

By-Law, passed 5th October, 1868, declaring the Acts of the two Legislatures "unconstitutional and void," and prohibiting the laying of tracks "upon any of the streets, squares, and bridges of the City of Ottawa."

Instructions were also given by the City to file a Bill in Chancery against the Company, and the Directors were served with a notice to this effect.

As to the second statement, although the Company were, according to the sub-committee's argument, released from its so-called pledge by its non-acceptance by the City, as a matter of fact it was redeemed, first by the Company paying for the labor from the outset in 1870; and, secondly, by their paying for the stone as soon as able to do so. In this respect they have done more than is required in other cities of equal population, as Hamilton, for instance, where the Corporation supply the material, and the Company only put it on their tracks.

As to the third statement, a reference to the letter which the sub-committee were answering would have shewn that the statement was as follows: "The terms laid down by the sub-committee propose a surrender of the privileges granted to this Company by its Charter of Incorporation, passed by the Parliament of Old Canada, at Ottawa, in 1866."

In the subsequent allegations and suppositions of your letter, the Directors find the sub-committee as incorrect as in those which have already been noticed. This Company has never claimed that it is to be consulted about, or its permission obtained for any civic work. When making such allegations or suppositions, the sub-committee were replying to a letter in which was contained this clear statement of the Company's position—"Whenever it is necessary to interrupt the Company's traffic no opposition will be offered by us, so long as we are provided with the necessary switches, and our track protected and restored to its former condition."

The sub-committee refer to the "tone" of the Company's letter. The Directors are unable to discover anything objectionable in the tone of their letter. It was written in