

3. The application of the Dominion and Local Parliaments, now in session, for legislation to enable the Governor-in-Council, in conjunction with the City Council, to initiate and complete the necessary works, and also to authorize the Council to negotiate a loan for the city's share of the expense.

In conclusion, your Committee hope and trust that the general interest which has lately been awakened on this most important subject will not be allowed to subside, and that the Council, having at last taken the matter in hand, and accomplished something in the right direction, will never slacken its efforts until some effective means are found to remedy to a great extent, and in time entirely prevent, the recurrence of those disastrous inundations, which periodically cause incalculable loss to merchants and manufacturers, and produce indescribable misery and suffering in the homes of the working classes, whose dwellings are situated in those portions of the City more immediately affected thereby. Montreal, in the past, has been equal to every emergency, and her citizens and City Council can surely never rest satisfied until all danger of inundations is entirely removed.

The whole nevertheless respectfully submitted.

Committee Room,
City Hall,
Montreal, May 10th, 1886. }

A. A. STEVENSON, *Chairman.*

M. LAURENT,

J. McSHANE, jr.,

ROBERT PATON McLEA,

Representing the Board of Trade.

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TO THE CITY OF MONTREAL.

THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE IN INUNDATION

Respectfully report:

That the expenditure incurred in connection with their work from the beginning of February to date amounts to \$12,700, or \$4,700, in excess of the original appropriation.

In addition to this, however, there is the question of the Locomotive to be considered. The Grand Trunk Railway Co. offers to sell the three engines furnished to your com-

mittee for \$3,750, and should it be decided to take them the total additional appropriation required will be \$8,500.

Should the City not purchase the 3 engines the sum of \$1,665 will have to be paid for repairs and alterations which had to be made to them; \$30 for the use of them, and \$300 for removing them back to the Company's yards, or \$2,000 in all, which would be practically lost to the City.

Your Committee could therefore recommend their purchase and assumption by the Road Committee, together with the other plant remaining on hand, amounting to \$3,827, as per "Inventory," that your Committee receive a further appropriation of \$8,500 as above stated, to pay for the engines and all outstanding claims, and that the Road Committee be directed to carry out such permanent inundation work as may be determined upon in accordance with the City Surveyor's report.

The whole respectfully submitted.

City Hall.
Montreal, 14th June, 1886. }

A. A. STEVENSON, *Chairman.*

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TO THE CITY OF MONTREAL.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Respectfully report:

That, as directed by the Council, they have considered the accompanying report of the Special Committee on Inundation for a supplementary appropriation, and that they concur in the recommendation therein made.

The whole, nevertheless, respectfully submitted.

Committee Room,
City Hall,
Montreal, 17th June, 1886. }

J. GREENIE,

J. H. MOONEY,

JÉRÉMIE PERBALT,

WM. FARREL.