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WILL CANCEL CONTRACT

Contractors of Screened Gravel
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Objections to Building Out Over the Street—A Case in Point.

It will be remembered that some time ago the board of works made a contract with Alexander & Boss to supply screened gravel, in South London, chiefly, and that that firm had been unable to furnish it. At last night's meeting of the board a letter was read from the city solicitor advising the cancellation of the contract, and this will be recommended to the city council. The chief matter under discussion arose over the action of some residents of the city in building their houses or verandas out over the public highway. The city engineer explained that he had consulted the solicitor and had found that the board of works had the power to instruct the city engineer to order the removal of the structures. He said that the city engineer was against a new veranda which had been put up by a person on the corner of Waterloo and Dundas streets. In this case he had warned the builder, but the erection had gone on. He thought some action should be taken to stop the practice of building over the public street, and the idea was agreed with by the board, except that it was decided to lay the matter over for one meeting. It was feared that complications might arise by the ordering of the structure down without further consideration.

The Warren Paving Company wrote stating that before they had their plant to Chatham they would like to construct the bituminous macadam pavement on Clarence street, which was delayed some time ago owing to the request of some of the residents, who stated that a petition would be circulated against it. Nothing more was heard of the matter, and the board last night decided to give any of the ratepayers until the next meeting to state what kind of pavement they wish and if no request is made the bituminous macadam pavement will go ahead.