

The Committee regret this slight misunderstanding, as they are very sure the omission adverted to, was accidental, and was not intended to be disrespectful.

There is, however, an inconsistency in the statement of the Water Company. The document sets out by shewing the anxiety of the Directors to give an additional supply of water, and to make such arrangements as would ensure the city against the recurrence of terrible visitations by Fire ; thereby intimating their opinion, that a better supply was required.— In the concluding part of the same statement, they undertake to prove, very confidently, that on the night of 9th September last, there was an ample supply of water in the pipes ; some of the plugs being so full as to burst the hose ; and that the alleged inefficiency was not in accordance with the facts. If such was really the case, the Committee cannot understand how the Directors of the Water Company can expect the city to pay three hundred and fifty pounds yearly, for an additional supply of water, for fire purposes, when, it may be inferred from their argument, an additional supply was unnecessary.

Apart from this discrepaney, the Directors of the Water Company, now propose to lay down a 12-inch pipe, by the Ball Court to Brunswick Street ; thence south by Barrack Street to Sackville Street, with 6-inch pipes down all the intermediate streets ; and a 6-inch pipe in Hollis Street, from Sackville to Buckingham Streets.

The Committee have no doubt this would be an improvement as far as it goes ; though it differs, very widely, from the views of Mr. Stone, the gentleman sent out from England to enquire into the cause of the late Fire. According to Mr. Stone's notions, as detailed by him, in a memorandum submitted to the Committee, there should be a main pipe of not less than 3 feet, from the Long Lake to St. Andrew's Cross ; then a 2 feet main to the south end of Barrack Street, and another, to the north end of Brunswick Street, with 12-inch mains in every principal street of the city.