

the use of the Board an indexed history of the various families applying for relief, which is of great value in considering claims for aid.

Mr. Alexander McDougall was the visitor for the Association, and by his thorough investigation, numerous cases of unworthy applicants were disposed of and misappropriation of the funds prevented. Daily attendance at the office was given by the President, Messrs. James Forrest, John Farquharson and John Symons, and all cases received due attention.

A quantity of clothing was received from mercantile firms and private citizens, receipt of which was acknowledged in the press, and which was distributed among poor families of deserving character, and aided somewhat to ward off the cold of winter.

INTEREST DUE BY THE CITY.

A bill for Interest to which reference was made as follows in last year's report is still unpaid.

"It is a matter of satisfaction that the amounts reported last year as due from the city for broken stone have been paid. In consequence of no provision in the appropriation having been made to cover interest, the face of the bills only was paid. It is hoped, however, that a spirit of equity will rule the deliberations of the City Council, and that a bill for interest, which has been submitted, will be provided for. It would be wholly unfair that a charitable association, should be required to borrow money from a bank and pay interest thereon in order that a wealthy city should have the use of the money for over two years in one instance for nothing."

This bill amounting to \$337.50 was reported upon and adopted by the City Council in November last. But provision having been made that the amount should be paid out of arrears of taxes, and these not having realized the amount expected from them, there were no funds applicable to the liquidation of the claim.

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