

expended on general street improvements. For 1881 the following appropriations, purely for repairs, will be required:—

Stone account	\$4,000
Street and sidewalk repairs	7,500
Bridge repairs	2,000
Main Sewer and Drain repairs	500
Major's Park	1,000
	\$15,000

Of this amount the City Engineer considers that not one dollar can be expended on new work; it will all be required for repairs, and any new work must have additional appropriations. A large number of the principal sidewalks are in a very bad state and extensive repairs will be required early in the spring. I believe, with many, that the Board of Works should continue to make the repairs where most required, irrespective of ward divisions. If it is at all possible, an agreement should be made with the contractors to refrain from lighting certain lamps during business days, for instance, one in front of churches, instead of two, whilst many of the lamps about the markets are really not required constantly. There are two lamps in front of the Skating Rink, on Slater street, and others throughout the city might, with advantage, be changed to more frequented locations without entailing additional expenses. Last year I suggested that the sewer west of the canal should be so arranged as to admit of frequent flushing; a pipe has been connected with the water main at the west end of the main sewer, at Slater and Lyon streets, and the sewer is flushed out when required. The sewer is reported in good order and repair, and cleaner than in previous years, owing to the large quantities of water passing through. I might call attention to the fact that some of the old sewers throughout the city are in a bad condition, and the most of the private drains connecting with the main sewer are wooden boxes, untrapped, acting as ventilators from the sewer into private residences, thus breeding malaria and too often promoting disease. Another feature of this sewer service should receive attention from the new Board of Works. At present the main outfall sewer can only be utilized for the drainage of property as follows: East of the canal—north of Osgoode street; west of the canal—north of MacLaren and east of Concession street; the Victoria Ward sewer—west of the aqueduct; thus leaving all the land south of Osgoode and MacLaren streets, and west of Concession street and south of the aqueduct without means of drainage into these outfall sewers. The main sewers, as we all know, were constructed at the expense of the whole city, and, as the portions of the municipality above specified cannot possibly derive any advantage from the main sewer, it would seem only just that the property immediately benefitted by proximity to the sewers, constructed as they were out of a general fund, should pay a yearly rate for such privilege. The only method at present of draining property removed from the main sewer, is under the terms of the Local Improvement By-law, and would cost parties availing themselves of it from \$25 to \$100 each lot, cash payment, or \$5 to \$20 annual payment for a