

City of Cambridge.

In Board of Aldermen, August 7, 1872

The Committee on Roads and Bridges on the part of this Board, to which were referred the papers in relation to widening Third Street, between Thorndike & Bridge Streets,
Reports

That in January, the Supt. of Streets acting under Order of this Board, approved Dec. 20, 1871, removed certain obstructions in Third Street, to wit, certain steps encroaching upon the line of said street. — Some of the owners of the property encroaching, replaced their steps claiming that they had acquired ownership of the land by reason of more than forty years' occupancy. Others appeared and appealed for temporary delay, expressing their willingness and intention to remove said obstructions as soon as the weather would permit of further alterations claimed to be rendered necessary by reason of said removal. Springtime has since passed away, and Summer has nearly gone, but none of said parties now show any ~~and~~ willingness or intention to remove said obstructions. On the contrary, claims for

possession by reason of forty years' occupancy have increased so as to be general, and now nearly every obstruction once removed by the Superintendent of Streets is in its old position, although each succeeding month has added to the necessity for the removal of said obstructions.

The plan of Third Street, on file in the office of the City Engineer, shows buildings, steps, bay windows and fences, now encroaching upon the line of the street.

Quite a number of porticoes and steps, that did encroach, have been removed by the owners thereof, even at considerable expense.

While not urging at present the necessity for removal of such portions of buildings as may encroach, your committee do most earnestly recommend the adoption of the accompanying Order providing for the removal of the other encroachments mentioned without further delay.

For the Committee,

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Thurs. St.

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