

The number of By-laws actually passed in each year since the last Consolidation, and up to the present date, is as follows :—

1870.....	12	1874.....	33
1871.....	22	1875.....	47
1872.....	32	1876(to 30th Sept.)	52
1873.....	43		
		Total.....	246

From these figures it will appear that during the last few years the amount of our municipal legislation has steadily increased in almost geometrical progression ; and when it is considered that, like a great deal of our Statute law, this has largely consisted in the amendment, re-amendment, repeal and re-enactment of the 105 By-laws reported as in force by the Consolidation Committee of 1866-70, the necessity for a second Consolidation, foreshadowed by that Committee in their preface, will be seen to have arisen, and to have become almost imperative.

A Select Committee was accordingly appointed in March last, on motion of Mr. Alderman WRIGHT, to consist of " His Worship the Mayor (ANGUS MORRISON, Esq., Q.C.), Aldermen TURNER, BOUSTEAD, WITHROW, and the mover, with the City Treasurer (SAMUEL B. HARMAN, Esq.), and City Solicitor (C. R. W. BIGGAR, Esq.)," for the purpose of consolidating the By-laws to the end of 1875.

On the 8th of April the Committee presented its first report, recommending in general terms a plan similar to that adopted in the Consolidation of 1866-70, and asking an appropriation of \$2,000 (less than one-half the expense of the former Consolidation).

On the 24th of the same month, the Committee again reported that a draft Consolidation had been completed, ready for the press ; but they stated at the same time that, from a memorandum submitted to them by the City Solicitor, it appeared that "it would be unwise to print the By-laws in their present shape, as many of them seem to be wholly or in part illegal, while in other cases much verbal amendment