

Mr. McMurrich, on the 18th October, replied as follows :

Toronto, 18th October, 1883.

MY DEAR MR. MAYOR,—Yours in reply duly received. I shall be happy to advise you of the progress made from time to time. I quite agree with you that, to give the necessary facilities to the public, the accommodation on the Esplanade must be increased. This, you will notice, however, is more a work pertaining to the citizens and their representatives in the City Council and not to the Railway Companies, and your efforts in this direction last summer with the property owners were certainly discouraging.

I shall have much pleasure in receiving your plans and suggestions *re* gates, and same will receive prompt consideration.

Yours truly,

W. BARCLAY McMURRICH.

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR.

Nothing further was done until the 15th of November, when the Committee of the Council again met the representatives of the various Railway Companies, and after hearing their reasons why some arrangements had not been arrived at for the settlement of the Esplanade difficulty, the Committee decided to report to the Council as follows:

"Your Committee beg leave to report that in their opinion it is necessary that a street at least 40 feet in width is indispensable in carrying out the improvement which is necessary on the Esplanade to make it free from the great dangers to the public which now exist, and to enable the business which is now being carried on to be continued with anything like safety to the many persons engaged therein.

Your Committee would recommend that the Committee on Legislation be instructed to prepare a petition to the Ontario Legislature, asking for such legislation as may be necessary to provide for the building of such street at the expense of the property owners, railway companies, and the City generally, and to provide the necessary means therefor.

Your Committee would recommend that the necessary notice be given, as a precautionary measure, that it is the intention of the City to apply for such legislation at the next session of the Dominion Parliament as will enable all difficulties in connection with the Esplanade to be settled, provided the railway companies do not arrive at some arrangement within the space of two weeks from this date."

This Report was adopted by the Council at its meeting held on the 26th November, 1883.