

against fire,—whilst, on the other hand, they solemnly promised to lower down their rates as soon as the situation would be improved. The new main pipe completed since 1913 works to the general satisfaction.

It was in order to obey the injunctions of the Fire Underwriters that we have completely reorganized our Fire Brigade, have doubled the number of its members, have transferred the appointment and discipline of its members far away from noxious influences and have put them under the limited control of a commission whose decisions are without appeal,—that we have built, repaired, enlarged and modernized our fire stations,—and that we have provided the Fire Brigade with all the most modern apparatus to give more rapid and efficient service. The whole having cost over a quarter of million of dollars, not including the increase of maintenance cost.

In return for all those sacrifices, we have obtained from the Fire Underwriters considerable reduction of the fire insurance rates, and we hope to obtain further reduction.

One word to note the increase of our municipal force which had become necessary since the enlarging of our civic territory.

Considerable changes have been operated in our markets. Several have been abolished, a new one has been opened near the Drouin bridge, which will be in operation as soon as the dam on the River St. Charles shall be completed.

We have also developed and improved our sanitary organization. The number of officials has been increased, the Municipal Laboratory enlarged. Let us point out the analysis, inspection and control of the sale of milk and cream, the rigid inspection of milch cows which supply milk to Quebec, the inspection of creameries and dairies, and of all places where food stuffs are sold, the establishment of a new civic hospital, the transformation of the old civic hospital at the Palais into a temporary hospital for patients suffering from tuberculosis, the rigid guard kept