broken stone, gravelled and rolled, much improving the appearance of the front of building, which before was a clayey bog.

Small internal improvements have been made to the room occupied by the officers of the Foot Guards, by putting in ventilation pipes going through the roof, and forming orderly and commandant's room out of one of the armories.

An additional entrance gateway has been made to the shed and grounds along Canal Street, also for near approach for Princess Louise Dragoon Guards to saddle horses. The foot gateway next caretaker's house has been closed up. An additional gateway for horsemen has been provided at the central gateway on Maria Street.

The shingling on drill shed has become rotten, owing to old age, and should be replaced by Canada-plate, also the floor of main hall, which is laid without any air space under, should be taken up and re-laid. I would also recommend the removal of the long, heavy sky-light off the roof, as there is plenty of light without it; it collects snow on one side of the roof at time of bad drifts and tends to the staining of the roof.

A coal cellar is also urgently required; a temporary arrangement having now to be made each year, in the gun shed, to the detriment of the gun accoutrements. The buying of coal each year "in bulk" would soon pay for the cost of cellar. The coal cellar would be under the large hall with shoots from outside and two small stairs down inside.

Provision should be made for one extra man in the summer, with horse and cart, harrow and roller, for, say one and one-half days per week, to cut the grass, keep the roads clean, trim the trees, repair the fences and pick up rubbish, and also to arrest all parties getting over fences or damaging the trees or fencing.

A little grass seed should be planted on the bare spots caused by goals for sports, and no playing of games should be allowed without constant alteration of goal positions. The square is very much trespassed upon by the boys of the two public schools adjoining, and by workmen going to and from work, and much damage is caused to the fences and grass. I have seen many of the young men who belong to clubs using the square take entrance over the fence instead of through the gateways. A sufficient number of notices should be posted up against trespass and damage, and the city police should be asked to protect the square from trespass, as the square is for general public benefit, and the use of it for any legitimate sport or amusement is never refused by the Minister. If the city authorities do not look after (through the police) the square better, I should recommend it being closed to any of their sport clubs.

The inside of caretaker's house has been re-painted, lime-whitened, &c., for the first time since erection. The caretaker is erecting, free, an extension of the back shed for fuel; lumber being supplied him by the Department.

The main roof of Militia Stores, at foot of locks, requires re-covering. Canada-plate roofing has been put on the carpenter's and armorer's shops and stores in rear of main building. The walls of main building require to be colored and re-pointed, also guttering and fall pipes renewed. A supply of water is recommended from the