

4th. Letter from the Secretary of the Halifax Water Company to His Worship the Mayor, dated 13th September, 1859.

The Memorial of Mr. Longard, proposes a scheme for supplying the City with Water, for Fire purposes, exclusively ;—the supply to be drawn from the Birch Cove Lakes.

The Memorandum of Alderman Twining suggests the appointment of a Committee, to enquire into the expediency, and feasibility, of purchasing the Water Works, and property, of the Halifax Water Company.

Messrs. Young, Scott and Hartshorne's Letter has reference to the late Fire, and makes certain suggestions, relating thereto, such as, the laying down of additional Water Pipes, the use of Steam Fire Engines, and the enlargement of the Fire Companies.

The Communication from the Secretary of the Water Company embodies a proposition from the Company, agreeing to adopt the suggestion of Messrs. Young, Scott and Hartshorne by "laying down a 12-inch pipe from the Ball Court, at the south end of Gottengen Street, to Brunswick Street, and thence continued south along Barrack Street to Sackville Street ; and lead 6-inch branch pipes therefrom, down Sackville, Prince, George, Duke and Buckingham Streets, to Sackville Street ; laying a new 6-inch pipe along Hollis Street, between Sackville and Buckingham Streets ; the branch pipes to have a suitable number of fire-plugs attached to them, and to be used solely for fire purposes ; for the annual rent or sum of three hundred and fifty pounds."

The Committee have named the several papers in the order of their respective dates, but do not propose discussing them in that connexion. Indeed the whole subject naturally divides itself into two branches,—the improvement of the Fire Department, and an additional supply of Water.

In reference to the Fire Department, the first topic the Committee had under consideration, and indeed, as far as they were capable of judging, the principal defect of the Depart-