

key or authority, the amendments are inserted in their places in the different By-laws where they occur, without further reference or comment.

The consolidation of the numerous By-laws referring to similar subjects, and the revision of others relating to a single purpose has been proceeded with with a careful endeavor to preserve, as far as possible, both the wording and the intention of the original framers of the enactments, and to amend only in those particulars that were necessary to bring them into accord with the existing Municipal Law, and the present and prospective requirements of the City. These "Consolidated" By-laws having been of necessity submitted to the Council for re-adoption were passed, the majority on the 26th of October, 1868, and the remainder on the 26th of November, 1869, by reference to which dates they may be readily referred to in the present volume. As bearing on these "Consolidated" By-laws, in the preparation of which was involved the heaviest labour of the Commissioners, it may not be out of place to refer to their first report to the Council, inserted in the minutes of the 26th July, 1868.

It was considered inadvisable to amend or in any way to interfere with those By-laws relating to the subjects over which the Commissioners of Police now exercise jurisdiction, their titles have therefore been merely printed.

Reference, it is felt, may be briefly made to two other series of By-laws now for the first time printed at large, namely, By-laws authorizing the leasing of lands belonging to the City, and By-laws authorizing the issue of Debentures.

With regard to the former no particular comment is necessary, and as perspicuity has been the main aim of the Commissioners, they have had prepared on a reduced scale and inserted at the commencement of the volume sundry maps of the properties referred to, which will be found of use in reading these "Lease" By-laws.

With regard to the latter it was only deemed necessary to