

is necessary, in order to render the different By-laws consistent with each other, and with the present circumstances of the City."

The report contained a tabular statement of By-laws and sections requiring to be amended or repealed, and recommended the consideration, for this purpose, by the respective Committees having charge of the subject, of the following By-laws:—

By-laws Nos. 478, 504, 589, 641, 673, 675, and 690, by the Finance Committee.

By-laws Nos. 467, 470, 481, 666, and 693, by the Board of Works.

By-laws Nos. 472, 473, and 627, by the Standing Committee on Fire Water and Gas.

By-laws Nos. 474, 476, and 483, by the Market Committee.

By-law No. 477, by the License Committee.

By-laws Nos. 502, 633, and 660, by the Board of Health, &c.

The By-laws above referred to, with many others, were reconsidered as above suggested, and the work of reconstruction and amendment energetically proceeded with during the summer, every section reprinted in the present volume being examined and considered. All the illegalities and inconsistencies cannot be said to have been removed; but a very great improvement was effected, and the Consolidation of 1876, though by no means submitted as a perfect work, will, it is hoped, be found to be free from any glaring instances of legislation in excess of the powers of the Council. The work of remodelling the entire series of the By-laws occupied of course a very considerable time, and it was not until September 25th, 1876, nearly six months after the appointment of the Committee, that the By-law (No. 752), embodying the necessary amendments, was finally adopted by the Council. This By-law, which would cover nearly eighty pages, is not reprinted in the present volume; but all the amendments