

THE SEWERAGE FLEETINGS.

This matter has been so frequently and exhaustively discussed of late that we do not propose to draw the attention of our readers to any length to-day, but it is essential to a proper understanding of the question, that the main points of the controversy should be again explained.

The council over which Mayor Ritchie presided, on the 12th inst., decided to refer the question to the ratepayers, "in view of the fact that the ratepayers are the best judges of the propriety of the expenditure of the city."

The ratepayers voted in the affirmative and authorized an expenditure not exceeding \$5,000 for the purpose of procuring the necessary plans.

The senior member of the firm arrived at Victoria in March following and upon his return to England prepared and presented elaborate plans and specifications of the proposed works.

Upon the receipt of the plans the sewerage committee of the council—Messrs. Lipsett, Robertson and Higgins—set about preparing a scheme for submission to the ratepayers.

Although the municipalities act confers on the council the power to borrow money for sewerage it falls to confer the authority for special tax funds necessary to give effect to the scheme.

AN EXPENSIVE JOKE.

A Heavy Suit for Damages Against the Canadian.

New York, Dec. 11.—The World's Halifax special of December 10th says: The most expensive joke on record in this province is reported from New Glasgow, the center of the oil-mining region.

Among the victims at this place are Brown, with his wife, all of New York. Brown is a mining speculator and largely interested in Nova Scotia gold mines.

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Some Purchases Which the First Lady of the Land is Alleged to Have Made.

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