

The City Clerk again wrote Mr. Hickson at the request of the Mayor on the 9th August as follows:

SIR,—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th instant, in reply to mine of the 2nd relative to Esplanade matters, and in doing so I am desired by His Worship the Mayor to request your attention to the importance of carrying into effect at once the second recommendation contained in the Report of the Special Committee of the City Council, forwarded to you on the 10th of July last, namely, the erection of gates at the foot of Simcoe, York, Yonge, and Church Streets. During this and the following month the traffic to and from the City water front will be very great, and it is absolutely necessary for the safety and convenience of the public that immediate action should be taken in the matter.

His Worship regrets that no arrangement between the various Railway Companies interested has yet been come to regarding the whole matter in dispute with reference to the Esplanade, and suggests that in the meantime the erection of gates be proceeded with.

Your obedient servant,

ROBERT RODDY,

*City Clerk.*

Mr. Hickson was in the City on the 16th August, and called at the Mayor's Office, City Hall, but owing to illness was unable to see His Worship, as will be explained in the following letter to Mr. Hickson, dated Aug. 20th.

MY DEAR SIR,—I regret very much not to have seen you on Saturday last. I was unfortunately confined to my house and bed, or should have done myself the pleasure of calling on you. I do sincerely hope and trust you will soon meet with the other Railway magnates, and make some proposition with them which may prove satisfactory to all parties. I am obliged to leave for Quebec to-morrow, and shall be away for a week.

Yours very truly,

A. R. BOSWELL,

*Mayor.*

On the same day Mr. Hickson wrote to the City Clerk asking for a description of the gates proposed by the City to be erected at the foot of the streets named in his previous letter.

CITY CLERK'S REPLY.

August 29th, 1883.

J. HICKSON Esq.,

*General Manager Grand Trunk Railway, Montreal.*

SIR,—In reply to your letter of the 20th instant, I am directed by His Worship the Mayor to say, that the gates which it is proposed to have erected