

# THE CITY'S FINANCES.

## Some of the Items of Cost of the Water and Sewerage Systems of St. John.

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In reviewing the expenditures of the Common Council, I took up that for streets first. Closely allied with the street expenditure is that for the maintainence of the sewerage and water systems, and at the beginning it may be well to explain that a separate assessment is levied on the citizens for the maintainence of the water works, but the cost of keeping up the sewerage system is paid out of the general rates, an annual assessment being levied for the interest on sewerage debentures and for the maintainence of the sewers. The cost of the city sewers has been about half a million dollars and there are still floating sewerage bonds amounting to. \$235,950. At the Union of the cities of St. John and Portland the Commissioners of Water and Sewerage reported that they had issued bonds to the amount of \$335,950 out of an authorized issue of \$350,000. The amount expended for sewerage in the North end was in the neighborhood of \$70,500. Since Union \$102,600 has been expended in the construction of new sewers and there is still a considerable area of the city still undrained. These expenditures do not include those made in Carleton under the Union