

MR. T. C. KEEFER, C.M.G.

ON

THE VANCOUVER SEWERAGE SYSTEM

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"In reply to an enquiry as to whether during his stay in the city, he had examined the sewerage system which is now being built, Mr. Keefer said he had. Mr. Mohun, who has designed the system, and superintended the work of construction, laid the plans before him. Mr. Keefer said he had no doubt but that the separate system which was the one Mr. Mohun had adopted, was the proper one for this country. Where, as in some of the eastern cities, immense bodies of water resulting from the melting snow, had to be quickly discharged from the surface of the streets, there might be some reason for adhering to the old plan of large brick sewers capable of carrying off the surface water as well as the sewerage. But in such a climate as we have here, he considered Mr. Mohun had acted judiciously in adopting the separate system. As regards the material used for the sewers and the form in which they were made, Mr. Keefer was inclined to think that the Council considering the limited means at their disposal for this purpose, had been well advised by Mr. Mohun. The timber drains would, if well laid, last at least five years, and, in all probability, much longer. With a good supply of water for flushing purposes, he thought the sewerage system now being constructed would be satisfactory. 'With such a system of water works as you will have,' said Mr Keefer, 'with a very comprehensive sewerage system, with your excellent roadways, worthy of any old and wealthy city, and which are so different from those found in other cities of the size of this place, I think Vancouver shows enterprise which, even in this age of progress, is remarkable.'"

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