

greater advantage to the citizens than by silly remarks concerning our dirty back lanes.' This was said by a doctor who is supposed to feel a very great interest in the health of our city. If there is any one thing more injurious to the city than another it is the disgraceful state of our back lanes. At a previous meeting I made some allusion to this filth that was allowed to remain under the very noses of many of the most eminent physicians of our city, and to-night I repeat the allusion, and I should like those medical men to reply to the charge I now make against them in using their back lanes for storing their manure and garbage from their stables and houses. I say emphatically that they have no more right to throw filth in those back lanes than I have to go and deposit such in their dining-rooms. This is strong language, but it is necessary to use strong language in a case such as this. I will not make any further remarks. I have condensed what I intended to say, and made up in strength what I have lost in length. But I reiterate that it is unworthy a medical journal."

Dr. Edwards then proceeded to read his highly interesting paper upon our water supply, which will be found in our original matter, after which he called upon Mr. Louis Lesage, Superintendent of Montreal Water Works, to explain the proposed new system of water supply.

Mr. Lesage, although he had come unprepared to address the meeting, yet feeling that he should be able to say something upon such matters, spoke as follows:—

"Our water supply has been increasing from a small pumping engine and a wooden pipe at the mountain to that we now get from the Lachine rapids. It was proposed to go some thirty or forty miles distance, where a pure lake could be found, and conduct the water to the city by gravitation, and the question was considered whether this should be adopted in preference to the present works, but as this would entail a very large expenditure it was thought the city could not yet undertake such a large work; but the idea of making a new canal of large dimensions did at last prevail. The first part is now in the course of construction, and is expected to be done early next year, the remainder will be done in a few years. The water power is sufficient to raise one hundred millions of gallons in summer and thirty-one millions in