

at the foot of Simcoe, York, Yonge, and Church Streets are of the description known as hoisting pole gates (see clause 2 of Report of Special Committee of City Council, communicated to you on the 10th of July last), and similar to one now in use at the Kingston Road crossing of the Grand Trunk Railway. I may add also that it is necessary that the gates be placed on both sides of the Esplanade at the foot of the streets named.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

ROBERT RODDY,

*City Clerk.*

Mr. Hickson replied as follows on the 3rd of September:

# GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY OF CANADA.

GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE.

Montreal, Sept. 3rd, 1883.

DEAR SIR,—On my return to Montreal on Saturday last I found your favour of the 29th ulto.

I quite understand the description of gates which His Worship the Mayor thinks ought to be erected on the Esplanade, but I am yet at a loss to understand how it is proposed to place them so as to afford any additional protection to the public having to cross over the Railway at the points named in your letter. I should feel greatly obliged if His Worship would direct the City Surveyor to make a sketch of how he considers the gates should be placed. After looking the subject over carefully on the ground, I cannot see how gates are to be used to any advantage; but, on the contrary, it seems to me that, if put up in the usual way, they are likely to increase the trouble now experienced in operating the Railways upon the Esplanade.

I am quite prepared, however, to give the most careful consideration to the suggestions of His Worship on this subject, being anxious that every reasonable precaution should be taken to prevent either accident or inconvenience arising from the operations of this Company on the Esplanade.

Yours truly,

J. HICKSON,

*General Manager.*

ROBERT RODDY, Esq.,  
*City Clerk, Torontó.*

On the 18th September His Worship the Mayor wrote to Mr. McMurrich as follows: