

## Report of the City Engineer on Mr. Campbell's Report.

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Winnipeg, Man., 19th November, 1900.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council, Winnipeg.

Gentlemen:—With reference to the report of Mr. A. W. Campbell, dated the 16th October, 1900:

Mr. Campbell visited Winnipeg last summer, and spent, it is understood, one or two days in the City. The weather had been dry for some time before his arrival, and he had no opportunity to see the effect of the Winnipeg mud on the streets.

Mr. Campbell's report is not correct in stating that his examinations were made in company with myself. With the exception of visiting the quarry at the same time as Mr. Campbell, and having about five minutes' conversation with him, I saw nothing of him. He did not visit my office nor ask for any plans, specifications or information with reference to the matter upon which he writes.

Apart from the short time given by Mr. Campbell to his investigation, his methods of obtaining information and arriving at conclusions would be considered among engineers as most superficial.

Mr. Campbell is mistaken in stating that business methods have not been employed in our street improvements. Also, in stating that we have not plans of the City, that levels have not been taken, and grades established. He is also wrong in stating that plans and specifications have not been prepared in accordance with the most modern practice.

Mr. Campbell is mistaken when he states that provision has not been made to drain and keep drained the sub-soil. Had he taken time to examine the records and plans in this office, he would have found that all pavements are thoroughly drained.

The following is a sample of the special pleading and apparent willingness to create unfavorable impressions, which characterize Mr. Campbell's report: "That you should have adopted asphalt, wood and macadam is an indication