

## CITY HALL,

13th July, 1852.

A meeting of the Relief Committee was held this day at the City Hall.

Benjamin Holmes, Esq., in the Chair, and M. H. Seymour, Esq., acting as Secretary.

The Mayor was called upon by the Chairman to report what action had been taken by the Council in preparing suggestions for co-operation with this Committee, whereby, the greatest good might be accomplished for the sufferers.

When his Honor the Mayor reported as follows :

GENTLEMEN,—I beg leave to report to you, that at a meeting of the whole Council in Committee last evening, it was resolved to lose no time in carrying out with your valuable co-operation the objects expressed in the second of the series of Resolutions adopted at the Public Meeting, held in this City, on Saturday last; and for that purpose, the Council are of opinion that the City should be divided into Districts or Sections, in which collections should be immediately taken up, by Sub-Committees appointed by the Relief Committee and the Council, unitedly.

The Council are not of opinion that any open and direct appeal for assistance should be made, except to the Citizens of Montreal; and that the only appeal to be made to other Cities, should consist of a Public notification, that a Committee has been appointed to receive foreign contributions; and they recommend the appointment of such a Committee forthwith, the members to be chosen in equal numbers from the Relief Committee and the Council.

The Council are of opinion also, that there should be appointed a Committee of Supervision or General Management, to receive and take charge of all funds that may be collected and contributed; and that the Committee be composed of twelve members, six of whom should be taken from the Corporation, and an equal number chosen out of the Relief Committee.

And I beg to add, that in the event of this last suggestion meeting with the concurrence of the Relief Committee, I am authorized to state that the following are the members selected by the Council to represent them in the Committee of Supervision or General Management, viz :—

H. W. The Mayor,  
Alderman Lynch,  
Alderman Atwater,

Alderman Whitney,  
Councillor Trudeau,  
Councilor Marchand.

Whereupon it was moved by the Hon. L. H. Lafontaine, seconded by the Rev.

Dr. Bethune :

That the several suggestions offered by the City Council, be entered in the Register of the proceedings of this Committee, with the view to their being favorably considered in any resolution or proceedings to be hereafter adopted.

After the passing of this Resolution, various remarks as to the propriety of seeking donations from abroad were made, the suggestions of the Corporation being adverse to it.

Rev. Mr. Jenkins thought it inadvisable to support this view of the Council, inasmuch as we were unable, at the present moment, to estimate the extent of the loss, and consequently the amount requisite to meet that loss. Therefore it would be impolitic virtually to decline foreign aid.

In order to show that aid from without would be afforded, whether sought, or not, the Chairman read extracts from two letters he had this day received from