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the obstruction, and that the railway company were also liable over to the city corporation. The judgment of the court directs that the city corporation shall pay the costs of bringing in the railway company as defendants in the first action.

Wm. G. Whittier, Town Clerk of Trenton, Ont., is dead, aged 55 years.

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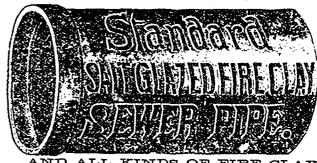
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