

City of Cambridge.

In Board of Aldermen, July 14. 1884.

~~Ordered.~~

The Joint Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges, would ask leave to
Report

Calling the attention of the City Council to the immediate necessity of providing a permanent supply of gravel for the use of the Street Department, inasmuch as the source at the City gravel bank in Waterdown has become exhausted.

The attention of your committee was called to this matter by the Superintendent of Streets, early in the year, and the grounds have ^{since} been frequently visited and examined by the Committee. Attempts have been ^{made} to exchange some of the sand now remaining in the bank for gravel belonging to Mr. Cassidy, on the adjoining land, but it does not appear that there

is any considerable quantity of the proper material for our streets in the neighborhood of the City bank. Soundings have been made by the Superintendent of Streets and City Engineer at different points upon the land purchased of Mr. Cassidy, and enough has been ascertained to satisfy this committee that all the gravel to be obtained from this source has been taken,

It will be remembered that this gravel bank

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was purchased of Mr. John E. Cassidy in the year 1879, under the direction of the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges of that year, and the purchase was completed in the month of December. It was then thought to be a fortunate bargain for the city as the gravel was deemed to be of superior quality. The quantity estimated as being contained by the bank, and which was paid for, was 90582 cubic yards, for which the sum paid was \$13587.30, or 150¢ per cubic yard on the ground, and the city was allowed the period of ten years in which to take the gravel away. A subsequent contract was made with Mr. Cassidy for the delivery of the same within a period of six years at the rate of 70 cents per cubic yard. This contract has not yet expired, the term being 6 years from Dec. 29, 1879.

It is roughly estimated that a little less than one-half of the quantity of gravel purchased has been taken from the bank. The actual number of yards delivered by Mr. Cassidy can be ascertained by reference to the bills paid him from the year 1880 to the present season, inclusive.

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Your Committee would earnestly commend the facts herein stated, in reference to the gravel bank at Watertown, to the careful consideration of the City Council, it being urgently necessary that the matter should receive immediate attention. The requisite authority should be given by this Committee or some other persons to be selected by the City Council, to look for a supply of gravel, and to report the results of their inquiries forthwith, that there may be no delay in the work of the Street Department.

The foregoing statement is submitted without further recommendation.

For the Committee,

Stephen Anderson

Accepted. Sent - closed for concurrence.

Attest - Justin A. Jacobs, City Clerk.

July 16 1888

Walter H. Pike, Clerk

Approved July 17th 1888
James D. Fox
Mayor

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Com. on Roads & Bridges,
in relation to the City
Gravel Bank at Watertown.

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