

THE CITY OF QUEBEC.

standing there is to be no present or material change in the system—mean-
time the commerce of the city suffers very considerably.

A copy of a resolution of the Board, recommending that Leadenhall street, connecting St. Peter street with the Custom House should be repaired, was transmitted to the city Council. It is hoped that this much needed improvement will be proceeded with as soon as the season will admit.

Some correspondence passed with the Post Office authorities on the subject of mail communication Westward and Southward. Every disposition was shown to meet the views of the council, and some alterations in the hours of arrival of the mail trains were ordered, but, owing to causes beyond the control of the department, these alterations were not productive of any improvement.

No action appears to have been taken by the authorities in relation to the substitution of Provincial coinage for the British silver still in circulation, though it is understood that a supply of the new bronze coins is now ready to be issued, when it is hoped that some measures will be adopted for the speedy withdrawal of the copper coins now in use.

The Council regret to have to state that the evils attending the existing mode of advertising sheriff's sales of moveables, respecting which application was made to the government last year, have not been in any way modified.

During the year the vacancy created in the office of Inspector of Beef and Pork by the death of the late Inspector was filled up by the appointment of Mr. David Nolan.

Mr. John Fraser was appointed Inspector of Butter.

The Council are indebted to Mr. Dunscomb, collector of customs at this port, for returns of the trade between this city and the free port of Gaspé during the past year.

These returns, together with statements showing the quantity of Beef and Pork and of Ashes and Flour inspected here during the year are on the table for reference, as are also the minute books and correspondence of the year.

WILLIAM WALKER, JR.,

VICE-PRESIDENT.

ALEXANDER FRASER,

SECRETARY.

Quebec, 7 April, 1862.

Mr. John Laird, seconded by Mr. R. Shaw, moved,—

That the Annual Report of the Council be received, adopted and published.—Carried

Several gentlemen were proposed for membership, to be balotted for at the next general meeting.