

Foreman, and I believe that he has, according to his ability, exerted himself to promote the interests of the Company.

It was, however, considered highly desirable, both for the satisfaction of the Directors and Shareholders, that a thorough examination and Report on the works should be made by a competent engineer ; said Report to point out the defects, &c., with the best and most economical method of rectifying the same. Mr. Peebles, Manager of the Quebec Gas Works, was selected for that purpose, and consented to do so, with the kind permission of the Quebec Board of Directors. Mr. P.'s examination included both the interior of the Company's works and the street mains, the result of his investigations he has embodied in a clear and elaborate Report, which is now on the Table and the information contained therein must necessarily prove beneficial to the Superintendent for the future.

A plan of the city, showing the exact position of all the pipes belonging to the Company, and their different sizes, has been with the assistance of the Superintendent carefully prepared—a work which had been long required.

MAIN PIPES AND SERVICES LAID.

During last summer, 1226 yards of main pipes, and 213 service pipes, were laid in different streets.

NUMBER OF CONSUMERS.

The number of Consumers at the date of last meeting was 1,222. The number at present is : by meter, 1,365 ; by contract, 79,—in all 1,444 ; making an increase of 222 consumers, during the past year.

GAS MANUFACTURED.

The Superintendent reports that 28,292,000 cubic feet of gas was manufactured during the last year.

The foregoing is about all in the working department to which I have thought it desirable to refer. I will now return to the Books, which were removed to the town office. On examining the Company's Rent Ledgers, I found that no less