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Genl E. W. Hicks

My dear Genl.

I am constantly receiving complaints against the Camb. R. R. Co. for salting its tracks. This morning Mr. Benj. Vaughan says that yesterday he saw men of the Company salting the straight track on Garden St. He and others are very indignant about it. I noticed that their whole track was nearly one sheet of ice, and they were enabled to run with two instead of four horses. Of course it is a saving to them, but a great public nuisance.

Would you be so kind as to inform the Committee that you should report at our next meeting an ordinance in proper form to cover the case. I would suggest that you submit the draft

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to the City Solicitor, so that it may be technically correct, and need not be referred to the Com. or Ord. The form is important as it will create a criminal offense.

If in the ordinance an exception is to be made for curves as well as switches, — it is also important to define by proper radius the kind of curve. Suppose the exception would intend to cover only sharp, right angle curves, and not long ones; otherwise they could, under the exception, salt nearly the whole track. Mr. C. E. Raymond, one of the directors of the R.R., said to me yesterday that only sharp, right angle curves, such as that at corner of Pearl & Main St., should be accepted.

If the nuisance is to be stopped it is important to do it at once. Pardon me for troubling you & believe me, truly yours W. H. Russell.

Communication from
Mayor W. A. W. W. W.
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the street by
Laurie's Hotel &c.