

POST OFFICE MATTERS.

A standing Committee was appointed by the Council to take up all matters in connection with the Post Office service. The Committee had an interview with the Superintendent of the railway mail service in connection with the delay of mails from Eastern Canada, owing to the fact that they were frequently carried on the second section of a train which arrived here in sections. The Superintendent informed the Committee that this matter had already been brought to his attention, but he would again take it up with the Railway Officials. The Committee have reported that this was done, and that no complaints are now made of the delay in mails from this cause.

The Committee conferred with the Post Office Inspector in regard to the complaints that were made that the City staff was inadequate to properly handle the mail matter in the Post Office. He promised to investigate the matter and do all he could to remedy this state of affairs, but it was subsequently reported to the Committee that the Postmaster maintained that the staff employed was ample to meet all demands. Some changes were made, and with additions to the staff the service given the public was more satisfactory, but recently complaints of inadequate service at the general delivery have been made and the Committee is now pressing the matter on the attention of the Department.

A year ago the Council had represented to the Department of Public Works the urgent necessity then existing that more space should be given to the lobby of the City Post Office, with other alterations greatly required by the public. Plans prepared by Mr. D. Smith, local Superintendent of Public Works, were approved by the Department, and a vote for the