

THE WATER-WORKS.

By reference to our reporter's account of the proceedings and the official minutes of Mr. Enos, Clerk of the Common Council, it will be seen that the water-works question was up before the Board yesterday, in pursuance to a special call by the Mayor.

The subject of water-works is one which has engrossed the attention of the people for fifteen years, and with the advantages for the supply of pure water to this city from Hemlock Lake, it is almost a disgrace that we have not had mains and hydrants in full operation for years. But owing to one unfortunate delay or another, the consummation was not reached.

A Mr. Eastman, of Connecticut proposes now to construct the water-works under certain terms as stipulated in the contract, and his time being precious, a special meeting of the Board was called yesterday afternoon to hear the report of the committee (an excellent one) previously appointed. The committee reported in favor of immediately contracting, the article having been drawn up by the City Attorney and ready for the signatures of the Mayor and Committee of the first part, and Mr. Eastman, of the second part.

The discussion of the Board was simply on the propriety of immediate action, the members of the committee urging the immediate closing of the contract, and Ald. Draper, Quin and Guggenheim and Belr, advocating postponement in order to give the members outside of the committee a chance to look over the contract. The resolution was finally passed 14 to 5. The attention of readers is called to the form of the contract, published elsewhere.