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1,403 new services have been put in, and nearly 7½ miles of new mains laid, making the total mileage of mains over 214.

The high standard of the illuminating power of the gas, has been fully maintained during the year, at an average of nearly 21 candles, or more than 25 per cent. over the Government standard of 16 candles.

The gasholder capacity not being sufficient for the output of gas, excavation for a new brick gasholder tank, of 150 feet diameter, by 35 feet 9 inches deep, was commenced in May last, on the Company's lot on Bathurst Street, and adjoining the other gasholder, and the tank is now just about completed, the contractor for the work being Mr. W. C. Whyte, of New York.

In conjunction with nearly all the other Gas Companies in the Dominion, and supported by a number of leading Manufacturers, this Company, during the last session, petitioned the Finance Minister to remove the duty from gas oil, crude petroleum and benzine; and a large deputation subsequently waited upon him and forcibly presented their views.

The Directors regret that the petitioners did not succeed in obtaining the removal, or even a reduction of the duty.

	STREET LAMPS	METERS	GAS RENTAL
For the year ending 30th September, 1892.....	1,201	16,164	\$512,554 17
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	Decrease..... 76	Increase, 1,326	Increase, \$ 23,607 92

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JAMES AUSTIN,
President