

cholera appearing on this side of the Atlantic next season extraordinary precautions should be taken to place the city in a sound sanitary condition. We have natural and cheap water pressure, and all that is required is good drainage. The proposition made by Dr. Rogers, that a commission of competent engineers should be appointed by the city to thoroughly examine the drainage system, is one that should be carried out. If there are dips, pockets or leakage in the sewers, they should be discovered and remedied, otherwise the stagnant sewage accumulating thereat will continue to breed the deadly typhoid.

Dr. Rogers expresses himself in the following language "I claim the fever prevalent here is occasioned by the sanitary condition of the city largely due to the system of the drainage being defective." I say plainly the sanitary condition of the city of Ottawa, is exceedingly unsatisfactory, and unless remedied typhoid fever and diphtheria will tend to increase year after year, and should cholera reach our city which may be the case within the next few months, the death roll may be a terrible one, (cries of shame ! shame ! we want Brown !)

Mr. F. Powell in the *Citizen* of November 30th, comes to the rescue of Mayor Stewart in the following insulting language to the Medical profession.

"At a time when the papers are flooded with sensational writings, that can only serve to create alarm and to injure the city, and doctors avail themselves of a cheap medium of advertising their practice; while the gobemouches are frightened into a fever of excitement little less pronounced than malaria or typhoid, it is re-assuring to know that, in the future, there will be a practical inspector to regulate the plumbing and drainage of our houses and homes, which are doubtless two of the main causes of disease here as elsewhere." Now, Ladies and Gentlemen, I think that regarding what Mr. McLeod Stewart has done to make this a clean and a healthy city, and what he has not done has been touched upon sufficiently by me that no further remarks are necessary. But I am grieved; my heart feels sad when I think of the promises that Mr. Stewart made, you may say wilful neglect in the slightest degree, endeavouring to carry them out. For months past this destroying epidemic is a plague to our city, and it is not until the last moment, when our hospitals are filled with sick patients, our brothers, our sisters, our parents and our friends, stretched in sickness on their beds, and when the indignation of the people burst forth and demand relief that steps are taken to flush out the sewers, and by that process to endeavour to kill the disease. I ask you do you want for another year in the Mayor's chair a man who has promised so much, accomplished so little, and apparently cared but little for the welfare of the city or the lives of its inhabitants ?

#### BOULEVARDING KING ST. AND BEAUTIFYING THE CITY.

Mr. Stewart in his inaugural address said : "I had the pleasure suggesting the idea of planting trees on and otherwise beautifying King street, thereby providing a grand boulevard from Rideau street toward Government House and Beechwood Cemetery." And on January 18th,