

December 28th, 1888.

*Re DON IMPROVEMENT.*

DEAR MR. SPROATT,—Your letter of the 27th is not an answer to mine of the 26th. When, and by whom, was it decided to depart from the provisions of the Statute, as to making a general railway reserve, to be used by the railways in common?

The motion of Ald. Carlyle is merely the expression of the policy of the Council, that it would be in the City's interest to have the Canadian Pacific Railway come down the Don Improvement. There is no dispute about that, but why was the Company allowed to select the most favorable part of the Improvement, and occupy it *exclusively*, to the detriment of other railway companies, who may in the future decide to enter the City by that route?

Who prepared the plans which were presented to the Railway Committee of the Privy Council?

The person who did so must have marked "Canadian Pacific Railway Reserve" upon them, and had instructions or authority from you or somebody else to do so. These are matters that we must have cleared up at once. Awaiting your reply,

Faithfully yours,

(Signed)

E. F. CLARKE.

C. Sproatt, Esq., City Engineer.

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CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

TORONTO, Dec. 31st, 1888.

*Re DON IMPROVEMENT.**To His Worship the Mayor, Toronto:*

DEAR SIR,—In reply to your letter of the 2<sup>nd</sup> inst., asking for further information *re* the railway reserves on the Don plans, I have made further enquiries, and learn from Mr. Sankey, P.L.S., who was out of town last week, that the original plan of the Don Improvements showing the lands required, was prepared by Messrs. Unwin, Browne & Sankey, P.L.S., in August, 1886. This plan showed a railway reserve of 30 feet wide on each side immediately adjoining the edge of the new channel, and adjoining this a roadway of 50 feet wide. About this time the question of an eastern entrance by the C. P. R. was again brought up, and some weeks after the Don By-law had been voted on a meeting was held in the Mayor's office, at which were present Mayor Howland, Ald. Carlyle, Chairman of the Board of Works; Mr. E. B. Osler, Hon. R. M. Wells, Mr. H. D. Lumsden, C. E., representing the C. P. R.; Mr. Sankey, myself, and I think Mr. Maughan.