

The Committee on Roads and Bridges
to whom was referred the subject, of taking land
from the Union Rail Road Co. and Mr. Reed; to widen
Harvard Square from Dunster to Brighton Street.

Have given the matter most careful attention, and
respectfully make the following report.

In the absence of any Petition, or even request of the
Citizens, to have this work done at the present time.
Involving an expenditure of probably \$25,000 —
Your Committee feel, that, it is not only inexpedient,
but unwise, to force further improvements upon a
Section of the City, that seems so thoroughly satisfied
with things as they are.

As to the request of said R. R. Co. it would
seem, manifestly unwise, under ordinary circumstances
to allow them to erect, a large, handsome building
one to stand one hundred years at least. With the
highest probability of a change in the line of the street
being demanded — And yet, your Committee can see
no just reason, why the City should order this splendid
building set back four, or five feet, with old
wooden buildings, sheltering feet from the sun —

The view of a considerable part of the Square.

" And therefore recommend that the R. R. Co.,
be allowed to erect the building they contemplate,
on their present line of the Street.

For the Committee

James A. Hall

Cambridge

Dec 13th

1871.

Repair
widening of Harvard Square

Dec. 13, 1871-

In Board of Aldermen, Dec. 13, 1871-

Accepted. Saw-allowance for commenced.

Attest, Justin A. Jacobs, City Clerk

City Common Council, Dec. 13, 1871

Concurred,

Attest, J. W. Cotton, Clerk.

Dec 13, 1871

Approved

H. R. Harding
Mayor

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