

## THE CITY.

**THE ELECTION.**—We are sorry to say that the plan for a public water works submitted by Mr. Geo. Gordon was defeated in the election Thursday, by three votes. The unpropitious season of submitting this question to the decision of our citizens is the cause of its defeat, and not because of any objection to it on the score of insufficiency in its adaptation to public wants. The vote given is an exceedingly paltry one, and by no means decisive in its character. After the adoption of some proposition for grading the streets and protecting the city from overflow by the construction of a proper levee, the plan for the water works could be carried by a large majority; and we have no doubt but it will again be submitted to the people at a more auspicious time.

The majority in favor of the three fourths per cent. loan (165 votes) is creditable to the city, and shows a determination to meet difficulties in the face with the view of successfully overcoming them.

A full statement of the vote will be found in to-day's *Union*. Owing to the confused manner in which it was returned to us from the third ward, we are not confident that the figures are exactly correct with reference to the vote on the Fire Department. The inaccuracies, however, if there be any, are not sufficient to change the result:

FOR WATER WORKS.		AGAINST WATER WORKS.	
First Ward.....	175	First Ward.....	240
Second Ward.....	135	Second Ward.....	135
Third Ward.....	142	Third Ward.....	80
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FOR PRIVATE WATER WORKS.		AGAINST ALL WATER WORKS.	
First Ward.....	9	First Ward.....	240
Second Ward.....	0	Second Ward.....	135
Third Ward.....	2	Third Ward.....	87
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FOR TAXATION.		AGAINST TAXATION.	
First Ward.....	181	First Ward.....	202
Second Ward.....	147	Second Ward.....	81
Third Ward.....	120	Third Ward.....	00
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FOR LOAN.		AGAINST LOAN.	
First Ward.....	36	First Ward.....	202
Second Ward.....	28	Second Ward.....	100
Third Ward.....	60	Third Ward.....	44
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FIRE DEPARTMENT LOAN.		AGAINST LOAN.	
First Ward.....	135	First Ward.....	138
Second Ward.....	81	Second Ward.....	100
Third Ward.....	60	Third Ward.....	80
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