with a view of securing an equitable adjustment of the taxes. The Mayor promised to give the matter his best attention, but the bill introduced into Parliament, was so much at variance with the wishes of the citizens, that your Council felt it their duty to take active measures to defeat the most objectionable clauses. Accordingly with the consent of the Board, J. W. Cook, Esq., Advocate, was despatched to Ottawa, and through his exertions, and those of Sir N. F. Belleau, the Hon. Chas. Alleyn, and Hon. I. Thibaudeau, the obnoxious bill was deprived of some of the worst features. The present law is still defective, and your Council hope a further effort will be made, on the assembling of the Legislature, to pass a more efficient measure for the government of the city.

CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Repeated representations were made by your Council to the municipal authorities, to adopt some effective means of protecting the property of the citizens from fire, and it is satisfactory to know that the existing fire organization, which has already done good service, and the further arrangements contemplated by the Fire Committee of the Corporation, will, your Council hope, have the effect of reducing the present high rates of insurance and render property less liable to destruction. This important matter demands constant attention.

PUBLIC STREETS.

The Council called the attention of the Mayor and Corporation to the filthy condition of the principal thoroughfares in the Lower Town, and although the city was threatened with the re-appearance of Cholera, no effort was made until late in the season, to repair and clean them. It is hoped that, on the departure of the snow this spring, active measures will be taken, to put the leading streets in order, and have them properly cleaned.

QUARANTINE REGULATIONS.

The limits prescribed under the Quarantine regulations, for the bringing to of vessels with clean bills of health, having been considered too circumscribed, the Council brought the matter under the notice of the Government,—requesting them to extend their limits so as to include the ballast ground, and recommending that a medical man, to be appointed by the Government, and paid by the owners, should board all steamships with the Pilots at Father Point, and to issue certificates to enable these steamers to pass the Quarantine Station, provided there is no disease on board. These recommendations were adopted.

POST OFFICE.

Representations were made to the Government on the utter inadequacy of the Post Office accommodation in this city; and although the Post Master General promised to give the subject his careful attention, it is to be