

## CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL ARCHIVES

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CH343/61a/1	Sanitary Commission was appointed on the 7 <sup>th</sup> April 1862, by the Municipal Council of Christchurch Minutes of Sanitary Commission – 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 1862 Present: Messrs Bray, Davie, Gould, Mr R J S Harman (elected Chairman); Doctors Turnbull and Stedman and Mr Davies, Town Surveyor Dr Turnbull “That each member of the Commission do hand in at the next meeting a list of persons whose evidence he wishes to obtain, and annex the subject that he wishes to examine upon”. – seconded by Mr Gould - carried “Mr Harman gave notice that at the next meeting he would move that the attention of the Public be called to Clause 54 of the “Municipal Council Ordinance” with reference to the erection of new buildings and that the provision of the said Clause be stringently enforced”. Commission adjourned until Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> instant at 7 o’clock. R I S Harman, Chairman	22 April 1862
CH343/61a/2	Minutes of Sanitary Commission – 24 <sup>th</sup> April 1862 Luck - Discussion on Surface drainage – depth of cesspools and distance between each, quality and quantity of water in different districts, frequency of emptying cesspools; how emptied and where to; how lined etc Mr Dobson, Dr Barker – Statistics as to deaths, medical opinion on fever and drainage; information on quality of river and well water in Christchurch. Dr Parkerson Experience as surgeon Immigration Barracks; experience of fever and locations where principally found; opinion as to cause and remedies. F Jenkins and I Johnstone, Builders – Experience of wells and cesspools also ideas as to drainage. The Nightman – Condition of cesspools and how often emptied; also condition of Salisbury Street and adjoining district. A forum of notices to be inserted in the newspapers was agreed to, as also a circular letter to witnesses called for examination. It was agreed that the medical and professional members of the Commission should respectively agree to a series of questions; to be impounded to witness with the view to obtain answers upon the same point from at as possible. It was agreed that for the purposes of taking evidence three shall form a quorum. It was agreed that the Commission should meet on Tuesdays and Fridays, in each week until the conclusion of the investigation.	24 April 1862
CH343/61a/3	Minutes of Sanitary Commission – 29 <sup>th</sup> April 1862 Mr Dobson attended by invitation. Reporting on the Drainage of Christchurch. Problem naturally divides itself under three headings viz Surface; House and Sewage and Night Soil etc drainage – “If house drainage is discharged into the street gutters, there must be a constant supply of water and the outfall must be below the Town. In my opinion the sand washed down from the streets would not appreciably injure the River: The addition of a few tons of sand would not injure it; they would probably lodge in the mudflats in the Estuary”. On the Immigration Barracks he stating that “there is no drainage of the Privies, which are in the shingle, and place generally is damp and stinking.” Ventilation of houses “which can only take place by means of currents of air through the streets on account of the level nature of the Town, the too great cultivation of trees and shrubs is to be discouraged.” Fever localities “undrained swamps, partially drained are now inhabited.” (information leading to report dated 27 <sup>th</sup> June 1862)	29 April 1862
CH343/61a/4	Minutes of Sanitary Commission – 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 1862 Mr Harman stated that Mr Seager the Gailor in Lyttelton had offered to attend an examination by the Commission Dr Parkerson attended by invitation – not a member of committee (originated from Norfolk) – 35 years in practice (8 of them in Christchurch) – attributed fever (Diarrhoea or Cholera) “to atmospheric influence”. The localities where it occurred were those which had been thoroughly filthy from the long residence of dirty people” – “if the filth is removed the epidemic tendency will not be developed into a virulent fever poison. Durham Street has been the seat of fever for four months past; fever has also been in St Asaph Street near the Windmill Road (Antigua Street). Neighbourhood of Taylor’s brewery, near Ladbroke’s Stables, near Mr F Thompson’s in Cashel Street and at the east end of Cashel Street; near the Government buildings; and in Wilson’s “Triangle”. The first appearance of an epidemic of Fever was about April 1859 and was brought by the passenger of the “Mystery”. I remember a period of 18 months dry weather and the summer months exceedingly hot during the latter part of 1858 and during 1859. Mr Fitzgerald’s immigrants arrived during this period. I remember the invocatory crises and depression of trade and popular outcry for want of work in 1859. I remember the complaints that the emigrants remained in the Town. I remember during this time many cases of real poverty and distress. These were during 1859 a few cases having almost the symptoms of Asiatic Cholera.” “Cesspools are the only receptacles for night soil in Christchurch: occasionally only one to two houses: I should say as a rule they are seldom or ever emptied: as a rule they are simply holes dug in the earth, not lined...” The general causes of the fever which has prevailed I describe as follows: Fever from the ship “Mystery”; Undrained swamps and basins of stagnant water in Christchurch; The 18 months hot weather tended to increase it; The monetary crisis, depression of trade and consequent distress tended to increase it; Cesspools at every house would do so also; Surface water in the wells and river would the same; and generally every condition necessary for the development of a virulent fever existed.” Recommended – plentiful water supply, abolition of cesspools and wells, removal of night soil by cart, drainage of swamps and basins and gullies of stagnant water, surface drainage. Dr Parkerson was the Provincial Surgeon in Christchurch in which capacity he attended the immigrants on their arrival and deemed the Barracks an undesirable building for the newly arrived immigrants and quote: “The diseases of children here are greater in extent and more severe than in England....more sickness prevails amongst children from the diseases alone than amongst the adult population” .(information leading to report dated 27 <sup>th</sup> June 1862)	2 May 1862

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CH343/61a/5	<p>Minutes of Sanitary Commission – 6th May 1862</p> <p>Dr Barker – practised in Rugby before coming to Christchurch – is now the Registrar of death and a list of numbers of deaths and streets and areas are included.</p> <p>“I attribute the causes of the fever in Christchurch to the fact upon living on a Delta of a River and to the blue silt which is always found below the soil in every direction the colouring matter of the blue silt appears to be an organic substance in a particular state of decomposition to which appears to generate a more virulent miasma than in an earlier stage: this blue silt is to be found all over the plain within a few miles of the sea. The reason I consider it insoluble is this: the blue sand is never found on the surface. Natural springs about the country always bring up white or grey sand - silt should be left untouched as much as possible.” Observations: “I do not consider the impurities in the Avon water to have any serious influence on the health of the town. I do not consider from the returns of deaths prove Christchurch to be a particularly unhealthy place. I have not practiced generally since end of 1858. I think the site of the Immigration Barracks is very bad. The risk of spreading any contagious disease they may bring from ship board is truly great... I consider diarrhoea and dysentery in children in this place to be caused by wet and damp in a great measure. I do not consider the diseases of children in Canterbury down to 1858 either so malicious? or severe as in England with the exception of New Plymouth. (This comment seems to contradict Dr Parkerson’s comments above).</p>	6 May 1862
CH343/61a/6	<p>Minutes of Sanitary Commission – 9th May 1862</p> <p>Mr Morely examined – proprietor of Canterbury Livery Stables close to Immigration Barracks for last 3 years. Reports that “the Barracks were not in a healthy condition; the ground is so low it is always damp; is badly drained; the stench from privies is very bad”.....”I have seen their contents running under the fence and into the street.” “I always avoid passing very near the Privies”. Mr Potten examined – formerly in charge, for 3 years, of Barracks– claims the contents of (cesspools) have never run into the streets and there were no pools of water in the barracks yard but on the road – ground in yard had been raised to stop pools of water forming. He states: “The building is damp in hot weather. The beds get damp when the place is full.” “The contents of the cesspools were buried in the yard during the first year. In the summer time in holes 4 or 5 feet deep – it was impossible to bury it at all in the winter; the shingle was so full of water.” “People have been brought from the ships with fever on them”. Mr Gosling examined – owner of the Smith opposite the Barracks – lost 2 men to fever and believes the cesspools at the Barracks are to blame; area smells and he avoids as much as possible. The drain in Kilmore Street is very bad – claimed the contents of the cesspools flood over the ground and are doing so at present – it requires surface draining – it has been very wet all summer – the wells in that neighbourhood are all affected by the surface water, they all stink, you cannot wash in the water it is so bad – barracks badly placed and is injurious to health of the neighbourhood and ought to be removed.</p>	9 May 1862
CH343/61a/7	<p>Minutes of Sanitary Commission – 20th May 1862</p> <p>Only two members attended in consequence of the severity of the Weather. Minutes of Sanitary Commission – 27th May 1862 (Tuesday).</p> <p>Draft reports were read by Mr Bray and Doctor Turnbull. After some conversation the meeting adjourned to a future day.</p>	20 May 1862 27 May 1862
CH343/61a/8	<p>Minutes of Sanitary Commission – 27th June 1862 (Friday)</p> <p>Dr Davie lay on the table a report received from Mr Harman written by that gentleman, embodying the Reports of Dr Turnbull and Mr Bray, which was unanimously adopted.</p> <p>It was considered by the members of the commission that two guineas per day to each member would be a fair remuneration for their services. The Commission beg to place on record the constant and valuable assistance they have received from Mr Gordon, Clerk to the Council. Copy of: Report of the Sanitary Commission (appointed on 7<sup>th</sup> April 1862 by the Municipal Council of Christchurch.</p> <p>Names of commissioners: R J S Harman; W B Bray; C Davie; Dr Turnbull; Dr Stedman; G Gould and The Town Surveyor.</p>	27 June 1862
CH343/61a/9	<p>Printed copy of: “Report of the Sanitary Commission appointed on 7<sup>th</sup> April 1862, by the Municipal Council of Christchurch” – printed by the “Standard” Office</p>	7 April 1862
CH343/61a/10	<p>Letter to Chairman of the Christchurch Municipal Council from W B Bray accepting the offer to become a member of the Sanitary Commission</p>	Not dated
CH343/61a/11	<p>Letter to John Hall Esq, Chairman of the Municipal Council from S S Stedman accepting the offer to become a member of the Sanitary Commission</p>	11 April 1862
CH343/61a/12	<p>Letter to John Hall from Dr Turnbull accepting the offer to become a member of the Sanitary Commission</p>	12 April 1862
CH343/61a/13	<p>Letter to John Hall from R J S Harman accepting the offer to become a member of the Sanitary Commission</p>	11 April 1862
CH343/61a/14	<p>Letter to the Chairman of the Commission for the Removal of Nuisances from W B Bray</p> <p>Stating that the Commission should only be concerned with the mode of removal (of the nuisance) rather than listening to any further evidence by medical practitioners of the cause of the nuisance)</p>	6 May 1862

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<p><b>CH343/61a/15</b></p>	<p>Letter to Mr Gordon, Clerk to Municipal Council</p> <p>Sir, Observing a public notice in the papers requesting any information from individuals upon the subject of the present Sanitary Condition of the Town and drainage etc I have much pleasure in offering a few remarks illustrative to the subject which came several times under my own observations while holding a Subordinate appointment in the Engineering Department of Public Works in India. I may refer to Kurnaul, in particular, a fine flourishing City in the North Western provinces of Bengal where our Government formed a very extensive Containment in order to keep the turbulent Sheiks in check. The Great Canal which was made for irrigating the land ran along behind the Barracks of the European Infantry lines. The Native line, including Infantry Cavalry Golondaaze as well as the European Horse and Foot Artillery lines, were, however, distantly situated. Both City and Containment continued to be healthy for many years. At last, fever and Ague (malaria) broke out in that part of the Containment where the European Infantry were located, and carried off the men to an alarming extent – in a short time, the fever became general throughout the Containment, as well as the Native City and continued to rage for a year to two discriminating its victims, without the slightest symptoms of abatement. A standing committee of investigation was nominated and the best skill and ability brought forward to trace out the causes of so serious an epidemic. It was generally supposed that the fever and Ague originated from exhalations that arose from decayed vegetable matter and from the irrigation introduced, also the want of drainage and lodgement of water in holes surrounding the Station. The Station was condemned by the Government of India, and the whole of the European Infantry lines were ordered to be dismantled and levelled with the ground. The Troops previous to this had left on the avenging expedition to Cabool. The City where different Roads or Streets intersect each other in a sloping way so as not to interrupt the transit of Carriages and Carts until drain bridges can be constructed; perhaps it will be absolutely necessary to have at once, a couple of culverts made across the Ferry Road, where the general portion of the drainage will be directed to – remove the vegetation thoroughly out of the drains and have carted away to some suitable distance from the Town – throw in a sprinkling of quick lime in dry weather occasionally if considered necessary for purifying purposes – fill up all holes and hollows where the slightest appearance of water lodges, and by this management effected in time, as was done too late to Kurnaul, may save many a life. In conclusion by the abandonment of the Station of Kurnaul, some scores of European families in affluence, were totally ruined, and brought to abject beggary. I could point out and describe several instances of similar kind, but all would tend to shew that bad drainage was the dreadful destroyer of life. The Station of Kussowlee ..... their purification. This indeed had a very beneficial effect on the health of the men, and materially improved the health of those European Civilians who had fixed residences in the close proximity of the Carah lines. I may here observe, does not apply to a certain extent in respect of the state and condition which Christchurch is placed – her drainage is deficient – rank Grass and vegetation of every description is growing up in the side drains – water stagnates in them, without the possibility of escape, let then the drainage be opened out, in making cuts throughout.....on the sub Himmaleh mountains was nearly condemned in consequence of the troops and other residents being severely attacked with Diarrhoea. The Medical Gentlemen attributed the disease in a great measure to the water they drank being found to be highly impregnated with lime – luckily, however, we got a fine Spring of water on the opposite side of the Hill free of impurities and all who were affected on using the discovered water soon recovered – among the rest, I had the Complaint.</p> <p>I remain, your Respectfully, David Rattray</p>	<p>1 May 1862</p>
<p><b>CH343/61a/16</b></p>	<p>Town Surveyor's Office, Christchurch To F W Moore Esq, Town Surveyor,</p> <p>Sir, In compliance with the resolution of the Municipal Council passed at their last sitting I proceed to Report to you for their information a Statement generally of my proceedings as Inspector of Nuisances during the last week. Mr Cook – In pursuance of the Resolution of the Municipal Council I have as instructed delivered to Mr Cook a notice to remove the nuisance complained of from his yard forthwith. I have since seen him on the subject and he generally answered me that at present he had no other site to remove it. Mr Coates – By your instructions I have drawn up and submitted to you the necessary (necessary) notice to Mr Coates of the Penalty to which he is subject from having neglected to comply with the instructions of the Municipal Council publicly promulgated for the furnishing of all Privies with pans of the approved pattern in prescribed districts. Non-compliance with Pan Regulation – I have also to observe under the head of non-compliance with the Municipal Council's directions as to furnishing privies in certain districts of the City with approved pans that there are still a considerable number of non-complyants at the same time the fitting with pans appears to be proceeding now freely. I would take the liberty of mentioning among others one probable cause of the late slackness (slackness) of progress (progress) in this matter. For some weeks before my appointment there was no officer whose duty it was to attend to these things and consequently in not a few cases the occupiers of privies allowed their improvement to rest in a state of abeyance. But I find that since I commenced considerable progress (progress) has been made in supplying the deficiency. I had intended to have given a complete list of all persons who have not complied with the directions of the Council, but although I believe that I have visited all that the Nuisance Book does not note as having been complied with yet some of these visitations, being made three weeks ago, to some of the required pans since supplied, I could not vouch so entirely to its correctness (correctness) and feel it to be my duty to do in every report which I may have to make to you or to the Municipal Council. I have also given some notices to persons who had neglected and which notices are not yet expired. I had in the next report to give a complete and correct report of all defaulters in this respect. Removal of Manure – From the absence of an Inspector I also found that heaps of manure were considerably increasing when I commenced and some of them on sites from which previous accumulations when under the inspection of an officer of the Council had been removed. Notice has I believe been given in every case and many heaps are in course of removal such as neglect I shall when the time for such removal is expired feel it my duty to report. The "Triangle" – I must, that I shall not be considered to exceed the bounds of my duty when I mention the extremely unsatisfactory state in which the interior of the locality called the "Triangle" is placed. Every day as I am about on my duty I hear complaints of it, but when I inspect I find these complaints, although perfectly well founded, to arise respecting spots and parcels of land having no attentive owner to whom to represent their offensive state. I allude now to the interior roads and also to a three cornered spot said to be reserved for a pump but now covered with filth of every offensive description. I presume Sir to mention this in my report because when you shall forward it to the Municipal Council they will possibly (possibly) be pleased to give some instructions for my proceeding in this matter. Inspector's Proceedings – For my own employment of my time I can only state that when not employed in the necessary (necessary)s writing of notices and delivering the same also in such other writing as comes within the sphere of my duties I have been to the best of my ability travelling about the City and making such notes as appeared to me to be useful in the best discharge of the business</p>	<p>7 March 1863</p>

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	(business) entrusted to me. I have the honour to remain Sir, your most obediently, Samuel Lock	
<b>CH343/61a/17</b>	Town Surveyor's Office, Christchurch March 16 <sup>th</sup> 1863 Sir, Having from continued ill health been incapacitated as to the performance of my official duties for four days in the last week I am in a condition to present to you for the information of the Municipal Council with but a short account of duties performed. I am however enabled to present you with what I believe to be a correct statement of those who have not complied with the directions of the Municipal Council in the matter of the alterations of Privies in accordance with the notices given by the former Inspector of Nuisances. List of names, addresses, dates of notices, and state of premises Besides the above named there are a few places in which a change of tenancy has taken place and which are omitted as the new tenants have not yet had sufficient notice. I have the honour to remain Sir, yours most obediently, Samuel Lock, Inspector of Nuisances	16 March 1863
<b>CH343/61a/18</b>	Report of the Inspector of Nuisances for the week ending March 21 <sup>st</sup> 1863 To William F Moore Esq – Town Surveyor Sir, In my last report I noticed several cases in which notices for the putting of privies in accordance with the directions given by the City Council had not been complied with – having been engaged much of the last week in collecting money for the Council from persons who have the pans in use I have not been able to complete that list as I proposed to have done. It gives me gratification to be able to report that generally much attention has been given to the notices for the removal of Nuisances and as instances the removal of heaps of manure which were the accumulation of much time. I have also seen Mr Cook the Butcher relative to his boiling house. He states that he has not used the house in the last week and that his intention is that as soon as he can acquire a site outside the City he will remove the whole of his boiling down apparatus and establishment. I feel that it is my duty as a person employed by the City Council to report for their information that when collecting the moneys due for the clearing away of the offensive matter from the Privies I was frequently made to understand that a great many persons had strong objections to the present arrangement in the placing of the pans etc but at the same time I heard no objections raised as to the expense. It is right that I should state that every expression of opinion on this subject was spontaneous as in no one case did I ask an opinion. I have the honour to remain yours obediently Samuel Lock	21 March 1863
<b>CH343/61a/19</b>	To the City Surveyor of Christchurch – Fred W Moore Esq, City Surveyor Christchurch March 30 <sup>th</sup> 1863 Sir, In the last week I have been generally employed in the discharge of the usual duties of Inspector of Nuisances and more particularly in inspecting the localities where nuisances have been found existing and for the removal of which notices have been given and I am much gratified in being able to report that in the greater part of the cases the notices have been attended to and that usually I have found a disposition in the occupiers to improve their premises in cleanliness. In one instance however I feel it to be necessary to bring under the notice of the Council through this Report – namely – the very bad condition of a part of the “White Hart” premises in High Street. The portion to which I now allude comprises the urinal together with the accumulation of offensive matter which mixed with the lime is spreading under the floor of the building and also has overflowed to a considerable extent upon the waste portion of land occupied I believe by Mr Kiver, but the property of Mr Packer. This nuisance has principally if not entirely arisen from an old drain having been filled up and no means of drainage provided. I may add that notices of this nuisance have been given on the 18 <sup>th</sup> October 1862 and on February 20 <sup>th</sup> 1863. I remain Sir, yours very obediently Samuel Lock	30 March 1863
<b>CH343/61a/20</b>	To the Chairman and City Council of Christchurch Gentlemen, As this is the last Report which I shall have as Inspector of Nuisances to submit to your honourable Council, I presume to do so directly instead of in the usual course through the City Surveyor. I am induced to follow this course, in the first place because the City Council having been pleased to pass a vote of thanks to me for my exertions during the short time that I have been in their service – and part of that time in ill health – I feel it a duty incumbent upon me to express (express) my satisfaction and my high appreciation of their considerate conduct towards me. I would also most respectfully request to be allowed to make a few observations upon the Office of Inspector of Nuisances and its duties as now constituted. I have filled that office but a few weeks yet probably practical acquaintance with it may have presented it in some different lights from what it is viewed by other persons. As now carried out it would appear that the possession (possession) of a good nose for scenting stinks is the only qualification required of the officer excepting perhaps that for his personal comfort an equable temper may be found desirable. Any sanitary knowledge as to the danger to the public health from effluvia arising from different matters in decay nor their relative noxiousness (noxiousness) appear to be altogether unthought of. With the best means of remedying or of getting rid of future accumulations of offensive matter he has nothing to do. If he will make himself acquainted with what he is about he must inspect closely and become occasionally aware of the best way of eradicating the nuisance and it is not impossible perceive that the most obvious plan may by no means be the best. But the Inspector of Nuisances may suggest nothing it would be the most officious supererogation so to do. I believe that there are nuisances in Christchurch which in their present exaggerated form may be said to be Inspectors creations. For instance the filth thoroughly mixed with miasma and fever germs now spreading under the floors of the kitchen and some other rooms in the “White Hart” and immediately around and also treasured up with care during this dry weather in the “White Hart” yard – lately the sale yard. This is filth generally of the most dangerous character being principally derived from decayed or decaying vegetable matter. All this refuse was carried off formerly – though not perhaps so cleanly as might have been wished for – by a drain which went through the garden to a hole called a ceppool (cesspool) from which it was from time to time taken out and carried away and was at all events removed from the floors on which the people lived. The Inspector gave notice of this ceppool and it was filled up accordingly but no provision made as to what was to be done with the necessary daily accumulation of decaying matter. The drain with an extended evaporating area became offensive and by notice was duly filled up but this only drove back the filth on other people's land and into the more noxious place possible for the health of all the persons employed in the “White Hart” kitchen and offices. The same drain filled in like manner prevents all flow of water etc from the yard. I am informed that it is proposed to raise these said yards and premises by carting into them a very considerable quantity of gravel. May I presume to doubt if this will be any more than a temporary expedient so far as providing a more healthy soil is concerned. The loose gravel carted and thrown into the yard etc will soon be saturated with	1863

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	<p>the medium of the rotted matter and be quietly ready to give up unlimited fever germ when provoked by copious rain and mild weather. I hope that I may be allowed to suggest what I may call topical drainage in situations like this. Suppose here that the old drain had been made leakage tight and covered over and the ceps pool the same and that this ceps pool had been carefully emptied by pumping or otherwise into a proper cart – the contents taken a mile or two or three from the town and discharged upon the land from a proper trough the horse moving on. Every body had heard of the enormous fertility caused by the town sewage of Edinburgh. Many of the change of the soil of Belgium from a poor sand to most productive fields; and some that a similar scheme is carried out to the immense advantage of all parties in some parts of England. Once set a going I believe that the sewerage of this topical drainage would be of no expense to the corporation to get rid of. But even if so used it would depart in a great degree dysentery and fever. A system of waterage and sewerage and drainage although by no means difficult to effect would be too much for the present means of the town to carry out although I presume that before the preliminary steps have been taken towards effecting it. For the drainage, or rather against it, I have heard that the height of the flood tides is likely to interfere with it. I don't understand this for I have frequently ridden in a clean and healthy town twelve miles from the sea when a vepel (vessel) of 50 tons has been sailing on the high tide in the seas with her keel some feet above my head and within 80 or 100 yards of me. It is only because I am a poor ignorant old man I suppose that people talk to me of difficulties like these. I will only further note that we have several locations similar to the "White Hart" where this topical drainage might, I believe, be advantageously adopted – The Drain at back of Mr Brown's Brewery, Cashel Street – The drain at bottom of Meps Barnett's yard into Manchester Street – The "Triangle" – The "Phoenix Brewery" probably with two ceppools, the cottage back yard is bleped (blessed) with four already. There are many other localities and perhaps in some a privy drainage might be connected beneficial to people's olfactory nerves with the other. I have possibly transgressed too far and therefore beg to be allowed to subscribe myself. Your most obedient servant Samuel Lock</p>	
<p><b>CH343/61a/21</b></p>	<p>Moore, City Surveyor</p> <p>Sir, I have to report that through the past week I have visited nearly the whole of the Town directing my attention to the most thickly populated districts. I find with very few exceptions everyone most willing to comply with the regulations of the City Council. With respect to pig styes I find them in thickly populated districts very offensive even when kept clean and in all cases where styes not bounded? great complaints are made by the neighbours. I have also had great complaints made by foot passengers with regard to pig styes being kept close to the foot paths altho' kept clean they are very offensive to passersby. I inspected the premises of H Brown &amp; Co Brewery and found them in a very filthy condition in consequence of the water being stopped from running under the foot path including whole of the refuse water and drainage from the Brewery empties into a ditch alongside of the public footpath and their (there) remains in a putrid state. I should think in places nearly two foot deep and must eventually become very offensive to the public.</p> <p>I also find general dissatisfaction prevails on account of the offensive effluvia that arises from the closet pans not only on account their being so close to the seat but after being so indifferently emptied by the Contractor. I'm informed that almost without exception the pans are negligently emptied being put back in a most filthy condition. With respect to house slops, rubbish etc I find the greatest difficulty. There are many houses in the town inhabited by several families with little or no yard which slops can be thrown. Consequently when thrown, whether in yard or street with little fall, it remains an offensive nuisance both to the inhabitants and passersby. I find this one of my greatest difficulties, in fact I've promised to reply in a few days to those persons who have begged me to inform them, what they are to do with house slops etc as complained of by me.</p> <p>I remain Sir etc, Mr Coker, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	<p>18 May 1863</p>
<p><b>CH343/61a/22</b></p>	<p>Sir, I have to report on the filthy state of Mr Thompson's stable yard and during the short time I've been in office I've delivered two printed notices and two verbal ones neither of which have been satisfactorily attended to. I've also had two complaints made to me by the public on the state of his closet which I inspected and found in a most filthy condition. I inspected the back premises of 5 houses in Durham Street, the property of Mrs Oates an absentee and of which property Messrs Harman &amp; Co are Agents. Great complaints are made on account of there being only one closet to the 5 houses and that in a very bad condition. The tenants wish to know if the City Council have any powers to compel the Agent to provide more closet accommodation. I also wish to know what I'm to do with respect to a heap of rubbish and filth laying in the Right of Way between Mr Woods the Saddler, High Street and Mr Barnard's Horse Repository – the Right of Way being nearly blocked up by the same. It is reported that most of the rubbish was flung there from Messrs Harman &amp; Co Auction Rooms but they deny having placed any there and consequently refuse to remove it - the property on which the rubbish lays belongs to Mr W Wilson. I've also to report on the filthy state of a house in Hereford Street East. It is a cob house, the property of a Mr Griffiths now employed on Mr Mathias's station. There is 5 families living in the house and through the filthy condition of the house itself as well as the back premises I thought it best to ask what could be done in the matter as the lodgers refuse to remove the filth now accumulated there for this reason they say it was flung there previous to their taking the apartments; each room in the house is let separate. The ditch outside is also filled up with all manner of rubbish and filthy. I've also had several complaints made to me in respect to stacks of straw being allowed to stand in the Town close to dwelling houses considering it very dangerous on account of fire. Thinking this came under the Police Notice I reported it to Sergeant Major Pender. He said he had nothing to do with it therefore I thought it best to report the same to you wishing to know if this comes under my jurisdiction.</p> <p>I remain Sir etc, Mr Coker, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	<p>27 May 1863</p>

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<p><b>CH343/61a/23</b></p>	<p>Mr Moore, City Surveyor</p> <p>Sir, The time having expired which was given to those persons not having pans to provide them. I thought it best to report on the same.</p> <p>Mr Parker, Publican, Cashel Street – objects to the pan because he considers it a greater nuisance than his present plan of a deep cesspool.</p> <p>Mr Swinbourne, High Street – objects because he is a weekly tenant and positively refuses to provide one. Mr Brooks – objections are that the pans are a great nuisance and another reason it would have to be carried through the house having no back entrance.</p> <p>Mr Heath? Complied with</p> <p>[Unknown] – objects to a pan because those that have them make such great complaints. And she has also been to great expense in having her present cesspool sunk deeper.</p> <p>Mathews, High Street – I wrote to him about providing a closet in his dwelling house and shop and when I called at the expiration of the time given he said there was no room in his yard to erect one but on examining the back premises I found sufficient room and have given him 10 days to provide one.</p> <p>Mr Coates, Colombo Street – Having placed a case lined with lime in the grounds to hold the soil, and with the intention of having it emptied when necessary and considering it much better than the pan he refuses to provide one but wishes the Council distinctly to understand its with no intention to go against their views but because he thinks the pans a great nuisance.</p> <p>[Unknown] – Beg to inform the City Council that he has complied with the letter sent him with respect to providing a pan and since then the pan has been in use. He has found it a great nuisance and wishes to call the City Council’s attention to the general dissatisfaction the use of the pans have given.</p> <p>Others have ordered pans.</p> <p>The cow that was reported last week as being a great nuisance on account of mauling a deceased head? has been killed and taken down to the Sand Hills</p> <p>I remain Sir etc, Mr Coker, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	<p>1 June 1863</p>
<p><b>CH343/61a/24</b></p>	<p>Sir, I have sent in the Tenders from Mr Sellars for the emptying of ash boxes.</p> <p>I made the account but against Mr I Swinbourne for the cleaning of water closet and providing pans to the same. He objected as before to pay and according to the orders of the City Council I have summonsed him to the Resident Magistrate’s Court. The case will come up on 30<sup>th</sup> of this month. During the past week I have visited the whole of the places where I have had occasion to leave notices and with exception of the pans and Mr Oakes of the “Fleece”, they have been attended to. I believe Mr Oakes would have attended to the notice left if he had not been confined to his bed. And in the case of notices left respecting the pans great many have ordered them and not yet received them from Mr Thompkins. A few I think will wait for the decision of the Court in Swinbourne’s case. I have also had to report Mr Thompkins again on the filthy condition of his water closet. I got an order from the Resident Magistrate for Sergeant Major Pender to inspect the same which he did and reports the closet is in a filthy state and not fit for Public use.</p> <p>I remain Sir etc, Mr Coker, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	<p>5 June 1863</p>
<p><b>CH343/61a/25</b></p>	<p>Mr Moore, City Surveyor</p> <p>Sir, According to the orders of the City Council I had the privy of Mr Swinbournes cleaned out and provided the same with a pan and sent him an account of the same. He refuses to pay the account on the same grounds that I mentioned in my last report, that he is a weekly tenant. The closet was in a most filthy condition. I have also to report that Mr Thompkins has at last complied with the notices left him with respect to his back premises and water closet – having had a new closet and urinal erected. Mr Fuller, Mr Green and Mr Elliot of Colombo Street report that Mr Thompkins has stopped the roadway leading to their back premises and the above parties object to having the pans carried through the houses. Great complaints are still made about the water and filth laying in the front of Messrs Stent and Lodge and the shops adjoining some of them having drain pipes running under the foot path down which they empty their slops and consequently they lay in front of the foot path and becomes very offensive to passersby. I also beg to report on the want of some one to contract for taking away the rubbish ashes from houses in the City. In most cases where I’ve found heaps of rubbish laying and have made complaints and left notices to remove it they have (I think) without exception made the complaint of the want of some one who would periodically remove the rubbish. And I also think if it was a general thing for every house to have a dust bin lined with lime a great portion of the slops which are now flung in the public streets could be emptied in those dust boxes and the ashes would in a great measure deodorise them and it would likewise prevent the shopkeepers from throwing the sweepings of their warehouses in the public streets.</p> <p>I remain Sir etc, Mr Coker, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	<p>8 June 1863</p>
<p><b>CH343/61a/26</b></p>	<p>Mr Moore, City Surveyor</p> <p>Sir, I report, having been made with respect to a nuisance existing on Mr Cook’s property in Cashel Street, I went and inspected the same and found that it arose from the melting of fat on the premises and I informed him that if it occurred again he would be prosecuted. Since then he has informed me that he was taking a piece of land out of the Town for the purposes of melting fat and keeping pigs and has given orders for the erection of styes and a copper and the work will be commenced at once. On the 10<sup>th</sup> of this month I served 6 notices on the inhabitants of 3 houses in Kilmore Street, the property of Mr Gosling, Blacksmith. The nature of the nuisance complained of is the overflowing of cesspools and closets. The back yard is also in a filthy state for the want of being filled up to give it a fall. Most of the tenants object to pay their part towards the emptying of cesspool. They say the closets were overflowing when they took the apartments of Mr Gosling and there is only two of the tenants have been there any length of time, the others from 3 months to one week, one left since I served the notices. I wish to know what had better be done in this case.</p> <p>The ground around the closets is frequently saturated with the soil from the closets. I would also beg to inform you that the inhabitants of the “Triangle” earnestly wished me to lay before the City Council the state of the Right of Way. I inspected the</p>	<p>22 June 1863</p>

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	<p>same last Saturday and must say it is in a most filthy condition and from the late rains it is still worse in fact in many places almost impossible – most of the inhabitants are willing to pay their share towards cleaning it and beg most respectfully to know if the City Council can assist them in any way. Some of the inhabitants in the city have already promised to provide ash boxes and I do not think there will be much trouble in getting it done to every house in the City at all events to all houses of business and Public houses.</p> <p>I remain Sir etc, Mr Coker, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	
<b>CH343/61a/27</b>	<p>Mr Moore, City Surveyor</p> <p>Sir, According to orders from the City Council I've ordered the printing of posters with respect to Ash Boxes to be emptied by Mr Sellars. I also find a decided improvement with regards to Mr Thompkins premises, both to his closets and urinal and would also beg to inform the City Council that it was the brother of Mr Thompkins who was so insolent when served with a notice. The reason I mention this is that I thought his brother was a partner in the firm but finding he is not I thought it my duty to mention this matter. I've made it my duty to visit most of the houses in the City where pigs are kept and have to report of not finding a case where it was necessary to leave a notice. I would also beg most respectfully to intimate to the City Council the necessity of the Inspector of Nuisances having full power to summons in cases where necessary. The reason I mention this, there is some houses in Town where I've continually to keep calling. Whatever notices I leave are generally attended to at once even verbal ones but repeated directly my back is turned. I think that it is generally known in the Town that the Inspector has no power to summons. I can assure you that during my short stay in office I've found this one of my greatest difficulties. I do not think there would be many summonses required after the first but it would give the Inspector an amount of power which he at present is not possessed of. Trusting you will excuse the liberty I've taken in mentioning this.</p> <p>I remain Sir etc, Mr Coker, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	29 June 1863
<b>CH343/61a/28</b>	<p>Gentlemen, I have to Report that during the week I have been engaged in making myself acquainted with facts necessary to be known in connection with my duties. That I have had an interview with Mr Birdsey of the "British Hotel" and found the notice served by Mr Coker, the late Inspector, not attended to. Mr Coker having (according to Mr Birdsey's statement) undertaken to get it done. I desire to be informed whether notice having been given to remove a nuisance I have authority to engage the Contractor to do the work at the expense of the person receiving the notice, he being the occupier of the premises. That I have inspected Mr Woodman's premises in Durham Street. He has not attended to the notice served upon him to provide a pan to his water closet; there appeared to be no immediate necessity. I desire to be informed whether the use of pans can be enforced out of the specified districts. That the accumulation of rubbish and refuse of every description in the "Triangle" increases daily. I desire to be informed whether the Council will hold out hopes to the inhabitants of the temporary means of alleviating the existing evil. That the nuisance complained of Mr Cook, Butcher are of a permanent character; the pigs kept being fed upon offal and skins if remaining on the premises only a short time become offensive. That the notices left on Mr Gardiner Morse and Edwards in Kilmore Street have not been attended to, the tenants prefer to leave the houses rather than do what is required. The landlord Mr Gosling, also declines at present, as the matter is urgent I desire to be informed what steps I am to take in the matter.</p> <p>I am, Gentlemen, yours obediently William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	13 July 1863
<b>CH343/61a/29</b>	<p>Gentlemen, I beg to report that I have again visited the premises of Mr Cook, Butcher, the skins have been taken away and he is building pig styes and premises for the manufacture of tallow beyond the Town Belt; at present tallow is manufactured on his premises in Manchester Street. I have given an order to Sellars to empty the cesspool on Mr Birdsey's premises and left notice to remove rubbish and fill up stagnant water hole. I have called upon the persons who had not complied with the notice to provide cesspans; in some cases the order had been given and not completed. Mr Thompkins is waiting for material. Mr Cooks is provided with a zinc lined case which he contends meets the views of the Council and alteration would be expensive. Mr Brooks if provided with a cesspan, would have to take it thro' his house. Miss Skillicom is provided with a closet, the altering of which would be expensive. This closet is cleanly and in no way offensive. I wish to be informed whether I have a discretionary power or whether the Council insist on the use of pans in every case in the prescribed district. I have inspected the Brewery in Cashel Street; it is drained into several water holes on the premises, the quantity is far too large to be removed by the Contractors cart and Mr Brown is about to expand the Brewery when a much larger quantity of water will be used. I desire to be informed what steps I am to take in the matter. I have inspected the premises of Mr Green, Pork Butcher in Colombo Street. He has a boiler on his premises used in his business for melting fat. People in the neighbourhood complain of it being offensive. The house is drained into the street and the premises are as cleanly as the nature of the business permits. The closet on Mr Gosling's premises reported it in my last, has been emptied by the Contractor, Mr Gosling complaining that the work was not properly done. I had an interview with Sellars on the subject and as to other work of the like nature not being done he explained that the emptying of the cesspans employed his time principally. Persons express their willingness to comply with requests made to them; but are unable to get the work done.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	20 July 1863
<b>CH343/61a/30</b>	<p>Gentlemen, I beg to report that I have collected the money due for cesspan emptying excepting cases noted in the collecting book and have handed the same over to the Town Clerk. Mrs Mazely, St Asaph Street refuses to pay the sum of 8 shillings and 9 pence due from her. She pleads poverty and says at the time of signing the Contractor's book she thought she had no option but has since ascertained that her neighbours are exempt. The Contractor has discontinued to call at her house. I wish to be informed whether the Council prohibit the sinking of cesspools within the City. I suggested to Mr Gosling, Kilmore Street who has lately had a cesspool on his premises emptied; a pit of sufficient size to receive ashes and rubbish as well as night soil. He much approved it but the Contractor objected, saying he would not be allowed to empty it in the day time and that his night cart was adapted for night soil only. In some cesspools that have come under my notice their evils have been much lessened by being substantially brick lined. I beg to call the attention of the Council to the state of the West side of Colombo Street between Cashel Street and Hereford Street. The drainage from the houses under the footpath remains in the road causing great complaints in the neighbourhood. I have to report to the Council that a notice served on Mr Money, Stable keeper in Armagh Street to remove stagnant water has not been attended to. It could only be effectually done by filling up a hollow of considerable extent. This Mr Money objects to as it would inundate his stables. He is about to apply for permission to drain his stable yard into Armagh Street.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	27 July 1863

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CH343/61a/31	Rates notice for property situate in Colombo Street, owned by Mr G Piercy, £240, 16 May 1881	16 May 1881
CH343/61a/32	Gentlemen, I beg to report that I have asked on the note to my last Report in reference to closet cesspools being used as receptacles for ashes as well as night soil. Mr Money has filled in the hollow at the back of his stables. I have had an interview with the tenants of the houses in Colombo Street, reported of in my last, as draining into the street and have urged upon them the use of the watertight receptacle for ashes and refuse water recommended by the sanitary commissioners. I have collected the whole of the money due for night soil pan emptying, excepting, Messrs Lumley and Martin who have become bankrupt; Mr Evans who has absconded; and Mr Jones who has removed to Prebbleton. I have written to him requesting immediate payment. Amongst other notices served during the week I have served one on Mr Hall to fill up hollow on his premises in Hereford Street on Messrs Harman & Stevens as Agents for Mr Hunter Brown to fill up hollow on his premises in High Street and another, as Agents for Mr Townsend, to fill up open drain on his premises which drain runs over the footpath in Oxford Terrace. I have visited the tenants of Gould's Cottages in Salisbury and Manchester Streets and have found an improvement around their dwellings, these cottages, also a row of cottages, the property of Mr Gould in Montreal Street are tenanted by persons of the poorest class. The street's not being formed the water thrown from the houses does not drain off, I particularly wish to draw the attention of the Council to this. I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	3 August 1863
CH343/61a/33	To the Chairman and Gentlemen of the City Council - Christchurch Gentlemen, I beg to report that amongst other notices I have served one on Mr Page to discontinue draining his stable yard over the footpath in Cashel Street. I did this without hesitation, the Council having at their last meeting expressed their views distinctly in the case of Mr Money, who was about to apply for permission to drain his stable yard into Armagh Street. I have also served a notice on Mr Birdsey to discontinue throwing his house slops into High Street and neighbourhood, he is about to communicate with the Council, making a proposition for curbing the pathway and repairing the gutter in front of his house; in every case in which I have served notices to discontinue throwing slops into the streets persons have enquired what they are to do with them. In Mr Birdsey's case, I have suggested that they should be put into barrels, which he has promised to do. The back of his house being easy of access they can be removed as often as occasion requires. This plan could be generally adopted but that in many instances houses have not back way to them; this is the case with that part of Colombo Street to which the attention of the Council has been called in my last report. Another important matter I would wish to refer to is that of the night soil pans. In almost every instance persons have objected to their use and there seems to be no hope of them being appreciated until some general compulsory measures are adopted to deodorise the soil; this subject I am given to understand will be fully discussed by the gentlemen who will wait upon the Council this evening. In reference to stable dung I would wish to be informed whether the Council have made regulations with regard to its removal. In every stable yard there will always be an accumulation of dung, so that it is desirable that where persons are at liberty to keep stables, they should be compelled to have all the dung cleared from the yard at least once a week; and that the person who makes himself responsible for its removal, should be under penalties in case of default. Newly formed dung heaps, if not dangerous to health, are at least unsightly so would recommend pits such as are used in all mews in cities and towns but unfortunately one of my predecessors, after a person had been at the expense of digging a pit, and lining it with brick, gave notice to have it filed up with earth. Mr W Wilson has objected to sign the Contractors book as Treasurer for the Town Hall, his reason being that the night soil pans do not require emptying so often as once a fortnight. I have explained to him it is necessary they should be emptied before decomposition takes place and that the Council do require that they should be, but Mr Wilson wishes that there should be exceptional cases so at his request I put the question to the Council. Notices served on Messrs Harman and Stevens to fill up hollow on Mr Browns premises in High Street and to provide closets to houses the property of Mr Townsend in Hereford Street have not been attended to. They say they are unable to get the work done; but express their readiness to pay any costs that may be incurred by the Council under the Ordinance in consequence of their default. I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	11 August 1863
CH343/61a/34	To the Chairman and Gentlemen of the City Council - Christchurch I beg to report that notices served during the past week have been satisfactorily attended to excepting in the case of Mr Page who has made no alteration in his plan of draining his stable yard over the footpath into Cashel Street, the bulk of the water that flows is from the washing of carriages. In conformity to a resolution passed by the Council at their last meeting I beg to report that the houses in the occupation of Mr Ayres, Mr Brooks, Mr Green, Mr Fuller, Mr Clark, Mr Elliott and Messrs Matson and Torlesse, all in Colombo Street and adjoining each other, have no back entrances to them. There is room for the Contractors night cart to go to the backs of the houses in Colombo Street from Gloucester Street to Mr Wilson's, on the West side, and out the East side from Lichfield Street to Mr Fuchs; from Cathedral Square to Mr Tribes Hotel; and from Gloucester Street to Mr Meins. In the other parts of the district the Contractor is able to reach the backs of the houses by means of narrow passages. I am Gentlemen, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	17 August 1863
CH343/61a/35	To the Chairman and Gentlemen of the City Council - Christchurch Gentlemen - I beg to report that amongst other notices served during the past week I have served one on Miss Neeve, Colombo Street to fill up hollow on land adjoining her house which is being attended to and one on Mr F Thompson as Agent for the heir at law of the late Mr Twigger to fill up hollow on premises in Oxford Terrace. Mr Thompson has engaged the Contractor, Mr Sellars to do what is required. I have also served a notice on Mr Banks of the "Royal Oak" to clean the yard at the back of his house and to fill up hollow at present the receptacle for the house slops. I have also served a notice on Mr Brown, Brewery, Cashel Street to remove offensive accumulation from brewery, dung, etc. He has given Mr Sellers an order to cart it away; nothing has yet been done by Mr Brown to remove the refuse water from the brewery yard, the quantity had not materially increased since the attention of the Council was last called to the subject but had become more offensive. In addition to the drainage from the brewery yard the surface water from the frontage in Cashel Street also drains to the back of the brewery. On the several occasions I have waited upon Mr Brown my attention has been called to this. There is still an improvement around the cottages of Mr Gould in Manchester Street; not so with those in Montreal Street. There are ten cottages in a group flanked by laborers having for the most part only casual employment there are but four water closets for the whole of the tenants, one of which being unsafe and unfit for use. I wish to be informed, if under the above and similar	24 August 1863

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<p><b>CH343/61a/36</b></p>	<p>To the Chairman and Gentlemen of the City Council - Christchurch</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: - I have had an interview with Mr Gould. As requested, Mr Gould objects to providing a separate closet for each of the cottages in Montreal Street. He has consented to provide one extra and to remove the one complained of. I have also had an interview with Mr Page in reference to his stable yard drain. He will at once act on the request of the Council to put a culvert under the footpath. I have explained to him that the culvert is solely for the purpose of draining the surface water and water used in the washing of carriages. The notice served on Mr Banks of the "Royal Oak" to clean yard and fill up hollows has been attended to. I have written to Mr Pearce of Lyttelton calling his attention to a large hollow on his premises in Cashel Street, which he has had filled up. The accumulated filth in the "Triangle" having become offensive not only to the inhabitants but to the whole neighbourhood and having had repeated and loud complaints in consequence, I have obtained an estimate from Sellars of the cost of cleaning the Right of Way and removing the whole of the rubbish beyond the Town. The inhabitants having guaranteed the required sum (£12.10). Sellars will commence at once if it met with the approval of the Council. It is clearly understood that what is now being done is only to meet the present emergency and in no way connected with what the Council may hereafter do with a view to the permanent cleansing of the Right of Way. I trust the Council will approve the steps I have taken in the matter. Having heard that a formal complaint is about to be made to the Council, that the present arrangement for the disposal of the night soil of the Town is offensive to some persons. For the information of the Council, I beg to state, that the place of deposit is a large field thirty five acres in extent. Mr Philpot, the leaser, states he could receive a much larger quantity than is at present taken there. It is dealt with in the following manner: a trench is dug thro' the land into which the soil is put and immediately covered with straw and earth. It is afterwards spread and ploughed in. After very careful investigation I can confidently say that no cause of complaint exists.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	<p>31 August 1863</p>
<p><b>CH343/61a/37</b></p>	<p>To the Chairman and Gentlemen of the City Council - Christchurch</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: Having received from the Town Clerk a copy of the Council's resolution that the City be inspected thoroughly and systematically by being divided into sections, and blocks in the sections reported on separately, I have commenced by taking the sections lying between Barbadoes Street and East Town Belt commencing at the southernmost block. At the entrance to the City from the Ferry Road is the house of Mr Higgins, Carter: the yard is very untidy, he keeps one pig, the sty being littered with clean straw, his stable is at the back of his house and well kept. The privy to the house on the catholic reserve is in an unfinished state, the tenant has promised to finish it forthwith. There is a drain from Mr Buller's house into the garden covered about half a chain from the house. The part, at present open, Mr Buller is about to cover. The potteries of Messrs Jackson and Bishop are on this block. I saw nothing further to report on this block but refer to notices left. Proceeded to the next block northward, there is on this block a very large quantity of water and especially a very wide ditch through the block from North to South. I have served a notice on Mr Brown to empty his water closet and keep his premises in better order; and a notice on Mr Chadley to fill up water hole. In answer to this it was stated the hole had been dug for a well but in consequence of the late rains the sides had fallen in as other nuisance exists on this block at present. Tuam Street/Lichfield Street - Proceeded to the next block northward on the East side there are three tenements one of which having a water closet with the door off its hinges. I left no notice, the tenant promising to fix the door at once on the North East corner of the block. There are two tenements. The tenants are very untidy in their habits. I have threatened them with proceedings before the magistrate. The tenements are very old. Persons walking on the East Belt would describe them as a nuisance, which I could not frame a notice to overcome; there is a well without any cover, as it is unfit for use. I wish to be informed if I have the authority of the Council to have it filled up. Lichfield Street/Cashel Street - On the North side of this block there is a pig sty on the premises in the occupation of Mr Percival, but no pigs kept; on the premises of Mr Innes there are three pigs, but there only for a short term, it is not the wish or the intention of Mr Innes to keep pigs. I have inspected this block thoroughly but found no nuisance. Cashel Street/Hereford Street - On the East end of this block and open to view from the Belt is a pig sty which I found had been cleaned in conformity to notice but the floor of the sty being of earth it cannot be kept so clean as it should be. On the premises of Mr Hughes there is a pig sty but no pigs kept; on Tombs' premises there is a pig sty but no pigs kept, the water closet is open at the back into which ashes are put. The premises of Mr Atkinson were left in an untidy state by the late tenant. Mr Atkinson is at present doing what is required on the premise. On the North side of this block is a house in the occupation of Mr Griffiths which is crowded with lodgers; two pigs are kept on the premises; this house has required constant attention. There is a pig sty on the premises of Mr Gray which is kept clean at present. There is a group of four cottages, these require constant attention there being very little ground to each house. Hereford Street/Worcester Street - There is a pig sty on the premises of Mr McIntosh. He intends to keep a pig but as there is an acre of land to the house no inconvenience need be anticipated from it, I have had occasion to leave a notice at a house on the north side of the block where the night soil was exposed, no other nuisance exists on this block. My attention has been called to Section No 135 in Montreal Street. This and the adjoining section is considerably lower than the road. The tenant, Mr Easton, has for some time past been filling it up. Also to cottages in Kilmore Street - I visit this neighbourhood several times each week. In reference to accumulation of stable dung into large heaps I respectfully call the attention of the Council to my report of the 11<sup>th</sup> ultimo. Notices served that have become due have been attended to, except that served on Messrs Harman &amp; Stevens to provide water closets to houses in Hereford Street; and one on Mr Skilling, Durham Street to empty closet; but Mr Laurie, the landlord, has engaged a man to do it. I shall be glad to hear the views of the Council as to the extent of my authority and discretion in respect to water closets out of the district having the pans in use; if persons are desirous to adopt a plan similar to that of Mr Torlesses' are they at liberty to do so. I beg to call the attention of the Council to the paddock, the property of Mr Taylor in Kilmore Street, a great portion of which is under water and to ask for instructions in respect thereof. I have collected the money required for cleansing the Right of Way in the "Triangle", Sellars will commence the work at once. I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	<p>7 September 1863</p>

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<p><b>CH343/61a/38</b></p>	<p>To the Chairman and Gentlemen of the City Council – Christchurch</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows:</p> <p>Worcester Street/Gloucestre Street/ Barbadoes Street - I have continued my inspection on the next block Northward. There are no houses in this block, and nothing to which the attention of the Council should be called. East Belt/Gloucestre Street/Armagh Street – On the premises of Mr Ritchie there is a pig sty but no pigs kept, there is nothing to remark on this block. Armagh Street/Chester Street – I have served a notice on Mr Skilling to discontinue throwing house slops on to the yard at the back of the house. His house borders on the Town Belt. The following persons keep pigs on this block in Armagh Street, Mr Fox, Mr Lethwick, Mr Harman; in Chester Street Mr Johnson, Mr Pepprill. I have served a notice on Mr Hull, Armagh Street and Mr Cusack, Chester Street each to provide a water closet. Chester Street/Kilmore Street – There is an accommodation road through this block running North and South. It is in a very bad state in wet weather. I have served a notice on Mr Carter to clean the yard bordering on this road where pigs have been kept. I have served notice on Mr Jefferies to fill up stagnant water hole, he keeps a pig on his premises the sty is kept clean. Kilmore Street/Oxford Terrace – On this block pigs are kept by Mr Stephenson, Mr Sears, Mr McDonald, Mr Wells and Mr Greenaway. I had occasion to serve a notice on Mr Wells to clean his pig styes.</p> <p>South Belt/St Asaph Street/Barbadoes Street/Madras Street – On Mr Radcliff’s premises there is a dung heap but being in a paddock at some distance from houses in the neighbourhood no complaints are made. Mr Manning’s brewery yard is drained into the South drain and pigs are kept on the premises. On the premises of Mr Howe there are pigs kept, his house is drained into a barrel sunk in the ground which is occasionally bailed out on to the land, there being five acres of land to his house no nuisance need be anticipated. St Asaph Street/Tuam Street – I have served notices on Mr McLachlan and Mr Jenkins to fill up open drain. Tuam Street/Lichfield Street – On this block I have served the following notices on Mr Steer? to clean his pig styes and empty the water closet; on Mr Baker to empty his water closet; on Mr Etenevau to remove heap of rubbish from his premises; on Mr Waters to empty his water closet. Lichfield Street/Cashel Street – On this block I have served the following notices. Mrs Sutcliffe to fill up open drain; on Mr Smith to fill up stagnant water holes and empty his water closet; on Mr Gillan to provide a water closet. Up to the present time Mr Smith and Mr Gillan have had one water closet in common but a dispute having arisen as to the cleaning and emptying it. I have served the above on Mr Smith as being the first tenant; their houses adjoin and are owned by one landlord. Cashel Street/Hereford Street – I have served a notice on Mr Todd to discontinue draining into the Church reserve. In reference to this notice I beg to acquaint the Council that I have been subjected to considerable abuse from Mr Todd in addition to which he remarked that he was much about the town and would do me a “good turn”, or words to that effect. Hereford Street/Worcester Street/Gloucestre Street/Armagh Street – These blocks call for no remark. Chester Street/Kilmore Street – On the premises of Mrs Moore there is a hollow into which the surface water drains, which drained into Oxford Terrace before Mr Harston built his house on this block. Kilmore Street/Peterborough Street – On Mr Free’s premises there is a heap of stable dung but not in sight from the street and being some distance from any dwelling house it does not, I submit, constitute a nuisance. Peterborough Street/Salisbury Street – This block calls for no remark. Salisbury Street/Town Belt – On this block there is a candle manufactory in the occupation of Mr Sheridan. Complaints are made in the neighbourhood that it is frequently offensive which arises from the melted tallow. I have served Mr Sheridan with notice to fill up hollow on his premises. Sometime since the landlord, for his own purposes, diverted the water from its proper channel which has injuriously affected the adjoining land. I have served a notice on Mr Birdsey to remove accumulation of house refuse from the plot of land in his occupation adjoining Mrs Butler’s shop. I had previously given him verbal notice which was not attended to and a notice on Mr Oakes of the “Golden Fleece” to fill up a cesspool in his premises and a notice on Mr Jones of the “White Hart” to remove dung heap.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	<p>14 September 1863</p>
<p><b>CH343/61a/39</b></p>	<p>To the Chairman and Gentlemen of the City Council - Christchurch</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows:</p> <p>I have referred to the South Belt taking the blocks lying between Madras Street and Manchester Street. In conformity to a notice served on Mr Barrett, Hotel Keeper, the house drains have been thoroughly cleansed. He complains that the water, which is at present stagnant in the street drain, is chiefly rainwater which will not drain off owing to the drain having become partially filled up, this portion of Madras Street having been formed but not installed; pigs are kept on Mr Barrels premises. I have served a notice on Mr Stewart to clean his pig styes; on Mr Blount? and Mr Gilmore to empty water closet; on Mr Callin to provide water closet; on Mr Currie to provide water closet; on Mr McKonkey to provide water closet; on Mr Brady to provide water closet. Mr Brady’s family is one of five families having but one water closet. Pigs are kept on this block by Mr Kretchman and Mr Gladden. I found them in a cleanly condition on the premises of Mrs H Brown. I found a hollow, from which material had been taken for building the house. Mr Brown has undertaken to fill it up. On the premises of Mr Nilson I found a water hole into which is put the water used in washing bottles and other purposes in his business as soda water manufacturer. I do not think it can be offensive to the neighbourhood. St Asaph Street/Tuam Street – On this Block I have served the following notices; on Mr Jones to empty his water closet; on Mr Bows to fill up hollow from which earth had been taken for building the house on the premises. Tuam Street/Lichfield Street – I have served notice on Mr Fraser to remove offensive accumulation from his back yard; on Mr Lucas to empty water closet; on Mr Chard to supply water closet, and remove ashes; on Messrs Stewart and Tetly? to empty water closet; on this part of the block, being the “Triangle” on the South West corner there are six water closets and a stable only a few feet apart and each closet having a cesspool. I have served a notice also on Mr Swinbourne to empty water closet; and on Mr Rule to provide proper water closet.</p> <p>Lichfield Street/Cashel Street – this block calls for no remarks. Cashel Street/Hereford Street – On this block pigs are kept by Mr Cook, Butcher. I had occasion to call attention to the pig styes not being clean, they have since been cleaned out. Pigs are also kept by Mr Collins, Hotel keeper, and by Mr Fooks. Mr Fooks’ house pig sty and water closet are drained into one cesspool. On this block are the stables of Messrs Morgan and Idle. I have requested them to remove a heap of dung and cautioned them not to allow it to accumulate beyond one load. Hereford. Street/Worcester Street/Gloucestre Street – these blocks call for no remark. Gloucester Street/Armagh Street – On this block pigs are kept by Mr Baker. I have served him with notice to clean the sty. Armagh Street/Chester Street – I have served notice on Mr Foley to fill up hollow at the back of the Forresters Hall. Chester Street/Kilmore Street/Peterborough Street – This block call for no remark. Peterborough/Salisbury Street – I have served notice on Mr Fitzgerald Peterborough Street to fill up cesspool, clean yard and provide water closet.</p>	<p>21 September 1863</p>

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	<p>Salisbury Street/Town Belt North – on this block I have served the following notices; on Mr Sears to clean pig styes; on Mr Baker to empty closet and repair the same; on Mr Brock to provide proper water closet; on Mr Blugrove to fill up cesspool; pigs are kept by Mr Taylor on this block. Mr Birdsey – continues to deposit or has not removed the ashes and rubbish of which he received notice on the 12<sup>th</sup> instant. Mr Todd – has not filled up the drain of which he received notice on the 10<sup>th</sup> instant but no use appears to have been made of it since, he has removed the rubbish that had accumulated on the reserve and undertakes to keep it free during his tenancy. Candle Manufactory – Mr Sheridan, the proprietor of the candle manufactory mentioned in my Report of last week is prepared with a statement in writing which he will bring before the Council this evening. The “Triangle” – Sellars has completed the cleansing of the Right of Way in the “Triangle”, but a sufficient guarantee cannot be obtained from the inhabitants to shingle and put down the culvert contemplated by him, for which purpose he has already applied for shingle. I have served a notice on Mr Elliott, Cashel Street to remove heap of house refuse from his yard bounding on the “Triangle”. Mr Wilson – I have had occasion to call the attention of Mr Wilson to an accumulation of rubbish at the back of his stock yard in Cashel Street – he has had it gathered ready to cart it away which he undertakes to do at once. I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances.</p>	
<p><b>CH343/61a/40</b></p>	<p>To the Chairman and Gentlemen of the City Council - Christchurch</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows:</p> <p>Town Belt South/St Asaph Street/Manchester Street/Colombo Street – I have returned to the South Belt on this block. I have served the following notices: on Mr Robson to fill up hollow places on his premises; on Mr Forward to fill up hollow places on his premises. Persons in this neighbourhood complain that the South drain is becoming most offensive. I observed that improper use is being made of it, amongst other rubbish I found a dead dog in a putrid state which had been thrown into it. I have also served a notice on Mr Vincent, the proprietor of the brewery in Colombo Street, to fill up a hollow place at the back of the brewery. He is desirous to form a drain from his brewery to the South drain. I have cautioned him before taking that step to communicate with the Council. St Asaph Street/Tuam Street – On this block I have served a notice on Mr Allen to clean his pig styes. I found them in a very dirty state. Tuam Street/Lichfield Street – On this block pigs are kept by Mr Shackleton. Lichfield Street/Cashel Street – The accommodation road at the back of Colombo Street and on this block, is in a dirty state and requires to be raised and drained. Mr Jones, the proprietor of the “White Hart Hotel”, has made arrangements with Sellars for the removal weekly of ashes etc from his premises.</p> <p>Cashel Street/Hereford Street – On this block is the “Triangle” of which the Council have already full information, complaints have been made against Mr Hawley, Baker, who has been compelled to remove water that had drained under his house. It was chiefly rain water from his own house, which is built too close to the next to admit of a gutter. He is using his best endeavours to prevent the drainage from the “Triangle” adding to it. Mr Moss, clothier, has an accumulation of house refuse and slops in a tin lined case on the Right of Way at the back of his house. He wishes Sellars to remove it, but they cannot come to terms; the Right of Way referred to is in a dirty state and much cut up by traffic to and from the stores. Hereford Street/Worcester Street – On this block are the stables of Mr Edds. The stable yard is hollow which is being filled up whenever opportunity offers for getting earth, as it is almost useless in its present state. Worcester Street/Gloucester Street – On this block pigs are kept by His Honor Judge Gresson. The styes being close to the street, complaints are often made in consequence but I have found that care is taken to keep them clean. Complaints have been made of Mr Ritchie, baker, Colombo Street. There is a stable on his premises, which are very limited in extent, but Sellars has received orders to remove the dung whenever there is a load. Gloucester Street/Armagh Street – On this block the Right of Way at the back of the houses in Colombo Street is in a very bad state, and requires to be raised, metalled and drained. The inhabitants are anxious that it should be done and desire permission to drain into Gloucester Street. Sellars has received orders to remove the stable dung from the premises of Mr Prince. Armagh Street/Oxford Terrace/Chester Street – On this block I have served a notice on Mr Brown to fill up open cesspool to privy and to remove ash heap; on Mr Greenlee to remove rubbish from his yard, and to fill up hollow places; on Mr Kinnean to repair water closet and empty the same; on Mr Worth to remove rubbish, clean pig styes and fill up open cesspool. Oxford Terrace/Chester Street – On this block pigs are kept by Mr Shaw, Mr Barwell, Mr Evans and Mr Cotton, all of which I found in a cleanly condition. Kilmore Street/Peterborough Street – On this block pigs are kept by Mr O’Neal, his premises are saturated with water. The water closets, emptied only a short time since, are again full in his neighbourhood. I have served a notice on Mr White to fill up a hollow place where the water was stagnant.</p> <p>Peterborough Street/Salisbury Street – on this block I have served a notice on Mr Campbell to fill up an open cesspool to closet. Salisbury Street/Town Belt North – on this block I have served a notice on Mr Hamilton to clean his pig styes; there is a large quantity of water on the premises of Mr Free, he complains that the water runs over the banks of a creek in the neighbourhood up on to his land which is low but not hollow in places. Mr Allchin /”Temperance Hotel”, Tuam Street - I have also served a notice on Mr Jones, grocer, High Street to empty his water closet and discontinue throwing house slops at the back of the same, and a notice on Mr Allchin to fill up an open drain. I had previously given him a notice to fill up an open cesspool. He is about to apply for permission to put a culvert under the path into Tuam Street. Notices expired – Mr Nelson, Tuam Street; Mr Quiney, Kilmore Street; Mr Rowan, Manchester Street; having received a months notice to provide water closet, have failed to comply, but have asked for an extension of time. Sellars is engaged nightly in emptying cesspools where notices have been given.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	<p>28 September 1863</p>
<p><b>CH343/61a/41</b></p>	<p>To the Chairman and Gentlemen of the City Council - Christchurch</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows:</p> <p>Town Belt South/St Asaph Street – In continuation I have on this block served the following notices; on Mr Wilson, Colombo Street, to clean pig styes and remove dung heap; on Mr Clipliene to fill up open cesspool; on Mr Button to empty cesspool; Mr Fisher has an open drain running through his paddock into Durham Street but only for the purpose of draining the surface water. This part of Durham Street, not being formed, the whole of the water that drains from the paddock does not run off and is in consequence in a stagnant condition; but no complaints are made of its being offensive. St Asaph Street/Tuam Street – on this block I have served a notice on Mr Hart and Mr Ford to discontinue throwing house refuse and rubbish into St Asaph Street. Tuam Street/Lichfield Street – on this block I have served a notice on Mr Goulby to fill up open cesspool and provide water closet. This man attempted to force me off his premises contending that the notice should be served on his landlord. Lichfield Street/Cashel Street – on this block I have served notices as follows: on Mr Bull and Mr Waterlow to empty water closet, which closet is used by them in common; and a notice on Mr Reid to empty cesspool. Cashel Street/Hereford</p>	<p>9 October 1863</p>

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	<p>Street – on this block I have served a notice on Mr Ashby to remove dung heap; on Mr Manning, Oxford Terrace to empty cesspool. Cashel Street/Hereford Street – on this block I have served a notice on Mr Ashby to remove dung heap; on Mr Manning, Oxford Terrace to empty water closet; on Mr Bowry? to fill up hollow place on his premises. I have served a notice by post to Mr Thacker of Okains Bay accompanied with a note calling his attention to hollow places in which there is stagnant water on his property at the corner of Cashel Street and Oxford Terrace. Hereford Street/Worcester Street – on this block I have called upon Mr Jones of the “Lyttelton Hotel” to discontinue throwing ashes and house slops from his premises on to the land adjoining. Worcester Street/Gloucester Street – on this block I have served a notice on Messrs Jones &amp; Co to fill up open cesspool. Gloucester Street/Armagh Street – on this block I have served a notice on Dr Deamer to clean water closet, on Messrs Laurie &amp; Co to remove offensive accumulation from their premises; on Mr Leake to remove accumulation of house refuse and clean yard. Complaints are made that a most offensive smell arises from the premises of Mr Wilson, Baker and public house keeper, Colombo Street, which I find arises from the habit of throwing the house slops about his yard; the exposure of the stable dung etc; and from the stables being insufficiently paved and not drained. I have pointed this out to Mr Wilson and it is due to him to mention that he is ready to carry out any suggestion the Council may see fit to make in reference thereto. Mr Wilson is willing if it should meet the view of the Council to build a brick receptacle for his stable dung etc, and to make a surface drain along the Right of Way into Gloucester Street. It is also desirable that the stables should be removed from their present position and properly paved and drained. Mr Money’s stable yards are still much below the level of street and complaints are made by persons in the neighbourhood that his premises are offensive to them, the stables I have found at all times well kept.</p> <p>Armagh Street/Chester Street – This block calls for no remark. Chester Street/Kilmore Street – On this block pigs are kept by Mr Blakely. On more than one occasion I have had to give notice to clean the sty which, being near to the house of a neighbour, complaints are made in consequence; pigs are also kept by Mr Cliffe. I have given him notice to remove stable dung which has been attended to. There is an accumulation of house drainage in the drain on the south side of Kilmore Street which does not drain off. This is not an isolated instance but I have thought it my duty in particular to call the attention of the Council to this spot. Kilmore Street/Peterborough Street – on this block I have served a notice on Mr ? to empty closet, and a notice on Mr Smith to fill up open drain. Peterborough Street/Salisbury Street – on this block I have served a notice on Mr Pepper to empty closet. Salisbury Street/Town Belt North – on this block pigs are kept by Mr Pierce. There is an accumulation of dung in the stable yard of Mr Reece which I am about to give him notice to remove. Notices expired – With the exception of Mr Allen who has not complied with notice to clean his pig styes all notices served have been or are in course of being attended to. Sellars account – I have made up Sellars book for night soil pan emptying for the past month. Sellars and Mr Moss – Mr Moss still insists that Sellars ought to remove his house refuse and slops on the same terms (viz £4 per bushel) that he removes ashes and other rubbish.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	
<p><b>CH343/61a/42</b></p>	<p>To the Chairman &amp; Members of the City Council Christchurch</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows:</p> <p>Town Belt South/St Asaph Street/Durham Street/Montreal Street – On this block I have served a notice on Mr Brown to provide water closet; on Mr Diggle to empty water closet. There is a large quantity of stagnant water in the ditch on the Belt which does not find its way into the South drain. I have also served the following notices during the week; on Mr Fuchs, Colombo Street, to fill up an open receptacle for house slops. He has complied with the notice, on Mr Wilson, High Street, to remove stable dung; on Mr Page and Mr Prebble each to fill up a hollow place on their premises in Tuam Street; on Mr Allison, Oxford Terrace, to fill up a hollow place on his premises; on Mr Lane, to clean out an open drain to remove ashes etc and empty water closet; and a notice on Mr Reece, Durham Street, to remove stable dung.</p> <p>The notice served on Mr Goulby has been attended to satisfactorily; but in Mr Allen’s case I have applied to a Justice of the Peace in conformity to my written instructions. This was a notice to clean pig styes which has not been complied with. During the week I have collected the sum of £75.15.6 due for emptying night soil pans. Where persons have omitted to pay I have left the usual notice. Mr Moss declines any compromise in the matter now before the Council.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	<p>12 October 1863</p>
<p><b>CH343/61a/43</b></p>	<p>To the Chairman &amp; Members of the City Council Christchurch</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows:</p> <p>St Asaph Street/Tuam Street/Durham Street/Montreal Street – I have in continuation served the following notices on this block on Mr Lee, Mr Wright, Mr Noy, each to provide water closets; on Mr Shean to repair water closet; on Mr Banks to fill up hollow places. In a hollow place in this part of St Asaph Street some persons have deposited heaps of rubbish of which complaints are made - this is done in the night time and without any permission. Pigs are kept on this block by Mr Bailey.</p> <p>Tuam Street/Lichfield Street – On this block I have served a notice on Mr Buckley to fill up open drain; on Mr Rosewarne to empty privy and remove rubbish from the yard; on Mr Wheeler to remove rubbish. Lichfield Street/Cashel Street - This block calls for no remark. Cashel Street/Hereford Street – This block calls for no remark excepting that my attention has been directed to the water in the hollow places on this and the last mentioned block, in reference to which, I desire instructions from the Council. Hereford Street/Worcester Street – On this block I have served a notice on Mr Willis to fill up open cesspool. Worcester Street/Gloucester Street – On this block I have served a notice on Mr Walker to empty water closet. Gloucester Street/Armagh Street – This block calls for no remark</p> <p>Armagh Street/Chester Street – On this block I have served a notice on Mr Urwin to discontinue throwing house slops around the house, to clean pig styes, empty water closet, and fill up hollow places; on Mr Green to clean pig styes and remedy defective water closet; on Mr Murphy to empty water closet. Gloucester Street/Kilmore Street – on this block I have served a notice on Mr Wedge to repair water closet; a notice on Mr Dixon to fill up a hollow place at the back of the house, I have reason to believe there is an accumulation of stagnant water under the house as the tenant complains of bad smells in the house, the ground is very low in this locality; on this block pigs are kept by Mr Redman, complaint is made that there is often a bad smell from them. I have inspected them and found them well kept. I discovered nothing unusually offensive; Mr Redman has at my suggestion promised to use chloride of lime when he is cleaning out the styes, altho’ the styes are offensive at times, on the other hand, they consume a large quantity of house refuse which is collected from thickly inhabited districts.</p> <p>Town Belt South/St Asaph Street/Montreal Street/Antigua Street – on this block I have served the following notices on Mr Maldrum to clean out open drain; on Mr Barkam to fill up open ditch; on Mr Mazey to clean pig styes; on Mr Craddock to clear</p>	<p>19 October 1863</p>

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	<p>away heap of rubbish from yard; on Mr Buckley to discontinue throwing slops in the street drain; on Mr Joblins to provide water closet; on Mr Mazey jun? to empty water closet; on Mr Barnett to provide water closet; on Mr Keane to remedy defective water closet; on Mr Swale to provide water closet. On this block there is a large quantity of water primarily at the back of the "Shearer's Arms" which is in a stagnant state, there being no outlet for it. Pigs are kept on this block by Mr Dearing and Mr Wheeler, Antigua Street. St Asaph Street/Tuam Street – On this block I have served a notice on Mr Gourlay to fill up hollow places caused by the traffic of his cows to and from the yard, on Mr Goulay as Agent for Mr Gourlay, Kaiapoi to fill up hollow places at the back of his houses in St Asaph Street, and to provide sufficient water closets; on Mr Goodyer to fill up hollow places; on Mr Lowther to remedy defective water closet on Mr Cuff to remove heap of stable dung. Pigs are kept on this block by Mr Wade, and Mr Goodyer. Tuam Street/Oxford Terrace – On this block I have served a notice on Mr W? to supply water closets; through this block there is a deep gully principally through Mr Edward's property which is being filled up as opportunity offers for procuring earth. I have also served the following notice during the week; on Mr Hunt, Oxford Terrace to provide water closet; on Mr Ferrel, St Asaph Street, to fill up a hollow place on his premises; on Mr Widdowson, Manchester Street, to fill up a hollow place under his house; on Mr Rowley, Cashel Street, to fill up a hollow place under the water closet. The closet pan is in use, but the cesspool had not been properly filled up. Mr Birdsey/Mr Butler – The work done by the City Surveyor to the gutter in front of Mr Birdsey's house has remedied the nuisance complained of in Mr Butler's letter. Night Soil Collection – The following persons have not yet paid their accounts notwithstanding the printed notice, and several calls I have made upon them since: Mr Jones £1.0.0 and Mr Smith £2.1.3. "Lyttelton Hotel"; Mr Swinbourne 7s/6d Colombo Street; Mr Caukwell 7s/6d High Street.</p> <p>I have the honor to be, Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	
<p><b>CH343/61a/44</b></p>	<p>To the Chairman &amp; Members of the City Council Christchurch</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows:</p> <p>Durham Street/Montreal Street/Antigua Street – During the past week I have inspected on the blocks between Durham Street and Montreal Street from Kilmore Street to the North Belt and between Montreal Street and Antigua Street from Hereford Street to the North Belt and have served notices. Mr Butler – I have inspected the premises of Mr Butler and Mr Cook to which my attention was called at the last meeting of the Council. Mr Butler is in the habit of distributing his house slops about the yard. Sellars has removed his ashes. Mr Butler complains that persons who frequent the adjoining public house use his premises as a place of convenience. Mr Cook – The police report that they found Mr Cook in the act of cleaning his pig styes and yard. I apprehended that complaints will continually be made especially after rain and during hot weather. The nature of Mr Cook's business adds greatly to the cause of complaint.</p> <p>Mr Ritchie – Messrs Ware &amp; Reeves, the proprietors of the "Lyttelton Times", have made frequent complaints that Mr Ritchie's stables, being so near their premises, are greatly offensive. I have frequently inspected the premises. Mr Ritchie removes the dung as often as requested, but there is not sufficient room on his premises to keep a stable without being objectionable to his neighbours.</p> <p>Night Soil Collection – The persons reported as not having paid for night soil pan emptying, has since paid.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances.</p>	<p>26 October 1863</p>
<p><b>CH343/61a/45</b></p>	<p>To the Chairman &amp; Members of the City Council Christchurch</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows:</p> <p>Hereford Street/Cambridge Terrace/Montreal Street/Antigua Street – I have inspected on these blocks and have served the following notices. On Mr Cant to fill up hollow places and alter privy; on Mr Stevens to fill up hollow place. Complaints have been made in respect of these hollow places from which shingle has been taken. Pigs are kept by Mr Lockhart and Mr Johnson, Cashel Street. I have also served the following notices; in consequence of a complaint made against Mr Wilson, Colombo Street. I have served him with notice to remove a barrel which he had sunk in the ground to drain his yard. He has complied with the notice and put down drain pipes under the footpath into the street drain; on Mr Thompkins, Cashel Street, to fill up a hollow place on his premises; on Mr Elvine, Colombo Street, to discontinue burying his vegetable refuse in his back yard; on Mr Stack, Colombo Street, to fill up a hollow place on his premises and provide closet pan. The Right of Way at the back of the houses in this part of Colombo Street viz: on the East side between Lichfield Street and Cashel Street is becoming in as bad a state as the "Triangle". At present it is hollow and will not drain. I wish to be informed whether I am justified in giving each tenant notice to fill up the portion that adjoins their premises and whether, if not afterwards kept sufficiently clean in my judgement, I can take proceedings against them. Since serving a notice on Mr Thacker, Okains Bay, to fill up a hollow place on his property in Cashel Street complaint has been made respecting it. The notice, which expires on the 30<sup>th</sup> ultimo, not having been attended to.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances.</p>	<p>2 November 1863</p>
<p><b>CH343/61a/46</b></p>	<p>To the Chairman &amp; Members of the City Council Christchurch</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows:</p> <p>Mr Norman – In conformity to a resolution of the Council passed at their last meeting I have served Mr Norman with a months notice to fill up hollow places on land owned by him being the Right of Way to the back of the houses in the occupation of his tenants in Colombo Street. Notices served – I have also served the following notices; on Mr Anderson, Lichfield Street, to empty privy; on Mr Conway, Market Place, to empty privy and clear rubbish from the back yard; on Mr Caygill, Durham Street, to discontinue throwing house refuse in Street; on Mr Duncan, Hereford Street, to prevent exposure of the night soil; on Mr Drayton, Lichfield Street, to repair water closet; on Mr Steer, Lichfield Street, to clean pig styes. Antigua Street/Lincoln Road – I have inspected in this part of the City. Mr May's Brewery is in this locality. I found it in a cleanly state. At present the brewery is not much in use, the land drain in Antigua Street also drains the brewery. I am informed that persons use the water that flows down this drain, but there is a well of good water in the brewery at all times open to the neighbourhood. I have now concluded the inspection of the City and have reported on the same in the manner directed by the resolution of the Council dated 31<sup>st</sup> August last. Nightsoil – Complaints having reached the Council that Contractor Sellars had deposited night soil in the neighbourhood of the East Belt. I have in consequence made careful enquiry and inspection and am enabled to inform the Council that such is not the case, it is true the night cart has been left outside the Belt as the nightmen do not reach the Town on their return from the Reserve until after the hour within which Sellars is allowed by his contract to bring his cart through the Town. Montreal Street/Hereford Street – I have revisited localities where I have had occasion to leave notices</p>	<p>9 November 1863</p>

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	<p>and note a great improvement especially in the tenants of Mr Gould's cottages in Montreal Street and Mr Griffiths premises in Hereford Street and in some cases where I have had occasion to leave notices to clean pig styes persons have discontinued to keep pigs. The "Triangle" - I have endeavoured to raise money from the inhabitants of the "Triangle" for the purpose of keeping the Right of Way regularly cleaned, but without success. Since it was last cleaned a very large quantity of house refuse has again been deposited there. Mr Brown's Brewery - Mr Backhouse still refused to allow Mr Brown to drain through his premises, the quantity of stagnant water in the brewery yard is not in any way diminished.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances.</p>	
<p><b>CH343/61a/47</b></p>	<p>To the Chairman &amp; Members of the City Council Christchurch</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows:</p> <p>Hedges and weeds - I have been engaged during the past week in carrying out the suggestion contained in the Report of the City Surveyor of last week in reference to gorse hedges overhanging the streets, as all hedges more or less overhang. I have confined my notices to extreme cases, for instance I have given Mr O'Neal formal notice his gorse hedge overhanging that part of Manchester Street lately formed, and that part of the South Belt now being formed; and on Mr Turner also in Manchester Street. Mr Turner asked if he could have the permission of the Council to clear the weeds from the footpath in front of his house. In the unfrequented streets weeds have grown two or three feet in height. I have also served the following notices; on Mr Grant, "Triangle", to fill up hollow place on his premises; on Mr Gotch, Manchester Street, to remove house refuse; on Messrs Wilkinson &amp; Ell, Cashel Street, to clean pig styes and remove dung heap and clean privy; on Mr Jones, Oxford Terrace, to fill up hollow place receptacle for stagnant water; on Mr Hickens, Tuam Street, to empty privy and fill up hollow place on his premises; on Mr Stone, Montreal Street, to fill up hollow place on his premises at present a receptacle for stagnant water; on Mr De Bourve, I as Agent for the proprietor of the "Phoenix Brewery", to fill up hollow places on the premises attached to the brewery. At present, there being no drain from the premises, the surface water rests in the hollow places. The proprietor will shortly commence to brew when it will be necessary to adopt some system of drainage. Permission is requested to adopt a similar plan to that allowed in Mr Brown's case. Under existing circumstances, whether drained or not, I anticipate a brewery in this locality will occasion frequent complaints.</p> <p>Mr Norman - I have received a communication from Mr Norman which I append to this report. I should mention that the water has diminished by evaporation but during hot weather it is likely to become a greater nuisance, the notice given to Mr Norman will not expire until the 10<sup>th</sup> December prox. (<i>Response from Mr Norman: Kaiapoi - 11<sup>th</sup> November 1863 - To Mr Pearce - Sir, In answer to the complaint you have said to my charge I beg to state that I am not in possession of any of the land in question and must refer you to the Occupier. I don't see why one man should cause a nuisance and another be called to remove it. I remain yours etc William Norman</i>)</p> <p>Notice not complied with - I wish to call the attention of the Council to a notice served on Mr Hunt, Oxford Terrace, which has not been complied with. He contends that Mr Evan, s from whom he rented the house, agreed to provide a closet - he has since absconded. I am informed the house is the property of a Dr Lally of Auckland and that Messrs Harman &amp; Stevens have sent in an account for rent due from Mr Hunt to Dr Lally. At present one closet is used in common by three families about which a dispute has arisen on the question of the expense of cleansing.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	<p>16 November 1863</p>
<p><b>CH343/61a/48</b></p>	<p>To the Chairman &amp; Members of the City Council Christchurch</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows:</p> <p>During the past week I have inspected on the East side of the City. I have served the following notices: on Mr Yates, Colombo Street, to fill up hollows on his premises; on Mr Pepparell, Cathedral Square, to remove rubbish from his yard; on Mr Kiver, Cashel Street, to fill up hollow place on his premises; on Messrs Stewart &amp; Talley? to remove accumulation of vegetable refuse from his late premises; on Messrs Packe &amp; Son, Cashel Street, to fill up hollow place at the back of Mr Brown's brewery.</p> <p>"Triangle" - I have served the following notices in the "Triangle"; on Mr Jones, Mr Raphael, Mr Davenport, Mr Solomons, each to fill up hollow place under water closet. I have also served a notice on Messrs Simpson &amp; Marks having discovered them in the act of throwing house refuse in the Right of Way at the back of their premises. I have sought information with a view to proceedings against the person or persons responsible in respect of this Right of Way. Mr Travers, the Council's legal adviser, says distinctly that Mr Wilson is the owner and would under the City Council Ordinance be the person on whom a notice should be served, but that proceedings should not be taken without further consideration under these circumstances. I ask instructions from the Council.</p> <p>Mr Cook - I have superintended the removal of every thing I considered of an offensive nature from Mr Cook's premises and have visited them once or twice each day and will continue to do so, I have given him three days notice to fill up a hollow place left in the yard after the removal of the dung. He has discontinued to melt fat on his premises so that the nuisance is occasioned entirely from his keeping pigs. I should call it to the attention of the Council that his yard is drained into the Street and from the side drain being obstructed by the traffic to and from the yard. An offensive pool in the drain is constantly adding to the evils complained of. I have also daily visited Mr Ritchies premises Colombo Street and on them have to report favourably.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	<p>23 November 1863</p>
<p><b>CH343/61a/49</b></p>	<p>To the Chairman &amp; Members of the City Council Christchurch</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows:</p> <p>Mr W Wilson - In conformity to a resolution of the Council, on the 24<sup>th</sup> instant, I served legal notice on Mr W Wilson as owner of the private road through the "Triangle" from Cashel Street to Colombo Street to remove forthwith an accumulation of filth there upon the said road. I have since received a communication from Mr W Wilson, which I append herewith (<i>lost</i>), disowning all knowledge of the accumulation of filth to which the notice referred and all responsibility connected therewith. In the event of legal proceedings being taken against Mr Wilson I am at a loss to know what will be his defence unless it is that, to his mind, the 66<sup>th</sup> Section of the Ordinance which provides for the periodical removal of the refuse of every house whether night soil, dung, ashes, slops, or other filth or rubbish, has not been complied with. I am instructed by Mr Travers that the course to take is to summons Mr Wilson for the sum of £5, the penalty to which he is liable for not complying with the above notice.</p>	<p>30 November 1863</p>

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	<p>Daily Inspection – I have continued daily inspection of Mr Ritchies, Mr Cooks and such other premises as I discovered during my thorough inspection of each property most required it.</p> <p>Mr Cook – Amongst other notices which have been satisfactorily complied with Mr Cook, has filled up a hollow place in his yard. In compliance with notices served many gorse hedges have been clipped.</p> <p>Kilmore Street – during the week I have served notice on tenants of Mr Gosling’s houses in Kilmore Street to remove ash heap. On a previous occasion notices have been given to discontinue throwing house slops about the yard. The landlord has since cut channels on the surface of the yard to drain the slops into the side drain of the Street. There being eight or nine families in these small houses having but one small yard there is a larger accumulation of house slops on this spot than in any part of Christchurch. I have also served several other notices.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	
<p><b>CH343/61a/50</b></p>	<p>To the Chairman &amp; Members of the City Council Christchurch</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows:</p> <p>I have continued my daily visits to such places as require daily inspection and have served notices where requisite.</p> <p>Mr Cook – Butcher – I have served another notice on Mr Cook, Butcher, Manchester Street, to remove dung etc. Great complaints are made by Mr Dry, the occupier of the premises adjoining Mr Cook’s who is desirous to build but is prevented in consequence of the noxious effluvia arising from Mr Cook’s premises. As this complaint has been made to me frequently and similar complaints having been repeatedly made by persons having occasion to pass that way, may I beg the Council to give the matter their attention this evening, as I wish to be informed whether Mr Cook will shortly be prevented from keeping pigs.</p> <p>Mr Ayers’ Baths – There is not sufficient fall for the water that runs from Mr Ayers’ baths, in consequence it remains in front of the neighbouring houses and becomes stagnant.</p> <p>Mr Brown’s Brewery - I wish also to call it to the attention of the Council, that the side drain in Lichfield Street at the back of Mr Brown’s Brewery, and near the spot where the tile drain from the Brewery discharges itself, is broken down by the traffic to and from Mr Bailey’s timber yard so obstructing the drainage from the Brewery.</p> <p>Contractor Sellars – I have made up Sellar’s account for emptying cesspans to the amount of £32.16.3. He is prepared to continue the work until the new tender, now advertised for, shall have been accepted.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	<p>7 December 1863</p>
<p><b>CH343/61a/51</b></p>	<p>To the Chairman &amp; Members of the City Council Christchurch</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows:</p> <p>On the 8<sup>th</sup> instant I served Mr Cook with a weeks notice to remove the pigs then on his premises and intimated to him that he would not in future be allowed to keep pigs there. Without waiting for the expiration of the notice Mr Cook expressed his determination not to remove them. I then, as directed by the Council, waited upon Mr Sherman, the Commission of Police, and explained what had been done in the matter and the next day at his request repeated the statement in writing. He has promised every assistance in his power and hopes to be able to sustain an indictment against Mr Cook; with that view Sergeant Major Pender has this day accompanied me to the premises of Mr Cook which has resulted in a notice from the Resident Magistrate to remove the pigs in thirty six hours.</p> <p>Mr Wilson – With a view to proceedings against Mr W Wilson I have had an interview with the City Solicitor who advised that the notice already given to Mr Wilson, being informal, it would be necessary that a fresh notice should be given by the Council through the Town Clerk in conformity with the 67th Clause of the City Council Ordinance, which has been done accordingly. Be further advised that any information should be laid against Mr Wilson by the Town Clerk and that the Inspector of Nuisances should appear as witness in support. Amongst other notices served during the week I have served each tenant of the group of houses on the East side of Colombo Street by Kilmore Street with notice to empty cesspool and fill up with dry earth. The tenants having consented to adopt the cess pan. I have found this necessary in as much as the cesspools fill with the surface water which does not drain from this spot where there is at present a large quantity of stagnant water in trenches cut to drain it from the houses added to which is a drain cut to take away house drainage but which is defective. I wish an interview with the Council on this subject.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	<p>14 December 1863</p>
<p><b>CH343/61a/52</b></p>	<p>To the Chairman &amp; Members of the City Council Christchurch</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows:</p> <p>Amongst other notices served this week I have served notices on the tenants of the group of houses, fronting on a private road running from Manchester Street to Madras Street, to discontinue throwing house refuse etc upon the road. In my presence, Mr Kretchman, the landlord of the houses referred to, requested his tenants to discontinue the practice and to deposit all house refuse etc at the back of their premises and he would see to its removal. Complaint having been made that the premises attached to the hospital were in a bad state from the want of a proper receptacle for drainage I have inspected them in the presence of the House Surgeon who stated that he had had the sum of £20 placed at his disposal to provide a proper receptacle but that he was not aware what plan would best meet their requirements. The Hospital is a few yards beyond the limits of the City, but any plan fixed upon as best adapted for the City should be adopted at the Hospital.</p> <p>“Triangle” – Mr W Wilson appeared before the Resident Magistrate this day to answer the charge preferred against him in reference to the “Triangle”. After hearing the case the Magistrate reserved his decision.</p> <p>Mr Cook – has removed the pigs from his premises and has undertaken also to shortly remove the pig styes.</p> <p>Street Nuisances – On Friday last I employed Sellars to remove a dog that had been killed by a passing vehicle in High Street. The Police authorities having failed to cause its removal. I did this on my own authority in this instance as it had become a nuisance to the whole neighbourhood.</p> <p>For future guidance I shall be glad to be informed whether the Police Authorities or the City Council are responsible for the removal of nuisances of the above notice. If within my jurisdiction I beg to call the attention of the Council to the state of the South drain. Complaints have been made by the inhabitants in the neighbourhood of Colombo Street, that at night a most offensive smell arises from it, occasioned by an accumulation of stagnant water.</p>	<p>21 December 1863</p>

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CH343/61a/53	<p>To the Chairman &amp; Members of the City Council Christchurch</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows:</p> <p>During the week I have inspected in the various localities. I have had occasion to give notices:</p> <p>Notices not complied with – a notice served on Mr Cunningham, Durham Street North, to provide water closet, has not been complied with. This person is tenant of one of a group of four cottages in each of which reside two families. This notice was given in consequence of a dispute as to keeping the closets clean which are two in number and used in common. On the 18<sup>th</sup> November I served notices where I had discovered that the cesspools to privies that have now the cesspans in use, had not been filled up. Have I the authority of the Council to engage Sellars to fill up these cesspools and charge the tenants.</p> <p>Gorse hedges – On the 19<sup>th</sup> November I served a notice on Messrs Harman &amp; Stevens as Agents for Lord Lyttelton to clip gorse hedge overhanging in Manchester Street. It is now being done and will be completed tomorrow.</p> <p>Complaint is made that the stagnant water in the ditch at the East end of Tuam Street is very offensive. This ditch has been partly filled up by persons who have lately built in this locality. The parts not filled form receptacles for stagnant water. Continued complaints are made that the drainage from the Albion Brewery into Lichfield Street causes a great nuisance. I have several times during the week visited the spot but there has not, since the clearing of the side drain, been a great accumulation of drainage. I have served notices on the tenants of a house in the North side of St Asaph Street by Antigua Street. There is at all times most offensive effluvia arising from this spot attributable mostly to the present mode of disposal of house slops.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	28 December 1863
CH343/61a/54	<p>To the Chairman &amp; Members of the City Council Christchurch</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows:</p> <p>I have during the past week served the following notices: on Mr Henshaw, Salisbury Street, to discontinue throwing slops around his house; Mr Kerr, Madras Street, to clip gorse fence at present overhanging the street; Mr Caldwell, Peterborough Street, to remove house refuse; Mr Carter, Peterborough Street, to fill up open drain; Mr O'Neal, Kilmore Street, to remove heap of dirty rags; Mr Cotton to clip hedge at present overhanging the street; Mr Riggs, Mr Page, Town Belt East, each to fill up hollow places on their premises. Mr Innes, Cashel Street, to clean pig sty; Mr Clarkson, Cashel Street to empty privy; Mr MC Donald, St Asaph Street, to remove ashes and house refuse; Mr Allen, Tuam Street to empty privy. The notices reported on in my last Report as not complied with will be complied with during this week.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	4 January 1864
CH343/61a/55	<p>To the Chairman &amp; Members of the City Council Christchurch</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows:</p> <p>“Albion Brewery” – Complaint having been made to the Council that the premises attached to this Brewery were a cause of offence to the neighbourhood in consequence of there being no outlet for drainage. On the 14<sup>th</sup> September last, the Council gave Mr Brown permission to drain into Lichfield Street “on condition that he construct a brick cesspool and an overflow drain under the footpath into Lichfield Street to carry off rain water and washing of casks from his Brewery, provided the cesspool be constructed in brick and cement and not more than two feet below the overflow drain. The cesspool to have proper trap and cover and the deposit removed at least once a week. Such privilege to be withdrawn should the Inspector of Nuisances or the inhabitants in the immediate vicinity complain that the mode of disposing of the surface water is deemed a nuisance.” Mr Brown accordingly drained into Lichfield Street, the inhabitants in the immediate vicinity now complain of its being a nuisance. I therefore as directed by the Council make a special report on the subject. Mr Brown has not strictly complied with the conditions made to him in as much as the receptacle is a lead lined tank in length 4ft, breadth 3ft, depth 2ft 5 in, the top of which is one foot below the ground. On the ground and by the side of the tank, is a small cask having a hole cut in the side into which is inserted one end of a tile drain which is laid on the surface of the ground and raised at one end to obtain a fall into the street. As nearly as I could ascertain the quantity of water draining from the brewery weekly amounts to from 9 to 12 Hhds? (hogsheads). I could perceive nothing offensive during the past week owing to the high winds that have prevailed, but Mr Brown himself admits that it is generally offensive. Great care is taken to prevent any solid matter from entering the drain, and with so much success that during Monday and Tuesday last when the side channel was perfectly dry no sediment could be seen. Mr Brown states he has been unable to comply strictly with the conditions made to him as the floor of the Brewery is below the level of the street. This is borne out by the fact that the whole of the drainage is backed from the tank up into the drain but he intends to raise the floor of the Brewery and so be enabled to comply strictly with the conditions made to him by the Council and avoid the labor of bailing as above described. He also states by another season, he hopes to have a refrigerator in use, the water from which would flush the drain and so prevent any offensive smell. At the present time the nuisance is quite removed from the Brewery premises. The contents of the tank do not remain long enough to ferment. The solid matter being removed from the bottom of the tank at least once a week, but notwithstanding, the care taken to prevent any solid matter passing with the liquid. That which is unavoidably held in solution is left behind in the street drain and will whenever there is a moist and warm atmosphere become offensive and a nuisance not only to the inhabitant in the immediate vicinity but also to persons who have occasion to pass that way. The only other mode open to Mr Brown to get rid of the drainage from the Brewery is to have it carted away, or drain into the Avon as is already done in the case of the “Canterbury Brewery”, Town Belt East and Mr May’s Brewery, Antigua Street. The hollow place on land at the back of Mr Adley’s premises has been caused by the sod bank that divides sections No (<i>not mentioned</i>) from it and being a portion of the Town Reserves has come under the notice of the Town Surveyor. During the week I have served notices on Mr Bennett, Mr Borthwich, Mr Brocklehurst and Mr Daltry, St Asaph Street, to discontinue throwing house slops into the ditch in front of their houses. The very bad smell from which is sufficient to cause illness in the neighbourhood. I have recommended the use of chloride of lime.</p> <p>Colombo Street – In consequence of complaints that had been made to me that the inhabitants were in the habit of throwing slops into Gloucester Street I gave them notice to discontinue the practice. Application has since been made by Mr Jones to the City Surveyor for permission to put a culvert under the footpath into Gloucester Street which has been granted and acted on, but this permission having been given on the understanding that only surface water should pass into the Street I have</p>	11 January 1864

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	<p>given Mr Jones notice that no other use must be made of the culvert.</p> <p>The several notices served to clean pig styes have been occasioned by the practice of throwing weeds etc into the styes, which practice I have recommended the discontinuance.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	
<b>CH343/61a/56</b>	<p>To the Chairman &amp; Members of the City Council Christchurch</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows:</p> <p>During the past week I have served the following notices: on Mr Jones, Kilmore Street to cleanse privy; Mr Bell, Town Belt East, to fill up open cesspool; on Mr Griffin and Mr Mally, both in Lichfield Street, to empty water closet; on Mr Worth, Colombo Street, to discontinue keeping pigs; on Mr O'Neal, Manchester Street, to fill up an open drain and hollow places; on the Hon'ble H J Tancred, to clip hedge at present overhanging in Colombo Street; on Mr Unwin, Armagh Street, to clean out pig styes; on Mr Millington, Peterborough Street; to remove rubbish from the street which he admitted throwing from his house; on Mr Hamilton, Town Belt North; to clean out pig styes; Mr Brock, Manchester Street, to clean out pig styes; Mr Stewart, Durham Street, to clean out pig styes; on Mr Yates, Colombo Street, to empty closet. Kilmore Street – In consequence of deaths from fever I have very carefully inspected in this locality; the quantity of house drainage accumulates to that, in some parts, it is never thoroughly dry – the spot referred to in particular is that by Mr Gosling's houses.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	18 January 1864
<b>CH343/61a/57</b>	<p>To the Chairman &amp; Members of the City Council Christchurch</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows:</p> <p>During the past week I have served the following notices: on Mr Johnson, Montreal Street, to clean pig styes; on Mr Goodyer, Tuam Street, to empty privy cesspool, on Messrs Cook and Ross and others, Colombo Street, to discontinue throwing house slops into Armagh Street; on Mr Hall, Cashel Street, to clip gorse hedge overhanging in Barbadoes Street and Cashel Street; on Mr Jonas, "Tweed House", Cashel Street, to fill up open drain leading from his house; on Mr Wade, Tuam Street, to remove dung from around pig styes; on Mr Davis, Antigua Street, to clean pig styes and put down boarded floors; on Mr Travis to clean pig styes; on Mr Birdsey, High Street, to remove accumulation of house refuse (this notice was served in consequence of a complaint that an offensive smell arose from Mr Birdseys premises); on Mr Turner, Oxford Terrace, to remove dung heap; on Mr Noonan, Tuam Street East, to discontinue throwing slops near his house (this notice was served in consequence of a complaint), there is sufficient garden ground attached to this house wherein to dispose of house slops without causing a nuisance; on Mr Jones, High Street, to discontinue throwing house slops into hollow place on his premises and fill up hollow place.</p> <p>Sellars – In consequence of illness Sellars was unable to work on Monday and Tuesday so that cesspans have in some cases been overrunning. I beg the Council to refer to a letter from Sellars dated 28<sup>th</sup> December ultimo. From it, it will be clear that at present he cannot be relied on with any certainty to continue efficiently, the work of emptying the cesspans.</p> <p>The Town Surveyor has favored me with a perusal of that portion of his report containing suggestions in reference to the above work. The Inspector of Nuisances would be enabled to give additional effect to the views of the Council and meet the requirements of localities, not included in any specified district, if power were given to him, without bringing each case before the Council for special authority to substitute the cesspan where it shall appear to him desirable to do so. Also to prohibit the keeping of pigs after repeated notice to cleanse; and to enforce the provision of receptacles for house slops. Such receptacle to be described by the Council or the City Surveyor. From some houses it is absolutely necessary that house slops should be removed but to most houses, there being garden ground attached, house slops could be disposed of without causing a nuisance.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	25 January 1864
<b>CH343/61a/58</b>	<p>To the Chairman &amp; Members of the City Council Christchurch</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows:</p> <p>During the past week I have served the following notices: on Mr Oakes, Tuam Street, to fill up open drain from privy; on Mr Wilson, St Asaph Street to empty privy; on Mr Hole, Peterborough Street to empty privy; on Dr Florance to empty privy; on Mr Fuchs, Colombo Street to discontinue throwing house slops on his yard; on Messrs Blake &amp; Lippard to discontinue draining from his premises into the side channel in Colombo Street; on Mr Ladbrook to remove stable dung; on Mr Jones, "Lyttelton Hotel" to discontinue draining over footpath into Oxford Terrace. Hadfield the Contractor, has been with me to the Municipal Reserves. I have pointed out to him the spot he is to deposit the night soil and have directed his attention particularly to the necessity of burying it as specified. This has not been done hitherto, added to which the slaughter yards are in a very bad state. The blood etc draining therefrom into a large open pool. There are also dead horses in all directions, not buried. The whole combining to pollute the surrounding neighbourhood to an extent I cannot well describe. The Contractor will commence tonight the work of emptying the cesspans. I have served several notices to provide pans amongst others on Mrs Ohara, Boarding house keeper and on each tenant of the same block. An order has been left at the "Press Office" for printed circular notices to provide dust bins, but owing to alterations going on in that building they are not yet out of hand. At the time of giving Messrs Blake &amp; Lippard and Mr Jones notice in reference to their drainage I informed them they could have permission from the City Surveyor to provide a proper receptacle. I have suggested a brick cesspool in their case, but for private houses a Hhd? (hogshead) placed so that the contents could be drawn off, would be a sufficient receptacle in the meantime, until the system of district cesspools be in force.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	1 February 1864
<b>CH343/61a/59</b>	<p>To the Chairman &amp; Members of the City Council Christchurch</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows:</p> <p>Messrs Hadfield has commenced the work of emptying the cesspans. In consequence of the sudden illness of one of his men, they could not work on Thursday night last, this occasioned complaints that some pans were overflowing. They have since made arrangements which will prevent a like occurrence.</p> <p>Sellars – I have informed Sellars that the Council desire him to bury the night soil deposited by him at the Sand Hills, he would comply, but I visited the Sand Hills on Saturday last and found that this had not been done. I have communicated with the</p>	15 February 1864

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	<p>City Surveyor in reference to this subject who is taking steps for having the Reserves pegged out that the night soil may be deposited in its proper place.</p> <p>Dust Bins – I have also served notice on every tenant in the original cesspan district whether of a dwelling house or place of business, to provide a dust bin for the reception of ashes and dry rubbish. I wish to be informed if this is the meaning of the Council or whether the operation of Bye Law No 1 is confined to dwelling houses only.</p> <p>A notice served on Messrs Blake &amp; Lippard proprietors of the “A1 Hotel”, to discontinue draining into the side channel of Colombo Street has not been attended to, the channel having been slightly deepened by repeated cleansings, the drainage remains on this spot. I have informed the occupiers of the cab stand by the City Wine Vault?, High Street, that unless the stand is kept properly cleansed, the permission granted to them by the Council will be withdrawn. Mr Ayres the proprietor of the City Baths is about to make written application for permission to put down a stone channel in front of his premises. Sellars has rendered his book duly signed, I have made up the accounts for collection amounting to £142.12.6 and have commenced to collect the same. Herewith is a communication to the Council from Mr F Grant, who has commenced the business of glue and bone manure manufacture. He states that complaints have been made of its being offensive being about to extend his premises he wishes to be informed whether he is sufficiently distant from the City.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	
<p><b>CH343/61a/60</b></p>	<p>To the Chairman &amp; Members of the City Council Christchurch</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows:</p> <p>During the past week I have collected on account of night soil pan emptying.</p> <p>Mr Ayres Baths – In reference to this subject I am authorised to lay the following proposition before the Council, Mr Brook and Messrs Axup will contribute towards having the side channels paved with stone provided the Council will carry on the stone channelling past Hereford Street and through Cathedral Square. Mr Ayres will undertake to keep the channel cleanly swept by adopting this course. The current of water will be narrowed and will not remain as at present a sufficient length of time to stagnate.</p> <p>Removal of Ashes and Rubbish – appended to this is a communication from the Contractors who have commenced the removal of ashes and rubbish. I have construed the words “Public Houses” to mean only licensed houses the attention of the Council is particularly requested to this subject.</p> <p>Sand Hills – On Tuesday last I visited the Sand Hills and certified to the Town Clerk that Sellars had sufficiently covered the night soil deposited there by him. The present Contractor was this day prohibited from depositing any more rubbish on the land at present used for that purpose.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	<p>22 February 1864</p>
<p><b>CH343/61a/61</b></p>	<p>To the Chairman &amp; Members of the City Council Christchurch</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows:</p> <p>During the past week I have visited the localities in which notices have been served and found them to have been satisfactorily attended to. Amongst other notices served during the week I have served Mr Gosling’s tenants with notice to empty watercloset cesspool and fill up the same with earth and substitute cesspan. It is also necessary there should be a cesspool which would require to be of great extent as there are often six families having but one small yard in common who are poor persons, some having but just arrived in the colony; the owner therefore being the only person who could meet the expense of building a proper receptacle into which the house slops should be drained. The tenants complain of ill health but are compelled to remain in consequence of the inadequacy of house accommodation in Christchurch.</p> <p>Reserves – The Government Surveyor has pointed out the “City Reserves” that numbered 212 being the only practicable spot for the disposal of all kinds of refuse but of which no use can be made until the road is made into it. Mr Hickens, the owner of the land at present used for the purpose, has no objection to the night soil being deposited there but objects to its being made a general receptacle. The part colored red in the accompanying tracing shews where the road should be made and which I am informed will be undertaken by the “Roads Board”.</p> <p>The only persons who have not paid their account for emptying cesspans are Mr Banks, “Royal Oak”; Mr Dearing, “Shearers Arms”; Mr Solomons, “Triangle”; Mr Jordan, Cashel Street, who have promised to pay; Messrs Laurie &amp; Co and Mr Elvine insolvent, and Mr Rolls removed into the country.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	<p>29 February 1864</p>
<p><b>CH343/61a/62</b></p>	<p>To the Chairman &amp; Members of the City Council Christchurch</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows:</p> <p>During the week I have served the following notices; on Mr Allen, Oxford Terrace, to remove house refuse thrown by the river side; on Mr Ritchie, Colombo Street, to remove stable dung; on Mr Gilkes, Colombo Street, to remove rubbish from his premises at the back of the “Central Hotel”; on Mr Wagstaff, Whately Road (now Victoria Street), to clip broom hedge; on Mr Jones, St Asaph Street, to remove house refuse from around his house. I have also served Mr Gosling with notice to provide a receptacle for ashes and house refuse and a receptacle for slops; for the latter purpose Mr Gosling will supply casks. I have served a similar notice on Mr Brightling, Ferry Road, he being the owner of a group of cottages now building in the Ferry Road opposite Messrs Dagarty &amp; Co stores. In the group there are ten (10) tenements on a space of 24 feet by 60 feet and having only a narrow passage from them to the Road, I wish to call the attention of the Council to this subject as I am informed it is the intention of the proprietor to add to the number. I have served notices on several persons to provide cesspans. Notices that had previously been given to provide cesspans have been or are in course of being attended to, with the exception of Mr Allen, Tuam Street, who objects on the ground of preference for the cesspool which is built of brick and has been recently emptied in conformity to notice. I wish to be informed if I may at once engage some person to fill up the cesspool and supply the pan. The hollow places around the “Phoenix Brewery” have been satisfactorily filled up. I have collected the sum of £5.12. 2 on account of night soil pan emptying which I have handed over to the Town Clerk.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	<p>7 March 1864</p>

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<p><b>CH343/61a/63</b></p>	<p>To the Chairman &amp; Members of the City Council Christchurch</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows:</p> <p>In accordance with the resolution of the Council passed at their last meeting I have served Mr Brightling with notice to supply a closet to each of his dwelling houses in High Street. The notice to supply receptacles for slops and ashes has been complied with. Four barrels having been placed at the end of the block. I have had occasion to inform the tenants that in order to facilitate the removal of slops and ashes from their house, they must be kept separate. I have to report an improvement in Mr Gosling's premises, the surface drain having been filled up, and casks supplied as receptacles for house slops and ashes. I have served Mr Kretchman, the owner of a group of small houses in George Street (a private way at the back of "Barrett's Hotel"), with notice to remove accumulation of house refuse and to provide a proper receptacle and to fill up privy cesspool and provide cesspans. I have had occasion to give Messrs Wilkinson &amp; Ell, Butchers, Cashel Street, notice to remove sheep skins from their premises. These were causing a nuisance from not having been properly dried before being brought from the slaughter yards. Also a notice on Mr Oakes of the "Fleece Hotel", Colombo Street, and on Mr Jones of the "Lyttelton Hotel", Oxford Terrace, each to provide a receptacle for house slops. Permission had been given to Mr Jones to put down a drain for waste water from the pump, but I have discovered it is made use of to carry off house slops. Messrs Hadfield Bros have rendered their account for emptying cesspans and removing ashes etc. Deductions have been made from it on account of refusals to sign, and imperfect signature, the refusals have been for the most part that no ashes were made or that they were wanted. The attention of the Council is respectfully requested to this subject and to say whether all persons in the prescribed district are to be compelled to pay, if so, I am prepared to take proceedings against such persons as have received notice to provide a dust bin.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	<p>14 March 1864</p>
<p><b>CH343/61a/64</b></p>	<p>To the Chairman &amp; Members of the City Council Christchurch</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows:</p> <p>The City Surveyor having informed me the Council were ready to commence the stone channel in front of the premises of Mr Ayres, Mr Brook, and Messrs Axup &amp; Co. I have waited upon them that their proposition to pay for the work to be done might be reduced to writing. Mr Ayres has consented to pay the whole cost of his portion; Mr Brooks will be guided in the matter by the decision that Messrs Axup, Stewart &amp; Bell may come to. I was unable in consequence of the absence of Mr Bell to conclude an arrangement with them, Mr Axup reminds me that his proposition to pay was on the condition that the Council would channel across Hereford Street and through the Square but they prefer coming to an arrangement with Mr Ayres to carry the drainage out at the back into Hereford Street. Messrs Axup &amp; Co therefore ask that the subject may stand over until the return of Mr Bell. Albion Brewery – The drain from this brewery having become out of repair I gave Mr Brown notice of the fact. He has since done what had become necessary. I have caused the removal of a dead cow from an enclosed piece of ground in Antigua Street owned by Mr Brown. I have given notice to Messrs Smith, the owners of a group of cottages in Worcester Street and a like notice on Mr Corbett the owner of a group of cottages in Peterborough Street, to provide additional closet accommodation. Notices served on Mr Jones of the "Lyttelton Hotel" and Mr Oakes of the "Fleece Hotel" to provide receptacles for house slops have been complied with nominally, and state that every thing of an offensive character is put in the night soil pan or in the hogshead. Many persons continue to refuse their consent to pay the Council for the removal of ashes etc. Mr Hart, "Devonshire Arms", Durham Street, and Mr Worth, Colombo Street, amongst others; but after the next collection, which will take place at the close of this month, I anticipate the number of refusals will be reduced. I propose to extend the district as soon as this point shall have been decided, which I beg to submit can only be done by one or two cases being brought into Court. Mr Brightling has built three additional closets and intends to build another making six closets for the twelve cottages. By devoting a portion of his own back yard he has been enabled to place the closets out of sight from the Road, and tho' out of sight of, yet conveniently accessible to his tenants. I have authorised the contractors to keep the premises thoroughly Scavengered and charge the same to Mr Brightling who has consented to pay all demands on that account.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	<p>21 March 1864</p>
<p><b>CH343/61a/65</b></p>	<p>To the Chairman &amp; Members of the City Council Christchurch</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows:</p> <p>A communication from the Police Authorities was laid before the Council at their last meeting in reference to deposits of night soil on the Slaughter House Road. I have caused its removal by the City Contractor, but I have not been able to discover by whom it was placed there. The Contractor denies that it was placed there by the men in his employment. As soon as the road to the Reserve shall have been made it will be necessary for the protection of the City Contractor, to prevent persons taking or removing night soil or other refuse from the City to the Reserves without the authority of the City Council.</p> <p>Prompt removal of nuisances – I have had some difficulty in obtaining the sum of £1 due to the Contractor for removing the carcass of a cow from Mr Brown's land in Antigua Street. The verbal authority given me by the Clerk of Messrs Harman and Stevens, Agents for Mr Brown, being afterwards disputed it was however necessary to remove it at once as it was becoming offensive.</p> <p>Mr Ayres Baths – I have waited upon Messrs Axup &amp; Co in reference to the side channel in front of their premises. They stated that they had come to an arrangement with Mr Ayres to carry out the water from his baths through a Right of Way at the back of their premises to be opened in the course of this week into Hereford Street – this course they have decided on as the least expensive.</p> <p>House slops in Colombo Street – In consequence of a very great accumulation of slops in Colombo Street from Kilmore Street to Mr Thompkins's. I have given each tenant there, a weeks notice to provide receptacles for house slops, to be removed by the Contractor. I have also served a notice on Mr Oram, the owner of an unoccupied piece of land adjoining the "Garrick Hotel", to remove an accumulation of rubbish therefrom.</p> <p>The Albion Brewery – The drain from this Brewery again requires repairing in consequence of the ground having sunk under the tile drain which is laid on the surface. A fall cannot be obtained, consequently it becomes choked. I have reminded Mr Brown that the Council has given him notice that in the event of further complaints being made he would be compelled to</p>	<p>4 April 1864</p>

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	<p>cart away the water from the Brewery. Mr Brown is taking steps to have the drain again repaired.</p> <p>Mr Brightling's tenements – The Contractor has removed the contents of the barrels place there as receptacles for slops and asked his charge 6/6 (6 shillings and 6 pence) per barrel, not coming within his contract. I have excluded from his account. He states that this charge has been rendered necessary inasmuch as the slops and ashes have been mixed in the barrels. I have repeatedly cautioned both Mr Brighling and his tenants that slops should be kept separate from ashes.</p> <p>Contractor Account – The contract has rendered his monthly account which will be laid before the Council this evening.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	
<b>CH343/61a/66</b>	<p>To the Chairman &amp; Members of the City Council Christchurch</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows:</p> <p>Albion Brewery – I have again to bring this subject before the notice of the Council. The drain from the Brewery has not yet been repaired altho' the cause of complaint is removed from Lichfield Street the present accumulation of waste water cannot remain much longer on the premises without causing very serious complaint. Mr Brown is himself convinced that a Brewery without proper drainage cannot be carried on in the centre of Christchurch and is only waiting to receive such a notice from the Council or other legal authority as will indemnify him against his landlord to whom he is bound by agreement to carry on a brewery on the premises in question, the nuisance complained of not being one of more personal inconvenience but of absolute danger to human life. I wish to be informed what further steps the Council desire I should take in this matter.</p> <p>Receptacles for house slop – I have to report an improvement in that part of Colombo Street from Kilmore Street to Mr Thompkins. I had served notice on the inhabitants to provide receptacles for house slops. Miss Neeve has provided a zinc lined case but the notice has not been complied with by others. It is in contemplation to lay before the Council a plan of drainage into the Avon. At the present time some persons are carrying their house slops to the grating at the corner of Kilmore Street. I have inspected the premises at the back of the Police Station to which my attention was called by the Council at their last meeting, all cause of complaint is now removed.</p> <p>I have made up the accounts due for cesspan emptying etc and have commenced collecting the same.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	11 April 1864
<b>CH343/61a/67</b>	<p>To the Chairman &amp; Members of the City Council Christchurch</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows:</p> <p>During the past week I have collected the sum of £61.10 on account of cesspan emptying and removal of ashes etc.</p> <p>Albion Brewery – The drain from the Brewery has been taken up and re-laid and a small brick reservoir has been constructed at such a level as to allow the overflow to pass into the drain and into Lichfield Street.</p> <p>The "Triangle" – the inhabitants of the "Triangle" have paid their accounts for the removal of ashes etc yet the private way through it continues in a most offensive state. The Council having taken this subject under consideration, the inhabitants respectfully request to be informed when the necessary works will be commenced.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	18 April 1864
<b>CH343/61a/68</b>	<p>To the Chairman &amp; Members of the City Council Christchurch</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows:</p> <p>Brightlings houses – I have served notice on Mr Brightling to fill up a hollow place from which earth had been removed by him for building purposes, this spot is under constant inspection. I am seeking an opportunity for causing the removal of a fishmonger who has taken the house abutting on High Street. This trade carried on in such premises causes a great nuisance.</p> <p>Mr Wood's premises – I have inspected the premises at the back of the offices of Mr Wood, Miller, Colombo Street, adjoining the "White Hart". With the concurrence of the occupiers, I have given directions to Hadfield, the Contractor, to remove a clump of dry bush and other dry rubbish at present obstructing ventilation and putting the neighbourhood in danger of fire.</p> <p>The "Triangle" – I have served a notice on each tenant of the "Triangle" under Clause 79 of the City Council ordinance that their premises would be entered for the purpose of inspection on Wednesday next or following days.</p> <p>Hedges – The hedge in Kilmore Street to which my attention has been called dividing Mr Nieman's premises from the premises of Mr Banks is a privet hedge but which is likely soon to be removed as it has, from being neglected, become an insufficient dividing fence.</p> <p>Notice served on 'owner' – I have served notice on Mr Richard Taylor to provide a new privy to a dwelling house in Kilmore Street of which he is the owner.</p> <p>Rates – I have continued the collection on account of cesspan emptying and removal of ashes etc. The following persons having refused to pay at the rate fixed by the Council for the removal of ashes etc. I propose taking proceedings for its recovery under Sections No 36 and 66 and the By Law made under the latter Clause: Messrs Goodman - 4 shillings, Harris - 4 shillings, Worth - 4 shillings, Oakes - 16 shillings - Colombo Street, Anderson - 4 shillings, Blake &amp; Lippard - 16 shillings, Parker - 16 shillings – Cashel Street, Barrett Brothers - 16 shillings, Mills - 16 shillings, Hart - 16 shillings, Craig - 4 shillings if the Council see no objection.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	25 April 1864
<b>CH343/61a/69</b>	<p>To the Chairman &amp; Members of the City Council Christchurch</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows:</p> <p>Ayres Baths – A Right of Way to the back of the premises of Messrs Axup &amp; Co, Mr Brook and Mr Ayres is now opened. The closet cesspool have been emptied and filled up with earth, and cesspans will be substituted and the waste water from the baths drained into Hereford Street.</p> <p>Mr Norman's property – The Right of Way at the back of the "Mechanics' Hotel" is much improved. Dry earth and shingle having been spread there. My attention was particularly directed to the premises in consequence of the drainage from the "A1 Hotel" being allowed to flow there since the proprietors received notice to discontinue draining into Colombo Street.</p> <p>Mr H Ward – the accumulation of rubbish on a piece of land between the "A1 Hotel" and Mr Kirby's drapery store consists mostly of dry packing straw. I have given Mr Ward the occupier notice to remove it as there is danger of fire if allowed to</p>	2 May 1864

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	<p>remain there.</p> <p>Brightlings tenements – I have given the owner notice to provide additional receptacles for house slops. The tenants avail themselves of the receptacles at present provided. Only in one instance, I discovered house refuse thrown in front of the building when I caused its immediate removal to its proper receptacle.</p> <p>Mr Dearsley – I have served notice on Mr Dearsley, Ferry Road to fill up a hollow place on his property in Montreal Street from which shingle has been taken, it having become a receptacle for filth. I have served notice on Mr Burnell and Mr Johnson, Lichfield Street to empty privy cesspool and provide cesspan.</p> <p>City Contractor – Hadfield’s account for the month of April will be before the Council on Monday next. Mr Moorhouse strongly advises that the Council cannot recover for the removal of ashes etc by the Contractor. I have therefore intimated to him that in future he must not remove ashes etc unless he can depend on getting his book signed, or providing such evidence as will enable him to recover for work done from the persons benefitted; the amount at present collected exceeds that paid by the Council. In addition to refusals to sign there will be a further loss from persons removing, absconding and bankruptcy. I propose taking proceedings for the recover of £2.2. due by the late proprietor of “Cokers Hotel”, he having signed the account but has not tenanted the house the whole time for which he has signed the book. Mr Miles the owner would pay a portion but not the whole: in the first instance I demanded payment from the present occupier of the house. I wish to be informed of the Council’s opinion in regard to the Contractor’s future proceedings and whether his account shall be paid in full up to the end of April ultimo.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	
<p><b>CH343/61a/70</b></p>	<p>To the Chairman &amp; Members of the City Council Christchurch</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows:</p> <p>During the past week I have visited the Sand Hills. The Contractor is still unable to get on to the Reserve; altho’ the road is formed the sand hill is not cut through. The night soil not being covered entirely to my satisfaction. I have directed this to be done.</p> <p>The subject of the Contractor’s account is already before the Council. His account rendered for the last month amounts to £94.8.6. The question before the Council is whether he shall be paid in full up to the present time and whether a plan can be devised to avoid loss to the Council in future.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	<p>9 May 1864</p>
<p><b>CH343/61a/71</b></p>	<p>To the Chairman &amp; Members of the City Council Christchurch</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows:</p> <p>I have served a notice on Mr Philips, High Street, to remove from the side channel the rubbish swept from his shop. Mr Phillips has consented to pay the Contractor to call weekly to take away ashes etc from the receptacle he has had notice to provide. On Mr Howe, “Caversham House”, High Street, to remedy defective urinal, them overflowing the footpath in Madras Street. This notice has been satisfactorily complied with. On Mr Brown, St Asaph Street to remove heap of stable dung – now removed; on Mr Toza, Madras Street, to remove accumulation of house refuse, now removed; on Mr Andrews, Hereford Street East, a like notice has been served and complied with; on Mr Allen, Oxford Terrace, to empty cesspool and provide cesspan. This notice has been complied with; on Mr Turner, Oxford Terrace, to remove dung heap – complied with; on Mr Barwell to empty cesspool and substitute cesspan and provide an additional closet, there being at present but one closet for three cottages of which he is the owner; on Mr Shaw, Kilmore Street, to provide a watercloset; on Mr Cotton, Kilmore Street, to discontinue keeping pigs. Mr Redman, Kilmore Street, has discontinued to keep pigs and in many other instances I have caused their removal. I am however unable to do so legally, consequently in two instances where it is most necessary the notice should be complied with, it has not been. I refer to the corner of Kilmore Street North, by Colombo Street. I have reported this spot as always under water after rain and which stagnates long before it evaporates. On this spot it is highly necessary the keeping of pigs should be prohibited.</p> <p>Gorse hedges – The gorse hedge enclosing the property of His Honor Judge Greeson is being clipped in conformity with notice; the clippings will be taken into the middle of the paddock and burnt at the completion of the work.</p> <p>Recovery of money – Is it the wish of the Council that I should seek the recovery of the £2.2 due by Mr Coker, in the Resident Magistrates Court, or receive the £1 tendered by Mr Miles the owner of the premises lately occupied by Mr Coker</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	<p>16 May 1864</p>
<p><b>CH343/61a/72</b></p>	<p>To the Chairman &amp; Members of the City Council Christchurch</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows:</p> <p>During the past week I have served a notice on Mr Dixon, Madras Street, to empty privy cesspool; on Mr Money, Armagh Street, to empty privy cesspool and provide cesspan; on Messrs Cobb &amp; Co, Mr Anderson, Mr Fooks, Cashel Street; Mr Worsley, Papanui Road; Mrs Moore, Chester Street; Mr Harris, Town Belt North; Dr Barker, Worcester Street, to clip gorse hedges; on Mr Worsley, Gloucester Street to fill up a hollow place on his premises; on Mr Brooks, Hereford Street, to empty privy cesspool; on Mr Stocks to empty privy cesspool and provide an additional closet; there being at present but one closet for three tenements of which he is the owner; on Mr Hepburn, Hereford Street, to clean pig styes, remove offal from back yard and fill up open drain; on Mr McPhail to remove house refuse, and discontinue throwing house slops on section of land adjoining his premises; on Mr Collins, Hereford Street to discontinue draining house slops on to church reserve adjoining his premises.</p> <p>Notice not attended to - On the 21st of last month I served written notice on Mr Taylor to build a new privy for a dwelling house in Kilmore Street of which he is the owner. Frequent complaint has been made of the present one which is constantly out of repair and in a filthy condition. The house is let to three separate tenants each paying rent to Mr Taylor – in this case it is very necessary that the 64<sup>th</sup> Clause of the City Council Ordinance should be enforced. I would also ask whether, in the opinion of the Council, the cost of cleansing can be recovered from the owner. The house is tenanted only from week to week and cannot be depended on for the amount of a quarter collection.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	<p>23 May 1864</p>

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CH343/61a/73	<p>To the Chairman &amp; Members of the City Council Christchurch</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows:</p> <p>During the past week I have served the following notices: on Mr Willis, Hereford Street, to clip gorse hedge overhanging in St Asaph Street; on Mr Fawcett, St Asaph Street, to clip gorse hedge; on Messrs Luck &amp; Clark to clip gorse hedge overhanging in Armagh Street; on Mr Turner, Hereford Street, to clip gorse and broom hedge; on Mr Crocker, Lichfield Street, to clip gorse hedge; on Mr Gundy, Kilmore Street, to fill up hollow place on his premises; on Mr Atkinson, Barbadoes Street, to remove heap of dung and house refuse; on Mr Mennall?, Lichfield Street, to empty privy cesspool and provide a door to the privy; on Mr Evans, Kilmore Street, to discontinue throwing house slops into the street; on Messrs Ward &amp; Reeves, Gloucester Street, to clip gorse hedges overhanging in Worcester Street, Barbadoes Street and Gloucester Street. The following notices have been satisfactorily complied with; on Mr Nieman, Market Place, to fill up hollow place on his premises; Messrs Luck &amp; Clark to clip gorse hedge overhanging in Worcester Street; on Mr Dixon, Madras Street, to empty privy cesspool; Mr Money, Armagh Street, to empty privy cesspool and provide cesspan; on Messrs Cobb &amp; Co, Cashel Street, to clip gorse hedge; on Mr Anderson, Cashel Street, to clip gorse hedge; Mrs Moore, Chester Street, to clip gorse hedge; on Mr Collins, Hereford Street, to clip broom hedges and discontinue draining house slops on to church reserve (having laid down drain tiles on his own premises leading into a barrel tank in his garden); on Mr Joyce, Madras Street, to remove dung heap; on Mr Brooker, Hereford Street, to empty privy cesspool; on Mr Hepburn, Hereford Street, to clean pig sty and remove offal from back yard.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	
CH343/61a/74	<p>To the Chairman &amp; Members of the City Council Christchurch</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows:</p> <p>During the past week I have served a notice on Messrs Ward &amp; Reeves to clip gorse hedge overhanging in Worcester Street, Barbadoes Street, and Gloucester Street; a notice on Mr Howard, Gloucester Street, to fill up hollow place into which house refuse was being thrown, and to provide a proper receptacle; a notice on Messrs West &amp; Withers, Gloucester Street, to provide waterclosets and remove accumulation of house refuse; a notice on Mr Stewart, Cashel Street, to clip gorse hedge overhanging in Kilmore Street; a notice on Mr Neeve, Colombo Street, to discontinue throwing house slops into the Right of Way at the back of his premises; a notice on Mr Hall, Gloucester Street, to empty cesspool and provide closet pan; a notice on Mr Wilson, Gloucester Street, to clean stables and prevent drainage therefrom running onto footpath.</p> <p>Town Hall – The watercloset at the back of the Town Hall has been cleared and a new cesspan provided, but in order that the premises may be kept in a satisfactory state, it is necessary that a urinal should be added to the present conveniences.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	6 June 1864
CH343/61a/75	<p>To the Chairman &amp; Members of the City Council Christchurch</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows:</p> <p>During the past week I have served the following notices: on Mr McNicol, Cashel Street, to fill up hollow place on his premises; on Messrs Hobbs &amp; Son, Colombo Street, to fill up a hollow place on their premises from which shingle had been taken; on Mr McCardell, Kilmore Street, to supply privy cesspool; on Mr Carry, Gloucester Street, to empty privy cesspool and provide cesspan; on Mr Hawke, Gloucester Street, to remove heap of house refuse to empty privy cesspool and provide cesspan; on Mr Cox, Gloucester Street, to empty privy cesspool and provide cesspan and a like notice on Mr Samuels and Mr Morgan, Gloucester Street. The boring for water, having been successful in Armagh Street, I have commenced the collection of the sum of £20 being the sum fixed by the Council as the contribution to be made by the inhabitants of the neighbourhood. His Honor Mr Justice Gresson has headed the list with a subscription of £2. The Contractors, Messrs Hadfield, have rendered their account for the past months. The account is passed for the sum of £82.3.6. Some persons still refuse to sign the book for the removal of rubbish. From the wording of the contract it will be necessary for the Council to say he must discontinue his calls to persons who will not sign his book. His monthly receipt can then be taken in full of all demands up to the date of each account.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	13 June 1864
CH343/61a/76	<p>To the Chairman &amp; Members of the City Council Christchurch</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows:</p> <p>During the week I have served the following notices; on Mr Savage, Chester Street, to remove house refuse thrown on section of land adjoining his premises; on Mr Cook, Manchester Street, to empty privy cesspool and supply cesspan; on Mr Louisson, Hereford Street, to fill up hollow place on his premises and provide privy with cesspan; on Mr Farlane, Durham Street, to remove house refuse; on Mr Thomas, Durham Street, to remove house refuse; on Mr White, "Cokers Hotel", Cathedral Square, to prevent house slops draining on to Mr Howath's premises; on Mrs Fulton, Kilmore Street, to cut down part of a tree overhanging the street, being at present dangerous to passers-by; on Mr Jones, Colombo Street, to prevent water dropping from the roof of his house on to the footpath.</p> <p>Brightling's tenements – I have had an interview with Mr Slater, the Solicitor for the Assignees of Mr Brightling, respecting the cleansing charges accrued and now accruing due on the building in High Street and lately owned by Mr Brightling. Mr Slater will pay, but for the present he is unable to get in the arrears of rent.</p> <p>Notice on Mr Taylor – I wish to call the attention of the Council to the circumstance that a notice was served on Mr Taylor, Kilmore Street, to provide a new water closet supplied with a cesspan. The notice was served on the 21<sup>st</sup> April ultimo and reported as not complied with on the 23<sup>rd</sup> May. The notice has not yet been complied with but instead of the proper pan a leaky tub is put as a receptacle and the closet is in other respects so constructed that the requirements of decency are not provided for.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	20 June 1864

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CH343/61a/77	<p>To the Chairman &amp; Members of the City Council Christchurch</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows:</p> <p>During the past week I have given the following notices: to Mr Gee, Colombo Street, to provide a proper pan to closet; to Mr Dix, High Street; to remove dung heap; to Mr Brooks, St Asaph Street, to remove dung heap; to Mr Mennall?, Lichfield Street, to remove house refuse; to Dr Turnbull to clip gorse hedge overhanging in Chester Street; to Mr Hiorus, Armagh Street, to remove house refuse; to Mr J Anderson, Cashel Street, to clip gorse hedge overhanging in Cashel Street and Barbadoes Street. Amongst other notices satisfactorily complied with, Mrs Fulton has complied with notice served on her to cut down a tree which overhung the footpath so as not to endanger passengers. I have ordered a new closet to be made by Mr Goss, Durham Street, for Mr R Taylor, Kilmore Street. The pan I have ordered of Mr Nieman, Market Place, which is to be delivered to Mr Goss that it may be delivered on to Mr Taylor's premises with the closet. The cost of closet and pan will be £6. The receptacles for ashes and slops placed by Mr Gosling for his tenants in Kilmore Street, having become full, I sent the Contractor to make a special arrangement to remove the same, but they would not come to terms. (This locality is not within the Contractors district for the removal of ashes etc, which for the reasons already known to the Council, I have not extended.) I propose therefore to give each occupier notice in the usual manner to remove accumulation of house refuse.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	27 June 1864
CH343/61a/78	<p>To the Chairman &amp; Members of the City Council Christchurch</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows:</p> <p>During the past week I have served the following notices: on Mr Gosling's tenants, Mr Netherton, Mr Bettis, Mr Blackburne, Mr Ashby to remove house refuse and slops. The Contractor has agreed to remove them for 8/- (8 shillings) being 2 shillings for each house. I have also given notice to Mr Gosling to fill up hollow place under the closets which was caused by the sinking of the earth which had been put in to fill up a cesspool, also to put down a boarded floor and otherwise to alter the closets. At present, the Contractor, is unable to do the work of emptying the cesspans in a satisfactory manner; on Mr Parker, Mr Hooper, Gloucester Street, to discontinue throwing house slops into the street; on Mr J Williams to clip gorse hedge overhanging in Barbadoes Street and Lichfield Street; on Mr Fuchs, Colombo Street, to cleanse his back yard and remove rubbish. Since the late rains, the Right of Way leading to the back of his house has become in a most filthy state. He has since obtained permission from the Town Surveyor to put down a drain leading from the back of his house into Colombo Street. The drain he has put down is of galvanized iron and laid under the house. The Contractor has discontinued to remove rubbish from Mr Fuch's premises as he will not sign the Contractors book; on Mr Smith, Market Place, to discontinue throwing ashes etc into the street and provide a proper receptacle on his premises; on Mr Cliffe, Kilmore Street, to remove dung heap and fill up privy cesspool; on Mr Harman, as Agent for College property, to fill up an open ditch on Sections 137.139 Peterborough Street and Montreal Street in which water remains a sufficient time after rain to become offensive. The sections are below the level of the street and require to be filled up; on Messrs Barrett, Sumner Road, to remedy a defect in the urinal on his premises which caused a flow into the side drain. I have inspected the locality at the back of the "Garrick Hotel" to Mr Thompkins in Colombo Street. There is again a great accumulation of house drainage and surface water, the stench emitted during the warm days of the past week was very offensive. I have been expecting a memorial from the inhabitants praying that the Council would suggest some plan of drainage with an estimate of the cost which they would contribute to pay if within their means. Pigs are kept on this spot by Mr O'Neal and Mr Donohue which should be disallowed altogether in such localities; but before drawing up a Bye Law to effect this object the City Solicitor recommends the Council should await the arrival of the Municipal Ordinances of Colonial Towns which have lately been sent for.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	4 July 1864
CH343/61a/79	<p>To the Chairman &amp; Members of the City Council Christchurch</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows:</p> <p>During the past week I have served a notice on Mr Green, Cashel Street, to remove house refuse and rubbish, the rubbish referred to had accumulated since Mr Kissell, the late owner and occupier, had refused to pay the Contractor; a notice on Mrs Hughes, Kilmore Street to empty privy cesspool and substitute a cesspan, her house is one of a group of small houses in this locality. I have not given each tenant notice to provide a cesspan but propose doing so as the cesspools require to be emptied. I have served a notice on Mr Walker the owner of two small houses in Kilmore Street by Barbadoes Street. The back yards of which are so low as to allow the slops and surface water to flow from the Right of Way at the back of the houses in Colombo Street, to which I have called the attention of the Council in former reports. I have served notices on Mr Page, Mr Eys, Mr Pearson, Mr Fuller, and Mr Elslar?, Hereford Street, to remove accumulation of ashes and house refuse, and to provide proper receptacles on their premises for ashes and rubbish. At present it is thrown down negligently about the yard; but they are not all willing to pay 6 pence per week to the Contractor to remove the same. The present accumulation will be removed by subscriptions from those who are willing to pay, as these persons have but one yard in common, it is desirable that there should be but one large dust bin, or ashpit, which should be placed on the premises and the contents removed at the cost of the landlord, or owner, of the houses; a similar difficulty is that of Mr Gosling. During the week the Contractor has removed house refuse and slops and thoroughly cleared the premises, but he will go unpaid or summons the tenants for 2 shillings each, being their share of his charge for work done. The advantage to the inhabitants of the City in having so much offensive matter removed is beyond description but as the necessity increases so does the difficulty of raising money under the present system. Will the Council pardon me if I remark that no rate would be so popular as a cleansing rate, but this I have long had impressed upon me having had to collect the cleansing charges for a year now past. The closet I ordered for Mr Taylor has been delivered on his premises. The builder has not yet rendered his account, on his doing so will apply to Mr Taylor at once for payment.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	11 July 1864

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CH343/61a/80	<p>To the Chairman &amp; Members of the City Council Christchurch</p> <p>Gentlemen, During the past week I have inspected the Right of Way between the "Lyttelton Times Office" and Colombo Street. I have caused the removal of a dung heap from Mr Ritchie's yard. Continued complaints are made to me that Mr Ritchie's stable, being surrounded by dwelling houses is greatly offensive, but I do not think that as he has authorised me to send the Scavenger as often as I think necessary that anything further can be demanded of him; I have also caused the removal of rubbish etc from the back premises of "Stringer's Hotel". I have no doubt the real cause of complaint in this locality arises from the closets on these premises. The urinal built under one roof between the closets, is becoming more and more offensive altho' the closet pans are emptied as often as necessary, the nuisance is not removed. I therefore attribute it to the thorough saturation of the ground with urine. As a remedy I would suggest that the closets should be removed from their present position and a load or two of the ground removed and a like quantity of dry earth substituted, and an urinal constructed of watertight materials and the contents removed as often as necessary, and unless otherwise directed by the Council I propose giving the occupier notice to do what I now describe as necessary. I also discovered that house slops thrown down by Mr Murrell, Cathedral Square, are flowing over the Right of Way, have recommended him to provide a receptacle on his premises, which he has undertaken to do. The urinal on the premises of the "White Hart" is in an unsatisfactory state. This is occasioned by the tile drain laid down by the occupier, having been broken by cart traffic and which I believe will be at once remedied.</p> <p>Complaint has been made against the stagnant water on Oxford Terrace caused by the water flowing from the pump on the premises of the "Lyttelton Hotel". The quantity is so large that it will not evaporate so becomes in a stagnant state, a like nuisance is caused by the water flowing from the premises of Mr Cook, into the side channel of Manchester Street. I have reported these cases as being the subject of frequent complaint. The Contractor has rendered his account for the month of June amounting to £97.3. He has discontinued to call for ashes etc from persons who have refused to sign his book. It will be seen the large amount of £6.8 is due from the Christchurch Club, it will yet be increased, as I have prohibited the Contractor from disposing of the drainage by running it over the paddock adjoining the Club, it cannot be continued without becoming a nuisance. Amongst the refusals to sign will be found Mr Gosling's tenants in Kilmore Street which I have excluded from the present from his account. The spot in Peterborough Street to which my attention has been called by the Council I have inspected; for some time past I have been cautioning the occupiers in the neighbourhood that they are liable to be summoned by the Police Authorities for throwing rubbish in the public thoroughfare.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	18 July 1864
CH343/61a/81	<p>To the Chairman &amp; Members of the City Council Christchurch</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: I have made up the accounts for the last quarter due from each person for supplying cesspans and removal of rubbish etc. The amount collected during the past week being £66.14. I have also collected the sum of £5.18 due from Mr Taylor for closet and cesspan supplied to him after neglecting to comply with a notice to provide the same. I have given notice to the tenants of Mr Griffiths' house in Hereford Street to remove house refuse etc thrown near the house for some time past. There has been a great improvement, but recently there has been a change of tenants. I have given notice to Mr Barrett, Colombo Street, to discontinue throwing rubbish about the yard. The premises are closely surrounded. Going into the house to collect, I discovered a sink in one corner of the room in which they live, into which all slops are thrown and which is so badly arranged that most of the slops running through the weather boards find their way under the house and about the yard. I have directed the attention of the Police to a gorse hedge near a building in Kilmore Street - they will cause its removal. A notice served on Mr Worsley to remove gorse and broom hedge overhanging in Kilmore Street and Whately Road (now Victoria Street), will be attended to by Mr Whincop who has bought the property. He is also about to clear away the trees that overhang the footpaths and keep them during the winter, constantly wet. Notices served on persons in Gloucester Street to empty cesspools and substitute cesspans have been complied with.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	25 July 1864
CH343/61a/82	<p>To the Chairman &amp; Members of the City Council Christchurch</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: During the past week I have continued the collection of the money due for emptying cesspans etc and I have paid over to the Town Clerk the amount collected. In some instances, where a complaint was made that the charge was excessive, I have directed the Contractor to empty the pans fortnightly instead of weekly. The following is a list of notices served during the week: on Mr Craig, High Street, to provide a closet pan, which has been complied with; on Mr Aulsebrook, Colombo Street, to remove dung heap; on Mr Riddle, Colombo Street, to provide closet pan to secure rubbish from side channel which rubbish consisted of straw etc dropped from carts unloading at his shop, and to remove stable dung from his premises; on Mr Rauderson, Cashel Street, to remove stable dung, which has been complied with; on Mr Jones, White Hart, to remove stable dung. In consequence of a complaint being made of some persons residing in Durham Street throwing rubbish in the street, I inspected the premises and found occasion to serve a notice on Mr Frost, Mr Woodmore, Mr Frew and Mr Lilburn to discontinue the practice. This spot is thickly covered with small tenements. This part of Durham Street is not formed at present. The ditch, from which a bank has at some time been taken, being the principle cause of complaint but in which there is no stagnant water - there is in it a small quantity of rubbish which the present occupiers deny having thrown there. The present occupiers are preferable to the last who kept a house of reputed ill fame; a notice on Messrs Willis and Thompson, Oxford Terrace, to fill up privy cesspool and provide cesspan; on Mr Shailer to remove stable dung; on Mr Dann, Colombo Street, to fill up cesspool and provide cesspan. He has had a privy on his premises in accordance with the regulations of the Council. He has provided another in which he has constructed a cesspool with empty barrels. Another complaint has been made against Mr Ritchie, Colombo Street, who has a stable abutting on the Right of Way to the "Lyttelton Times Office". I trust however the Council will exonerate me from all blame for neglect or even oversight in this case as the whole facts are known to the Council. I have ascertained from Mr Ritchie that he will not stable his horses during the summer season when the inconvenience that the tenants of the "Times Office", at present, feel will be much lessened in reference to this subject. I beg to refer to my report of the 18<sup>th</sup> ultimo.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	1 August 1864

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CH343/61a/83	<p>To the Chairman &amp; Members of the City Council Christchurch</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: I have continued the collection of accounts due for emptying night soil pans etc. In a few instances I have settled accounts in dispute by allowing the amount which will be deducted from the Contractor's next account. I hope by the next meeting of the Council to close the collection. I have served a notice on Mrs Ohara, Manchester Street, to discontinue throwing house slops into the street. This nuisance, which is very great at the present time, will be at once removed she, having authorised me to send the Contractor to remove them from her premises from barrels to be provided for the purpose; a notice on Mr Bennett, Oxford Terrace, to remove vegetable refuse from his premises and from the side channel; on Messrs Cobb &amp; Co to clip gorse hedge overhanging in Hereford Street. In consequence of Mr Wilson, Whately Road (now Victoria Street), discontinuing the use of the cesspan and digging a cesspool, I have served him and other persons on the same block with notice to fill up cesspool and provide cesspan. This block being thickly inhabited, the privies are but a few feet apart, but have for the most part the cesspan in use. A notice on Mr Ingleson, Durham Street, to provide a privy; on Mr Hawkins, Kilmore Street, to empty cesspool and provide cesspan. My attention having been drawn to the state of the Town Belt South by the Whately Road (now Victoria Street), I have had an interview with Mr Oram the proprietor of the "Carlton Hotel", and informed him that the drainage from his premises was causing a nuisance. Mr Oram in reply, informed me that as soon as he had finished building he would wait upon the Council in reference to the subject with a view to carry out any suggestion that may be recommended by the City Surveyor. Mr Gosling has not complied with notice to fill up hollow place under the closets provided for the use of his tenants in Kilmore Street and to put down a floor to the same and hang a door below the seat - it is very necessary that this should be done. Hadfield, the Contractor, will do what is required for the sum of £1 but as this will not be paid without legal proceedings I wish for the sanction of the Council before I incur the expense on Mr Gosling's behalf.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	8 August 1864
CH343/61a/84	<p>To the Chairman &amp; Members of the City Council Christchurch</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: I have continued the collection on account of night soil pan emptying etc. The sum on my book for collection amounted to £278.10; of this sum £207.17 has been collected and paid over to the Town Clerk leaving £71.3 to be collected. The Contractor has rendered his account for the month of July but in consequence of many refusals to sign his book I could not pass it until I had ascertained for what reason persons had refused to sign. Mr Fuchs, "Mechanics' Hotel", Colombo Street, having refused, I at once went to him taking with me the contract. He still refused to sign stating that having paid the rate he should not pay his next quarterly account. Mr Harris, Mr Goodman, Mr J Anderson, Colombo Street, and some others, who are under the impression that their signatures are sought for the purpose of making them liable. I have however pointed out the advantage of signing or refusing to sign the Contractors book but the Contractor states he could take the contract for less if he were not compelled to go round with his book. Mr Harris and Mr Goodman having refused to pay their quarters account and refuse to sign for the past month, I have given them notice that if the same is not paid by 16<sup>th</sup> instant a summons will be issued. I propose also to demand the amount due from Mr Fuchs for the month of July and if not paid to summon him. Mr Dearing, "Shearers Arms", Antigua Street, has not paid £1.4 after repeated application. I wish to be informed whether I can proceed against the owner of houses let to weekly tenants who have removed or refuse to pay under Clause 65 of the City Council Ordinance. During the past week complaint has been made of the bad state of a road running from Tuam Street to Lichfield Street East of Colombo Street. Some of the inhabitants are willing to subscribe and Mr Brown has undertaken to form the road within a fortnight when the surface water, which is causing it to be in its present state will run off.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	13 August 1864
CH343/61a/85	<p>To the Chairman &amp; Members of the City Council Christchurch</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows:</p> <p>During the past week I have served the following notices; on Mr Fergusson, St Asaph Street; Mr Lane, Colombo Street; Mr Harrington, Montreal Street. His Honor Mr Justice Gresson, Madras Street, Mr Allison and Mr Hill, Manchester Street; Mr Stringer, Durham Street; Mr Shackleton, Lichfield Street; Mr Thomson, Gloucester Street; Mr Higgins, Town Belt East, to clip gorse and other hedges overhanging the footpaths; on Mr Simpson, Whately Road (now Victoria Street), to empty privy cesspool; on Mr Whitley, Lichfield Street, to fill up open cesspool; on Mr Fielder, and Mr Donoline, Kilmore Street, to clean pig styes and clean up dirty yard. I have again served notices on Mr Gosling's tenants, Kilmore Street, to remove house refuse and slops. I have recommended the Contractor to obtain payment beforehand on the present occasion, and in future, in all cases where the payment is doubtful before he undertakes work of this nature; on Mr Pepper, Tuam Street to fill up a ditch in front of some small houses in St Asaph Street of which he is the owner, the tenants of which are causing a nuisance by throwing slops and house refuse into it.</p> <p>Messrs Hadfield have rendered their account for July amount to £92.4. I have summoned Mr Goodman and Mr Harris, who refuse to pay their last quarter account for emptying cesspans and refuse to sign the book for the past month. Mr Dearing who has not paid his last quarters account and states that the amount cannot be legally recovered; Mr Fuchs who has not paid an account I served on him for the month of July - I served this account on him as he would not sign the Contractors book and stating he should not pay his next quarterly account. The City Solicitor having heard that the above persons are preparing to withstand the Council wishes to have a weeks notice in the event of his services being required in the Magistrates Court on the 30<sup>th</sup> instant on which day the summonses will be heard.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	22 August 1864
CH343/61a/86	<p>To the Chairman &amp; Members of the City Council Christchurch</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: During the past week I have served a notice on Messrs Nathan &amp; Co, High Street, as Agents for Mr J Joseph of Wellington, to clip gorse hedge overhanging in Barbadoes Street, Sumner Rod and St Asaph Street; on Mr Nicholson, Whately Road (now Victoria Street), to prevent house slops overflowing footpath and to remove dung heap; on Mr Griffin, Kilmore Street to remove dung heap; on Mr O'Neal, Kilmore Street, to clean pig syte. I have had an interview with Mr Walker, the owner of the houses and premises in Kilmore Street which have been frequently reported to the Council as being in a most offensive and dangerous state. I had served a notice on him to fill up hollow places or raise the ground so that the surface water might run off; he being desirous of exact information as to what he was required to do I referred him to</p>	29 August 1864

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	<p>the Town Surveyor who did on one occasion accompany me to the place in question. For some time past the accumulation of waste water flowing from the Christchurch Club through a tile drain under the footpath into Worcester Street has been very great. I have observed nothing particularly offensive in the water as it flows from the drain but it remains a sufficient length of time in the side channels to become so, in addition to this drain there is a drain from the back of the building into two large iron ship tanks, which are emptied weekly at a cost of 30 shillings. I, accompanied by the Contractor, have attended at Mr Nalder's office and have given all information required relating to the disputed accounts for emptying night soil pans. The Contractor will attend at the Court tomorrow in case his evidence should be required.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	
<p><b>CH343/61a/87</b></p>	<p>To the Chairman &amp; Members of the City Council Christchurch</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: During the past week I have served the following notices: on Mr Hall, Gloucester Street to remove heap of house refuse from his premises; on Mr Watson, Mr Cower, Mr Martin, St Asaph Street; Mr Brooker as Agent for Mr Innes, Mr Paddock, Mr Barwell, Kilmore Street; Mr Bolton, Peterborough Street; Mr W Wilson, Tuam Street; Mr Taylor, Montreal Street; Mr G M Allen, Mr T Allen, Mr Wood, Mr Fisher, Whately Road (now Victoria Street), to clip gorse and other hedges overhanging the footpaths; on Mr Brown, Lichfield Street to fill up hollow place on a private road in his use, referred to in my report of the 22 ultimo; this road is already partly formed and installed and principally at Mr Brown's expense but it is necessary that 50 or 60 loads of earth should be put on the part not yet made to prevent the surface water lying there; on Mr Money, Armagh Street, to empty privy cesspool, on property of which he is the owner in Kilmore Street. The following notices have been satisfactorily attended to; on Mr Fielder, Kilmore Street, to clean pigstyes; on Mr Whitley, Lichfield Street, to fill up hollow place; on Mr Thompson, Oxford Terrace, to empty privy cesspool and provide cesspan; on Mr Hawkins, Kilmore Street, to empty privy cesspool and provide cesspan. Several notices to clip gorse and other hedges have been complied with. I have however had to remind Mr Lane, Colombo Street, that a notice served on him to clip thorn hedge very much overhanging in Salisbury Street has not yet been complied with. The premises lately owned by Mr Brightling in High Street have been sold by Mr Knight, the mortgagee, to Mr Metcalfe. I have collected the sum of £10.3 from Mr Knight who signed Hadfield's book for cleansing during the quarter ending June 30<sup>th</sup>, the privies on the premises are in a filthy state. In order that proper control may be had over these privies they should be detached and kept locked, as at present I am unable to say who are the individuals causing them to be in their present state.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	<p>5 September 1864</p>
<p><b>CH343/61a/88</b></p>	<p>To the Chairman &amp; Members of the City Council Christchurch</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: During the past weeks I have served the following notices; on Mr Paterson, Armagh Street, to empty privy cesspool and provide cesspan; on Mr Kite, Kaiapoi, to fill up hollow place on land in High Street of which he is the owner; on Mr Reece, Colombo Street, to clip gorse hedge overhanging in Colombo Street and Lichfield Street; on Mr Raney, St Asaph Street, to clip gorse hedge; on Mr Gilmour, Lichfield Street, to fill up open ditch which is a receptacle for stagnant water; on Mr Dearsby and Mr Walker, Tuam Street, to fill up ditches - receptacles for stagnant water. These ditches have been caused by a sod fence being taken from the land. Altho' these ditches collect the surface water there is no outlet consequently long before it evaporates it becomes in a state highly offensive and dangerous.</p> <p>In the ditches at the East end of St Asaph Street there is a large quantity of stagnant water. Some persons in the neighbourhood have cut a channel across the street to let it run off and across the footpath on the East Belt with the same object.</p> <p>I have inspected the premises of Mr Packer and Mr Kiver, on both there is a considerable quantity of surface water. Mr Kiver contemplates making improvements when a large quantity of earth will be brought in to level the ground. Mr Packer also states he is about to let that portion of his land at present complained of.</p> <p>I have thoroughly inspected the premises of the "British Hotel", "Morton &amp; Co" and the "White Hart Hotel". A consequence of a complaint that the house slops flowed thro' a tile drain from the "British Hotel", my attention was particularly directed to this drain. I found the sink perfectly clean, the only use that appeared to be made of it was to carry off the rain water, the kitchen slops are put into barrels and by the side of these barrels there was a barrel for chamber slops all of which are removed by private arrangement with a person being beyond the City.</p> <p>From "Morton &amp; Co" the City Contractor removes the whole of the house refuse and slops, but the barrels kept for the purpose are very offensive and will become more so as the warm weather approaches.</p> <p>From the "White Hart" the City Contractor removes ashes, house refuse etc but it is imperative that some steps should be taken to carry off the surface water etc of which there is constantly an accumulation; in consequence of the exposed state of these premises and the ground being low, the urinal is constantly in an offensive state, it being used not only by the frequenters of the house but by the public generally who feel the want of a public urinal in this part of the City.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p> <p>Rider: The proceedings taken by order of the Council against parties refusing to pay their accounts for night soil pan emptying were successful, the judgement being that the amounts be paid with costs.</p>	<p>12 September 1864</p>
<p><b>CH343/61a/89</b></p>	<p>Report on The Drainage of the City of Christchurch by William Frederick Moore, City Surveyor printed at the "Press" Office, Cashel Street, 1864</p>	
<p><b>CH343/61a/90</b></p>	<p>Sir, In accordance with your instructions of the 19<sup>th</sup> ultimo I have the honour to forward you a report on the Drainage of Christchurch with a sketch plan and estimate of the cost of a complete system of sewage such as I should recommend for additions by the City Council. The works proposed are of a simple character and can be executed by degrees or rendered necessary by the increase of population at a moderate cost.</p> <p>I have carefully examined the several recommendations contained in the scheme of drainage prepared by your Surveyor and forwarded for my consideration, and have the honour to point out:</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> - that any scheme of drainage to cost £700,000 as estimated by your surveyor is so utterly beyond the means likely to be at the disposal of the Council as not to be worth consideration.</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> - that the plan proposed is to a considerable extent impracticable, the principal drain being placed as a watershed line instead of on the low ground.</p>	<p>6 August 1864</p>

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	3 <sup>rd</sup> – that Mr Moore’s plan leaves untouched the most serious difficulty viz the disposal of the sewage For the above reasons I would recommend that your Surveyor’s scheme should be referred back to him for reconsideration as it is impossible to deal with it in its present form – Copy of printed Report No 93 below	
CH343/61a/91	Estimated (costs) for proposed Drainage Works – part of Report	
CH343/61a/92	Hand drawn map of Christchurch – part of Report	
CH343/61a/93	Copy of Report mentioned in No 90 above	
CH343/61a/94	To the Chairman & Members of the City Council Christchurch Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: During the past week I have served the following notice: on Mr Smith, Peterborough Street, to fill up hollow place in which is an accumulation of stagnant water; on Mr Gould, Town Belt North, to empty privy cesspool being on his premises in Montreal Street. This is a row of laborers cottages which I find it necessary to have under constant inspection, but I have to report continued improvement. I have inspected the premises attached to the group of four cottages in Durham Street of which the Rev J Aldred is the owner, Mr Rutland, Agent. Altho’ the tenants have but one yard in common, in consequence of disputes arising, it is necessary that each house should have a separate privy. I have therefore given notice to Mr Rutland to provide the same, and a notice on Mr Carmichael, one of the tenants, to discontinue throwing house slops in the street; on Mr Aynsley, Hereford Street, to clip gorse hedge overhanging Town Belt East; on Mr Lewis, David Street, to empty privy cesspool; on Mr Brooker, Kilmore Street, to remove dead pig from dirty sty and clean the sty; on Mr Hamilton, Hereford Street, to clip gorse hedge overhanging in Barbadoes Street and Hereford Street. I have received a letter from Mr Johnston complaining that pigs were kept by Mr Hepburn in Hereford Street. I thereupon inspected the premises and found the sty kept clean and at least two chains from a house. I informed Mr Johnstone that there was no law at present prohibiting the keeping of pigs; and a letter from Mr Kirby complaining of stable dung at the back of their premises. I inspected the premises and found the cause of complaint to arise from a stable kept very near their premises by Mr Lane, Butcher, all accumulation have since been removed. Several notices to clip hedges have been attended to, amongst them, Mr Lane of Colombo Street. I have visited the Reserves at the Sand Hills, the night soil is now being buried in the sand, a few posts and rails should surround the spot in use which could be removed as the trenches or pits are filled up. The Contractor’s account for the past month is rendered amounting to £109.16. The account is much increased by many persons employing him to remove house slops. I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	19 September 1864
CH343/61a/95	To the Chairman & Members of the City Council Christchurch Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: During the past week I have served the following notices; on Mr Gosling, Market Place, to clip gorse hedge overhanging in Salisbury Street and Durham Street; on Mr T Duffy, Oxford Terrace, to empty privy cesspool; on Mr Nicholson; Whately Road (now Victoria Street), to remove dung heap; on Mr Taylor, Oxford Terrace to remove dung heap; on Mr Jones, “Lyttelton Hotel”, to remove heap of trade refuse etc from his premises; on Mr Gosnell, Tuam Street, to cleanse privy and provide cesspan; on Mr Nelson, Tuam Street, to cleanse pig sty; on Mr Stewart, Durham Street, to remove dung from around pig sty; on Mr Gourlay, Tuam Street, to cleanse pig sty; on Mr Ditfort, Tuam Street, to cleanse pig sty - this I found in a most unsatisfactory state, I have required the owner to alter the construction of the sty and to remove some of the pigs that are at present crowded into it; on Mr Steward, Madras Street to empty privy cesspool and clean pig sty; Mr Metcalfe, the present owner of Brighling’s Buildings, has complied with the suggestions made to him – the privies have been provided with locks and the houses and privies have been numbered to correspond. A further improvement has been made by shingle having been spread about the premises with a view to keep down the cleansing charges which amount at present to over £40 per annum. I have arranged that notice shall be given at this office when any of the houses are empty, the pans at such times not being in use. I have received a letter from Messrs Aikman Knight & Co complaining of an offensive smell arising from the side channel in front of their premises. I inspected the spot pointed out and found it caused by house slops put there by Mrs Ohara. This has been done since notice was given to discontinue to throw house slops in front of her own premises. I inspected her premises and found a tub full of slops, but she could not satisfactorily account for their disposal, and will not employ the City Scavenger. Complaint having been made of the offensive state of the urinal at the back of the Town Hall I communicated with Mr W Wilson, the Secretary to the Town Hall Committee, who has for the present caused to be abated the nuisance complained of. I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	26 September 1864
CH343/61a/96	To the Chairman & Members of the City Council Christchurch Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: During the past week I have served the following notices: on Mr Bone, Chester Street, to remove accumulation of house refuse; on Mr Bishop and Mr Reed, Kilmore Street, to remove dung heap; on Mr Blanchard, Colombo Street, to fill up hollow place under closet - at present a receptacle for offensive water. Since serving the notice I have employed the Contractor on Mr Blanchard’s account, to do what is required; on Mr Pilbrow, Manchester Street, to remove accumulation of house refuse and provide proper cesspan to closet; on Mr Samuels, Tuam Street, to discontinue draining slops over footpath, (from which cause there is an accumulation of slops in the side channel) to clean privy and provide cesspan. All expired notices have been satisfactorily attended to except that served on Mr Fuchs, “Mechanics’ Hotel”, Colombo Street, to improve his back premises. I have given him notice that unless the privies are at once put in a satisfactory state the work will be done by the City Contractor, but before carrying this into execution I desire the consent of the Council which by my written instructions, I am bound to ask for. The closets at the back of the “Central Hotel”, Colombo Street, continue to be in an offensive state notwithstanding chloride of lime is frequently used about them but I propose tonight to have the closets removed by the City Contractor to ascertain the state of the ground beneath them and to do generally what I may find to be necessary to abate the nuisance, the occupiers consent having been obtained to the work being done and the necessary expense incurred, the consent of the Council would not be required in this case. The nuisance complained of by	3 October 1864

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	Messrs Aikman Knight & Co and referred to in my Report of last week has been satisfactorily removed. I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	
<b>CH343/61a/97</b>	To the Chairman & Members of the City Council Christchurch Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: During the past week I have served the following notices: on Dr Coward, Oxford Terrace to clip gorse hedge overhanging in Oxford Terrace and Antigua Street and remove dung heap; a notice on Mr Turner, Town Belt North, to remove dung heap from the Belt; on Mr Bethel Ware, Tuam Street, to remove dung heap; on Mr Stanley? Tuam Street, to remove dung heap; on Mr Green, butcher, Colombo Street, to remove sheep skins and heap of stable dung. The skins had been brought into Town for sale to the fellmonger who had failed to call for them in proper time, the dung, and sheep skins have since been removed. In consequence of complaint made by Mr Kiver, Manchester Street, I have inspected the premises of Messrs Deacon & Vincent, Brewers, Colombo Street. I found care had been taken to prevent the bulk of the drainage from flowing on to Mr Kiver's premises, but there were evident signs of the same having soaked through the ground into an open ditch and which was, at the time of inspection causing an offensive smell. I suggested to Mr Kiver that this ditch should be filled up, but Mr Kiver informed me it was made to take the surface water from his paddock into the South drain. This is the first complaint I have had made to me of the Brewery. The Proprietors are precluded from draining by means of a stone side channel in consequence of the expense. The privies at the back of the "Central Hotel", Colombo Street, have been removed and the cesspool under the urinal emptied and filled up. I have no doubt from the state in which I found the ground surrounding the cesspool, which was lined with wood open at the joints, that this cesspool has been the cause of complaint in this neighbourhood. I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	10 October 1864
<b>CH343/61a/98</b>	To the Chairman & Members of the City Council Christchurch Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: During the past week I have served the following notices: on Mr Nesbitt, Gloucester Street, to prevent rain water dropping from the veranda in front of his house on to the footpath, to empty privy cesspool and provide closet pan, and to remove accumulation of rubbish; on Mr Fuller, Whately Road (now Victoria Street), to cleanse privy and provide cesspan; on Mr Longman, High Street, to fill up open cesspool; on Mr Wilson, Gloucester Street, to provide closet with cesspan; on Mr West, Gloucester Street, to remove house refuse and fill up hollow place; on Messrs James & Hicks, to remove dung heap; on Mr Oakes, Armagh Street, to remove dung heap; on Mr Nicholson, Whately Road (now Victoria Street), to remove dung heap. I have also had to request that Mr Nicholson, in washing his shop floor, not to allow the water therefrom to overflow the footpath; on Mrs Ohara, Manchester Street to remove accumulation of house refuse etc; on Mr Jackman, High Street, to cleanse back premises and remove rubbish; on Mr Mathews, High Street, to fill up hollow place on his premises. The Contractor finds it extremely difficult to keep these premises in a satisfactory state which are very small and crowded with broken packages, empty cases etc; on Mr Cohn, High Street, to remove house refuse and refuse of trade; on Mr Phillips, Colombo Street, to remove rubbish from back premises and discontinue to throw house refuse in Right of Way, the surface water from Mr Mein's yard flows down this Right of Way into Gloucester Street which is much increased in quantity from the other premises abutting upon it, and which has been very offensive during the past week. I beg to remind the Council that the Scavengers contract will terminate this quarter. The cleansing charges for quarter ending June 30 <sup>th</sup> amounted to £279.14.6 of this £255.10 has been collected. Bankruptcies, £10.6.6; removals £5.3.6 refusals to pay for removal of rubbish which is deducted from Contractors present account £1.14.6; to be collected £7. The account for month ending 30 <sup>th</sup> September rendered this evening amounts to £100.9. I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	17 October 1864
<b>CH343/62a/1</b>	To the Chairman & Members of the City Council Christchurch Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: During the past week I have made up the Scavenger's book for quarter ending September 30 <sup>th</sup> – the amount on my book for collection being £302.3 due from 364 persons and I have commenced the collection. "Fleece Hotel" – I have had occasion to call the attention of the proprietors to an open drain discharging into a hole on a piece of waste land adjoining the Hotel, as there is a pump on the premises an outlet for the waste water is necessary (necessary), but it is apparent that other waste water is allowed to mingle with the waste water from the pump. I was informed that steps were being taken to remove the cause of complaint; the premises in other respects were in a satisfactory state. "Mechanics' Hotel" – The cesspool under the closets has been emptied and filled with earth; the Right of Way at the back of the premises is in an unsatisfactory state, the inhabitants have it in contemplation to raise a sum of money to be laid out in improving the same. At an interview I had with Mr Norman the freeholder, on a previous occasion, he informed me he would assist in this object. Cesspools, Gloucester Street – The Contractor has during the past week emptied a large cesspool on property owned by Mr Fairhurst, Lyttelton and let to weekly tenants, the closets, three in number, have each been supplied with a cesspan. I have received a letter from Messrs Morrison & Co, Hereford Street complaining that persons in the neighbourhood were in the habit of throwing house slops on land near to their store. I have in consequence served notice on Mr Stapleton, Mr Middleweek and Mr Rowley, whom I have reason to believe were the persons referred to, to discontinue the practice forthwith; a notice on Mr Farrel, Gloucester Street to clean pig styes, remove dung heap, and fill up open drain from the same; on Mrs Grey, Mr McGovern and Mr Virtue, Montreal Street, to supply privy cesspool and provide cesspan; these latter persons informing me they were but weekly tenants. I had an interview with Mr F Thompson the Agent of the landlord, who authorised me to do what was required in the matter. I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	24 October 1864
<b>CH343/62a/2</b>	To the Chairman & Members of the City Council Christchurch Gentlemen, I beg to report that I have during the past week collected the moneys due on account of night soil pan emptying. The amount collected being £134.8.8 which I have handed over to the Town Clerk. I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	31 October 1864

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CH343/62a/3	<p>To the Chairman &amp; Members of the City Council Christchurch</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: I have continued the collection on account of removal of night soil etc. The amount collected and paid over to the Town Clerk being £69.13.6.</p> <p>The "Triangle" – I beg permission of the Council to incur a small expense in having the stone channel recently laid, regularly swept at the present time there is an accumulation of rubbish in the Channel which prevents the flow of water.</p> <p>I have served a notice on Mr Pearce, Colombo Street, to empty privy cesspool and fill up the same with earth and provide cesspan; on Mrs Neilson, St Asaph Street, to empty privy cesspool and remove accumulation of house refuse; on Mr Marks, Colombo Street, to remove accumulation of house refuse; on Mr Holmes, "Triangle", to remove a crate of damaged fish - this notice was promptly complied with.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	7 November 1864
CH343/62a/4	<p>To the Chairman &amp; Members of the City Council Christchurch</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: During the past week I have again inspected the premises at the back of the "Central Hotel". Altho' there is a great improvement in consequence of the removal of the closets and emptying the cesspool, the barrel kept for the reception of slops causes a nuisance each time the slops are emptied into it.</p> <p>Mr Ritchies Stables – at the time of inspection the stable dung had been recently removed. The horses being stabled only during the day, the accumulation of dung will not be great. Mr Marshall and Mr Ancell who occupy the adjoining premises complain of the stable being a nuisance, but they, having but a few feet of back premises is a more serious inconvenience to them - their slop barrels being within 6 feet from their houses; crossing Gloucester Street and inspecting the Right of Way to Mr Mein's yard I found the quantity of waste water from Mr Bruce's pump, and from the other premises abutting on the Right of Way, very great. I have again called the attention of the Council to this spot as it is highly necessary that slops should be taken, to improve the premises. The tenants are anxious to have a stone channel laid at their own expense but before forwarding this object I wish to know whether it would meet with the sanction of the Council as it would add to the quantity of slops already in the side channel in Gloucester Street. I have had to call the attention of Mr Phillips (a tenant having the use of the Right of Way), to offensive matter thrown down apparently from his premises.</p> <p>Stock Yards – I have received a letter from an inhabitant complaining of a stock yard on Mr Wilson's premises, Colombo Street South. I have given Mr Wilson notice to cleanse the same and remove it further from the footpath on which it abuts; a similar cause of complaint is the stock yard owned by Mr Gourlay, St Asaph Street. The road is much cut up by the traffic to and from the yard. If owners are not prohibited by law from having stock yards in such positions, the yards should in all cases be well paved. I have given Mr Gourlay notice to cleanse the stock yard.</p> <p>I have served a notice on Mr Oram of the "Carlton Hotel" not to allow his house drainage to flow into the main thoroughfares of the City. During the hot days of the past week the stench arising from this cause has been very great.</p> <p>I have collected the sum of £18.4.6 on account of night soil pan emptying etc which I have handed over to the Town Clerk</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p> <p>Rider: Herewith is appended a letter since received from Mr Oram referring to the notice I have served upon him. (Not attached)</p>	14 November 1864
CH343/62a/5	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows. During the past week I have served the following notices, on Mr Woolhurst?, Oxford Terrace, to remove accumulation of house refuse; on Mr Dallas, Oxford Terrace, to remove rubbish from back premises and fill up hollow place. I have caused the removal of a quantity of broken bottles and other rubbish from the premises of Mr Phillips; on Mr Gee, Barber, Colombo Street, to remove offensive matter from his premises and a notice on Mr S Clarke to fill up hollow place on his premises in Oxford Terrace.</p> <p>A notice served on Mr Neilson, St Asaph Street, to empty privy cesspool and remove an accumulation of house refuse has been satisfactorily complied with; notices served on Mr Vertue, Mr Gray, Mr McGovern to empty privy cesspool and provide cesspan not having been complied with. I have had an interview with Mr F Thompson, the Agent of the owner, who authorised me to employ the Contractor to do the necessary work.</p> <p>Phoenix Brewery – there is an accumulation of drainage from this brewery on the section of land fronting on Kilmore Street, which being somewhat below the level of the street, will not drain off.</p> <p>Sand Hills – I have visited the Sand Hills in consequence of a complaint being made that the Contractor had deposited night soil on a road reserve. I found there was an overflow occasioned by the filling in of the pit that had been opened. So far as the encroachment on the road is concerned the cause of complaint is removed, the Contractor is now putting the soil in an open trench say 2 feet deep and 5 feet in width. This will be filled up as soon as it is possible to do so, but it will be impossible to avoid annoyance to persons having cattle running in the neighbour-hood unless a portion of the reserve is fenced off.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	21 October 1864 (out of sequence)
CH343/62a/6	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows.</p> <p>Christchurch Club – During the week I have had an interview with the Secretary of the Christchurch Club, Worcester Street, and pointed out the unsatisfactory state of the urinal attached to the premises, this will at once be remedied.</p> <p>Hotels – I have caused the removal of an accumulation of trade refuse from the premises of the "A1 Hotel" from the "Railway Hotel", Colombo Street, the last mentioned requires constant attention there being but one small yard for the hotel and the premises adjoining.</p> <p>"Triangle" – I am endeavouring to my utmost to prevent the accumulation of rubbish in the "Triangle" but shall not succeed to my satisfaction until I have the control of someone whose duty it may be not only to remove the ashes etc from boxes but every thing that may be accidentally or otherwise thrown down on the ground. I caused Mr Holmes, eating house keeper, to remove refuse matter from the channel that had evidently come from his premises.</p> <p>Wilson's stock yard – I have visited these premises and found the cause of complaint partially removed, the yard having been</p>	28 November 1864

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	<p>cleaned and the cows not being yarded at night.</p> <p>Brewery - I have also inspected the Brewery premises of Messrs Deacon &amp; Vincent, Colombo Street. I observed the proprietors were successful in a great measure in preventing the drainage from the premises overflowing the premises of Mr Kiver and thus far removing his cause of complaint.</p> <p>Notices – I have served a notice on Mr Smallwood to repair a water closet on his premises in Peterborough Street; on Mr Gardom?, High Street to empty privy cesspool on his premises in Peterborough Street; on Mr Wyatt, Colombo Street, to cleanse and repair privy; on Mr Shayler, Oxford Terrace, to remove dung heap; on Mr Riddle, Colombo Street, to remove dung from his stables.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	
<p><b>CH343/62a/7</b></p>	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: During the past week I have inspected a piece of land in High Street owned by Mr Kite of Kaiapoi. I found there a large quantity of refuse which had accumulated from the adjoining premises. A notice sent to Mr Kite by post to fill up the hollow places has not been complied with, I have since been informed that the land will shortly be built on when the nuisance will be removed.</p> <p>A notice served on Mr Nesbitt of the “Corporation Hotel”, Gloucester Street, to prevent water falling from the verandah on to the footpath has been complied with.</p> <p>I have inspected the premises of Mr Ditfort, Tuam Street, who has several times received notice to cleanse his pig styes – the pigs are now removed – I am informed, however, that it is his intention to get more at a future time, which should not be allowed as the premises are not of sufficient extent to admit of pigs being kept without causing a nuisance.</p> <p>I have again had to call the attention of the proprietors of the “Fleece Hotel” to the accumulation of offensive water on their premises. They informed me that a large quantity came from the adjoining premises occupied by Messrs Simpson &amp; Marks and Mr Roach, Colombo Street. They also informed me that they are about to apply to the City Surveyor for permission to put down a culvert to carry off the surface water for which they have no outlet, which is very necessary in this case.</p> <p>Notices served on Mr Grey, Mr Vertue, Mr McGovern to empty privy cesspool and provide cesspan has been complied with.</p> <p>I have inspected Brightling’s cottages, High Street. I found the premises in a comparatively satisfactory state, owing to the fact that there are but three of the twelve cottages tenanted.</p> <p>A letter will be before the Council this evening from Messrs Hadfield, in reference to their contract for removal of night soil, which contract I beg to remind the Council expires next month.</p> <p>Mr Hargood of Colombo Street, Market Gardener, has applied for a quantity of night soil, as a commencement he has offered £5 for twenty loads. His garden is situate two miles from Town on the Ferry Road.</p> <p>I have received the sum of £? for removal of night soil etc which I have paid over to the Town Clerk. The amount on my book for collection for quarter ending September 3<sup>rd</sup> amounts to £302.9 shillings of this the sum of £259. 16.8 has been collected up to this date.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	<p>5 December 1864</p>
<p><b>CH343/62a/8</b></p>	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows. During the past week I have inspected the premises of Messrs Norton &amp; Robinson, Dunedin Club House, High Street. The premises I found in a satisfactory state; an additional receptacle for house slops, having been provided in conformity to notice. Slops are not thrown into the street from these premises, nor are they allowed to flow into the side channels.</p> <p>I have sworn an information against Mr Blake, Mr Ruddenklau and Mr Fuchs, Colombo Street, Licensed Victuallers, that they did allow a certain stream of offensive water to flow from their premises into the side channels in Colombo Street against the Christchurch City Council Ordinance 1862, Bye Law No 1.</p> <p>I have inspected the premises of Mr Ohara, “Harp Tavern”, High Street, and found them satisfactory. Also the premises of Mr Hart, “Devonshire Arms”, Durham Street, premises satisfactory. There was an accumulation of water in the cellar, which is occasionally bailed out; the neighbourhood not being thickly inhabited no complaint has yet been made. The water pumped from the cellar of the “A1 Hotel” adds to the nuisance caused by the house slops flowing into the side channel in Colombo Street.</p> <p>I have served a notice on Mr Griffin, Kilmore Street, to remove dung heap; on Mr Rogers, Durham Street to remove house refuse; on Mr Dell, Colombo Street, to fill up open drain on the Right of Way at the back of his premises; on Mr Collins, Hereford Street to remove dung heap.</p> <p>I have had an interview with Mr Allen, St Asaph Street, respecting an open drain on the Right of Way through his property. This he has consented to fill up as the drainage from the pig sty on Messrs Barrett’s premises was causing a nuisance.</p> <p>I have visited the Reserves, the night soil has been covered, but not effectually, in consequence of the liquid nature of the soil and I have called the Contractors attention to it.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	<p>12 December 1864</p>
<p><b>CH343/62a/9</b></p>	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: Notice served on Mr Dell, “Garrick Hotel”, Colombo Street, to fill up open drain has been complied with; Mr Allen, St Asaph Street, has filled up an open drain referred to in my last report. I have inspected the premises attached to the Christchurch Club. The notice served on them to remedy defective state of the urinal has been complied with. I have inspected the premises of the “White Hart Hotel” and have had an interview with the present proprietor, Mr Howe, who is about to make great improvements in the sanitary state of these premises. I have served notice on Mr Lamper, Lichfield Street, to remove house refuse thrown on to a section of land adjoining their premises; the various other premises I have visited during the past week call for no remark.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	<p>19 December 1864</p>

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CH343/62a/10	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows. During the past week I have served a notice on D Sullivan, Oxford Terrace, to remove a house drain laid under footpath into Oxford Terrace and to fill up a trench that had been cut to receive the drainage, this notice was immediately complied with. I have inspected the premises of the "British Hotel" and found them in a satisfactory state. I found a small quantity of drainage in the side channel opposite the premises. I cautioned the proprietor against making any use of the side channel until the asphalt had become thoroughly set. I have inspected the premises of the "Central Hotel", Colombo Street, continued complaints are made of the offensive smell coming from them and which I find arises from the barrel into which the house slops are put, the contents being disturbed each time slops are put into it and to an extent not only causing annoyance but danger to the health of persons living in the neighbourhood. I have instanced the last named Hotel, but these remarks apply also to other premises. As a remedy I recommend the use of chloride of lime but in some cases more is required and I would respectfully suggest its use should be strictly enforced.</p> <p>I have inspected the premises of Mr Green, Butcher, Colombo Street. The premises found in an unsatisfactory state arising from negligence, I have cautioned him if the premises are not kept in better order legal proceedings will be taken against him. I have had a complaint made to me that Messrs Nicholson &amp; Lodge were in the habit of slaughtering on their premises in Cashel Street. I have inspected, but there was no appearance of this having been done, on the other hand, the premises were very clean and satisfactory (I have been informed by Inspector Pender, that the Ordinance under which the Police Authorities could have interfered is in abeyance).</p> <p>I beg to call the attention of the Council to a letter received from Messrs Hadfield, the City Contractors, who will be in attendance this evening if required.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	28 December 1864
CH343/62a/11	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows.</p> <p>City Council Ordinance – Clause 63 - During the past week I have had an interview with Mr Oram, the proprietor of the "Carlton Hotel", and have warned him that the Council will commence an action against him for allowing the drainage from his house to flow into the main thoroughfares of the City. I have informed him he has no right to make use of the public thoroughfares of the City as an outlet for his drainage, for in addition to the nuisance caused thereby, considerable damage is done. Mr Oram will again communicate with the Council on the subject.</p> <p>I have given notice to Mr Ayers and Mr Onslow, Colombo Street, to remove an accumulation of earth and rubbish from the Right of Way at the back of their premises.</p> <p>I have visited the "Triangle" several times during the week and have given notices where required.</p> <p>I have checked the Contractor's account for emptying night soil pans etc for the month of November; the amount due to him being £95.4.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	3 January 1865
CH343/62a/12	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows. During the past week I have served the following notices; on Mr T Bruce, Gloucester Street, to clip thorn hedge overhanging in Gloucester Street and Manchester Street; on Mr Rowe, St Asaph Street, to remove house refuse and discontinue throwing house slops near his house; on Mr R Anderson, Cashel Street, to remove dung heap; on Mr Thiale, Mr Westrop, Mr Maluke, Manchester Street, to clear away rubbish now lying about at the back of their premises; on Messrs, Nori &amp; Campbell to remove heap of trade refuse and house slops. On receipt of the notice they at once gave an order to the City Contractor to do what was necessary.</p> <p>Amongst other premises inspected during the week are "Barrett's Hotel", High Street, and the "Temperance Hotel", Tuam Street. In both I had occasion to call attention to an open drain into which the house slops were put - the premises were otherwise satisfactory. I have again visited the "Phoenix Brewery". Owing to the extensive business carried on the drainage therefrom is very large in quantity, and is accumulating in a paddock owned by Mr R Taylor, adjoining the Brewery; I have given the proprietor of the Brewery notice that the waste water from the Brewery must be carted away or otherwise disposed of so as not to cause a nuisance. I have to report an improvement in the "Triangle", the channel having been cleaned by the City workmen and a quantity of lumber has been removed by the City Contractor; an eating house lately kept by Mr Holmes is now closed - altho' every precaution was taken, from the nature of the premises, it occasioned frequent complaints.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	9 January 1865
CH343/62a/13	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report the following list of notices served during the past week: on Mr Nicholson, Butcher, Cashel Street, to clear the side channel in front of his shop. What I called upon him to remove consisted of rubbish that had accumulated by traffic to and from the shop; and a like notice on Mr Haines, High Street; on Mr Gilpin, Kilmore Street, not to allow slops to overflow footpath; on Mr Barwell, Kilmore Street, to repair privy; on Mr Whittley, Lichfield Street, to empty privy cesspool; on Mr Hepburn, Hereford Street, to clean pig sty; on Mr Turrel, Cathedral Square, to empty privy cesspool on his property in St Asaph Street; on Mr Wilson, St Asaph Street, to remove accumulation of rubbish; on Mr Dearsley, Tuam Street, to clean pig sty; on Mr De Bourbel, Agent for Mr Walker, to replace and repair privies on his property in Tuam Street; on Mr Gosnall, St Asaph Street, to repair privy; other premises inspected during the week I found in a satisfactory state.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	16 January 1865
CH343/62a/14	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>I beg to report the following notices served during the past week; on Mr Morris, Worcester Street, to empty privy cesspool on his property in Hereford Street; on Mr McDougal, Armagh Street, to empty privy cesspool; on Mr Millbank, Lichfield Street, to repair privy; on Mr Wilson, Durham Street, to fill up privy cesspool and substitute cesspan; on Mr McCosker to remove night soil from premises adjoining the Wesleyan Church.</p> <p>I have inspected the premises of Captain Westenra, Hereford Street, and have given notice to fill up a cesspool that had been</p>	30 January 1865

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	<p>constructed to receive the surface water from his premises and the contents of the water closets. This notice will be at once complied with, Captain Westenra having authorised me to employ the City Contractor to do whatever is necessary. He has requested to be furnished with the improved closet pans.</p> <p>I have inspected the premises occupied by Mr Griffiths. These premises, which were for a long time a nuisance to the neighbourhood from the house being overcrowded and from the negligence of the tenants, now in a very satisfactory state.</p> <p>For some time past complaint has been made to me that a quantity of guano stored in an open shed on the premises occupied by Mr Macpherson, High Street, was very offensive. I have represented this to Mr Macpherson who will remove the article in question.</p> <p>I have inspected the premises of Mr Sheridan, Salisbury Street, candle manufacturer, and found them in a satisfactory state altho' complaints are still made by owners of property in the neighbourhood.</p> <p>Messrs Hadfield have commenced to make up their account for the months of December and January with which the present contract is completed. I am enabled to bear out the remarks made by the Council on the manner in which Messrs Hadfield have performed their work and further that I have occasionally got over difficulties, which have not come under the notice of the Council, through their having been at all times willing to comply with requests I have made to them, but which I could not demand under the terms of their contract.</p> <p>Should the question of the distribution of the new closet pans be considered by the Council this evening I would respectfully remind the Council that a shed as a store for say 100 pans will be requisite at the Sand Hill Reserves in which the pans can be cleansed, dried and stored which will be necessary altho' no contract may be entered into for the manufacture of manure.</p> <p>Application having already been made for the new pans, I wish to be informed on what terms they will be distributed to the public.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	
<p><b>CH343/62a/15</b></p>	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report the following notices served during the past week: on Mr Whale, hotel keeper, Colombo Street, to clean pig styes - these premises I have on all former inspections found to be in a satisfactory state; on Mr Clements, Kilmore Street, to clean pig styes, the pig sty being very near the house I have requested him to remove it, he informed me he would discontinue to keep pigs; on Mrs Dew, Kilmore Street, to clean pig styes; on Mr Cunningham, Kilmore Street, to clean pig styes; on Mr Manda, Chester Street, to remove dung from around pig sty; on Mr Jones, Manchester Street, to remove dung heap from his stable in Cathedral Square; on Mr Shayler, Oxford Terrace, to remove dung heap.</p> <p>All notices previously served have been satisfactorily complied with.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	<p>23 January 1865</p>
<p><b>CH343/63a/1</b></p>	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report the following notices served during the past week: on Mr Goodyer, Durham Street, to remove dung heap. From this part of Durham Street an accumulation of ashes has been removed by the City workmen from the side channel. I have had an interview with the inhabitants of this block with a view to making arrangements between them and the City Scavenger for the removal of their house refuse. Of the ten occupiers Mr Allen and Mr Martin have agreed to pay the contract price for the removal of house refuse from their premises. I suspect the accumulation above referred to came from Mr Allison's house, as there is no back yard to it. I am therefore watching the premises.</p> <p>A complaint having been made to me of a nuisance existing in the neighbourhood of the South Town Belt I inspected and found the complaint to arise from the side channel of the Lincoln Road being choked up with weeds. I had no doubt whatever, as to the cause of complaint, as the channel was being cleared out by persons under contract with the Provincial Government.</p> <p>I have devoted considerable time to the "Triangle" during the week; very great advantage would be derived if the channel were swept frequently. The City Contractor has agreed to sweep the channel each time he removes the ashes etc if the Council will supply him with brooms. I wish therefore on the authority of the Council to supply him with the necessary brooms for the purpose. I have had an interview with Mr W Wilson the landlord who will at once erect a suitable place for the reception of ashes etc. The ash boxes being at present kept on the Right of Way. Children, and others, remove the contents and throw the rubbish about in all directions.</p> <p>A notice on Mr Whale to remove dung from around pig styes.</p> <p>I have inspected the premises of Mrs Hossack, "Clontay House", Cashel Street, and found a great improvement, the open drain from the house having been filled up and the house slops since taken to the garden. Enquiry was made whether permission could be had to put down a culvert into the side channel. I informed her that no permission would be given as it was evident that the house slops might be disposed of on her own premises without causing a nuisance.</p> <p>A notice on Mr Edgar, "Tweed House", Cashel Street, to remove heap of house refuse.</p> <p>No measures have yet been taken by Mr Oram, of the "Carlton Hotel", Whately Road (now Victoria Street), to abate the nuisance caused by the drainage from his house.</p> <p>I have caused an inspection to be made by the Police Authorities who report that the nuisance is not of a character to warrant their interference. Mr Oram renews his proposal to put down a drain to the Avon or would pay one third the cost of the footpath and channel as suggested by the Council. Should the Council still see no reason to depart from their decision, I would ask permission of the Council to hand the case over to the City Solicitor with a view to proceedings under the City Council Ordinance 1862.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	<p>6 February 1865</p>
<p><b>CH343/63a/2</b></p>	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report the following list of notices served during the past week: on Messrs Doyle &amp; Co, to alter privy and supply closet pan - they have requested to be furnished with the regulation pan.</p> <p>On Mr Ladbrook, Cashel Street to remove dung heap.</p> <p>The Contractor's account for the months of December and January last amounting to £211.19.6 has been rendered and will</p>	<p>13 February 1865</p>

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	<p>be before the Council this evening.</p> <p>I am now engaged in making up the amounts due from each person on the Contractor's book from the 31<sup>st</sup> September last with a view to commencing to collect immediately.</p> <p>Since the advertisement has appeared relative to the new pans, some have been applied for and distributed. As this mode of distribution is very slow, I wish to be informed whether the Council propose distributing through the original cesspan district or any part of the same. Should this course be adopted advantages can at once be taken of the new pans and much time will be saved to the Contractor who would otherwise have to collect the pans from a widespread district and go his usual rounds for the old ones as heretofore.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	
<p><b>CH343/63a/3</b></p>	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: During the week I have visited the Reserves accompanied by the Contractor to settle on a spot on which to erect a shed and a store for the duplicate pans and for other purposes connected with the present contract. The Contractor is no longer able to reach the Reserves in consequence of the bad state of the road which altho' only recently formed was neither clayed nor metalled; by Mr Hickens' permission, the night soil is taken to the former place of deposit. I have given instructions to the Contractor to supply all the closets in the "Triangle" with the new pans and to alter the closets to receive them with as little expense as possible to the owners, and in the first place to demand the cost of such alteration of the respective owners, and in case of dispute, or refusal to pay, to refer the case to me on behalf of the City Council. By Clause 65 of the City Council Ordinance power is given to adopt the course now taken, in addition to which it is desirable that the alterations should be done by the Contractor or some person employed by the Council as care must be taken that the alterations made are such as are required by the shape of the new pans. I have been engaged in collecting moneys due on account of removal of night soil etc and have handed the amount collected over to the Town Clerk.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	<p>20 February 1865</p>
<p><b>CH343/63a/4</b></p>	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: I have continued the collection on account of emptying cesspans etc, and have handed over to the Town Clerk the amount collected. I have also served the following notices: on Mr Ladbroke to clip gorse hedge overhanging footpath in Hereford Street and Manchester Street; on Mr Woodman, Durham Street, to empty privy cesspool and provide cesspan; on Mr Gourlay to cleanse pig styes; on Mr Bailey to remove pig styes, on his premises in St Asaph Street, further from the public thoroughfare; on Mr Tompkins, Colombo Street to cleanse privy. In consequence of complaint being made to me I have inspected Smith's cottages in Worcester Street. I found the complaint to arise from the fact of there being no back entrance to the cottages thus compelling the tenants to perform many domestic offices in front of the cottages. I have warned the tenants that they are responsible for the cleanliness of that part of the street fronting their own dwellings, there is one pig skin on the premises which will shortly be removed.</p> <p>The Contractor has adopted a dray for the carriage of the new cesspans, he has also a store framed and ready for erection on the Reserves, as soon as they shall have been made accessible by the repair of the road to the same.</p> <p>I have not been able to collect the sum of £8.3 due from the latter proprietor of the "British Hotel" who is now bankrupt. I have had an interview with Mr Joynt, his Solicitor, and also with Mr Macpherson who holds a Bill of Sale over the property and have pointed out to them that it will be to the benefit of the bankrupt's estate that the work for which the above named sum is due, should not be neglected. I propose making further application, but should I not be successful I wish permission of the Council to withhold the Contractor's services until the demand is satisfied.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	<p>27 February 1865</p>
<p><b>CH343/63a/5</b></p>	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report that I have during the past week continued the collection of money due on account of night soil from emptying and have handed over to the Town Clerk the amount collected.</p> <p>The Contractor Messrs Hadfield have fitted the new cesspans to every closet in the "Triangle", his charge being one shilling each closet, I propose distributing next in Colombo Street.</p> <p>I have given notice to Mr Page, stable keeper to remove stable dung from a paddock in his occupation, the same having been allowed to accumulate to the annoyance of the neighbourhood.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	<p>6 March 1865</p>
<p><b>CH343/63a/6</b></p>	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report the following notices served during the past week: on Mr Hardske, Peterborough Street to cleanse pig styes; on Mr Arnold, Market Place, to discontinue throwing slops on the back yard, the house which is owned by Mr Holland has no entrance to the back premises and the yard itself being inconveniently small has occasioned complaints in the neighbourhood; on Mr Jollie, Manchester Street, to remove obstruction to public footpath caused by trees overhanging; on Mr Fraser, Colombo Street, to remove privy further from public footpath. I have also served notices to clip gorse hedges where they overhang the public footpath; that served on Mr Ladbroke to clip hedge overhanging in Worcester Street and Manchester Street has been satisfactorily complied with, also other notices served have been satisfactorily complied with.</p> <p>The Contractor has been engaged during the week on the road to the Reserves. I have given him an order to the Surveyor's Office, for cesspans to be distributed in Colombo Street which will be proceeded with on completion of the road in question. I have had an interview with Messrs Ward &amp; Reeves, ("Lyttelton Times"), Gloucester Street, respecting the drainage from their premises which I inspected and found to proceed entirely from a pump at which their practice is to wash type, the waste water flowing down a stone channel into the street. I have cautioned them against this and have suggested the use of hogsheads as acceptable for the same. I am proceeding with the collection for emptying cesspans etc.</p> <p>I have also applied for payment for the new cesspans supplied in the "Triangle", - some persons having paid. I propose making further application during the present week.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	<p>13 March 1865</p>

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CH343/63a/7	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report the following notices served during the past week: on Mr Ditfort, Tuam Street, to remove an accumulation of filth from around his dwelling house; on H J Cridlaw, Esq, Hoon Hay, to clip gorse hedge overhanging the footpath in Hereford Street; on Mr Oates, Esq, Durham Street, to remove an accumulation of house refuse from his premises, and rubbish thrown from his premises on to the land adjoining; on Mr Smith, Peterborough Street, to remove trees now overhanging footpath. I have inspected the premises of the "Central Hotel". I found them in an exceedingly offensive state from the overflow of the receptacle for house slops. I have requested the proprietors to provide an additional receptacle. I also took the City Contractor with me and caused them to enter into an arrangement with him to do what was necessary on the premises. In consequence of the Contractor's engagement on the Reserves he has been unable to get his book signed for the month of February last therefore he has not rendered his account. I am serving notices on all persons who should have paid their accounts for cesspan emptying etc up to the 31<sup>st</sup> January ultimo that no further application will be made by the collector.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	20 March 1865
CH343/63a/7a	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report the following notices served during the past week: on The Venerable Archdeacon Jacobs to clip gorse hedge at present overgrowing footpath in Durham Street and Lichfield Street; on Mr Hepburn, Hereford Street, to discontinue throwing house slops in the side channel of the street; on Mr Buxton, Whately Road (now Victoria Street), to remove an accumulation of rubbish now on his premises in Durham Street; on Mr Woolhouse, Durham Street, to remove rubbish from side channel; on Mr Edgar, Cashel Street, to remove an accumulation of rubbish from his premises. I discovered the storeman at Messrs Macpherson's store in the act of sweeping the dirt from the floor of the store into Cashel Street, the side channel of this part of the street being choked with rubbish caused by the traffic to the store. I informed the occupier Mr Macpherson that it was his duty to keep the side channel opposite his own premises free from such obstruction,</p> <p>The Contractor is proceeding with the repair of the road to the Reserves. I have instructed him to make up his book to the present month that I may at once commence the collection.</p> <p>With very few exceptions all persons have paid their accounts for emptying night soil pans up to 31 January last amongst the exceptions is the Christchurch Club. The amount due being £30.4.6 the payment of which being continually deferred I wish permission of the Council to proceed to its recovery if not paid at once.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	27 March 1865
CH343/63a/8	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report the following notices served during the past week: on Dr Coward, Oxford Terrace, to clip gorse hedge overhanging in Antigua Street; on Mr Purvis, Antigua Street, to clean pig styes. I also inspected the premises of Mr Travis, by whom pigs are kept. I found in the styes themselves but little to complain of, but the premises are very small and the ventilation obstructed by the overgrowth of trees. I found also on the premises several barrels of kitchen refuse which had been collected from the Town and on which the pigs are fed. I gave what directions I considered necessary, but on again visiting the premises I found the occupier in the act of removing beyond the Town Belt.</p> <p>I have also served a notice on Mr Hule, Armagh Street, to clip broom hedge overhanging footpath; on Mr Reader, Hereford Street, to clip gorse hedge overhanging footpath in Armagh Street; on Mr Skilling, Durham Street, to remove an accumulation of rubbish from his premises; on Mr Grierson, Lichfield Street, to discontinue throwing house slops in side channel.</p> <p>In consequence of a complaint made to me I inspected the premises of Mr Sheridan, Salisbury Street, candle maker. I found them in a satisfactory state. The complaint having arisen out of a dispute respecting a Right of Way. Mr Sheridan has consented to remove the obstruction complained of. I have inspected the "Phoenix Brewery" premises and have called the attention of the proprietor to the drainage therefrom into an adjoining paddock owned by Mr Taylor, which is added to the surface water of the paddock. On Mr Taylor's return to Town the proprietor is coming to the Council for permission to drain into Kilmore Street.</p> <p>I have visited the Sand Hill Reserves during the week. Mr Hichens continues his permission to the Contractor to deposit the night soil in his property. He however called my attention to an accumulation of refuse respecting which he had addressed a letter to the Council some months since. I remarked to Hichens that the land not being enclosed many persons may have contributed to the accumulation and of this I have been an eye witness.</p> <p>The Christchurch Club have paid their account due for cleansing, referred to in my report of last week.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	3 April 1865
CH343/63a/9	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report the following notices served during the past week: on Mr Tremayne, Papanui Road, to remove dung heap; on Mr Jackman, Town Belt East, to remove dung heap; on Mr Pepper, Tuam Street, to cleanse pig styes; on Mr Jones, "Lyttelton Hotel", to remove an accumulation of rubbish; on Mr Petrie, Montreal Street, to empty privy cesspool on property of which he is the owner in Peterborough Street and let to weekly tenants; on Mr Warner, Cashel Street, to discontinue throwing house refuse into Barbadoes Street; on Mr Collins, Hereford Street, to remove dung heap; on Mr Johnson, Montreal Street, to cleanse pig styes; on Mr Ladbrook, Cashel Street, to clean stock yard and remove dung heap.</p> <p>I have inspected the premises of Mr Newton, "Fleece Hotel", and found a receptacle there for kitchen refuse. There is a pump on the premises from which Mr Newton and the tenants of the adjoining house obtain their supply of water. There is a sink under the pump constructed of an old tin case in a very dilapidated condition and would allow the foulest of water to pass into the drain opening into the side channel. I also inspected the premises of Mr Oakes where there is a pump from which many persons in the neighbourhood obtain their supply of water. To this pump there is a stone sink, into a drain opening in the side channel a few feet from that from Mr Newton's premises, the side channel having been cleaned out, has considerably abated the nuisance.</p>	10 April 1865

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	Some persons having deposited rubbish on Oxford Terrace, between Barbadoes Street and Madras Street. I have given information to the police who are searching for the parties with a view to proceedings under the Police Ordinance. I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	
<b>CH343/63a/10</b>	To the Chairman and Members of the City Council Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: The road to the Reserves being now completed the Contractor is proceeding with the erection of the shed to which the new cesspans are to be taken for the purpose of being cleansed. I have continued the distribution of pans delivering them myself by the aid of Mr Hadfield's horse and dray in each case giving the person the option to fit the pan themselves or to employ the Contractor. In many instances closets require alteration to admit the new pan, hitherto, I have instructed the Contractor to do what alterations have been necessary to closets, but the Contractor, not being a carpenter, has not in all cases given satisfaction. I wish to be informed whether in cases where parties refuse delivery of the pan, the necessary work should be done through the City Surveyors Office, or whether I should employ any person I think also to do the work satisfactorily. I desire the consideration of the Council to this point as it has reference to proceedings that it will be necessary in some cases to take to enforce payment. I have received a letter from Messrs Aikman & Knight complaining of the stench arising from the roadway past their premises in Manchester Street which I have inspected altho' there were no signs of slops having been recently thrown there I had reason to suspect some persons in the neighbourhood to be guilty of the practice. I cautioned them that this being a breach of the Police Ordinance they would be proceeded against if detected in the Act. The drain on the premises of the "Fleece Hotel" has been cleaned out and an improvement made in the sink. The Contractors have rendered their account for cesspan emptying for the months of February and March omitting all accounts not verified in the usual manner, this has been done in order that the collection may be at once commenced. I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	24 April 1865
<b>CH343/63a/11</b>	To the Chairman and Members of the City Council Gentlemen, In accordance with the request of the Council, I beg to bring before the notice of the Council the bad state of the Right of Way at the back of the houses in Colombo Street from Gloucester Street to Mr Mein's yard arising from the drainage from Mr Meins yard, and from house slops being thrown there. In a former report I have brought the existence of this nuisance to the notice of the Council in which report I stated that the inhabitants were anxious at their own expense to put down a stone channel to carry off all waste water, but as it appeared to me that if this were done it would cause a nuisance in a more public place and in the absence of instructions I had no authority to act in the matter and the nuisance still exists. I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	1 May 1865
<b>CH343/63a/12</b>	To the Chairman and Members of the City Council Gentlemen, I beg to report that I have during the past week visited the premises of Mr Moore, proprietor of the "Phoenix Brewery" having served a notice on him dated the 3 <sup>rd</sup> instant to abate a nuisance caused by the drainage from his brewery in an adjoining paddock, a brick cesspool is now being constructed to intercept the drainage, the earth excavated will be deposited in the hollow place into which the drainage formerly flowed. I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	15 May 1865
<b>CH343/63a/13</b>	To the Chairman and Members of the City Council Gentlemen, On the subject of the distribution of the new cesspans I beg to report as follows: I have given the Contractor instructions to deliver the pans with all possible speed and to fit them into the closet by the consent of the occupier and to pass by all objections. I have called upon each person who has had a new pan introduced requesting they will give information to me whenever they discover the substitute pan has not been properly cleansed. I have been to the Reserves and have overlooked the cleansing process there. Being no water on the Reserve, the Contractor has requested me to ask the Council for the loan of the boring rods. Until water can be procured I have suggested that the pans can be coated with sand, the soil being first removed as nearly as possible. The new pans will require constant attention on the part of the Contractor as they fill up two or three days sooner than the old ones. There are upwards of 80 pans distributed up to this date. All the inhabitants in the "Triangle", excepting Mr Gourlay, having paid. I propose collecting in Colombo Street during the present week and to summons all persons who refuse to pay. I beg to inform the Council of the great difficulty I have in collecting from persons, being weekly tenants, for emptying cesspans. Clause 65 of the Ordinance makes the "owner or occupier" liable in every case. I have demanded first of the tenant, only in one instance have I obtained it of the landlord (Messrs Harman & Stevens as Agents for Mrs Oates), an absentee. An instance has occurred during the past week. Mr W Cookson declines to pay having been a weekly tenant and now removing to Timaru. Mrs Downs the owner, refuses stating she has made no addition to the rent usually obtained. Loss does not arise so much from the refusal of weekly tenants to pay as from their removal from Christchurch, after two or three weeks occupation. I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	22 May 1865
<b>CH343/63a/14</b>	To the Chairman and Members of the City Council Gentlemen, I beg to bring before your notice the drain coming from the "Carlton Hotel", Town Belt North. While on duty in this part of the Town my attention was drawn to the offensive state of the side channel in the Whately Road (now Victoria Street), caused thereby in addition to which I observed that the Belt, where crossed by the drain, had been very much injured by its being constantly in a wet state. The proceedings taken against Mr Fuchs, proprietor of the "Mechanics' Hotel", will be heard tomorrow, after which I anticipated there will be no difficulty in the collection for the new cesspans. Up to this date there has been 148 pans delivered and I have collected on this account the sum of £51.10. I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	12 June 1865

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CH343/63a/15	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to inform the Council that a notice served on Mr De Bourbel, as Agent for Mr R Taylor, to fill up a hollow place on land owned by him has not been complied with. Mr De Bourbel informed me he had been advised that he had no authority in the Power of Attorney under which he is acting for Mr Taylor, to incur the expense of so doing.</p> <p>The hollow place referred to is a receptacle for the surface water from the vicinity including the "Phoenix Brewery" and has become very offensive and cannot be otherwise than dangerous to the health of persons living in the neighbourhood.</p> <p>Under these circumstances I desire to be informed what steps I should take.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	26 June 1865
CH343/63a/16	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, The Contractors account for emptying night soil pans etc will be before the Council again this evening, exception having been taken to the payment of the account in consequence of the Contractor not having properly carried out his contract. I abstained from bringing the subject formally before the Council as in the present state of the public feeling with respect to the new pans it would have placed an impediment in the way of the collection of the money for work already done, but thought it my duty both in justice to the Contractor and myself, to make members of the Council individually acquainted with the difficulties which have disclosed themselves in the new plan of removal of night soil; and this not before I had accompanied the night dray during one night to see the plan in operation. The difficulties referred to consist in the impossibility of removal of the pans as used at present by the public being, in addition to their proper use, used as receptacles for house or chamber slops. In some instances where the pan is used as an earth closet, that is, dry earth or ashes being used to absorb the ordinary liquid contents, no difficulty is experienced, but when used as before described no course is left but to use the night dray as hitherto the pans to be in every case, brushed out with earth or sand.</p> <p>The new pans will possess the advantage to the public of durability, and to the Contractor uniformity of size and, but for the difficulties now under consideration could be used in the manner intended by the Council.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	12 July 1865
CH343/63a/17	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to lay before you the Contractor's account for the months of April and May including the list of unsigned accounts, amounting to the sum of £20.5.3.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	3 July 1865
CH343/63a/18	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, In consequence of a complaint reaching me that Captain Charlesworth, the owner of some houses in Colombo Street South, had caused a nuisance in the south drain, I inspected the premises and found it to arise from his having opened a gap from a cesspool and thus allowed the night soil to flow into the drain. The house to which the closet belongs is at present untenanted and Captain Charlesworth resides in the Ferry Road.</p> <p>I am aware that this mode of emptying the cesspool has been adopted to avoid the expense of emptying by the nightman's cart, as Captain Charlesworth is at present objecting to pay the City Contractor for emptying other cesspools belonging to his houses, which cesspools were emptied at his order, on my representation that the same required to be emptied.</p> <p>Altho' no fine can be inflicted, by the 65<sup>th</sup> Clause of the City Council Ordinance the Council have power, without notice, to cleanse cesspools within the City and to recover the expense of so doing from the owner or occupier.</p> <p>I desire the authority of the Council for employing the Scavenger to remove the soil from the drain and remove the closet, or otherwise, as may be directed by the Council.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	14 August 1865
CH343/63a/19	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to call your attention to the existence of a nuisance in Kilmore Street at the junction of the Whately Road (now Victoria Street), arising, to the best of my belief, from the foul state of the drain under the street. This drain receives the drainage from Kilmore Street West consequently persons who have complained have attributed the foulness of the drain to the waste water from the "Phoenix Brewery" which is an error as no part of the drainage from the brewery has yet reached the side channel in Kilmore Street. I think it not unlikely that the drain requires cleansing as the scent during the past week has been more offensive than that usually complained of in waste water from the Brewery.</p> <p>Letter from Mr James – I have inspected the Right of Way from Kilmore Street at the back of the "Garrick Hotel", this is private property and would be much improved by having a channel laid to carry off waste water, which would have been done but that the inhabitants are not unanimous on the question of cost. There are no pigs on the adjoining premises which have long since been removed and in other respects there is less cause for complaint than when I last reported on this Right of Way.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	14 July 1865
CH343/63a/20	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report that I have served a notice on Mr Edds, Hereford Street, to fill up the hollow place on the land in his occupation as directed by the Council at their last meeting. I have also served a notice on Captain Charlesworth, to remove the night soil from the South drain which had flowed from a cesspool on his premises, and repair the bank of the drain which, notice not having complied with, I have engaged the City Contractor who has performed the work at a cost £3.</p> <p>In reference to a letter received by the Town Clerk from Messrs Ward &amp; Reeves the complaint arises from the removal of house slops from two hogsheads kept on the premises of the "Central Hotel", and not from the pans as stated in the letter. The Contractor being obliged to use the box dray for the purpose, has occasioned the mistake.</p> <p>I have urged upon the Contractor to remove the slops from these premises in future, in the morning before 8 o'clock.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	28 August 1865

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CH343/63a/21	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to lay before you the Contractor's account for the month of June last for supplying cesspans etc amounting to the sum of £96.5.9, the amount at present paid to the Contractor for the quarter ending.</p> <p>June amounts to £203.14.6 and up to this date I have collected the sum of £230.3.3 for that quarter.</p> <p>Mr Beetham's letter – "Triangle" – In reference to a letter received by the Town Clerk from Mr Beetham, I have inspected the spot referred to and found it in a very bad state. I accidentally met Mr Beetham on the spot who suggested that the clearing of the side channel on Selwyn Street, lowering it a foot and putting in a culvert across the South Belt would carry off the water into the Lincoln Road.</p> <p>South drain – There is a quantity of stagnant water in the South drain it having been injured by cattle trespassing across it in several places.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	4 September 1865
CH343/63a/22	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, In accordance with instructions received from the Council I have caused the flow of water into the street from the artesian well at the Christchurch Club to be discontinued. I found on inspection that a tap had been placed on the pipe but that there was a leakage from the screw cap on the top of the pipe which has twice been remedied.</p> <p>I have also had an interview with Mr De Bourbel to request him to repair the tap on the pipe of the artesian well in Cathedral Square from which there is a constant flow of water into the street.</p> <p>The Contractor's account for the month of June last for emptying cesspans etc amounting to £96.5.9 will be presented to the Council again this evening. The amount at present due paid to the Contractor for the quarter ending June amounted to the sum of £300. I have collected the sum of £240. The Contractor has received the sum of £203.14.6.</p> <p>I have made enquiries as to the character of I W Brown who has applied for a license as driver. I have not heard that any specific charge has been preferred against him at the Police Court but he is described as a person quite unworthy of holding a drivers licence.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	11 September 1865
CH343/63a/23	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: In reply to a notice given to Mr De Bourbel to prevent the water from the artesian well in Cathedral Square overflowing the streets I have been informed that the well together with the road through the block from Worcester Street to Hereford Street has been conveyed to the City Council for the public use. The overflow continues and is causing Cathedral Square to become in a very bad state.</p> <p>I have in course of a signature an agreement between the inhabitants of Colombo Street having a interest in the Right of Way out of Kilmore Street at the back of the "Garrick Hotel" and the Contractor Mr J Hadfield to form and metal and put down a stone channel to carry off the waste water at present lying in a pestilential pool to the annoyance and danger of the inhabitants of the neighbourhood.</p> <p>I have witnessed several horses take flight at a band of music in a van driven through the streets at a great speed. My attention has also been directed to it with a request that I would cause it to be prevented, the Police having no authority to interfere. I have represented the above facts to Mr Foley, the proprietor of the equestrian circus now exhibiting and to which the band is attached, who promised to see in future every precaution taken to avoid accidents.</p> <p>I authorised the Scavenger to remove to the Sand Hills a dead cow which had floated down the river in a state of decomposition and lodged on the shingle bed near the Government Buildings – for which work he has rendered his account £2.</p> <p>Hackney Carriages – I beg the direction of the Council under the following circumstances. Reed is the owner of two Licensed Carriages and holds a drivers license, in addition to which he has a carriage used only when ordered. This privilege he claims on the same footing as a livery stables keeper but in doing so he is causing dissatisfaction amongst owners and drivers of Licensed Carriages.</p> <p>I have collected the sum of £3 due from Captain Charlesworth for work done by the City Council on his failure to comply with notice which I had handed over to the Town Clerk.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	2 October 1865
CH343/63a/24	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to respond as follows: In reference to the nuisance caused by house slops being thrown into the side channels I have had a conference with Dr Foster on the subject who has expressed a decided opinion that without additional Bye Laws no proceedings can be taken to prevent it, he thought, however that sufficient Bye Laws could be made for the purpose provided the Council on their parts determined on size and material of which such receptacles should be made and could arrange for their being emptied daily or as frequently as necessary at a reasonable cost. Mr J Hadfield has addressed a letter to the Council connected with this subject and he will be in attendance this evening.</p> <p>I have inspected the premises known as Jacksons Pottery &amp; Brick Yard, Sumner Road, on which there is a pool of stagnant water in a hollow place from which clay has been taken for brick making. The writer of the letter of complaint has been to some extent misinformed. The rubbish at present taken there consists of shavings, gorse clipping and stable litter. A portion of the hollow should be at once filled up as it is offensive and likely to be injurious to the health of the inhabitants of the neighbourhood.</p> <p>Mr De Bourbel has commenced to fill up the hollow place on Mr R Taylor's land in Kilmore Street and is availing himself of the permission given by the Council to take earth from the hillocks in Cramner Square.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	9 October 1865

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CH343/63a/25	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, the Scavengers account for the quarter ending 30<sup>th</sup> September ultimo will be before the Council this evening. In going through his book I find some alterations will be required. I am unable therefore to pass in his account for payment in full; I propose to commence the collection at once.</p> <p>The Contractor begs that a portion of the amount may be paid on account.</p> <p>I have inspected the open ditch on the Town Belt South referred to by the Council at their last meeting, this and similar ones, serving only to retain surface water until it becomes stagnant and offensive should be at once filled up.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	16 October 1865
CH343/63a/26	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, In accordance with instructions I have inspected the "Phoenix Brewery" and premises and beg to make the following Report thereon:</p> <p>The hollow place on Mr Taylor's property into which the drainage from the Brewery formerly flowed has been filled up since which the proprietor has sunk an artesian well for the purposes of his Brewery and to flush the brick drains recently laid over the floor to make an outlet for which he had opened the ground for the purpose of putting down iron pipes opening into the pipe drain under the footpath into Kilmore Street.</p> <p>I have ascertained that the offensive state of the side channel in Kilmore Street was caused by the offensive water that had come from the Brewery in the first instance and that Mr Moore, the proprietor of the Brewery, did intend to drain his Brewery and premises into the side channel in Kilmore Street to prevent which the Council has caused the pipe drain, before referred, to be taken up.</p> <p>To prevent a nuisance of another description, and the side channels from being injured, the Council is averse to allowing the overflow from artesian wells on private property to flow into the streets of the City. It is therefore unnecessary for me to say whether or not the flow of artesian water in the manner desired by Mr Moore could remove the nuisance at present caused by a Brewery without drainage being carried on in this neighbour-hood.</p> <p>Complaint has been made to me by a person having property in the neighbourhood of the Sand Hill Reserves that persons are in the habit of taking the carcasses of animals and not burying them sufficiently to prevent them becoming a nuisance. I have visited the Reserves during the past week and found the complaint justified. I would beg to suggest that a board be placed on a conspicuous point of the Reserves cautioning persons against taking any offensive matter or thing to the reserves without permission from this office. Mr Alsop, who resides in the neighbourhood of the premises lately used as a brick yard in the Ferry Road, complained of a nuisance existing on the premises. In reference to this matter I beg to refer to my Report of the 9<sup>th</sup> instant.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	30 October 1865
CH343/63a/27	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report the existence of a nuisance in St Asaph Street East, arising from stagnant water in the open ditches. It is most desirable that that portion near Mr Nathan's house should be filled up at once as the refuse water from that house adds to its offensiveness.</p> <p>My attention has also been drawn to an accumulation of stagnant water in a hollow place at the back of the Police Station in Hereford Street.</p> <p>Messrs Harman &amp; Stevens, the Agents for this property, have undertaken to abate the nuisance.</p> <p>Mr Edds has filled up that portion of the hollow place on his premises where stagnant water had accumulated.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	13 November 1865
CH343/63a/28	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report that the nuisance on the North Town Belt caused by the drainage from the "Carlton Hotel" has been abated by filling up the drain from the Hotel, a new channel having been opened sufficient to carry off the storm waters from the Papanui Road. I have had an interview with Mr Money? the owner of the hotel who will make arrangements with his tenant to prevent a continuance of the nuisance.</p> <p>The hollow place on the land adjoining the Police Station in Hereford Street has been filled up, also the drain that led into it.</p> <p>I have given Mr Clark, Oxford Terrace notice to fill up a hollow place on his premises which is being complied with.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	4 December 1865
CH343/63a/29	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I have visited the City Reserves during the past week, a notice board forbidding the deposit of dead animals there without permission has been erected and I have caused the dead animals that had been deposited there to be buried.</p> <p>I beg however to acquaint the Council of the necessity of a Bye Law to enforce observance of the notice.</p> <p>I beg also to report that the nuisance arising from the drainage from the "Carlton Hotel" still exists.</p> <p>I have engaged the Contractor to empty a cesspool in a Right of Way on property owned by Mr Whincop in the Whately Road (now Victoria Street), who failed to comply with my notice to abate a nuisance caused by the cesspool overflowing. The Contractor's charge is £3.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	20 November 1865

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CH343/63a/30	<p><i>Letter from Mr Griffins to the Inspector of Nuisances - 27 November 1865</i></p> <p><i>Dear Sir, I beg to call your attention to the very bad state of a drain at the corner of Durham and Kilmore Street. The smell from it today (through the wind being in a quarter to bring it up) has been so very bad that the inmates of the house are feeling quite ill on account of it, and I fear serious consequences will be the result if something is not done. I remain your etc John Griffin</i></p> <p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to lay before you the accompanying letter referring to a drain on former occasions under the consideration of the Council. A stench trap at the spot indicated would I think remedy the evil as Mr Griffins finds temporary relief by acting on my suggestion to cover it so as to prevent the escape of effluvia.</p> <p>Referring to my report of last week I beg to state that the person who deposited the carcase of a cow at the Sand Hill Reserves and not burying it has been fined 20 shillings at the Magistrates Court</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	27 November 1865
CH343/63a/31	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: Mr Buxton, Builder, Kilmore Street, complains of the existence of a nuisance in the neighbourhood of his house. I have made a careful inspection in the neighbourhood including the "Phoenix Brewery" and can account for the stench complained of only as arising from decomposing matter in the culverts leading to the river. I have called on the proprietors of the brewery to clean the sediment from the cesspools on his premises, and the side channel in Kilmore Street.</p> <p>I have received a letter from Messrs Ward &amp; Reeves complaining of a nuisance existing on the premises of the "Central Hotel" and Mr Ritchie, baker. The nuisance complained of is caused by the weekly accumulation of slops which is considerable at the Hotel. I have suggested the frequent use of chlorine of lime in the receptacles with a view to abate the nuisance.</p> <p>There is an accumulation of stagnant water in Worcester Street arising from the waste water from the artesian well on the premises of the Christchurch Club and from the foul state of the side channel through the overgrowth of weeds and a like accumulation in Cathedral Square arising from a similar cause, altho' I have instanced the above cases the overgrowth of weeds through the street especially over the footpaths and side channels has progressed to such an extent as would occasion a serious nuisance in the event of a continuance of wet weather.</p> <p>Complaint has been made to me of a stench arising from the rubbish thrown into the hollow place in Cathedral Square. I informed the complainant that the subject should be brought before the notice of the City Council (there is sufficient rubbish in the hollow place complained of with a coating of earth and shingle to bring it up to a level with the surface).</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	26 December 1865
CH343/63a/32	<p><i>Letter dated 19 January 1866</i></p> <p><i>Sir, I have to represent the state of the pan delivered during the night at my store in the Market Place as most filthy - evidently emptied out and just dusted with a little sand and replaced. Twice lately maggots have been produced a day or two after a change of pans, crawling up to the seat.</i></p> <p><i>At my own house a pan perfectly sweet and clean has been delivered during the night and a little chloride of lime dusted about - showing what can be done and every one has as much right to attention as myself</i></p> <p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report the removal of the stagnant water from Selwyn Street consequent on the clearing the side drain of the street. A few loads of metal is much needed on the Belt where it has been injured by the water flowing across it into Selwyn Street.</p> <p>The Contractor has rendered his account for Scavenging for the quarter ending December 31 1865 amounting to the sum of £293.16.9. During the past week I received the accompanying letter of complaint which I beg to lay before the Council. In reference to this subject I beg to quote from my report dated 12<sup>th</sup> July 1865 "The Contractor's account will be before the Council again this evening exception having been taken to the payment of the account in consequence of the Contractor not having properly carried out his contract." I have abstained from bringing the subject formally before the Council as in the present state of the public feeling with respect to the new pans it would have placed an impediment in the way of the collection of money due for work already done, but I thought it my duty both in justice to the Contractor and myself to make members of the Council individually acquainted with the difficulties that have disclosed themselves in the new plan of removal of night soil and this not before I had accompanied the night dray during one night to see the plan in operation. The difficulties referred to consist in the impossibility of removal of the pans as used at present by the public, being in addition to their proper use, used as receptacles for chamber slops; in some instances where the pan is used as an earth closet, that is dry earth or ashes being used to absorb the ordinary liquid contents, no difficulty is experienced but when used as before described no course is left but to use the night dray as hitherto the pans to be in every case brushed out with dry earth or sand. The new pans will possess the advantage of durability and uniformity of size and but for the difficulties under consideration could be dealt with in the manner intended by the Council.</p> <p>The account referred in the foregoing report was paid, since which date the Contractor has removed the night soil in the usual way only using sand as described in Mr Alport's letter, and the subject has not been brought forward for discussion by the Council until the present time.</p> <p>I have under present circumstances omitted to certify to the account in the usual manner and respectfully await the further instructions of the Council in reference to the subject.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	22 January 1866

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CH343/63a/33	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to draw attention to the state of the South drain, it being in want of cleansing, also in several places, the banks have been broken down into the bottom of the drain by cattle trespassing across, in other parts it is overgrown with weeds and in some places ventilation is obstructed by trees and broom fences overhanging.</p> <p>South Belt North – the ditch on the Town Belt is being filled up, should there not be sufficient earth on the spot to complete the work I beg to be informed whether earth may be brought from some other part of the Town.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	29 January 1866
CH343/63a/34	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: I have served a notice on Mr Clark, Oxford Terrace, to empty the privy cesspool at present on his premises and to provide a closet pan. I have taken this step in consequence of a complaint reaching me that he was in the act of constructing a new brick cesspool. In the exercise of the discretionary powers given to me by the Council to enforce the closet pan system when and where I think necessary in the prescribed district, I am guided by complaints made by neighbours, if borne out by circumstances justifying the complaint, in the above case the cesspool is within three or four feet of the side of a house and constructed of open brickwork.</p> <p>I beg to call the attention of the Council to the unsatisfactory state of the channel through the Right of Way in the “Triangle”. It is absolutely necessary that this channel should be swept daily and the sludge removed. It is cleansed at times by the men in the employ of the Council, at others by the City Scavenger, who informs me that he would at a cost of £7 or £8 supply and lay pipes to lead water from the artesian well in High Street to be used for flushing the side channel, which cost would include a tap. If the Council will permit this to be done I anticipate the residents would gladly contribute the required sum.</p> <p>Complaints are frequently made to me of the nuisance caused in the act of removal of house slops by the Contractor. The use of chloride of lime would abate the nuisance in a great measure, it should also be used in the cleansing of closet pans in urinals and closets where pans have overflowed etc. I beg the authority of the Council for obtaining a supply of this article.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	5 February 1866
CH343/63a/35	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report that there are in the Contractor’s Book 400 names of persons having the night soil pans in use; there are 500 pans, of this number 170 are new ones; there are 250 houses in the district with privies without pans; the reason that the whole of the district has not the cesspan in use is, that I am instructed to bring the cesspan in use only in the more densely populated parts and to extend according to my discretion.</p> <p>There will be a letter before the Council this evening from Mr Moore, Brewer, proposing to the Council to kerb and pave the side channel in Kilmore Street from the Brewery to the Whately Road (now Victoria Street), he paying half the total cost. He has not availed himself of the permission given by the Council to pave the Channel with brick, having been advised that without a kerb the channel would constantly get out of order, the side channel is beginning to be offensive and I beg to represent to the Council the necessity for having the channel paved.</p> <p>Messrs Thomson &amp; Baldwin are conveying the overflow from their artesian well to the sink at Griffin’s Corner. Mr Griffin who has frequently complained of a stench arising from this sink states that the flow of water has entirely prevented it.</p> <p>There is an accumulation of stagnant water in the side channel in Cashel Street, very offensive, arising from the waste water from artesian wells on Messrs Cobb &amp; Co and Mr Anderson’s premises, and the channel being choked with weeds.</p> <p>The cleansing of the South drain is being proceeded with. It was commenced at the East Belt and has been cleansed as far as Colombo Street.</p> <p>I beg to inform the Council that the pipe to the artesian well in the Whately Road (now Victoria Street), is without protection. I am informed that the wooden cover is frequently removed.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	12 February 1866
CH343/63a/36	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report that I have inspected the premises owned by Mr Vickers in Chester Street East (Town Reserve). This part of the street is not formed and the ground being very low there is no possibility of the waste water from the artesian well flowing away however, I think the well might occasionally be allowed to flow without causing a nuisance as pools of water after rain do not remain for any length of time.</p> <p>The cleansing of the South drain is completed and the clearing of the side channel in Cashel Street is being proceeded with. I beg to suggest to the Council that additional labor is required for this work in order that as much as possible may be done before the approach of winter.</p> <p>The wooden covering to the artesian well on the Whately Road (now Victoria Street), has been made secure.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	19 February 1866
CH343/63a/37	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report an obstruction to exist on the footpath in the Market Place caused by the door of the cellar to the “Royal Oak” being several inches above the level of the footpath. By the 75<sup>th</sup> Clause of the City Council Ordinances the owner or occupier can be enforced to remove obstructions in front of any building under a penalty not exceeding £5 and the 76 Clause enacts that no cellar shall be made under any street or any opening made in any street or footpath to make an entrance into any cellar under a penalty not exceeding £10. I have applied both to the owner and occupier to remedy the above, neither of whom admits their liability, it being necessary to serve a legal notice I desire to be instructed whether the notice shall be served on the owner or the occupier who has recently taken possession of the premises for a term of years.</p> <p>My attention has been drawn to the danger of the practice of turning horses loose into the street from the stables to go to paddocks and elsewhere. I am a frequent witness to the danger of the practice. The Inspector of Police informs me the Police Authorities have no power to prevent it.</p> <p>Mr Trent, Kilmore Street complains of a privy being within three feet of the door of his dwelling house. The privy complained of belongs to a weekly tenement owned by Mr Cliff. It is possible to remove it at a trifling cost to another part of the premises</p>	26 February 1866

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	<p>where it would be offensive to us or will the Council authorize me to take any steps in the matter.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	
CH343/63a/38	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report an accumulation of stagnant water in the side channel near the "Warwick Hotel", Manchester Street, caused by the waste water from the hotel premises. The side channel has been cleared from weeds during the past week but there being no fall for the water it remains until it becomes offensive. It is drained from the premises by a wooden culvert under the footpath.</p> <p>I have instructed the Contractor to cleanse the privy at the back of the Town Hall and have taken extra means to prevent complaints during the sitting of the Supreme Court; the want of a proper urinal is much felt when the Town Hall is in occupation.</p> <p>A complaint having been made to me of a nuisance existing on the premises in the occupation of Robbins, fishmonger, High Street. I inspected the premises and found the complaint to arise from some bad cheeses which had been placed on a heap of stable manure for removal which I caused to be at once removed.</p> <p>In consequence of a complaint I have inspected the premises in the occupation of Lawson, Antigua Street bone collector. I found there a collection of bones, but no nuisance occasioned thereby sufficient to justify an interference with his business.</p> <p>I beg to report two of the privies on the premises of the "White Hart" in a filthy state partly from neglect on the part of the proprietor and carelessness of the persons using them. As I have found these privies at each time of inspection more or less in the same state, I have hitherto suggested to the proprietor to remove them, there being two others on the premises, otherwise I beg the Council to authorize me (as it is not a fineable offence under the ordinance) under Clause 65 of the Ordinance to render extra service, daily if necessary, without notice, as by the Clause referred to a notice is required to be given.</p> <p>The notice served on the occupier of the "Royal Oak" to remove an obstruction from the footpath has been complied with.</p> <p>The notice the Council authorised me to serve on Mr Cliff to remove a privy; at the suggestion of the Chairman of the Council, stands over for further consideration by the Council.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	5 March 1866
CH343/63a/39	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report that complaint has been made that the weeds and rubbish removed from the South drain and deposited on the banks are offensive. I have made an inspection and find that the cause of complaint arises from the stagnant water of which there is a considerable quantity, lying in some parts of the drain.</p> <p>There is a dangerous hollow in a private street out of Lichfield Street East, it having been a well from which the surrounding inhabitants drew their supply of water.</p> <p>An artesian well has been sunk through the bottom of the old well, into this is thrown every description of rubbish. It is over twenty feet deep. To prevent it becoming a serious nuisance it should be at once filled up; the private street and the land through which it runs originally belonged to Mr Blackhouse and another. It has been sold in small allotments, the purchasers having the sole use of the artesian well and the private street.</p> <p>I beg to represent to the Council the necessity of providing a new tap to the artesian well in Cathedral Square, the overflow from this well is causing a nuisance not only on the private street from Hereford Street to Gloucester Street but is forming large pools of stagnant water in Cathedral Square.</p> <p>I beg to inform the Council that some persons have cut a large grip* across the pathway in Cambridge Terrace near the residence of Mr Coxhead to make a foot way to the river side which is likely to cause a serious accident.</p> <p>My attention has frequently been drawn to the offensive effluvia arising from the side channel in Hereford Street. The drainage from the "Triangle" and Ayer's Baths flow in this direction. A great advantage would be derived from the channel being daily freed from obstruction, to the flow of the water.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p> <p><i>*a small drainage channel cut above an excavation to conduct surface water away from the excavation</i></p>	12 March 1866
CH343/63a/40	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report that I have inspected the premises complained of by Mr Newman. I found there a quantity of stagnant water which had overflowed from the River Avon on Christmas Day last. The part near Mr Newman's house should be at once filled up as in its present state it is endangering the health of Mr Newman's family. It could be filled up at a small cost as there is earth available for the purpose on the spot.</p> <p>I have served a notice on Mr De Bourbel requiring him to repair the tap to the artesian well in Cathedral Square. Mr De Bourbel states he would communicate with the Council in reference to the subject.</p> <p>I have supplied new pans to replace worn out ones. I wish to be informed whether the Council will charge the full price £1.2 in these cases.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	19 March 1866
CH343/63a/41	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report that my attention having been directed to the state of the urinal on the premises of the "Caversham Hotel", I inspected the premises and found it required to be emptied and cleansed; this has been done in conformity with notice and it is now in a satisfactory state.</p> <p>The "White Hart Hotel" is now under different management, and I have reason to expect that endeavour will be made to avoid the frequent complaints that have been made of the unsatisfactory state of these premises. I have made suggestions for improving the condition of the urinal which should be at once carried out.</p> <p>I have served several notices on persons to clip gorse and other growing fences, where they are overhanging the footpaths.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	26 March 1866

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CH343/63a/42	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, Application will be made to you this evening by Thomas McGatrick for a driver's license. The only knowledge that Mr Miller of the "Mechanics' Hotel", who has signed the certificate of good character, has of the applicant is that he has lodged at the Hotel for four months since his return from the West Coast. Mr Power, the other person signing it has no knowledge whatever of the applicant. Under these circumstances I ask the Council to defer the consideration of the application until I have made further enquiries respecting it.</p> <p>The Council is aware that an accident has been caused by the blowing of the horn by R Beattie, the owner of a Hackney carriage. The attention of the Council having been drawn to the danger of the practice and having requested the drivers of other public carriages to use caution to prevent accidents from the practice. I beg the authority of the Council to stop the blowing of horns by persons holding a license under the Council.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	2 April 1866
CH343/63a/43	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report a nuisance to exist on the premises in the occupation of Mr Aulsebrook, Colombo Street, arising from the waste water from a pump which flows from his premises under an adjoining house. It is necessary there should be a drain to convey the waste water into the side channel. Will the Council authorize me to state to Mr Aulesbrook whether or not he may be permitted to make the necessary drain.</p> <p>I have given notice to Mr Gourlay of St Asaph Street to clean the pig styes on his premises. The tenant of an adjoining house complains of the pig styes being too near his house. As I am enabled to certify that the complaint is a just one, Mr Gourlay should be compelled to remove the pig styes to another part of his premises.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	9 April 1866
CH343/63a/44	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, The Contractor, J Hadfield, has rendered the accompanying account for the quarter ending 31<sup>st</sup> March amounting to about £310. I have presented it to the Council in order that I might receive instructions to commence the collection at once.</p> <p>The sum uncollected for the quarter ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 1865 from all causes amounts to £50, the principal part of which will be carried forward and collected with the past quarter now before the Council.</p> <p>The Contractor will not expect to receive any portion of the present account until the first £100 is collected, the remainder by instalments as collected.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	16 April 1866
CH343/63a/45	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report that the Christchurch Club have paid their account £10.10 for Scavenging for quarter ending 31<sup>st</sup> March. In reference to their letter complaining of the charge for this work, referred to me, to report thereon. I have had an interview with Mr Quin the Secretary and have explained to him that the largest item in the account is emptying the tanks which receive the drainage from the house. I stated that the Council had made the best provision that could be, under existing circumstances, for the removal of house slops, where necessary, or householders desired it; but that the Contractor's services are not compulsory in his case.</p> <p>The Contractor states he is unable to make any alteration in his charge but will if it be desired allow the use of his carts for their own servants and otherwise assist them in the matter.</p> <p>Mr Quin requests that, for the present, the Contractor's services may be continued.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	7 May 1866
CH343/63a/46	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report a nuisance to exist in Lichfield Street arising from the overflow of an artesian well on premises in the occupation of Mr Bailey. The water flows over the footpath and remains in the side channel.</p> <p>Complaint has been made that the stagnant water in the South drain is greatly offensive.</p> <p>Frequent complaints have lately been made of the filthy state of the side channels in various parts of the City.</p> <p>A great nuisance is caused by a number of carts standing for hire by the side of the SI<sup>d</sup> in Colombo Street near Mr Barrington's and opposite Mr Brightling's shop. Considerable injury is caused to the side channel. A stench is caused by the horses standing so long in one spot; it is also a great hindrance to persons in business in the vicinity.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	14 May 1866
CH343/63a/47	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report the information laid against John Tetley, for breach of the Hackney carriage Bye Law, stands adjourned until Thursday next, to allow of the attendance of Tetley's witnesses.</p> <p>Thomas Hazard having purchased Hansom Cab No 14, begs that the license may be transferred to him. He also applies for a driver's license in addition to his certificate. I am enabled to state that I know him to be a man of steady habits.</p> <p>The account for emptying night soil pans etc for quarter ending 31 March last will be before the Council this evening – amounting to £304.9.6. On this account I have collected since 19<sup>th</sup> April up to the present date £270.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	11 June 1866
CH343/63a/48	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, Hackney Carriages – Breach of By Law - I beg to report the information laid against J Tetley was heard on Thursday last. He pleaded a misunderstanding of the law, in consequence the lowest penalty was inflicted viz 10/- and costs of a witness attending two days.</p> <p>“Triangle” – the condition of the “Triangle” has become so bad as to demand that immediate steps should be taken to remove the accumulation of filth that has been removed from time to time by the inhabitants from the channel and placed on</p>	18 June 1866

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	<p>one side.</p> <p>I have therefore presented a paper for their signature being an agreement to employ the Scavenger, J Hadfield, to cleanse the Right of Way weekly and to pay the sum of 1/- weekly - each resident or occupier. The paper has been signed by all excepting Mr Haines and Mr Pengelly, the latter refuses altho' as much or more benefit would be desired by him than by most of the others who have signed it on the condition that each and all would pay.</p> <p>Stock yards - I have given notice to Mr Stanley to cleanse the stock yards adjoining the "White Hart" of which I am informed he is the occupier or tenant.</p> <p>I have also given Mr Matson notice to cleanse the stock yards attached to his premises in Lichfield Street which were left in a filthy state, pigs having been penned there for sale.</p> <p>New Closet Pans - on a previous report I have been authorised by the Council to charge the sum of 11/- for a new closet pan, when applied for to replace a worn out one. Some applications have been made to me for pans to supply new closets. In these cases also I wish to be informed whether 11/- is to be charged. There have been in all 182 pans supplied. All have been paid for, excepting 17, which for various reasons have not been.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	
<p><b>CH343/63a/49</b></p>	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report a nuisance to be caused by waste water flowing from Mr Trent's manufactory into the Market Square. I have drawn Mr Trent's attention to this - he expressed his willingness to contribute towards the construction of a drain, to the river. (Note across this paragraph reads: Mr Jack Ruddenklau: that Mr Trent be requested to .....to abate the nuisance complained of - cannot allow it to be drained into the river.</p> <p>The permission given to Mr Hooper, Tuam Street, to put down a culvert under the footpath has been taken advantage of so as not to obstruct the footpath. A tap has been fixed to the pipe, the flow of water will not be continued longer than necessary. A complaint has been made of the large quantity of water that has accumulated from the overflow of artesian wells in this neighbourhood.</p> <p>There is an accumulation of offensive matter, likely to be injurious to health, on premises in Kilmore Street owned by Mr Gosling for who Mr W Baines is Agent. The premises are let to weekly tenants.</p> <p>I have seen Mr Baines who states he will engage the Contractor J Hadfield to cleanse the yards.</p> <p>J Hadfield has cleansed the channel through the "Triangle", and will continue to do so weekly. All the residents except Mr Haines, Bootmaker, having agreed to pay for this necessary work being done.</p> <p>The stock yards occupied by Mr Matson, has been cleansed and arrangements are being made to put those attached to the "White Hart" in proper condition.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	<p>25 June 1866</p>
<p><b>CH343/63a/50</b></p>	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I regret to report a serious accident by a runaway horse and Cab No 5; J C Mullins owner and driver. The injured man, G Church whom I visited at the Hospital, could give me no information as to the cause of the accident, but from information derived from other sources I am enabled to state that no blame whatever attaches to the driver who was by his cab when the horse startled.</p> <p>I have inspected a new Brewery in Antigua Street, owned by Mr Porter. The drainage from which flows into the land drain. There is an artesian well on the premises which prevents any accumulation of offensive matter, yet complaint is made by persons who were using the drain water for household purposes that the water is thereby rendered unfit for use. I have suggested that permission should be given to persons so injured to enter the Brewery premises to use the artesian well water.</p> <p>I have called on Mr Trent to remove the nuisance caused by water flowing from his premises into the Market Place, since which the side channel has been cleaned which has removed a large quantity of water.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	<p>2 July 1866</p>
<p><b>CH343/63a/51</b></p>	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, South Drain - I beg to report that in consequence of the many complaints that have been made of the offensive state of the South drain, I have made a thorough inspection of the drain through its whole length. It has been stated that privies are draining into it, which I can now entirely refute.</p> <p>At wide intervals I observed yard drains emptying into it from yards abutting on to the drain, from its western extremity to Colombo Street. I observed nothing calling for special notice. From Colombo Street eastward the stench is very great; near to Manchester bridge there is a current of water from the overflow of artesian wells which drains into it, but not in sufficient quantity to flush the drain. The drainage from the City Brewery flows into it between Colombo Street and Manchester Street. I followed the brewery drain (which is an open one) up to the brewery. I found the premises in a satisfactory condition and the drain free and clean; there is a constant flow of artesian water through it. The drainage from Messrs Manning's Brewery in Barbadoes Street and the Brewery in the Ferry Road also flows into the drain. At the latter there is an artesian well from Barbadoes Street eastward. The water in the drain is dammed back and is within a few inches of the surface. The slightest rise and it would overflow the premises occupied by the Roman Catholic Church. This appears to me accounted for by the fact of the Ferry Road drain being in places entirely choked with watercresses and weeds which should be at once removed.</p> <p>Hackney Carriages - W Dunn requests permission to transfer the number from his licensed carriage No 1 to another vehicle during repairs which will occupy three weeks, the vehicle to be substituted is fit and in proper condition.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	<p>9 July 1866</p>
<p><b>CH343/63a/52</b></p>	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: Complaint has been made to me of the offensive state of the drain in the Lincoln Road. I attribute the nuisance to be caused by the drainage from the "Albion Brewery" being obstructed by watercress. The drain should be cleansed as soon as possible.</p> <p>Complaint has been made of an accumulation of water in Cambridge Terrace and Manchester Street. It is from an artesian</p>	<p>16 July 1866</p>

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	<p>well to which there is a tap, but persons using the water fail to turn off the tap, the side channel is overgrown with grass and requires to be cleared.</p> <p>A nuisance is caused and damage is being done to Selwyn Street by water flowing into it from the Spreydon District.</p> <p>The side channel in Manchester Street is in a very offensive state, caused by the drainage from the "Warwick Hotel". There is a culvert under the footpath conveying the drainage from a pump in the yard. The water is forming into a stagnant pool in Hereford Street. I have instanced this side channel as it is caused to be in its present state by the drainage from one house, but the side channels generally are in a very bad state. I would respectfully suggest to the Council the desirability of engaging one or two men to keep the channels clear in the centre of the City.</p> <p>The channel through the "Triangle" is now being cleansed weekly.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	
CH343/63a/53	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, There will be before the Council this evening an application from W Hartnell for a driver's license. I have made enquiries as to his character and am enabled to report it good.</p> <p>Resolution of Council 19 February 1866 – I beg to report the necessity for introducing the closet pan system in the following locality viz: the Block bounded by the Whately Road (now Victoria Street), Peterborough Street and Montreal Street. The land on this Block is below the level of the streets. The privy cesspools have consequently filled with surface water.</p> <p>Complaint has been of an accumulation of water in the side channel in Cashel Street on the North side between High Street and Manchester Street.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	23 July 1866
CH343/63a/54	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: In accordance with instruction from the Council I have served notices on persons residing in the locality referred to in my report of last week to alter their privies and provide closet pans.</p> <p>That part of the Ferry Road drain, within the City, has been cleared of watercresses etc, the effect of which has been to lower the water in the drain sufficiently to drain the water from the side channel in the Ferry Road, which before was overflowing the footpath in many places; there is still a large quantity of water in that part of the drain – indicated in my report on this subject.</p> <p>Mrs Ware of Tuam Street has availed herself of the permission given by the Council to repair the footpath in High Street approaching her premises; and now requests my attention to the nuisance caused by the water trough attached to the artesian well opposite her premises. I have examined it and find that to remedy the nuisance complained of some repairs are required to the stop cock to prevent the water overflowing, or a channel should be formed from the well to the side channel to prevent the water spreading over a large surface.</p> <p>I have laid an information against Barlow, owner and driver of Hackney Carriage No 6 for not being in attendance on his Hackney Carriage whilst engaged for hire.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	30 July 1866
CH343/63a/55	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: In consequence of continued complaints of a most offensive smell arising from the South drain I have made a further and very careful inspection as to the cause and find it arises entirely from the drainage from the Breweries which empty into it. Considering it is an open drain it is comparatively free from accumulations of rubbish, which if cleared from it at once would not abate the nuisance. The remedy that suggests itself is to have the bottom of the drain channelled with brick or stone or the drain covered in. The locality most complained of is between Madras Street and Manchester Street and there it is most free from offensive accumulation with a current of water passing through it. Some advantage is derived from preventing solid matter passing into the drain from the breweries but there will be a sufficient quantity of soluble matter pass which, soaking into the earth bottom of the drain, will be in a constant state of decomposition.</p> <p>I have inspected the locality complained of by Mr Thompson in Kilmore Street and find the nuisance arises from the waste water from an artesian well. There is a tap to the well which is left running by persons who have access to it for water. The side channel is overgrown with grass which if removed will allow the water to flow away which is at present injuring the streets in many places.</p> <p>John Barlow, owner and driver of Hackney Carriage No 6, was on the 2<sup>nd</sup> instant convicted and fined for not being in attendance on his carriage whilst engaged for hire.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p> <p>Since writing the foregoing, the Town Clerk has laid before me a memorial addressed to the Council in reference to the Ferry Road drain which joins the South drain. The persons signing the memorial have long complained of the danger and inconvenience of having a large open drain in front of their houses. The most numerous complaints have been made by persons passing to and from the Railway Station, of a stench arising from the South drain. The nearest brewery to the Ferry Road is on Section 11 but I account for the smell being less here than at the spot I mention, from the large quantity of water draining into it from beyond the Town by means of culverts under the Belt.</p>	6 August 1866
CH343/63a/56	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, In accordance with instructions I have served a notice on Mr Manning Senior, Barbadoes Street, Mr Manning Junior, Sumner Road and Messrs Deacon &amp; Vincent, Colombo Street, Brewers to the following effect.</p> <p>"I am instructed by the City Council to give you notice that unless immediate steps be taken to remedy the nuisance caused by the drainage from your Brewery into the South drain the Council will proceed against you under Clause 60 of the Christchurch City Council Ordinance 1862".</p> <p>I beg to report the side channel opposite the house of Mr Wilson, Sodawater maker, St Asaph Street in a filthy state, it was</p>	1 August 1866

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	<p>stated to be caused by the large quantity of water used in washing bottles, which being thrown down on the premises flows into the side footpath, and remains in one spot, the side channel being choked with weeds.</p> <p>I beg to propose as security for the due execution of my office as Collector, the "Guarantee Society."</p> <p>I am at present engaged in assisting Mr Tribe in getting in the arrears of the Rate for 1865.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	
CH343/63a/57	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report that I am at present engaged in preparing the Rate List.</p> <p>I have since the Resolution of the Council appointing me to assist the Rate Collector given my almost exclusive attention to this work, excepting that I have as far as possible directed my attention to the abatement of nuisances which have come to my notice during my progress with the Collector.</p> <p>On a recent report in which I represented that it was desirable to bring the pan system into use in Block 2, North West quarter. I received instructions to give the required notices which have been attended to except that served on Mr Viney. In this case the closet has been cleansed but no pan provided, the reason assigned being the cost of the pan. I beg the Council will instruct me whether I am to deliver a closet pan and sue for the cost £1.2.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	17 September 1866
CH343/63a/58	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report a nuisance to exist on premises in the occupation of Mr George and Mr Patterson, Cashel Street, caused by an accumulation of stagnant water in a hollow place, which is very offensive and likely to be injurious to the health of the inhabitants and which requires to be filled up.</p> <p>An overflow of artesian water from premises in the occupation of Mr Thiel, Armagh Street, is causing great inconvenience to persons residing in Gloucester Street East who are unable to go to or from their houses without passing through it. I am informed there is no fall from this part of the street, therefore the water is stagnant, and will soon become injurious to health.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	15 October 1866
CH343/63a/59	<p>Letter to Town Clerk from Ward &amp; Reeves</p> <p><i>Sir, We beg to request that you will call the immediate attention of the Inspector of Nuisances to the state of the back premises belonging to Mr Ritchie, Baker, and Mr Moir, "Central Hotel", Colombo Street, which are in a very filthy condition and very offensive to.</i></p> <p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report the receipt of a letter of complaint (appended hereto) from Messrs Ward &amp; Reeves complaining of the offensive state of the back premises belonging to Mr Ritchie, Baker, and Mr Moir, "Central Hotel". I have inspected the premises and found the complaint to arise from the premises belonging to the Hotel. The slops being kept in hogsheads which smell very offensive. I have suggested that lids should be made and fixed on with hinges. The Contractor empties the closet pans regularly but the closets are allowed to get very dirty. The house refuse and house slops are removed regularly.</p> <p>I felt it my duty to point out that the yard could be kept in a much better condition by the exercise of more care on the part of the occupiers of the premises.</p> <p>The open drain into which flows the drainage from Messrs Brown &amp; Co, Brewery, is again becoming very offensive and requires to be cleansed. When I last reported on this drain it was cleansed at the cost of the Provincial Government.</p> <p>Hackney Carriages – In accordance with instructions I beg to state that the convenience of the public would be provided for by two cabs standing in the "Triangle" opposite Mr Macpherson's store and two on the "Triangle" opposite Messrs Cobb &amp; Co offices but no inconvenience would arise by three standing on each of the stands mentioned, provided stones were placed in the ground to mark the exact position of the stands.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	5 November 1866
CH343/63a/60	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: In consequence of a complaint that some persons had taken dead horses to the Reserves and had not sufficiently buried them, I visited the Reserves and found one insufficiently buried thus I caused it to be rectified and the Reserves are now in a satisfactory state.</p> <p>A complaint has been made by Mr Thomson who resides in a private street leading out of Durham Street North that water from a pump was accumulating in the street. I inspected the premises and found the thing complained of inconvenient to the neighbours, but which I pointed out could be remedied by the persons interested in and residing on the property.</p> <p>The notice served on Mr Patterson and Mr George, Cashel Street, to fill up a hollow place in their yards, has been complied with.</p> <p>Since Mr Patterson has commenced business as an eating house keeper the side channel near the back of the premises and opposite Mr Bonnington's music warehouse is becoming daily in a worse condition principally through the large quantity of house slops thrown into the channel from these premises.</p> <p>I have had an interview with the City Surveyor on the subject of cleansing the side channels in the centre of the City, and he has informed me it is his intention to bring the subject to the notice of the Council in his report.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	19 November 1866
CH343/63a/61	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report that I have served the necessary notices on occupiers of the property bordering on the South drain to clip the gorse and other fences where they overhang the drain; that served on the Rev W Chataiguer? to remove the obstruction caused by his paling and wire fence has been complied with so as to allow a space of about six inches between the bottom of the fence and the surface of the drain; the gorse fences are being clipped. On serving notice upon Mr Allen he informed me that it is his intention to eradicate the gorse fence in the next autumn and to substitute a fence of another description.</p>	26 November 1866

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	<p>I regret to report that the means I had adopted for cleansing the "Triangle" and which have been acted on for the six months last past, have come to an end in consequence of a small minority objecting to pay the Contractor 1/- weekly, being their share of the cost of the work. Since the commencement of the hot weather the drain has been swept and washed twice weekly and all filth removed which has kept the premises satisfactory, when compared with its former state. As there is greater need for sanitary precaution in this locality from its central position and consequently its being more thickly inhabited, I beg to suggest the necessity for adopting some measures for ensuring its being regularly cleansed. Most of the inhabitants being anxious to have this work done, I believe a small special local rate would be willingly paid should the Council think it desirable to levy it for the purpose.</p> <p>A privy on the premises in the occupation of Mr Whelan furniture dealer, Cathedral Square, being unsatisfactory both in condition and construction, I have served him with the required notice under Clause 64 of the Ordinance.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	
<b>CH343/63a/62</b>	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: In consequence of continued complaints I have again inspected the drain in the Lincoln Road from Messrs Brown &amp; Co, brewery, to the Riccarton Road. The complaint is of a very offensive smell which I have ascertained to be occasioned by the drainage matter from the brewery referred to, there is a sediment of considerable depth which could be removed at very little expense from the almost entire absence of vegetation or other matter, and which should be done in order to abate the nuisance complained of; and further the accumulation of sediment diminishes the fall from the brewery consequently an overflow has been occasioned on the Town Belt which might be prevented.</p> <p>I have given notice to Mr Rowe, butcher, Market Place, to cleanse his yard which was in a very offensive state which has been complied with.</p> <p>The side channel opposite Mr Johnson's house, Montreal Street, is in a very offensive state occasioned by a drain under the footpath from the back of Mr Johnson's house. He has informed me he is about to have an artesian well and retain this drain as a house drain, but before any permission is given to run waste water from the well I would suggest that the house drain should be diverted, for the present, into his garden which being of sufficient extent could, with a little care, be made to absorb the ordinary house drainage without causing a nuisance.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	3 December 1866
<b>CH343/63a/63</b>	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: I have served a notice on Mr Buxton to remove an accumulation of rubbish from the yards of unoccupied house in Chester Street of which he is the owner. These houses are usually occupied by persons of bad character who tenant the houses but a short time and leave the premises in a very unsatisfactory state. The privies also have become in a filthy condition. Without notice, I have instructed the Contractor to cleanse them. Mr Buxton will probably object to pay for this work as some of the houses are at present unoccupied, but as the yards are open to the street the privies require the same attention as if the houses were tenanted. A notice served on Mr Haft, the owner of a house in Manchester Street tenanted by Mrs Gray, lodging house keeper, to cleanse privy and remove dilapidated gorse fence and rubbish from yard and provide a dust bin, has been complied with and the premises are now in a satisfactory state. I have given notice to Mr Oram, proprietor of the "Clarendon Hotel" to abate a nuisance existing on an unoccupied section of land at the back of the Hotel and caused by the drainage from the Hotel flowing on to the section - the notice is being complied with. I have given notice to Mr Bennet, Cathedral Square to dispose of his house slops so as not to cause a nuisance by flowing on to premises belonging to the Union Bank.</p> <p>Messrs Ware &amp; Reeves continue to complain of the premises of the "Central Hotel" being offensive. I may be excused for repeating again that nothing is suffered to accumulate on these premises beyond the period allowed by the Council but I would beg to suggest the use of the best disinfectant, chloride of lime in this and similar cases by the Contractor. On one occasion, when the effluvia from these premises was unusually offensive, I caused the yard to be strawed with a mixture of chloride of lime and loam which was very effectual in abating the nuisance. Will the Council therefore authorize me to procure a supply of this article to be used by the Contractor under my direction where I find it necessary?</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	10 December 1866
<b>CH343/63a/64</b>	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: I have served several notices during the past week on persons whose gorse fences overhang the streets, to clip the same. I have inspected the "Phoenix Brewery" and have given the proprietor notice to empty the sediment from the intercepting cesspool which is now full. There is an open drain through the yard leading into the brick side channel into Kilmore Street which I have suggested should also be bricked or covered; this the proprietor informs me it is his intention to do. The nuisance caused by the drainage from the "Clarendon Hotel" has been abated, it remains for the proprietor to apply for permission to put a culvert under the footpath to carry off the waste water from the artesian well which should be kept running to prevent a repetition of the nuisance now abated.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	18 December 1866
<b>CH343/63a/65</b>	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to present to the Council, J Hadfield's account for emptying night soil pans etc for quarter ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 1866. The accounts not having been rendered in time have not passed the Town Clerk but I have presented it for payment (on account) in order that I may at once commence collecting.</p> <p>In compliance with notice Mr Moore, proprietor of the "Phoenix Brewery", has cleansed the tank cesspools and the premises are now in a satisfactory condition.</p> <p>A complaint has been made of an offensive effluvia in Oxford Terrace and attributed to the drainage from the "Clarendon Hotel" altho' my attention has been thus drawn to the locality I have not a present discovered any grounds for the complaint.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	7 January 1867
<b>CH343/63a/66</b>	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: During the past week I have served notices on persons having gorse hedges</p>	31 December 1866

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	<p>overhanging the streets in the South East quarter of the city to clip the same.</p> <p>The drain in the Lincoln Road into which flows the drainage from Messrs Brown &amp; Co's brewery has been cleansed and in conformity with instructions from the Council, I have cautioned Messrs Brown &amp; Co not to cause a nuisance by allowing an overflow of water on to the Belt.</p> <p>A notice served on Mr Buxton to remove an offensive accumulation from premises of which he was the owner has been complied with. The houses of which the premises are attached having been since sold to Mr Earnshaw who is residing in the neighbourhood and who has made a very great improvement in the sanitary arrangements amongst which an artesian well has been provided.</p> <p>A complaint has been made against Mr Griffin, Durham Street. I inspected the premises and found the cause of complaint to arise from the horse manure being placed so as to press against the fence between his yard and that of Mr Thomson. I gave Mr Griffin notice to remove the dung and not to accumulate any in that place in future.</p> <p>Complaint has been made against Mr Diftord, late of Tuam Street, that he had left the premises lately occupied by him in an unsatisfactory state. I inspected the premises and found the yard and outbuildings very dirty. I have taken the necessary steps for having the cause of the complaint removed.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	
CH343/63a/67	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: In consequence of a complaint of a nuisance arising on the premises occupied by Mr Brightling, Colombo Street, I inspected the premises and found them in a very unsatisfactory state. The yard is very small and a horse is kept there within three or four feet of the dwelling house (which I am informed is often excessively crowded) and so near to that occupied by Mr Sandskin as to be dangerous to the health of his family. I have for some time past urged Mr Brightling to make other arrangements for stabling his horse, but to no avail. There is a want of ventilation on and about this spot, as evidenced by the sickening atmosphere perceptible almost at all times. I beg the Council will authorize me to give Mr Brightling formal notice to remove the horse or to take what other steps to abate this nuisance.</p> <p>I beg to report an abatement of the nuisance caused by the drainage from the "Carlton Hotel" into the City.</p> <p>I had given notice to Mr Heywood, the then occupier, who has since quitted the premises and Mr Money the owner has taken possession and is making such improvements as will effectually prevent the house drainage from the hotel again becoming a nuisance in the side channel in the Whately Road (now Victoria Street).</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	28 January 1867
CH343/63a/68	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: Numerous complaints have been made during the past week of a nuisance caused by pigs kept by Mr Harrington in Chester Street East. I have twice visited the premises during the week and have caused steps to be taken by Mr Harrington whereby the nuisance is much abated. I have further requested that the pig styes should be removed to a more suitable position on his premises and farther from the premises occupied by the persons who are making complaint.</p> <p>Mr Brightling came to me early in the week and informed me he was about to discontinue stabling his horse in his back yard. He has since provided other accommodation and the horse has been removed.</p> <p>Complaint has again been made by several persons residing in Kilmore Street and Whately Road (now Victoria Street), of an offensive effluvia in the neighbourhood but state they are unable to attribute it to any particular cause. The brick channel in Kilmore Street is kept cleanly swept; but owing to the absence of a kerb the drainage is not confined to the channel but is saturating the surrounding earth. I do not account thus for the nuisance complained of but wish to point out the necessity for at once providing a stone kerbing for that part of Kilmore Street along which the drainage from the Brewery is permitted by the Council to flow; but from careful observation I think it arises from the underground culvert drain crossing Whately Road (now Victoria Street), and thence to the river, either being in a defective state or requiring to be trapped where the drainage from the brewery and other drainage flows into it.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	4 February 1867
CH343/63a/69	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: In accordance with instructions I have inspected the premises in the occupation of Messrs Aulsebrook &amp; Meadows in Colombo Street. The yard is slightly below the level of the street and is frequently in a wet state partly through the house slops being thrown about in order thus to get rid of them but principally through an artesian well which altho' it has a tap upon it, at times discharges a quantity of waste water through the tap being left turned on by persons in the neighbourhood using the well. There is an accumulation of stable manure but this being a considerable distance from any dwelling house no nuisance is complained of. The City Scavenger has however been employed to remove it. The yard is in an untidy state which will be remedied as soon as Messrs Aulsebrook &amp; Meadows have completed the building now in progress on their premises. The adjoining premises in the occupation of Mr Bavistock. I also inspected the yard - is slightly below the level of Messrs Aulsebrook &amp; Meadows consequently in wet weather a quantity of waste waters lodge under the floor of his house, this has been partially remedied, and it is his intention to extend the building and fill up the hollow entirely - at the present it is perfectly dry and as nuisance exists my attention was called to the state of the footpath at this part of the street. At times of heavy rain water flows over the footpath from the surface of the street and lodges in large pools opposite the door ways of the houses.</p> <p>I have inspected the premises in the occupation of Mr Reece to ascertain whether any nuisance was caused by the bones stored on his premises.</p> <p>I proceeded first to Mr D C Anderson whose premises adjoin those of Mr Reece. He informed me that he was much annoyed by the rats which the bones harboured and at times the smell was very offensive. I found Mr Reece had in order to abate the nuisance covered the bones with quick lime; at the time of inspection therefore, no offensive smell was perceptible. Mr Reece informed me that part of the machinery had arrived and as soon as possible he would crush and remove the bones.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	11 February 1867

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CH343/63a/69	<p>Letter to Town Clerk -</p> <p>I was so unwell on Saturday to be compelled to send for doctor (Dr Deamer?). He has sent medicine and recommends me to remain perfectly quiet for a day or so</p> <p>William Pearce, Armagh Street,</p>	18 February 1867
CH343/63a/70	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report a nuisance of a very important character in Cathedral Square and at the back of the Bank of New Zealand caused by a house drain under the footpath running from the Bank premises.</p> <p>I have had an interview with Mr Coster, the Manager of the Bank who while he admitted a very great nuisance was caused by the drain stated that it was not in his power to prevent it as a complete system of drainage was adopted and is incorporated with the building.</p> <p>At present none of the drainage flows from the side channel, but accumulates in a pool. As a remedy I beg to suggest that the drain under the footpath should be taken up or a stone channel formed at once and the artesian well on the premises allowed to flow.</p> <p>The proprietors of the Bank seem to have acted on a supposed right of some outlet for the drainage from the building.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	25 February 1867
CH343/63a/71	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, In accordance with instructions I have served a notice on Mr Coster, Manager of the Bank of New Zealand to abate a nuisance caused by the drainage from the Bank premises flowing into Cathedral Square.</p> <p>I have also served a like notice on Mr R Beattie proprietor of the "Warwick Hotel". In front of the hotel there is an accumulation of foul water which has flowed from the Hotel premises under the footpath into the side channel in Manchester Street. At the time of serving the notice Mr Beattie said he could make no improvement, as the street was hollow in front of his house, but if it is admitted to be so and is filled up the nuisance will continue so long as the drainage continues to flow into the side channel.</p> <p>Mr Harrington, Chester Street has acted on my suggestion to remove his pig sty to a more suitable place on his premises, since which no complaint has been made.</p> <p>I have to report a nuisance caused by pigs kept by Mr Gourlay in Tuam Street within four or five yards from a neighbour's dwelling house. The sty has a boarded floor and at the time of inspection was clean but a pig sty being too near to a house is detrimental to the health of the inmates. A Bye Law prohibiting the keeping of pigs within a given distance from a dwelling house would meet the case now reported.</p> <p>Hackney Carriages - By Clause No 36 of the Bye Law carriages must be provided with <u>proper</u> carriage lights. Some of the Hansom Cabs are provided with a centre light in front and on the highest part of the cab. A proper light in this position I have ascertained to be customary and is found to be sufficient. The Police construe the words in the Bye Law <u>proper lights</u> to mean that there must be more than one light whether one be found sufficient or not, but it has been arranged that no action shall be taken in the matter until the question has been put to the Council whether one light on the top or two lights. One at each side must be provided under the Bye Law.</p> <p>I beg to draw the attention of the Council to the necessity for placing stones to mark the boundaries of the cab stands. It has been already ordered by the Council that "No Hackney Carriage will be allowed to stand for hire nearer than sixteen feet from the side channelling of any footpath which fronts on buildings and no Hackney Carriage will be allowed to encroach on the line of footpaths nor prevent ready access to the public wells" If these distances were marked it would prevent inconvenience and disputes which sometimes arise as to the exact position of the stands.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	4 March 1867
CH343/63a/72	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to present for payment the balance of J Hadfield's account for emptying night soil pans etc for quarter ending 31 December 1866. The account stands thus:</p> <p>Amount of account - £215.0.6; Received on account - £150; Balance due - £65</p> <p>Amount of account - £215.0.6; Collected on account - £177.17.6; Amount of arrears at this date - £37.2.6</p> <p>A considerable proportion of these arrears will be collected - amongst which is an account due by Mr Moir of the "Central Hotel" for £4.18.6 and Mr George "Triangle" for £1.9.0. Both these persons have refused to pay alleging an overcharge on the item 'removal of slops'.</p> <p>I have inspected premises in the occupation of Mr Boys, Worcester Street in consequence of a complaint by Mr Pavitt of a nuisance arising from the keeping of pigs. I found the premises in a satisfactory state, the boarded floor of the pig sty being cleanly swept as the premises in question are a considerable distance from Mr Pavitt's residence. I can only account for the complaint arising through the excessive heat of the weather.</p> <p>The side channel in Manchester Street opposite the premises of Mr Beattie, "Warwick Hotel", has been cleaned out, since which I have heard no complaint.</p> <p>Hackney Carriages - Referring to the question now before the Council as to the proper light for Hansom Cabs I beg to state No's 10 and 15 are made without sockets for side lights - and therefore use but the centre light.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	11 March 1867

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CH343/63a/73	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I have inspected the Brewery premises of Messrs Deacon &amp; Vincent in Colombo Street East. I found the premises in a satisfactory state excepting the open drain through which runs the overflow from the artesian well by which the brewery premises are flushed; in this I found wanting the grating that had been placed there to prevent the solid matter flowing into the South drain. This deficiency the proprietors have had notice to make good. Altho' the drainage from this and other breweries has flowed into the South drain without intermission since the subject was last before the Council no complaint has been made since the artesian well has been sunk and the sluice gates erected there. I can personally testify to the efficiency of the means adopted to abate the nuisance hitherto existing, and further the persons whose premises abutt on the drain say they have not been the least inconvenienced since.</p> <p>The open drain that led from the "Phoenix Brewery" into Kilmore Street has been filled up and a pipe drain substituted. The whole of the drainage passes through three intercepting cesspools which are frequently cleansed; by this means a large quantity of solid matter is prevented from passing into the side channel that which is held in suspension is largely diluted with the overflow from an artesian well which is kept constantly running.</p> <p>I have inspected the premises of Mr McKellow, "Triangle" lodging and eating house keeper. There is insufficient space to carry on this business without causing a nuisance, there is but one closet to accommodate the large number of persons frequenting the house, another is needed, but no space is left whereon an additional closet could be placed. A subscription list has been opened by the inhabitants to raise funds to sink an artesian well principally to use the overflow for flushing the channel which is made very offensive by the large quantity of house slops thrown down, principally from the premises of Mr McKellow and Mr Lodge eating and lodging house keepers.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	18 March 1867
CH343/63a/74	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: In accordance with instruction I have served a notice on Mr McKellow, "Triangle" Lodging &amp; Eating House" keeper to provide an additional privy; in compliance with the notice, he will provide an additional privy in his house.</p> <p>I have given notice to several persons to remove straw etc that accumulates from packing and unpacking goods in front of their places of business. I have observed that a very large portion of rubbish that accumulates in the side channels arises from this cause.</p> <p>I have served a notice on Mr Foley, Peterborough Street to remove his closets to a more convenient part of his premises; as in their present position the Contractor is unable to approach them so as to remove the pans in a satisfactory manner.</p> <p>I have served a notice on Mr Dennis, Poulterer, Chester Street to provide a larger receptacle for the refuse that accumulates on his premises. From the nature of his business much care is required to prevent the premises becoming a nuisance to the neighbourhood.</p> <p>I have inspected the promises of Mr Moir, "Central Hotel". I find the yard, as usual, in a very unsatisfactory state. I gave him notice to clean the same, he is complying with the notice, and is having a quantity of shingle brought in to fill up the hollow portions of the yard.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	25 March 1867
CH343/63a/75	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: A nuisance is being caused by the drainage from the "Clarendon Hotel" premises flowing into the side channel in Worcester Street and along Oxford Terrace. I have observed a man, employed by Mr Oram the proprietor, frequently scraping the channel to remove obstructions but his does not abate the nuisance as the evil is a growing one. I would beg to suggest that Mr Oram be requested to put down drain pipes from his yard. If this were done, and a culvert placed across Oxford Terrace the drainage which at present causes a nuisance over a great length of side channelling could be carried directly into the River.</p> <p>On the matter of the drainage from the "Warwick Hotel", R Beattie proprietor, I have requested the persons residing nearest to the Hotel to as soon as they are annoyed by the drainage coming from the premises, to make complain. The Council has authorized me to lay an information against the proprietor which I propose to do as soon as I am enabled to produce witnesses to give evidence, this is necessary, for as the Bye Law is worded, the onus of proof lies with the persons laying information.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	1 April 1867
CH343/63a/76	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: The Contractor J Hadfield, has rendered his account for emptying night soil pans etc for the quarter ending 31 March 1867 and I am engaged in collecting the accounts as entered in his book.</p> <p>I have inspected the premises in the occupation of Mr Gilkes, baker, Colombo Street. I found the yard in a very dirty state caused by house slops being thrown down and a heap of horse dung accumulating from a stable on the premises. I gave the requisite notice and the dung has since been removed. The yard requires to be raised so that water may drain towards the Right of Way at the back. Mr Gilkes has undertaken to do this. The Right of Way referred to is now in fair condition having been formed and installed about a year ago by subscription of the inhabitants, but during the winter months a great nuisance is caused by the accumulation of house slops. To remedy this evil a stone channel is necessary to drain the surface of the Right of Way.</p> <p>In compliance with a notice Mr Moir, Hotel keeper, Colombo Street has provided a receptacle for house refuse, the former one having become unfit for use.</p> <p>The following side channels are in bad condition from an accumulation of foul water:</p> <p>Gloucester Street South side from the "Times Office" as far as the "Shakespeare Hotel", coming chiefly from the "Lyttelton Times Office".</p> <p>Cathedral Square South East corner at the back of the Bank of New Zealand. I was present when an attempt was made on</p>	15 April 1867

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	<p>Saturday to remove the water towards Colombo Street but the whole of it flowed back again. At one part it is flowing out upon the roadway, the water comes chiefly from the Bank's premises.</p> <p>Colombo Street near Mr Bonnington's warehouse and opposite a narrow Right of Way from Colombo Street to the back of houses (having very small back yards) fronting in Cashel Street, the water coming chiefly from Mr Paterson's and Mr Sandskin's premises.</p> <p>Sumner Road from Mr Morton's Hotel to Lichfield Street coming chiefly from Mr Morton's Hotel. Mr Morton keeps the channel which is asphalted in front of his premises cleanly swept, but beyond towards Lichfield Street the water in the channel is very offensive and stagnant and comes chiefly from Mr Morton's premises.</p> <p>I beg for instructions in reference to the foregoing and in the mean time I beg to represent the necessity for having the channels cleansed daily.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	
<p><b>CH343/63a/77</b></p>	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: In accordance with instructions I have served a notice on Mr Nieman to take down the chimney and discontinue lighting any fire on the premises he holds of the Council in the Market Place.</p> <p>In consequence of a complaint that the drain in the Sumner Road was again becoming very offensive I visited the locality. I found the flow of water obstructed by the growth of water cress; the drain requires to be freed from the water cress when, I believe, the nuisance would be abated for a considerable time. Anticipating this I have given notice to persons residing in the neighbourhood to cut the fences where they overhang the drain.</p> <p>Inspected Manning's Brewery, Sumner Road – pigs are kept on these premises. I gave him notice to clean the pig styes and to fill up an open drain which served no useful purpose and was in bad condition.</p> <p>I have inspected the urinal on "Barrett's Hotel" premises – in its present condition it is a nuisance to the neighbourhood. It is drained into a barrel sunk in the ground. I ordered this to be emptied and recommended the urinal should be removed to the back of the Hotel. This was objected to as it would then not be accessible; the proprietor however, undertakes to make certain improvements which, when carried out, will with proper care prevent the urinal becoming a nuisance and will be a convenience to the public.</p> <p>I beg respectfully to suggest to the Council the desirability of cleansing daily the side channels in the City where there is the largest accumulation of foul water. In order to do this it will be necessary that it should be the first duty of some man or men in the employment of the Council. If the Council will allow me I would suggest that two men and a water tight dray should commence this work early in the morning so as to have all or as much as possible done before business hours as the effluvia is very great when the Channels are being cleansed and as they continue very offensive for some hours after being cleared.</p> <p>I have made these suggestions in the hope that the Council may decide on some plan for abating a growing nuisance which is much complained of by the inhabitants of the City.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	<p>23 April 1867</p>
<p><b>CH343/63a/78</b></p>	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: I have been engaged during the past week in collecting accounts due for emptying night soil pans.</p> <p>In accordance with instructions by the Council the Scavenger has placed a man under my direction to keep the side channels clean and free from obstructions to the flow of water – by this means most of the channels can be kept in such a condition as not to justify any complaint.</p> <p>After cleaning the channel in Gloucester Street from the "Times Office" to the "Shakespeare Hotel" a large quantity of water still remained. To remedy this a fall requires to be made for the water, the residents in this part of the street complain very much of the inconvenience it occasions them to have this water lying in front of their premises. I therefore beg to suggest that the proprietors of "The Lyttelton Times" be required, if practicable, to drain either into Colombo Street or Cathedral Square.</p> <p>By next week if the Council require it I will furnish a list of the channels that are being regularly cleansed.</p> <p>The Police have laid information against some persons who have failed after warning to cut gorse hedges overhanging the street for causing obstruction in the public thoroughfares.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	<p>29 April 1867</p>
<p><b>CH343/63a/79</b></p>	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to bring before the notice of the Council the condition of the South drain from the artesian well to the Western extremity; the water in it being perfectly stagnant. Formerly there was a considerable flow of water into this part of the drain from land springs and was consequently the cleanest part, but the flow has so diminished in quantity as not to suffice to keep the drain from becoming a nuisance. To remedy this the water from the artesian well should be made available for flushing this part of the drain also. There is an artesian well on the premises of Mr Carl which I have requested him to keep flowing, but the quantity of water is small and the greater pressure of the water from the artesian well in the drain keeps it back. The fences that overhung the drain in the Sumner Road have been cut down.</p> <p>During the past week all the East side channels have been kept clean amongst others that on the West side of Colombo Street from Lichfield Street to Cashel Street. By thus keeping the channel free, the quantity of stagnant water has increased opposite Mr Bonnington's shop which will however be remedied when the contemplated alterations in the culverts in this locality are effected.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	<p>6 May 1867</p>

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<p><b>CH343/63a/80</b></p>	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, In accordance with instructions from the Council I have laid an information against the proprietor of the "Lyttelton Times" under Bye Law No 4, "for conveying into the side channel in Gloucester Street poisons or offensive fluid matter so that a nuisance has been thereby created"; and against the proprietors of the "Family Hotel", Hereford Street, for causing a nuisance by draining their premises into Cashel Street.</p> <p>Under the same by-law the Police have laid an information against Mr Lane, butcher, Colombo Street, for sweeping sawdust etc from his shop into the side channel.</p> <p>The side channels have been regularly swept and are in a satisfactory state excepting that at the back of the Bank of New Zealand in Cathedral Square and this notwithstanding it has been swept daily and the late heavy rain is still very offensive.</p> <p>I beg respectfully to ask the Council to nominate a member or a committee of members of the Council to whom all matters relating to my department may be committed and with whom I may confer on any matters that may eventually be discussed by the Council.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	<p>13 May 1867</p>
<p><b>CH343/63a/81</b></p>	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows; The information laid against Messrs Collins &amp; Mason, proprietors of the "Family Hotel" for creating a nuisance in Cashel Street has not yet been heard through the summons not having been served; that against Messrs Ward &amp; Reeves proprietors of the "Lyttelton Times" having been withdrawn to allow time to divert the drainage complained of into Cathedral Square which has since been accomplished.</p> <p>I have inspected premises owned by Mr Gosling in Kilmore Street being three cottages let to weekly tenants which are frequently empty. There is but one yard used in common and this open to the street. In it there is an accumulation of rubbish and house refuse which should be removed. The owner being at Timaru, I have called upon Mr Dartnall, his Agent, who collects the rent, to remove it; will the Council authorize me to serve a formal notice on Mr Dartnall.</p> <p>I have had an interview with Mr Guildford to request him to remove a closet now in close proximity to the new Presbyterian Church in Lichfield Street which is much complained of, he has promised to remove it if he can do so without inconvenience to his tenants. This can easily be done. I beg to refer the Council to Clause 64 and 65 of the Ordinance and to ask the Council's authority for removing it in the event of his failure to remove it by Friday next. I have referred to the owner, the occupiers being weekly tenants.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	<p>20 May 1867</p>
<p><b>CH343/63a/82</b></p>	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: During the past week I have had an interview with the Sanitary Committee on the subjects referred to in my report of last week.</p> <p>Mr Gosling's case - I received instructions to serve notice on Mr Dartnall, Mr Gosling's Agent.</p> <p>In Guildford's case (the owner of premises having a privy near to the Presbyterian Church), the Committee decided the Council have no power to interfere.</p> <p>The information laid against the proprietors of the "Family Hotel" was served on Thursday last. As there was no appearance the Magistrate inflicted the highest penalty viz £5. I afterwards ascertained the summons was served late on the previous night and the non appearance arose unintentionally and that a re-hearing will be applied for.</p> <p>Complaint is made by persons residing in Cathedral Square of a nuisance caused by the overflow from an artesian well on Mr Mitchell's premises, stable keeper. The water flows into a hollow place and becomes polluted with the stable manure and then overflows on to the premises in the occupation of the persons now complaining. Referring the Council to the 67 and 68 Clauses of the Ordinance I have now to report an accumulation of stagnant water and dung in a hollow place on premises in the occupation of Mr Mitchell, Hereford Street, stable keeper, which is or is likely to be offensive or injurious to the health of the inhabitants.</p> <p>An artesian well is being sunk on the premises of the "Warwick Hotel" whereby, and by attention on the part of the sweeper, the nuisance caused in Manchester Street by the house drainage from the Hotel will be removed.</p> <p>I beg also to draw the attention of the Council to the need for a stream of water in High Street East side from Cashel Street to Madras Street. The nuisance hitherto existing in this channel is considerably abated by being frequently swept. A flow of water would further remove the offensive effluvia still to be detected.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	<p>27 May 1867</p>
<p><b>CH343/63a/83</b></p>	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: In consequence of a complaint by Mr Young, Barbadoes Street North that a quantity of stagnant water near his house created a nuisance, I inspected in the neighbourhood and found a large quantity of stagnant water in the Catholic Cemetery arising principally from a spring on Mr Young's premises. This water, before the formation of the street, flowed through the land now the Catholic Cemetery and across the street into a drain on the East side. The drains are now filled up and hence the accumulation of water.</p> <p>I have served a notice on Mr Mitchell, Hereford Street, to fill up the hollow place on his premises which I notice will expire on 28<sup>th</sup> June approximately.</p> <p>The notice served on Mr Dartnall as Agent for Mr Gosling, to remove an accumulation of filth and rubbish from the premises owned by Mr Gosling and let to weekly tenants has not been complied with, I propose therefore if it met the approval of the Council to lay an information against Mr Dartnall.</p> <p>I am unable to report any improvement in the side channel in Cathedral Square as the drainage from the Bank continues to flow into it. I propose therefore if it met with the approval of the Council to lay an information against the Manager of the Bank.</p> <p>Hackney Carriages – A Hamil? The holder of a license as driver and owner of Hackney Carriage No 16 has been twice convicted of drunkenness within the past few weeks. I think it my duty to call the attention of the Council to this and to refer to Clause</p>	<p>3 June 1867</p>

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<p><b>CH343/63a/84</b></p>	<p><i>Letter – 5<sup>th</sup> June 1867 - from Mr Dartnall to Mr Pearce, Dear Sir, I am sorry you have been put to the trouble of getting him to appear against nuisance at Gosling cottages. I had intended to have it done before but the carter could not do it in time. I have seen Hadfield this morning and arranged with him to make a good job of it (positively today). W W Dartnall.</i></p> <p><i>Letter to Inspector of Nuisances- 6<sup>th</sup> June 1867</i></p> <p><i>Dear Sir, I beg to draw your attention to the filthy state of the road in Gloucester opposite my premises adjoining Miss Hicks caused by the house slops from Miss Hicks and her next door neighbour being thrown there. Trusting you will order the same to be discontinued. Apologising for troubling you again. I remain yours truly A Baldwin</i></p> <p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to lay before you J Hadfield's account for emptying night soil pans etc for the quarter ending 31 March 1867 for payment of the balance due £61.2.</p> <p>I have been requested by the Treasurer of the Fire Brigade and by the tenants in the Market Place to ask the Council for the remission of the charge for emptying the pans on the respective premises.</p> <p>Mr Dartnall, Agent for Mr Gosling has complied with the notice to remove house refuse from weekly tenements in Kilmore Street. I did not lay an information against him in consequence of receiving the letter hereto appended.</p> <p>Mr Baldwin has addressed a letter of complaint against Miss Hicks, Glo'ster Street for throwing house slops into the street. I found the street made wet and muddy by it and inconvenient to Mr Baldwin who is frequently loading and unloading furniture on the spot.</p> <p>A Right of Way from Lichfield Street to the "A1 Hotel", Colombo Street is in a very filthy state. I am unable to report against any individual tenant and the Right of Way is in a bad state through its whole length. A Bye Law imposing a fine on any person for throwing foul water on any Right of Way without permission of the Council would meet this case.</p> <p>There are some house drains under the footpath in Colombo Street from Lichfield Street to Cashel Street East side. An artesian well is much needed in this neighbourhood and the overflow would assist the cleansing of the side channel.</p> <p>Hackney Carriages – Archibald Hamil has applied for leave to transfer his Licensed Cab to John Hamil, his father. I have appended the License hereto – it will be seen that the endorsement thereon should have been on the Driver's License now held by Archibald Hamil. I propose applying to the Clerk to the Bench to have this rectified.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	<p>17 June 1867</p>
<p><b>CH343/63a/85</b></p>	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows:</p> <p>Rights of Way, Colombo Street - I have had an interview with Mr Norman in reference to the nuisance created in the Right of Way to the premises of his tenants. He stated he was about to take steps for removing the nuisance at present complained of, but that he wished for an opportunity to write to the Council on the subject. Since then, a requisition has been signed by the tenants asking the Council to levy a special local rate for that purpose. I have in consequence deferred laying an information against Mr Norman.</p> <p>"Triangle" – In the course of inspection through this locality I found rubbish thrown into the water channel at the back of the premises occupied by Mr George. I called upon him to state that he must be held responsible for the state of that part of the Right of Way abutting on his premises. Mr George however in a very insulting manner declined to hear me speak on the subject.</p> <p>Mr Hawkins residing in Peterborough Street has lodged a complaint of a nuisance arising from the keeping of pigs near his house. I inspected the premises and found them very offensive. I gave Mr Creswell notice to clean them and heard from Mr Creswell that he would remove them in the course of a fortnight and not keep pigs there again.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	<p>24 June 1867</p>
<p><b>CH343/63a/86</b></p>	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: I have inspected a private road leading out of Lichfield Street East, South side, on which there is an artesian well. A nuisance is caused by the waste water from the well. The road is owned by several persons who are the owners of small sections of land, some of which are built upon, fronting on the road. As these persons have expressed their willingness to be rated to do what is necessary to remove the nuisance, I anticipate an application will be made to the Council for that purpose. This locality has been visited by much sickness which is attributed to the surface water about this neighbourhood. The evil is however being greatly removed by the present formation of the streets, and it is desirable that the work required to the private road should be done during the formation of Lichfield Street.</p> <p>Cashel Street East – A nuisance is created in the side channel on the south side of the street by the stoppage of the drainage in the channel by traffic across the footpath through an accommodation road running from Cashel Street to Lichfield Street.</p> <p>I have seen Mr J S Williams (Solicitor), the owner of the road who does not at present admit his liability either to make proper approaches from the streets or to fence off the land and to stop the thoroughfare. It is necessary that one or the other should be done to prevent the side channel being choked immediately after being cleared.</p> <p>I have to report the months notice served on Mr Mitchell, Hereford Street, auctioneer, to fill up a hollow place on his premises which expired on the 25<sup>th</sup> June, has not been complied with. I beg to refer the Council to Clause 68 of the City Council Ordinance 1862 and to ask for further instructions in this matter.</p> <p>I found an accumulation of water in Madras Street from an artesian well on the Rev'd McHoares premises. I directed the sweeper to clear the grass from the side channel which was obstructing the flow of water and this has to some extent abated the nuisance.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	<p>1 July 1867</p>

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CH343/63a/87	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: I have inspected a nuisance complained of by persons residing in Peterborough Street. I found an accumulation of rain water on their premises owing to the land being below the level of the street. The water had accumulated in a great measure from the adjoining land, and from land in the occupation of Mr Knapman, through a channel cut across Salisbury Street which the City Surveyor has caused to be filled up. I do not think the water will stand long enough to become offensive so have merely recommended that the hollow place should be filled up at their earliest opportunity.</p> <p>Complaint has been made by Messrs Walton &amp; Co of an accumulation of rubbish on a Right of Way near their premises. I gave notice for its removal which has since been complied with.</p> <p>I have inspected on the South Belt. I found an accumulation of offensive water in a ditch on the North side near Montreal Street, and opposite Mr Beken's and the Wagstaff's house. To fill up the ditch and make a short length of path would remove the nuisance.</p> <p>I had called the attention of the proprietor of the "White Horse Hotel", Montreal Street, to a leaky drain from the kitchen door under one part of the house used for bedrooms. I pointed out the danger to the health of the inmates; the proprietor promised to remedy the defect.</p> <p>There is a considerable quantity of water in the side channel in Colombo Street near the "A1 Hotel" which the sweeper is unable to remove. It should flow through the iron pipe recently laid, but it does not do so, owing probably to the channel having worn too deep at this spot.</p> <p>On Saturday I served a notice on Mr McKellow, eating house keeper, High Street, to remove a nuisance caused by water dropping on to the footpath. Shortly after, and whilst I was engaged with the Contractor's men in the back premises, he came out and assaulted me. I propose, with permission of the Council, to lay an information against him under Clause 87 of the City Council Ordinance 1862.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	8 July 1867
CH343/63a/88	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: I have served a notice on Mr Graham as Agent for Wakefield's Trustees, to fill up a hollow place on land fronting on Hereford Street.</p> <p>I have given Mr Hart notice to fill up the hollow places in the stock yards on his premises. Mr Hart stated he would remove them altogether or fill up the hollows as required.</p> <p>I have inspected the sink communicating with the drain under the footpath at the back of the Bank of New Zealand. There is a grating or covering to the pipe in the sink into which all the house slops are thrown, consequently particles of vegetables etc find their way into the side channel. As a remedy for this I would beg to suggest that wherever a drain is permitted under the footpath into the side channels that could be used as a house drain, the opening should be covered with a grating of sufficient fineness to prevent everything but water, passing through it.</p> <p>Some persons are in the habit of throwing house slops under the tap of the artesian well near the "Harp Tavern". I have taken steps to prevent the recurrence of this offence. I beg to suggest the necessity of a Bye-Law to protect the public wells from this abuse.</p> <p>In consequence of a complaint by Mr Jones, High Street, of a nuisance caused at the back of his shop I made an inspection and found mud and silt stopping the drainage from flowing through a grating placed before a wooden culvert laid down. At the time, a portion of the Right of Way at the back was asphalted. To remedy the nuisance I would suggest a moveable grating, and that I have the authority of the Council to employ the sweeper a few minutes daily, to keep the channel clean.</p> <p>The Contractor has rendered his account for emptying night soil pans etc for quarter ending 30<sup>th</sup> June and I propose to commence collecting tomorrow.</p> <p>I have inspected a nuisance on the premises of Mr Nashelski, ironmonger, High Street, caused by slops thrown down in his yard. To abate the nuisance he will, until he removes his family, which he proposes doing in about a fortnight, keep the house slops in some receptacle and have them removed weekly, but is willing to put down a drain into the side channel if he should be ordered so to do by the Council.</p> <p>W H McKellow against whom the Council authorised me to lay an information for assaulting and obstructing me whilst in the execution of my duty was fined £2.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	15 July 1867
CH343/63a/89	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: I have inspected a nuisance existing on a Right of Way to houses fronting on the East side of Colombo Street from the "Garrick Hotel", Kilmore Street, to the "Albion Hotel", Colombo Street. It is covered its whole length with mud and stagnant water. There is also a large quantity of house slops thrown down which causes a very offensive effluvia to arise from it. The nuisance would be removed by the Right of Way being drained. I have therefore given the necessary information to enable the inhabitants to apply to the Council for a Special Local Rate for that purpose.</p> <p>I have detected Mr Burmeister, Fishmonger, High Street, washing some utensil at the artesian well near the "Harp Tavern". I have cautioned him against repeating it in future.</p> <p>I have commenced the collection of accounts due for emptying night soil pans etc for the quarter ending 30<sup>th</sup> June.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	22 July 1867
CH343/63a/90	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: I have inspected a nuisance caused by stagnant water and filth in a hollow place on land in Colombo Street lately occupied by Mr Bavistock who has absconded. I have ascertained that this land was let on lease to Mr Dale who is absent from the Province, who sublet to Mr Bavistock before mentioned. I have called upon Mr Matson (who is Agent for the landlord), who stated he was powerless as he could not get a surrender of the lease, however, as Mr Matson is the only person on whom a notice could be served I ask the Council to authorise me to serve a notice on him.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	29 July 1867

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CH343/63a/91	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: I have called upon Mr Coker, Worcester Street, and urged upon him to complete the filling up of the hollow place on premises in his occupation. With the same object I have called upon Mr Lean, Cathedral Square, who is Agent for the owner of the property as the water in the hollow place is becoming offensive. It is necessary it should be filled up before the approach of warm weather.</p> <p>I have served notice on Mr Matson to fill up a hollow place on land fronting on Colombo Street referred to in my report of last week.</p> <p>I have inspected in Martin Street. This street is private property owned by Mr Creyke. C Clarke, Agent in it. There are extensive hollows which retain surface water during wet weather but which does not remain long enough to become offensive. Propose visiting the locality frequently and to report to the Council when it shall be necessary to fill up any portion of the hollow places.</p> <p>My attention having been called to an offensive effluvia coming from premises in the neighbourhood of the "White Hart". I inspected and found it occasioned by the recent removal of manure and rubbish from the yard of Mr Mathews, grocer, High Street. I have directed the Scavenger to remove dung from these premises in future before 8 o'clock in the morning.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	5 August 1867
CH343/63a/92	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: I had given notice to Mr Creswell, Butcher, Whately Road (now Victoria Street), notice to clean pig styes – the pigs have been removed; he also stated it was not his intention to keep any more on the premises.</p> <p>There is an accumulation of water in the side channel in Montreal Street coming chiefly from the "Junction Hotel" premises. The house slops and the waste water from an artesian well flowing through a drain under the footpath.</p> <p>I have inspected the "Phoenix Brewery" premises and have given notice to empty a cesspool, it being one of the intercepting cesspools placed to prevent solid matter passing into the side channel in Kilmore Street.</p> <p>I have been engaged in collecting accounts due for Scavengering.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	12 August 1867
CH343/63a/93	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: I have inspected in Montreal Street South, a complaint having been made by Mr Bartram, Montreal Street, that a nuisance was caused in the neighbourhood by a cow being insufficiently buried in a paddock. At the time of inspection no offensiveness could be detected. The spot is surrounded by surface water; also the side channels on both sides of the street. I have referred this subject to a member of the Sanitary Committee who suggested I should, when I next inspected in the neighbourhood, report to the Council if any nuisance existed. I sent the sweeper to assist the water from the side channels, but as they are choked with vegetation they require to be thoroughly cleared.</p> <p>I have served a notice on Mr Coker, Worcester Street, to fill up the hollow place on his premises, within one week.</p> <p>I have collected accounts due for Scavengering.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	19 August 1867
CH343/63a/94	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: In consequence of a complaint that the person engaged to remove night soil from the various Government Buildings, was causing a nuisance at the City Council Reserves, by not properly buying the soil. I inspected and found all cause for complaint had been removed.</p> <p>The hollow place on Mr Coker's premises, Worcester Street, has been filled up and the nuisance abated.</p> <p>I have called upon Mr Matson in reference to a notice served on him to fill up a hollow place on land owned by a person for whom he is Agent, he stated it was not in his power to comply with the notice as he had no right to go upon the land. On a former Report the Council authorized me to serve notice on Mr Matson. Will the Council also give me further instructions in this matter.</p> <p>A complaint is made by Mr Hooper, Tuam Street, of a nuisance caused by the keeping of pigs near his house, by Mr Gourlay. I have repeatedly urged upon Mr Gourlay to remove the pig styes to another part of his premises, which he has refused to do. In their present position they are so near Mr Hooper's house as to be a nuisance, altho' they may be kept in the best possible condition.</p> <p>Will the Council authorize me to endeavour to effect this removal by laying an information, or in the opinion of the Council, should this course be taken by Mr Hooper himself.</p> <p>Hackney Carriages – W Dunn, owner and driver of a licensed carriage has been fined for being drunk and driving furiously his Hackney Carriage. As I have on previous occasions warned him of the danger I have now thought it my duty to bring the matter to the notice of the Council.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	26 August 1867
CH343/63a/95	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council.</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: In accordance with instructions received from the Council I have laid a complaint in the Resident Magistrates Court against Mr W Gourlay of Tuam Street for keeping pigs in such a position as to cause a nuisance to Mr Hooper. The matter is now in the hands of the Police.</p> <p>Complaint has been made of a nuisance, caused by stagnant water on section near Cathedral Square. The nuisance will be removed shortly. Mr De Bourbel, the Agent for the owner of the land having advertised for tenders to fill up the hollow places in question.</p> <p>In accordance with instructions received from the Sanitary Committee, I have written to Mr Wilcox, Secretary of the Lyttelton Building Society as Mortgagees, calling attention to the nuisance on premises in Colombo Street to remove which a notice had been served on Mr Matson, Land Agent.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	2 September 1867

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CH343/63a/96	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: I have served a notice on Mr Pavitt as Steward for the Church Property Trustees, to abate a nuisance caused by stagnant water on land fronting on Peterborough Street near Manchester Street.</p> <p>And a notice on Mr C Clarke, as Agent, to fill up a hollow place on land owned by Mr Creyke, known as Martin Street.</p> <p>I have inspected Messrs Deacon &amp; Vincent's Brewery premises. I found a drain had been recently cleansed; the premises were otherwise in a satisfactory state.</p> <p>I have called upon Mr Cant, Cambridge Terrace, and informed him that rubbish on land owned by him in Montreal Street, which was becoming nuisance.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	9 September 1867
CH343/63a/97	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: I have during the past week received a reply from Mr Willcox respecting the nuisance in Colombo Street. He declined to do anything to abate the nuisance as being mortgagees only, but intimates that Mr Matson as Agent for the landlord, will shortly take possession accordingly. Mr Matson has commenced to fill up the hollow place.</p> <p>I have attended at the Resident Magistrates Court to ascertain the result of proceedings against Mr Gourlay, Tuam Street, for keeping pigs so near to Mr Hooper's house as to be a nuisance. I was informed the Magistrate would communicate with the Town Clerk on the subject.</p> <p>Proceedings have been taken by the Police against Mr Patterson, eating house keeper, Cashel Street, for throwing offensive fluid matter into the side channel. I attended to hear the evidence and being present was called on to give evidence as Inspector of Nuisances. I submitted to his Worship that according to the Bye Law the side channels could be used to convey waste water provided a nuisance would not thereby be created; that in some instances waste water was accumulated in barrels and hds (hogsheads?) and carted away at the cost of the persons so accumulating them. His Worship thought the Bye Law not sufficiently explicit and adjourned the case for further enquiries.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	16 September 1867
CH343/63a/98	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: On Thursday last the Resident Magistrate gave his decision on the case against Mr Patterson for throwing house slops in the side channel in Cashel Street. His Worship discussed the information remarking that owing to the wording of the Bye Law a conviction could not be sustained against persons for throwing foul water into the side channels of the streets in the City as it could not be determined what degree of <u>nuisanceness</u> would be within the meaning of that part of the Bye Law prohibiting persons from throwing or conveying into any street any <u>nuisance</u> or <u>offensive</u> fluid matter.</p> <p>I have inspected a nuisance on land owned by Mr Hawden (Messrs Matson &amp; Co, Agents) fronting on Tuam Street near Messrs Montgomery &amp; Co, timber yard, caused by stagnant water in a hollow place which requires to be filled up as the water has become very green and offensive. Apparently there is no possibility of draining the water into the side channel of the street. I have had an interview with Mr Matson on the subject. He asks that action against him may be suspended to allow further time for the water to evaporate urging that the expense of filling up so large an area would be very great. I have thought it my duty to bring it before the Council as complaints have been made and to ask for instructions in reference to it.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	23 September 1867
CH343/63a/99	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: A nuisance exists on a piece of unoccupied land owned by Mr W D Barnard at the corner of St Asaph Street and Sumner Road arising from stagnant water in a hollow place. A notice served by me on Messrs Dale &amp; Percival, as Agents for Mr Barnard, has expired. I have also seen Mr Barnard who informed me the land would be built upon in a few days. I have since heard that this is not likely to be the case. The hollow place requires to be filled up; about twelve loads of earth would be sufficient.</p> <p>I have inspected "Barrett's Hotel" premises. There is now an artesian well on the premises; the open drain in the yard has been filled up. The urinal has been rebuilt in a very satisfactory and substantial manner and will be a great convenience to the neighbourhood.</p> <p>My attention being directed to a nuisance created in the side channel in Hereford Street, I inspected and found a quantity of condemned beer had been emptied into the channel from Mr Louisson's Bonded Store. They desisted when requested by the Police Constable on duty. I, without delay, caused the channel to be cleansed from hops and sediment. I beg to ask whether or not, in the opinion of the Council, an information should be laid under Bye Law No 4 against the persons concerned.</p> <p>I beg to ask the Council to give instructions for a barrow for the use of the Scavenger suitable for removing the light rubbish cleared from the channels. The barrows in use by the labour gang not being adapted for that purpose.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	30 September 1867
CH343/63a/100	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: In consequence of further complaints of the nuisance caused by stagnant water in a hollow place in Martin Street. I called upon Mr C Clark, Land Agent. He at once gave orders to fill up the hollow sufficiently to abate the nuisance.</p> <p>In accordance with instructions from the Council I called upon Mr Leggett and asked him to pay for the extra labor he caused to be done in the side channel in Hereford Street. He has since called at the office of the Town Clerk and settled the matter.</p> <p>I have inspected the "Fleece Hotel" premises; the drainage from the house is carried under the footpath into the side channel in Armagh Street which is swept daily by the Scavenger. The bottom of the channel is very soft owing to its having been used as a drain from the Hotel for many years and is in need of stone channelling.</p> <p>I have given notice to Mr Fletcher, Sumner Road, to clean an open drain running from the back of his house towards the road. The owner of the premises has obtained permission to place a culvert under the footpath to carry off the waste water from the artesian well on the premises.</p>	7 October 1867

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	<p>A nuisance is caused in the side channel in Colombo Street by the drainage from Norman's Right of Way. For a long time the state of the side channel in this part of Colombo Street has been bad, there being no artesian water flowing down it. I beg to represent to the Council the need for stone channelling from the pipe drain to Cashel Street and a supply of artesian water flowing down it.</p> <p>I have served a notice on Mr Barnard to fill up a hollow place on land owned by him in Sumner Road, Section 1155; he has taken steps to abate the nuisance.</p> <p>Hackney Carriages – I have made enquiries respecting Joseph Day, an applicant for a driver's license – the result was satisfactory.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	
<p><b>CH343/63a/101</b></p>	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: In accordance with instructions I have solicited subscriptions from persons interested in Norman's Right of Way for an artesian well to be used to flush the side channel of Colombo Street fronting their premises. Mr Withey, butcher, has promised £1; Mr Scrimshaw, joiner, 10/-; the others for various reasons object to contribute.</p> <p>I have detected an offensive smell in the side channel in High Street near Messrs Fisher &amp; Co's store and from the "White Hart Hotel" to Mr Stevens', stationer, and in Cashel Street near Mr Robinson's shop, chemist. I attributed it to the water that remains in the hollows after being swept.</p> <p>Of the Contractor's accounts for emptying closet pans etc for quarter ending 30<sup>th</sup> June there remains £17 uncollected, through bankruptcies etc but some portion of this will not be recovered. I have not yet received the Contractor's book for quarter ending 30<sup>th</sup> September but hope to have it in the course of the week and will at once commence the collection.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p> <p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: I have inspected May brewery premises, Antigua Street. The premises are now tenanted by Mr Manning. I found that casks had been washed near the land drain as the washings would flow into and foul the water in the drain. I cautioned him not to do this otherwise proceedings would be taken against him to prevent it. I have inspected an open ditch at the back of the "Shearers' Arms", Antigua Street. There is a natural spring on the premises, the water from which flows into this ditch and there being no outlet the water is stagnant; formerly there was an outlet into the South drain. This locality requires drainage as it is becoming thickly populated.</p> <p>The Contractor, J Hadfield, has rendered his book for emptying soil pans etc for quarter ending 30 September and I have commenced collecting.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	<p>14 October 1867</p> <p>21 October 1867</p>
<p><b>CH343/63a/102</b></p>	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: During past week I have been engaged in collecting accounts due for emptying night soil pans etc.</p> <p>I have given to the City Surveyor a list of the side channels that require to have shingle placed along them. With the approach of warm weather I find the side channels, where used for drainage, become more offensive. By spreading shingle along the margin of the channels, the drainage is prevented from spreading over a larger space than is necessary to carry it off.</p> <p>Propose, if it met with the approval of the Council, to let the Scavenger commence work at six o'clock in the morning in order that the side channels in the centre of the Town may be swept before business hours.</p> <p>I regret not having been enabled to report more promises of subscriptions towards the cost of an artesian well necessary in Colombo Street near Norman's Right of Way.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	<p>28 October 1867</p>
<p><b>CH343/63a/103</b></p>	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: During the past week I have been engaged in collecting accounts due for emptying closet pans etc for quarter ending 30 September. As approved by the Council the Scavenger has commenced to work at 6 o'clock in the morning thereby leaving all the channels in the centre of the City swept before 10 o'clock.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	<p>4 November 1867</p>
<p><b>CH343/63a/104</b></p>	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: During the past week I have been engaged in collecting accounts due for emptying night soil pans etc.</p> <p>I have also served the following notices as recommended in the Scavenger's Report of last week and approved by the Council: on Mr Banks, as Trustee of Mrs Cook deceased; on Mr Fuller, Antigua Street, and Mr Clarke, Agent for Mr Halkitt, to fill up hollow places being receptacles for stagnant water on private property situate between Montreal Street and Antigua Street South.</p> <p>I have inspected the South drain. At the Western extremity there is an accumulation of stagnant water and rubbish which requires to be removed. In a former report I have suggested that this portion of the drain should be filled up but if cleansed from time to time and kept open it would be available to carry off the surface water from the swampy ground in the neighbourhood in the winter season.</p> <p>I have given notice to Mr Snell, and Mr Manning, Sumner Road, to provide water closets.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	<p>11 November 1867</p>

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CH343/63a/105	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: During the past week I have been engaged in collecting accounts due for emptying night soil pans etc. I have made a daily inspection of the wet side channels. In many places the long grass and weeds have overgrown them making it difficult for the sweeper to cleanse them.</p> <p>I have inspected the hollow place complained of by Mr Manning, Barbadoes Street, as stated in his letter. Clay has been dug from the hollow place by the late Mr Reynolds, brick maker, who leased the premises from Mr Hilton.</p> <p>Mr W Wilson who is the owner of the land has commenced filling it up. At the time of inspection I could not detect offensive smell. Mr Manning, I understand, complains more of the dampness caused in his house. The hollow being of considerable extent. The water is likely to become offensive and injurious to the health of the inhabitants. Before the filling up is completed I therefore strongly recommend that the water should be pumped out, thereby, the necessity for fixing a time for filling up the hollow will be obviated. I beg to refer to Clause 68 of the City Council Ordinance which gives the Council power over hollow places <u>likely</u> to become offensive or injurious to the health of the inhabitants.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	18 November 1867
CH343/63a/106	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: During the past week I have been engaged in collecting accounts due for emptying night soil pans etc. I have also made a daily inspection of the side drains that on the north side of Cashel Street between High Street and Manchester Street owing to there being no fall for the water and from the nature of the approaches to premises abutting upon it, is in a very unsatisfactory state.</p> <p>I have made a further endeavour to collect subscriptions for an artesian well on Normans Right of Way. The following have been promised: Mr Scrimshaw 10/-; Mr Withey £2; Mr Cunningham £5; Messrs Lana £2 – total £9.10</p> <p>Mr Blake of the “A1 Hotel” has promised to give a spot on his leasehold land on which to sink the well.</p> <p>My attention having been called to the danger arising from wells on unfenced and unoccupied land being without lids, I inspected one on premises owned by Mr Guildford in Madras Street. I afterwards saw Mr Guildford who authorized me to say to his tenant that he would bear the expense if the tenant would do the repairs; and another on premises owned by Mr Rutland? in Whately Road (now Victoria Street), which has since been made secure against accident.</p> <p>I have detected an offensive smell arising from the underground culvert at which there is a grating at the corner of Kilmore Street and Durham Street. I anticipate this would be remedied by fitting effluvia traps to the gratings.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	25 November 1867
CH343/63a/107	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: According to instructions, I have served a notice on Mr Guildford to provide a covering to the well on his property in Madras Street. I have since visited the premises and found the notice is being attended to.</p> <p>I have called upon Mr Bowler, Messrs Cox &amp; Baber, Mr Gay and Mr Stark and have asked them to bear the expense of stone kerbing in front of their premises in Cashel Street. Mr Bowler and Messrs Cox &amp; Baber have consented; have yet to see Captain Westenra and Mr Helmore who are interested in the premises tenanted by Mr Gay and Mr Stark.</p> <p>Mr Rowe, butcher, Colombo Street - I have served a notice on Mr Rowe to provide a receptacle for house refuse. I find these premises habitually in a neglected condition.</p> <p>I have collected some accounts due for emptying night soil pans. Some accounts in dispute I have handed back to the Contractor for rectification.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	2 December 1867
CH343/63a/108	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: I have inspected premises owned by Mr Molloy in Peterborough Street. I found the closets had been cleansed, and were being put in a satisfactory condition.</p> <p>The filling up of the hollow place on land owned by Mr De Bourbel in Cathedral Square is completed.</p> <p>Complaint having been made by Mr Harris, Durham Street South of a nuisance existing in the neighbourhood. In the course of inspection I visited the premises of Mr Pearce, market gardener, Durham Street. I discovered a quantity of decaying vegetable refuse on the premises required for manure. I suggested it should be covered with earth. Mr Pearce promised to abate the nuisance.</p> <p>I have again inspected Mr Rowe’s premises. I found, in compliance with notice, a receptacle had been provided for house refuse and the premises in better condition than formerly.</p> <p>I have served a notice on Mr Packer, the owner of a house in Lichfield Street let to a weekly tenant, to do necessary work to closet on the premises at present in bad condition.</p> <p>Hackney Carriages – An accident occurred on Friday last to No 7, T Stout owner and driver, by the breaking of the harness. I inspected the harness a few minutes after the accident and found it to be in apparently good condition therefore no blame attached to the owner.</p> <p>I have drawn the attention of owners to Clause ? of the Bye Law which requires that Licenses shall be produced and applications made for renewal before the 15<sup>th</sup> December.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Hackney Carriages</p>	9 December 1867
CH343/63a/109	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: In consequence of a complaint I have inspected the back premises of an unoccupied house in Cashel Street. Mr George, a bankrupt, being the leaseholder; Mr Hill, Manager of the Bank of New South Wales the Attorney for the freeholder, who is an absentee; Mr George, the leaseholder having absconded. I had an interview with Mr Hill, who disowned any responsibility for the state of the premises, however, I served a notice upon him when he requested that he might not be pressed until after the 17<sup>th</sup> instant when he would know the result of an action he has taken against Mr</p>	17 December 1867

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	<p>George concerning the property in question.</p> <p>Complaint has been made by Mr Brock, Madras Street North, of a nuisance caused by the keeping of pigs on premises adjoining his in the occupation of Mr Free. I inspected and found the styes in good condition and about half a chain from Mr Brock's house. I suggested the stye should be removed to a more distant spot from Mr Brock's house. Mr Free said he would comply. Many persons who complain from time to time of pigs being nuisance within the boundaries of the City suppose that the keeping of pigs is entirely prohibited within such limits.</p> <p>Complaint is made of the nuisance caused by the waste water flowing about the artesian well opposite Messrs Cob &amp; Co coach office and that opposite the "Harp Tavern" in High Street.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	
<b>CH343/63a/110</b>	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: The nuisance, reported to the Council at their last meeting, existing on premises in Cashel Street late in the occupation of Mr George, is abated; Mr Hill as Agent for the owner is about to fill up the hollows, as suggested in the notice served upon him.</p> <p>I have also seen Mr Free and requested him to remove his pig styes further from Mr Brock's house which he has promised to do.</p> <p>I have served some notices on persons residing in Durham Street and Lichfield Street to cut their hedges which at present overhang the footpath.</p> <p>Great inconvenience is felt by foot passengers along Madras Street South, east side near the Belt by the encroachment of water from the side channel through the wearing away of the footpath by traffic across it up a private street.</p> <p>Hackney Carriages – In consequence of complaints made by Hackney Carriage proprietors of injustice done them at the cab stand at the Railway Station, I waited upon the Provincial Secretary and acquainted him of the circumstances of my having in conjunction with the station master, fixed on a position for the stand. The Provincial Secretary expressed himself glad to have the question brought to his notice and promised to have the stand marked out and regulations made that would prevent complaints arising in future</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Hackney Carriages</p>	23 December 1867
<b>CH343/63a/111</b>	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: I have again visited Mr Free's premises, Madras Street. I found the pig styes, complained of by Mr Brock, had not been removed owing to Mr Free being at work in the Country. His wife stated he would return in a day or two when it would be done immediately.</p> <p>I have again inspected the premises of Mr Lodge, "Triangle", and have made suggestions to him which if carried out will abate the nuisance complained of as arising from his premises.</p> <p>Complaint is made by Mr Lucas, Oxford Terrace of a nuisance caused by the horse manure on the premises of Mr Shayler's livery stables. I inspected and found in order to abate the nuisance it would be necessary to keep it on some other part of the premises. This, Mr Shayler states, he is unable to do; the house slops being thrown upon the manure heap causes it very soon to become offensive. It should be mentioned that the house in which Mr Lucas resides is built close up to the stables. If he should continue to reside in this house I believe the health of his family will suffer.</p> <p>Side Channel, Cashel Street – Altho' this channel has been thoroughly cleansed by the labor gang it continues in a very unsatisfactory state, for want of stone channelling. Messrs Cox &amp; Baber and Mr Bowler have consented to kerb in front of their premises. Mr Gay, the present tenant of Ladbrook's Stables, has promised a subscription of £2. Mr Ladbrook will not subscribe; Captain Westenra has promised £2. The next premises are owned by a Mr Duncan who is absent. Mr Helmore, as Agent, will not incur the expense of kerbing in front of these premises.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	30 December 1867
<b>CH343/63a/112</b>	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: I have inspected Mr Free's premises, Madras Street. According to his promise I found his pig stye had been removed and is now more than a chain distant from Mr Brock's house.</p> <p>Mr Shayler has removed the accumulation of horse manure complained of by Mr Lucas.</p> <p>In consequence of a complaint of a nuisance existing on premises in the "Triangle" late in the occupation of Mr Bloom I inspected and found an accumulation of offensive matter which I gave Mr King, the owner of the property, notice to remove.</p> <p>The hollow place on premises late in the occupation of Mr George has been filled up in a satisfactory manner.</p> <p>Notices to cut hedges overhanging footpath in Durham Street have been complied with.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	6 January 1868
<b>CH343/63a/113</b>	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: The Contractor for the removal of night soil has rendered his book for the removal of night soil for the quarter ending 31 December 1867 and I am now engaged in collecting on account of the same.</p> <p>During the heavy storm on Tuesday I observed many premises to be flooded, amongst others, Mr Coker's garden, Manchester and Glo'ster Street. The water accumulated to a large quantity in the low part from the surrounding premises and by overflowing the footpath in Glo'ster Street. When Mr Coker came into occupation of these premises he filled up a portion that contained stagnant water and thereby abated a nuisance. Water is still likely to accumulate in wet weather, but I do not think it will be suffered to remain long enough to become offensive; in the present instance it has been pumped out.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	13 January 1868
<b>CH343/63a/114</b>	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: I have inspected the premises of Mr Shayler, Oxford Terrace, stable keeper. Further complaint having been made of the state of the premises. In one corner of the stable yard the dung is accumulated in a bin from which a small drain is cut by the side of and leading to the back of the stables to receive the liquid flowing from the bin.</p>	20 January 1868

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	<p>Mr Shayler is about to fill up the drain and excavate beneath the bin as a receptacle for the liquid at present flowing into the drain. If this plan should fail to abate the nuisance the only course left will be to remove the accumulation of dung every day and lay a drain from the premises into the side channel in Oxford Terrace.</p> <p>I have inspected the premises of the Servants Home, Peterboro' Street. Drainage is much needed from these premise. At present all the waste water from the establishment (which is very considerable in quantity) is thrown about the ground at the back of the house and this has been done for so long a time as to cause a very offensive effluvia to arise. The evil is aggravated by the yard being too much enclosed by trees. The City Surveyor has visited the premises and pointed out the present fall for the drainage which is from the back of the premises through private property into Durham Street. A less expensive method would be to make up the ground in front and drain into the side channel in Peterborough Street but as there is no artesian well on the premises this cannot be recommended at present. There is a barrel kept for the reception of the most offensive part of the house slops which will require to be removed twice a week at a cost of 3/- per week.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	
<p><b>CH343/63a/115</b></p>	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: During the past week I accompanied the Sanitary Committee to inspect the premises of the Servants Home, Peterborough Street, and premises of Mr Shayler, stable keeper, Oxford Terrace. In the former it was suggested that the drainage should be carried to a sink to be made at the lower part of the yard, and a drain made through Mr Hart's property into Durham Street and thereby take advantage of the stream of artesian water flowing near the spot where the drainage would be discharged, otherwise to lay an open brick drain from a spot near the back of the house to flow into a cesspool to be made as far as possible from the house. On Mr Shayler's premises the committee recommended that the drain coming from the dung heap to the back of the stable should be filled up and an open channel or pipe drain laid from the premises into Oxford Terrace.</p> <p>I have since seen Mr Hart. He denies having promised to give permission to drain through his property.</p> <p>Mr Shayler has filled up the drain as requested and is now removing the stable manure when it has accumulated to a cart load.</p> <p>My attention has been called to the state of the side channel between Barnard's Repository in Cashel Street and Manchester Street. The sweeper is unable to bring this portion into a satisfactory condition through there being so little fall for water. It is very irregular and deeper in some parts than others, thus allowing a quantity of stagnant water constantly to remain, the effluvia from which is very offensive.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	
<p><b>CH343/63a/116</b></p>	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: I have inspected the premises of Mr Collins' "Family Hotel", Hereford Street. I found them in a very unsatisfactory condition. The house slops which flow from the house through an open channel having accumulated in the yard; formerly the drainage flowed into the side channel in Cashel Street, which was disallowed by the Council, as a nuisance was thereby created.</p> <p>Since the drain on these premises has been filled up, and the stable manure removed more frequently, no further complaints have been made.</p> <p>My attention having been directed to the danger arising from an uncovered well on land at the corner of Lichfield Street and Barbadoes Street, I inspected and gave Mrs Barnard, the owner, notice to cover it, which has since been complied with.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	<p>3 February 1868</p>
<p><b>CH343/63a/117</b></p>	<p>Letter to The Town Clerk, Christchurch – 10 February 1868</p> <p>Sir, We beg to call your attention to the present disgraceful state of the back premises belonging to the "Central Hotel", and Mr Ritchie, Baker, Colombo Street and to request that you will take such steps as will remove the annoyance.</p> <p>In the former place the house slops have accumulated, and in the latter the manure heap until they have become a very offensive nuisance. We are Sir, yours truly, Ward &amp; Reeves.</p> <p>Letter to the Inspector of Nuisances, City Council Office Cathedral Square – Feb 10 1868</p> <p>Please empty pan on Cathedral Site at once and from this date at the end of every three weeks until further notice.</p> <p>Speechly &amp; Crisp</p> <p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: I have visited Mr Shayler's premises, during the past week. I have ascertained that a load of manure accumulates in the space of three or four days by which time it becomes in such a state, (considering that dwelling houses are so near as to render the same the cause of frequent complaint), Mr Shayler is under notice to remove his stable dung daily. I now ask for instructions whether or not I should lay an information against Mr Shayler under The Christchurch City Council Ordinance Amendment Ordinance 1865, Clause 15.</p> <p>The nuisance referred to in Mr Black's letter has been removed and the premises are now in a satisfactory condition.</p> <p>I have inspected Mr Ritchies premises. The Contractor, J Hadfield, has received orders to remove the stable manure complained of. I have inspected Mr Morris' premises; the accumulation of house slops on these premises causes a nuisance to exist and occasions the frequent complaints by Messrs Ward &amp; Reeves. Mr Moir informs me he contemplates sinking an artesian well when the present mode of disposing of the house slops may be dispensed with; the Contractor empties the slop barrels twice weekly.</p> <p>The contract for Scavenging terminated on the 7<sup>th</sup> instant. Will the Council authorise the continuance of the contract until the end of the current quarter. The Contractor has expressed his willingness to continue the work during that period.</p> <p>I append a letter from Messrs Speechly &amp; Crisp, the contract now ended compels the Contractor to empty closet pans fortnightly and oftener if necessary; some persons object to pay more often than monthly; may the request contained in this</p>	<p>10 February 1868</p>

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<b>CH343/63a/118</b>	To the Chairman and Members of the City Council Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: In accordance with instructions I have laid an information against Mr Shayler for suffering dung to accumulate on his premises. House – Madras Street – My attention has been called to two cottages in Madras Street near the "Caversham Hotel", which are a great nuisance to the neighbourhood, one is tenanted by prostitutes, the other being untenanted, both houses are in a filthy condition inside. From enquiries I have made I learn that the person holding the lease of the premises is absent and his address is unknown. I have seen Mr Clark, the Agent for the freeholder, on the subject. He states that he has no legal authority to enter the premises, but if on my report that the houses are a nuisance the Council should order any notice to be served on him to abate the nuisance, he would feel justified in acting under the protection of that order. I have enquired of the Contractor the cause of his being late with the night drays on the morning stated in Mr Swales' letter. He explained that the loads being heavy, an additional horse was required which took his man some time in procuring. He promised to avoid further complaints. I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	17 February 1868
<b>CH343/63a/119</b>	To the Chairman and Members of the City Council Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: I have written to Mr R Packer calling his attention to the danger arising from an uncovered well on premises at the East end of St Asaph Street. I am not yet in a position to report the result of the information laid against Mr Shayler as the case has not yet been heard. I have served a notice on Mr Clark to abate the nuisance caused by the filthy conditions of two cottages in Madras Street. I have also laid a complaint at the Resident Magistrates Court with a view to proceeding under the Police Ordinance should the nuisance remain unabated. I have endeavoured to collect the promised contributions towards kerbing that portion of Cashel Street between High Street and Manchester Street but owing to circumstances both Mr Cameron (who was lately the Clerk but now the successor of Mr W Bowler) and Messrs Cox & Baber now decline to contribute; the latter state they are about to let for building purposes or build upon their present unoccupied frontage when it may be necessary to asphalt and kerb the footpath. I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	24 February 1868
<b>CH343/63a/120</b>	To the Chairman and Members of the City Council Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: I have inspected the premises of Mrs Ashwin. I found an accumulation of house and garden refuse which is complained of as being very offensive, I also inspected the closets and found the cesspool required to be emptied and fitted up and closet pans provided for the closets removed to another part of the premises. I desire the authority of the Council for giving the required notice. I respectfully again call the attention of the Council to the offensive state of the cab stand in front of the "City Hotel". I have attended the Resident Magistrates Court against Mr Shayler. It was decided that the Council, having ordered the removal of a proved nuisance, Mr Shayler was bound to comply but had failed to do so; a fine of 5/- was inflicted. I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	2 March 1868
<b>CH343/63a/121</b>	To the Chairman and Members of the City Council Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: I am enabled to state that arrangements have been made for the daily removal of the manure from Mr Shayler's stables. In conformity with instructions I have served notice on Mrs Ashwin. Since the service I have inspected the premises, and found some portion of the refuse had been removed and the cesspools emptied. I have supplied closet pans for use in the closets, and the City Scavenger has been engaged to complete the work required in the notice. I have served several notices to provide new closet pans in consequence of those at present in use being worn out. I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	9 March 1868
<b>CH343/63a/122</b>	To the Chairman and Members of the City Council Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: During the past week I have inspected the Right of Way at the back of Mr Lee's premises. An artesian well has been sunk on the premises and the nuisance caused by slops thrown upon the Right of Way has been removed. I have inspected the premises of the Servants' Home, Peterborough Street to remedy the nuisance caused by house slops being thrown about the yard. A hole was dug in the yard to receive the drainage as a temporary expedient. This has now become very offensive and cannot exist without great danger to health. Mrs Ashwin has complied with the notice calling upon her to remove an accumulation of refuse and to alter closets and provide closet pans. I have had a letter of complaint from Mr Reeves against these premises and the premises of the "Central Hotel" laid before me. I have inspected both premises; the accumulation of stable manure on Mr Ritchies is removed as often as there is a load. If it be the wish of the Council that Mr Ritchie should have notice to remove stable manure daily will the Council give me instructions so to do. I should mention it takes three or four weeks to accumulate a load. In compliance with my notice Mr Moir cleared his yard during the past week. The accumulation of house slops in barrels is the cause of the frequent complaints that are made, but as it has been my duty to report on a former occasion there is a want of care on the part of the occupiers in matters relating to cleanliness. The City Scavenger's visits to the premises are regular, to remove night soil, ashes etc and house slops. I have called repeatedly for the amount of the Contractor's quarterly account for removing night soil etc from the "Criterion Hotel". The amount is £11.10; the proprietor has offered £5 as he disputes the quantity of work done. Will the Council authorize me to take proceedings to recover the amount.	16 March 1868

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CH343/63a/123	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: In accordance with the instructions of the Council, I have served a notice on the housekeeper at the Servants' Home, Peterborough Street to abate the nuisance caused by the accumulation of house slops on the premises.</p> <p>Instructed by the Sanitary Committee I have served a notice on Mr Ritchie, baker, Colombo Street, to remove all accumulations of stable manure weekly.</p> <p>I have served several notices on persons to cut gorse and other hedges where they overhang the footpaths.</p> <p>Most of the notices served on persons to provide new closet pans have been complied with.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	23 March 1868
CH343/63a/124	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: I have inspected premises in the occupation of Mr Treacy, High Street. I found a cesspool on the premises in bad condition. I therefore served notice upon Mr Treacy to fill up the cesspool and provide a closet pan.</p> <p>I have inspected the premises of the Servants' Home, Peterborough Street. The nuisance caused by want of drainage from these premises has been abated for a time. I have urged upon the housekeeper the necessity for providing a house drain with as little delay as possible.</p> <p>I have inspected premises at back of Aldreds' Cottages, Durham Street.</p> <p>The well on the premises has recently been cleaned out and a large quantity of black foetid mud removed, the cottages have been empty some time but are now about to be let. It is intended that the tenants shall obtain their supply of water from this well and it is evidently quite unfit for use.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	31 March 1868
CH343/63a/125	<p>Attached notice: List of breaches of the Hackney Carriage By Law dated 1867/68 by Mr Walter Hartnell – 6 charges @ 10/-; 1 breach @20/- (£1)</p> <p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: I have inspected the premises of the "White Hart Hotel". I have frequently had occasion to call attention to the filthy state of the urinal; the proprietor has now abolished it.</p> <p>I wish to submit to the Council whether it is desirable to advertise the price and terms on which persons can be supplied with the soil now being removed from the City.</p> <p>Hackney Carriages – My attention has been called to the number of convictions, against W Hartnell for breaches of the Hackney Carriage Bye Law. I have thought it my duty to report him to the Council and to refer to Clause 14 of the Hackney Carriage Bye Law.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Hackney Carriages</p>	6 April 1868
CH343/63a/126	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: In answer to the question contained in my report of last week whether the night soil now being removed from the City should be advertised for sale, the Council desired I would report the probable demand for it and the price likely to be obtained. I am not yet in a position to say whether there would be demand for it as the complaint is general by stable keepers and others that they have to pay for the removal of manure. I can state that the quantity removed weekly is about 10 tons but until the land in the vicinity of the City requires manure I think there will be but little demand for it.</p> <p>A nuisance exists on the footpath in front of the "Mechanics' Hotel", Colombo Street, caused by the stoppage of a drain running from the back of the premises into the side channel.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	15 April 1868
CH343/63a/127	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: I have inspected premises in the occupation of Mr Rowe and Mr Dearing, butchers, Colombo Street. I detected a bad smell on the premises which I attributed to want of drainage. I have before pointed this out to Mr Rowe and now think that compulsory proceedings should be taken to enforce the owner or occupier to lay the necessary drain into the side channel or otherwise down the Right of Way leading into Gloucester Street. A much larger quantity of water is used on these premises since the occupation by Mr Dearing.</p> <p>I have inspected premises on which there is an open ditch abutting on Antigua Street. It contains a quantity of stagnant water for which there is no outlet, the drainage from the premises of the "White Swan Hotel", Tuam Street flows into it. On a former occasion, I called the attention of the owner, the Rev(J Wilson) and W Wilson to it. To abate the nuisance the ditch should be filled up and a drain laid from the Hotel premises into the side channel in Tuam Street. There is an artesian well on the Hotel premises which might be kept running to cleanse the drain.</p> <p>I have served a notice on Mr Bunt to abate the nuisance caused by the drain from the "Mechanics' Hotel". Since service of the notice, the drain has been cleaned out.</p> <p>The order book recommended by the Sanitary Committee has been provided and is in the hands of the Contractor. I submit a proof of the card also recommended by the Committee and beg to state that 400 or 500 will answer present requirements, and to ask whether a large number shall be ordered for future supply.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	20 April 1868

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CH343/63a/128	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: I have served notice on the Rev. J Wilson to fill up an open ditch on land of which he is the owner fronting on Antigua Street. I have also served a notice on Mr Russell to abate a nuisance caused by drainage from his premises on to land owned by the Rev J Wilson. Mr Russell is acting on the notice served upon him, when completed, it may not be necessary to enforce that served upon W Wilson as most of the water has come from Mr Russell's premises.</p> <p>The Contractor, J Hadfield has rendered his account for emptying night soil pans etc and I have commenced collecting. Hackney Carriages – It is found that there is not sufficient room for three carts on the stand by the side of the cabstand opposite the "City Hotel".</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	27 April 1868
CH343/63a/129	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: I have inspected these premises during the past week. I have ascertained that a brick surface drain will be laid down the Right of Way from the premises into Gloucester Street. I have suggested that before taking this step the usual permission should be applied for.</p> <p>Complaint has been made of an offensive effluvia arising from stagnant water in a hollow place lying between the end of Peterboro' Street and Cambridge Terrace. To fill up this hollow will require a large quantity of earth which will be at hand when this portion of Peterborough Street shall be formed.</p> <p>Hackney Carriages – I had made enquiries respecting F Lambert, who is applying for a Licence as a driver. I am informed that he is a very steady man, but I cannot hear that he has had much experience as a driver in Christchurch.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector</p>	4 April 1868
CH343/63a/130	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I have had an interview with Mr Lewis and Mr Bruce, the owners of the Right of Way from the back of Mr Rowe's premises to Glo'ster Street. I have ascertained that the making of the necessary drain is deferred in consequence of neither of the persons I have mentioned being individually responsible. I have been asked what the expenses would be but I am unable to answer this until the necessary survey has been made. I have reminded Mr Lewis and Mr Bruce that ample time has been given to abate the nuisance. They express their willingness to pay a proportion of the expense that must be incurred in making the necessary drain. I beg to refer the Council to Clause 59 of the Christchurch City Council Ordinance and await further instructions in this matter.</p> <p>I have served a notice on Mr Coker, Manchester Street, to remedy a defect in a drain under the footpath from his house, which has been complied with.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	11 May 1868
CH343/63a/131	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I have accompanied the Sanitary Committee to Mr Rowe's premises, Colombo Street, and by their direction I have served a notice on Mr Rowe and Mr Bruce who have the principal use of the drain reported as a nuisance, to abate the nuisance within a fortnight.</p> <p>The Committee recommended Mr Rowe to fill up the hollow portions of his yard with shingle, which he is doing, also to lay a stone surface drain into Gloucester Street. If this should be done the footpath will require to be made up and a pipe laid underneath.</p> <p>I have to report a brick surface drain laid from the Dunedin Club Hotel, High Street into Manchester Street. There is an artesian well on the premises. I do not anticipate that a nuisance will be created thereby but before house drains are laid into the side channels as a general rule the Council will probably insist upon proper sinks and gratings being made on all premises having drains running into the side channels to prevent solid matter flowing with water into the drains.</p> <p>I have been engaged in collecting accounts due for emptying night soil pans etc and distributing cards of direction for new contact.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	18 May 1868
CH343/63a/132	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: On calling upon Mr Cooper, Montreal Street, for payment of Scavenging account I discovered the owner, Mr Dearsley had removed the closet pans and dug a cesspool beneath the closet. By a resolution of the Council the pan system can be extended to any part of the City where desirable. In this particular instance I consider the closet pan preferable, the yard being very small.</p> <p>I should however state the locality is beyond the boundary line mentioned in the Scavenging contract. Will the Council authorize me to give Mr Dearsley notice to fill up the cesspool and to replace the pan or otherwise to permit him to retain the cesspool.</p> <p>My attention has been directed to the channel on the North side of Lichfield Street between Colombo Street and High Street. The inhabitants complain of a stench arising from it and in places the water spreads on to the street so as to make it very inconvenient for the approach of vehicles; the drainage from the "White Hart Hotel" flows into it but this I anticipate will soon be remedied as Mr Hart proposes laying his house drain into High Street stone channel.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	26 May 1868
CH343/63a/133	<p>To the Chairman and Members of the City Council</p> <p>Gentlemen, I beg to report as follows: I have inspected the premises occupied by Mr Paterson, eating-house keeper, Cashel Street. I found the yard in a dirty condition owing to there being no drainage from the premises.</p> <p>By the direction of the Sanitary Committee I have served a notice on Mr Dearsley to replace the closet pan on the premises owned by him in Montreal Street.</p> <p>Mr Bruce has made a drain from the artesian well on the Right of Way to the premises on to his own premises. The present</p>	1 June 1868

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	<p>channel is to be filled up with shingle, thus a drain into Gloucester Street will for the present not be necessary.</p> <p>I have called the attention of the City Surveyor to the cab stand opposite Messrs Cobb &amp; Co's offices. It requires to be raised with shingle to prevent the waste water from the horse trough overflowing it. In its present state it cannot be used without much inconvenience.</p> <p>I have called upon Mr Bird who has succeeded Mr Bowler as Agent for the "Globe Insurance Company" in Cashel Street for payment for the stone kerbing to the footpath opposite their offices. The difficulty in collecting this money arises from the circumstance that Mr Bowler, the late Agent, was owner of the premises occupied as offices by the company but in fact the guarantee was accepted from the Company as occupiers. Upon this representation the present Agent has promised to pay, should the Company continue in occupation.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	
<b>CH343/87a/1</b>	<p>Letter to Commissioner of Police</p> <p>Sir, In accordance with instruction received from the City Council I have the honour to communicate with you in reference to gorse and other live fences overhanging the footpaths in the City. Acting on previous instructions, I have given notice, written in most cases, to owners and occupiers of premises on which there are hedges overhanging as before mentioned, and have been enabled to report these notices for the most part complied with but some have not been, as to these I have asked further instructions from the Council, in reply I was directed to bring the subject to the notice of the Police Authorities. It will however be my duty to render every assistance in my power that you may require of me in reference to this matter.</p> <p>I have the honour to be your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	19 March 1869
	<p>Letter 'To The Worshipful, the Resident Magistrate',</p> <p>Sir, I beg to lay a complaint of a nuisance existing on premises in the occupation of Mr Thompson, greengrocer, Colombo Street; the premises are in a most filthy condition.</p> <p>I have the honour to be Sir, your most obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	31 March 1869
<b>CH343/87a/3</b>	<p>2 letters</p> <p>Too faint to read but are Rate demands</p>	
<b>CH343/87a/4</b> <b>(CH343/87a/</b>	<p>2 letters smudged</p> <p>Mr Sutcliff</p> <p>Sir, I am desired by the City Council to request that the unpaid rates must be paid at once. ...to find the enclosed notice . Mr Sutcliff....to close the Rolls</p> <p>I am your obedient servant, F C Tribe, Collector</p> <p>Mr T Field?</p> <p>Sir, May I hassle you to send me a cheque for the enclosed at your first convenience.</p> <p>I am Sir, Your obedient servant, F C Tribe, Collector</p>	2 April 1869 2 April 1869
<b>CH343/87a/5</b>	<p>Mr Coff, City Surveyor,</p> <p>Sir, Being desirous to act on the suggestion made by Mr Duncan that the much complained of side channel High Street should be swept earlier than at present. Will you be good enough to instruct Edwards to do so - he has told me plainly this morning he will (at present) take no instructions from me. I think there must be some misunderstanding on his part and should wish him to be put right. Edwards, as you are aware, is in the place of the one man placed at my disposal by a Resolution of the Council.</p> <p>I have the honor be Sir, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	8 April 1869
<b>CH343/87a/6</b>	<p>2 letters smudged</p> <p>E A Hargreaves</p> <p>I am instructed to ...the amount of... Rates £3.5s.</p> <p>Mr Price, Carpenter</p> <p>Sir, I shall feel obliged by your sending me the enclosed at your first convenience</p>	
<b>CH343/87a/7</b>	<p>Mr Watkins, Akaroa</p> <p>Sir, Will you be good enough to send me a POO (Post Office Order) for the overdue Rates (10/-?) for the year 1868 at your earliest convenience.</p> <p>I am Sir, your obedient servant, F C Tribe, Collector</p> <p>Mr Daniels, Papanui Road</p> <p>I shall feel obliged by your sending the enclosed at your earliest convenience.</p> <p>I am Sir, your obedient servant, F C Tribe, Collector</p>	4 June 1869 7 May 1869
<b>CH343/87a/8</b>	<p>Mr J Hadfield</p> <p>Sir, I am instructed by the Town Clerk to direct you to deliver the night soil at present being carted from the City to the Lord Nelson's Bridge (now Stanmore Road Bridge) and that you will render to me an account weekly of the number of loads delivered.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Sir, Your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	29 May 1869

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CH343/87a/9	Same as below	
CH343/87a/10	To Mr Davis, Lyttelton? From the Collector Sir, Will you be good enough to send me a cheque for the enclosed Rate (£1.) for the year 1868 at your earliest convenience. Please forward the notice and application to your brother?...for another 5/- which perhaps you will send with the above.	4 June 1869
	Mr A Whincop – Will you be good enough to send me a cheque for the enclosed rates £4.6s for the year 1868 at your earliest convenience.	4 June 1869
CH343/87a/11	Abbott Esq, Registrar? Hokitika – May I trouble you to send me a Post Office Order for the enclosed Rates (£3.17) for the year 1868 at your earliest convenience. I am Sir, your obedient servant, F C Tribe, Collector	4 June 1869
CH343/87a/12	Rates request Delamain Esq Sir, May I trouble you to send me a cheque for the enclosed Rates (£4.8) for the year 1868 at your earliest convenience. I am Sir your obedient servant, F C Tribe, Collector	4 June 1869
	C Reade Esq, The Ashburton Sir, May I trouble you to send me a cheque for the enclosed rates £1 for the year 1868 at your earliest convenience. I am Sir, your obedient servant, F C Tribe, Collector	4 June 1869
CH343/87a/13	Madison? Madam, The enclosed application is for Rates due on the House Building occupied by you in Oxford Terrace for the year 1868 but as the present occupier Mr East was living there a part of that year, I have arranged with him to pay 13s 9d being his proportion, may I trouble you therefore to send me the difference of £2.1s 3d at your earliest convenience. I am Madam your obedient servant, F C Tribe, Collector	11 June 1869
	Letter to Robert Cameron Dudley, Rangiora May I trouble you for a cheque for the enclosed at your earliest convenience. I am your obedient servant, F C Tribe, Collector	11 June 1869
CH343/87a/14	Mr Corkhill, Timaru Sir, I have to request that you will send me the enclosed Rate for the year 1868 as early as possible as I am instructed to summons all Defaulters forthwith. I am your obedient servant Tribe Collector	16 July 1869
	E Davis, Lyttelton Sir, Be good enough to send me a cheque for your rates £1 by return of Post, as I am instructed to summons you. I am your obedient servant, FC Tribe Collector	16 July 1869
CH343/87a/15	Griffiths Too hard to read – Rates related perhaps Green	
CH343/87a/16	T Daniels Sir, On the 4 <sup>th</sup> of last month I applied to you for £4.5s amount of rates due from you for the year 1868, I have received forthwith instructions to at once summons all Defaulters. I have therefore to request that you will be good enough to send me the amount at once I am Sir, your obedient servant, F C Tribe, Collector	16 July 1869
	Mr T Drummond, Lyttelton Collector Sir, Will you be good enough to send me the enclosed Rate (£1.5s) for the year 1868 as early as possible, as I am instructed to summons all Defaulters I am Sir, your obedient servant, F C Tribe, Collector	16 July 1869
CH343/87a/17	Letter to Mr Byng, Avonside Sir, I have to request that you will send me the enclosed rates for the year 1868 <u>as early as possible</u> as I am instructed to summons defaulters forthwith. I am sir your obedient servant F C Tribe Collector	16 July 1869
	Letter to Morehouse, I beg to give you notice for Rates due from you for the year 1868, and as I am instructed to summons all Defaulters, you will perhaps be good enough to give the matter your immediate attention. ?	16 July 1869

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CH343/87a/18	To his Worship, the Resident Magistrate Sir, I beg to lay a complaint of a nuisance existing on premises in the occupation of Mr Hills, Oxford Terrace butcher and tripe dresser? to wit offensive matter lying about the premises. I called his attention to this on the 29 ultimo and the nuisance still exists I have the honor sir to be your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	2 August 1869
CH343/87a/19	Letter illegible but Rates related	29 September 1869
CH343/87a/20	William Holmes, Sir, I herewith hand you particulars of Rates due on a double cottage of yours for the years 1868 and 1869, which I will thank you to forward me at your earliest convenience. I am Sir, your obedient servant, F C Tribe, Collector  T H Green Sir, I enclose herewith particulars of a Rate due on your house in Cashel Street for the year 1868, as I received £1.10 from Mr McD? on account? There is only £3. 10 due from you, which I will thank you to let me have as early as possible	1 October 1869  1 October 1869
CH343/87a/21	? Scotts School, St Asaph Street Pans to be empty fortnightly. Your attention is again called to the above Mr Restill (school inspector) is much annoyed at condition of closets on above premises and threatens to complain to the Council William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances  2 <sup>nd</sup> letter Rates related but mostly illegible	23 December 1869
CH343/87a/22	Mr Thomas Brasser?, Waterloo House Dear Sir, I have to request you will take <u>immediate steps</u> to have a portion of the brick building lately occupied by you fronting Colombo Street <u>taken down</u> as it is in a dangerous state. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, Andrew Duncan, Mayor  Mr Router, Watchmaker, Lyttelton, from Collector Sir, I beg to enclose you an application for watering? rate and general city rates you are liable for the payment I shall be most obliged by your forwarding the amount owing next week. I am Sir your obedient servant, William Pearce, for F C Tribe, Collector	12 March 1870  4 March 1870
CH343/87a/23	E C Minchin Esq, Sir, I am directed by the Council to give you notice to clean out and deepen the ditch on land owned by you fronting on the land drain in Antigua Street. The ditch referred to is used to convey house drainage and waste water from houses on the same land. The drain at present is in a most unsatisfactory condition and requires your immediate attention failing in this legal proceedings will be taken against you. I am your obedient servant William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	18 March 1870
CH343/87a/24	Mr S Manning Sir, I am directed by the Council to give you notice to fill up the hollow place on your premises without delay. The water in the hollow place having become injuriously offensive to the neighbourhood and should you fail to make satisfactory progress in the filling it up, or should complaints be made, a further notice will be served upon you specifying the time within which the work must be satisfactorily completed or legal proceedings taken against you. I have the honour to be sir, your obedient servant William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	21 April 1870
CH343/87a/25	Mr J Hadfield, Sir, Herewith I am compelled to return your account; in its present shape I cannot collect from it the numbers as in former accounts or as in the order book must be adhered to I will give you a few hours to make the account afresh and it must be done without a delay. I am Sir, yours faithfully, W Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	2 May 1870
CH343/87a/26	Sir – Would you be good enough to send me a POO (Post Office Order) for the enclosed Rates for the year 1869 on a house there belonging to you in Colombo Street. Your early attention will oblige. I am Sir, etc F C Tribe, Collector  Sir, I must request that you will be good enough to send me a cheque for the enclosed Rate for the year 1869, as I am instructed by the Council to summons all defaulters forthwith. I have written to your notice before. I am Sir, your obedient servant, F C Tribe, Collector	29 July 1870  29 July 1870
CH343/87a/27	Sir, I am directed by the City Council in pursuance of Bye Law No 10 to require you to empty the cesspool on premises owned by you in Tuam Street and to remove the night soil and also to alter the construction of your privy so as to insert? a closet pan which can be obtained on application to the City Council Office priced 11 shillings. The work must be completed within one week. Arrangements have been made for the periodical removal of secured of night soil from closet provided with the correct pan.	21 July 1870

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	I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	
CH343/87a/28	Mr Killner, Agent for Mr Gosling Sir, I hereby give you notice that the closet on premises owned by Mr Gosling in Kilmore Street requires a new closet pan, and also that the required alteration must be made to the closet for give the night men convenient access to the closet pans. This notice will expire in fourteen days from date I have the honour to be Sir, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	5 August 1870
CH343/87a/29	Messrs Pack Bros, Agents for Mr Rowley Gentlemen, I am directed by the Council to give you notice to fill up the hollow place on land abutting on the private Road leading out of Cathedral Square. The hollow place being a receptacle for stagnant water if immediate steps be not taken to abate the nuisance thereby occasioned legal proceedings will be taken against you in respect thereof. I have the honour to be Gentlemen, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	9 August 1870
CH343/87a/30	Revd J Aldred Sir, I beg to call your attention to the condition of closets on premises owned by you and let to weekly tenants in Durham Street and under Bye Law No 10 to give you notice to provide suitable closet pans for the same. Arrangements have been made for the periodical removal of the night soil from the premises. This notice will expire in fourteen days. Closet pans can be obtained at the City Council Yards priced 11/- (shillings) I have the honour to be Sir, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	12 August 1870
CH343/87a/31	Mr Grimwood, Rangiora Sir, The Rate I applied to you for is for <u>last year</u> . The Rate for the <u>present year</u> Mr Cox will of course pay, please therefore send me the amount at your earliest convenience Your obediently, F C Tribe, Collector	12 August 1870
CH343/87a/32	Mr Osborn, Hereford Street Sir, I am instructed by the Council to give you notice to remove the dung from the hollow place in front of your house and when filling up the hollow place in question to do so with earth or other material not offensive. This notice will expire on the 8 <sup>th</sup> instant (Thursday). I have the honour to be Sir, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	6 September 1870
CH343/87a/33	To Mr Gladden Sir, I am instructed by the Council to give you notice to fill up a hollow place and to construct an open tile or brick drain in a direct line from the artesian well to the side channel in St Asaph Street on premises owned by you and let to a weekly tenant in St Asaph Street. This work is necessary to be done to abate a nuisance at present existing on the premises. This notice will expire one the 28 <sup>th</sup> instant. I have the honour to be Sir, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	14 September 1870
CH343/87a/34	To Mr Hilliar as Agent for Mr Gosling Sir, I am instructed by the Council to give you notice to lay a drain on the premises in the occupation of Mr Simmonds St Asaph Street to remove a quantity of stagnant water lying there. And to direct your attention to Bye Law No 1 Regulation 2 which requires that every drain laid under a footpath shall be of metal or stone or glazed pipes. In the event of your not being able to drain (thro' want of fall) into the side channel the remedy will be to fill up the hollow place containing the stagnant water. This notice will expire in one week from date (22 <sup>nd</sup> instant). I have the honour to be Sir, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	15 September 1870
CH343/87a/35	L E Nathan Esq, Sir, I am directed by the Council to give you notice to cause to be repaired and cleansed the drain on premises owned by you in St Asaph Street, the premises referred to are the brick houses in the occupation of Mr Oates, Mr Blanchard and Mr Gray respectively. A notice has been served on the occupier and the owner of the next premises, to lay a brick drain and to fill up the low portion of the yard. This notice will expire on the 17 instant. I have the honour to be Sir, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisance	15 September 1870
CH343/87a/36	Mr H Ritchie, Colombo Street Sir, In reference to the complaint of a nuisance in your neighbourhood I am instructed by the Council to request that you will comply with the suggestions made to you this morning by the Sanitary Committee namely to raise the floor of your stable and lay a drain there from to communicate with the drain running from Mr Friar's premises. This, it is hoped, you will do without delay in order that so far as your premises are concerned no further complaints of a nuisance may arise. The Council also think that the accumulation of stable manure be it little or much should be removed twice a week. I have the honour to be Sir, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	21 September 1870
CH343/87a/37	To Mr Ritchie Sir, I am instructed by the Council to give you notice to raise the floor of your stable and lay a drain there from and connect it with the drain on Mr Moir's premises without delay also to remove all accumulations of stable manure etc twice weekly. I have the honor to be Sir, your Obedient Servant, W Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	21 September 1870
CH343/87a/38	Mr J T Peacock Esq, Sir, I am instructed by the Council to give you advice to fill up the hollow place on land owned by you fronting on Durham and Montreal Street North. The water in the hollow place being stagnant is injurious and offensive to the inhabitants of the neighbourhood. This order will expire on the 29 <sup>th</sup> instant. I have the honour to be Sir, your obedient servant William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	22 October 1870

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CH343/87a/39	<p>Rev J Aldred</p> <p>Sir, I am instructed by the Council to give you notice to fill in the ditch on your land in Durham Street North to such a level as to cause the water from the artesian well on the premises occupied by Captain Simmonds to pass at once into the side channel in Durham Street: at present the water is lying stagnant in the ditches and is causing complaints. Also to lay pipes under the floor to drain the surface water from another part of the same land and to close the open which has been cut through the footpath</p> <p>I am Sir, your obedient servant William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	22 October 1870
CH343/87a/40	<p>Mr C Clark</p> <p>Sir – The bearer is the man I engaged for you to fill up the stagnant water hole on Mr Creyke’s land Martin Street. The work has been satisfactorily performed and the nuisance hereby abated.</p> <p>I have the honour to be Sir, your obedient servant William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	3 September 1870
CH343/87a/41	illegible	
CH343/87a/42	<p>Mr Hart, Hotelkeeper, High Street</p> <p>Sir, I have been instructed by the Council to give you notice to provide an urinal in the yard at the rear of your premises and to lay, in a satisfactory manner, a house drain from the yard into the side channel on High Street so that the same shall not be an annoyance to the occupiers at the adjoining premises. This notice will expire on the 1<sup>st</sup> December instant.</p> <p>I have the honour to be your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	28 October 1870
CH343/87a/43	<p>Mr T Osborne</p> <p>Sir, I am instructed to give you notice at once to remove the dead horses lying on your premises and if not removed before 12 o’clock this day to employ the Scavenger to remove them and to recover from you the expense incurred.</p> <p>I am Sir, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	1 December 1870
CH343/87a/44	<p>Mr J Osborne</p> <p>Removing two dead horses from premises in your occupation after they had become a nuisance and your having neglected to comply with order from the Council to remove the same.</p>	6 December 1870
CH343/87a/45	blank	
CH343/87a/46	<p>Sir, I have applied to Mr Frile for the amount of 4/4 ½ (four shillings and 4 pence halfpenny) your proportion of the watering rate he says however that having no authority to dispose of the articles you mention he cannot pay it so be good enough to enclose me the amount in stamps. I have also applied to Mr Phillips who refuses to pay it until you have been paid. I am unable to close the collection until this amount is paid so shall be obliged by your sending it by return of post.</p> <p>Collector of the Watering Rate</p>	17 February 1871
CH343/87a/47	<p>Sir, I am instructed to request that you will be good to enough to at once send me the amount (£7. 10) of your Rates for the year 1870.</p> <p>Sir, I am instructed to request that you will be good enough to at once send me a cheque for the Rates due on your shops in High Street (£12) for the year 1870</p>	March 1871
CH343/87a/48	<p>Illegible but most probably Rates</p> <p>J Hichens Esq</p>	
CH343/87a/49	<p>To the Chairman of the Sanitary Committee</p> <p>Sir, I beg to request you will summon the Sanitary Committee this day that I may bring to your notice premises respecting which urgent complaints are being made.</p> <p>I am Sir, your obedient servant William Pearce Inspector of Nuisances</p>	10 March 1871
CH343/87a/50	<p>Mrs Webb</p> <p>Madam, I beg to inform you that I have served a notice on Mr Wick? Tuam Street to cleanse closet and provide a closet pan and one on Mr Borland the tenant of the adjoining premises to provide a closet fitted with closet pan. And further to inform you that as owner you are jointly liable with your tenants to proceedings which will follow non-compliance with the said notices.</p> <p>I am Sir, your obedient servant William Pearce Inspector of Nuisances</p>	17 March 1871
CH343/87a/51	Illegible but most probably Rates	
CH343/87a/52	<p>Illegible but most probably Rates</p> <p>Mr Fawcett, Mr Watson has asked me to engage some one to lay pipes under the footpath to drain the garden at back of Mr Nashelski’s house into St Asaph Street. Mr Nashelski is Mr Watson tenant so he is anxious to make the place respectable as regards drainage.</p> <p>Sir, much obliged, William Pearce Inspector of Nuisances</p> <p>I must request that you will oblige and send me the Rate (£2.10).. of next week for your house in the Whately Road for the year 1870 as I have been instructed to summons all who have not paid</p>	11 July 1871

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CH343/87a/53	Letter to Captain? Westenra, I beg to call your attention to the unsatisfactory condition of the yards of the premises in the occupation of your tenants Messrs Bird and Bennett and Mr Macpherson which has arisen principally from the want of drainage. Both Mr Macpherson and Messrs Bird and Bennett give me an assurance that the premises shall be kept in satisfactory condition as soon as drainage is provided. I am your obedient servant William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	3 August 1871
CH343/87a/54	Letter to L E Halkan Esq Sir, I am directed by the Council to call your attention to the generally unsatisfactory condition of your house property in George Street and St Asaph Street, let to weekly tenants, arising principally from there being no provision made for the deposit and removal of house slops and refuse coming from the houses in George Street and the Right of Way out of St Asaph Street, and also from the foul condition of the surface drain, and the stoppage of the underground drain at the back of the houses in St Asaph Street and to request that you will at once take measures for improving the condition of the premises and thereby remove the nuisance which at present exists there. I have the honour to be Sir, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	7 August 1871
CH343/87a/55	J T Peacock Esq Sir, I am instructed by the Council to give you notice to remove the stagnant water from the paddock of which you are the owner situate in Durham Street by filling up the hollow place or by drainage and to direct your attention to Bye Law No 12, Clauses 31 and 32. I have the honour to be Sir, your obedient servant William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	15 August 1871
CH343/87a/56	W Woodland Sir, I am instructed by the Council to give you notice to remove the stagnant water from a paddock of which you are the owner situate in Durahm Street by filling up the hollow place or by drainage and to direct your attention to Bye Law No 12, Clauses 31 and 32. I have the honour to be Sir, your obedient servant William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	19 August 1871
CH343/87a/57	Sir, I am instructed by the City Council to give you notice to drain stagnant water from a section of land situate at the corner of Peterborough and Montreal Streets by drainage or filling up the hollow place which contains it. And to direct your attention to Bye Law No 12 Section 31 and 32 which imposes a penalty of not exceeding 40/- per day after the expiration of one week from the date of notice. I have the honour to be Sir, your obedient servant William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	21 September 1871
CH343/87a/58	Letter to C C Borcea? Esq Sir, I am instructed by the Council to direct your attention to a quantity of stagnant water on land owned by you fronting on Glo'ster Street and to request you will cause the same to be removed as speedily as possible – complaint having been made that a nuisance arises therefrom. I have the honour to be Sir, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances Note – a like notice sent to Mr Thomson, Mr Free, Mr Ritchie of Armagh Street and to Mr Denham, Revd C Bowen and Mrs Brown, Glo'ster Street	17 October 1871
CH343/87a/59	Sir, I am instructed by the City Council to direct your attention to a quantity of stagnant water on land owned by you fronting on Armagh Street and to request you will cause the same to be removed as speedily as possible, complaint having been made that a nuisance arises therefrom. I have the honour to be Sir, your obedient servant William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	
CH343/87a/60	Mr Tenby, High Street Sir, Owing to continued complaints I have again to call your attention to a nuisance caused by the drainage from your back premises overflowing the footpath, should the nuisance continue an information will be laid against you. Conditional permission to drain under the footpath can be had on application to the City Surveyor I have the honour to be Sir, your obedient servant William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	7 November 1871
CH343/87a/61	Messrs Harman and Stevens Gentlemen, I am instructed by the City Council to direct your attention to a quantity of stagnant water on land owned by you near the Drill Shed and fronting on the river and Hereford Street. And to request you will cause the same to be removed as speedily as possible – complaint having been made that a nuisance arises therefrom I have the honour to be Gentlemen your obedient servant William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	20 November 1871
CH343/87a/62	Letter Messrs Harman and Stevens Gentlemen, I beg to call your attention to my letter of the 20 <sup>th</sup> ultimo referring to stagnant water on Sections No 477 and 478 which numbers you have been good enough to furnish me with. And to give you notice under Bye Law No 12, Clause 32 to fill up the hollow places containing the stagnant water. The Bye Law imposes a penalty of 40/- for every day from the expiration of one week from the date of notice to fill up any hollow places during which such hollow places shall remain not filled up. I have the honour to be Gentlemen your obedient servant William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	2 December 1871
CH343/87a/63	To Mr Turner on behalf of the Trustees of the Baptist Chapel, Hereford Street Sir, I am instructed by the City Council to give you notice to remove stagnant water from a section of land near the Chapel and fronting on Hereford Street. And to direct your attention to Bye Law No 12 Section 31 and 32 which imposes a penalty of 40/- per day after the expiration of one week from the date of notice. I have the honour to be Sir, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	2 December 1871
CH343/87a/64	R M Morton Esq,	29 December 1871

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	Sir, I am instructed by the Council to call your attention to a nuisance caused by the waste water from an artesian well on land at the back of premises let to Mr Gilkes, baking house keeper, Hereford Street and to request that steps will at once be taken by you to abate the nuisance. I have the honour to be Sir, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	
CH343/87a/65	R M Morton Esq Sir, I am instructed again to call your attention to a nuisance arising from waste water from an artesian well on land at the back of premises let to Mrs Gilkes and others Hereford Street and to request the removal of the said nuisance within one week from this date otherwise legal proceedings will be taken against you. I have the honour to be Sir, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	9 January 1872
CH343/87a/66	The Chairman of the Sanitary Committee Sir, I have inspected the side channel near Messrs Bird and Bennett's and find it both unsightly and offensive. The urinal itself being in very satisfactory condition and this Messrs Bird and Bennett contend is the extent of their responsibility and say this large draught of water from the tank has dried their artesian well. I have not a copy of the Memorandum of Agreement with them; would the Council be likely to convey the waste water from the tank into the side channel on the suggestion of the Sanitary Committee. Is it your wish I should take any further steps or leave it for the consideration of the Council at their next meeting I am sir, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	11 January 1872
CH343/87a/67	Mr George McCullough You are appointed to assist the Inspector of Nuisances when not specially engaged by the City Surveyor: Instructions – Permission being given you are to enter all premises between the hours of 8 o'clock in the morning and 5 o'clock in the afternoon and inspect and report in the hand book provided for the purpose anything that in your judgement may constitute a nuisance and lay it before the Inspector of Nuisances daily. The inspector will write notices which you may be required to deliver and generally to act as you may be instructed from time to time by the Inspector Mr Calvert, Inspector of Sanitary Committee	15 January 1872
CH343/87a/68	The Bearer George McCulloch is authorized by the City Council to request permission of owners or occupiers of premises within the City to enter and inspect such premises and to report any nuisances that may exist thereon. Mr Calvert Chairman of the Sanitary Committee	15 February 1872
CH343/87a/69	Mr Devine? Poulterer, Durham Street Sir, I am instructed by the Council to give you notice to discontinue keeping poultry in your yard abutting on the footpath in Durham Street from the expiration of one month from this date; your neglect of this notice will render you liable to proceedings under Bye Law No 12 Clause 29 so long as the nuisance remains I have the honour to be Sir, your obedient servant William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	5 March 1872
CH343/87a/70	Messrs Jones Bros, Gentlemen I beg to inform you that complaint has been made of a nuisance caused by the depositing of rubbish and the committal of the other nuisances on the section of land at the back of the Bank of New Zealand and fronting on Hereford Street of which land this Council believes you are owners or occupiers. I have therefore been instructed to give you notice to fence the said section of land or to take such other steps as may be necessary for the removal of the nuisance. I have the honour to be Sir your obedient servant William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	16 April 1872
CH343/87a/71	To Mr M B Hart Sir, I am instructed by the Sanitary Committee to give you notice to remove the nuisance arising from the open drain upon your premises, within three days from this date, your neglect of this notice will render you liable to legal proceedings. I have the honour to be Sir, your Obedient servant, William Pearce Inspector of Nuisances	17 April 1872
CH343/87a/72	Mr M Harris Sir, I beg to inform you that frequent complaints are made of a nuisance caused by foul drainage made from your house into the side channel in Durham Street and I am instructed to remind you that permission to drain into the side channel was on condition that no nuisance should be caused, thereby. The City Surveyor is aware of the fact that a supply of water for flushing the drain cannot be procured at the ordinary depth of sinking but suggests it can be procured by sinking deeper. I have the honour to be Sir, your Obedient servant, William Pearce Inspector of Nuisances	18 April 1872
CH343/87a/73	First letter illegible Gentlemen, I am instructed to for Rates for the year 1870 and 1871	17 April 1872
CH343/87a/74	R M Morton Esq, Sir, I am instructed by the Council again to call your attention to the piece of vacant ground at the back of premises occupied by Mr Gilkes and others and fronting on Cathedral Square and to inform you that a nuisance still exists there and that further proceedings will be taken in respect thereof if not effectually abated by the expiration of one week from this date. I have the honour to be Sir, your Obedient servant, William Pearce Inspector of Nuisances	28 May 1872
CH343/87a/75	Two page 75 – nothing on this one	
CH343/87a/75	To W Delamaine Esq Sir, I am instructed by the City Council to call your attention to a nuisance arising from a quantity of impure water on vacant	1 July 1872

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	ground fronting on Montreal Street and upon ground reserved as a Right of Way to that and other premises leased to tenants and to refer you to a Bye Law of the Council No 12, Clause 31. I have the honour to be Sir, your Obedient servant, William Pearce Inspector of Nuisances	
CH343/87a/76	Mr Martin, Wellington Sir, I am instructed by the City Council to call your attention to a nuisance arising from a quantity of impure water on vacant ground fronting on Montreal Street and upon ground reserved as a Right of Way to that an other premises leased to tenants and to refer you to a Bye Law of the Council No 12, Clause 31. I have the honour to be Sir, your Obedient servant, William Pearce Inspector of Nuisances	
CH343/87a/77	Too faint	
CH343/87a/78	Too faint	
CH343/87a/79	Madam, Would you be good enough to send me in the course of next week the enclosed Rates for the years 1870, 1871, 1872 on a piece of land belonging to you in Manchester Street amounting together to 19/- (nineteen shillings) I am Madam, your obedient servant, F C Tribe, Collector	10 August 1872
CH343/87a/80	Mr Tombs Sir, I beg to inform you that the Sanitary Committee have visited the premises in respect of which you received a notice from me dated the 7 <sup>th</sup> instant, and have instructed me to give you a further notice of one week from this date which notice, if not complied with, I am instructed to take proceedings under without delay I have the honour to be Sir, your Obedient servant, William Pearce Inspector of Nuisances	25 August 1872
CH343/87a/81	Illegible	
CH343/87a/82	Messrs Gilkes Esq as for Hawdon? Gentlemen, I am instructed by the Council to give you notice to fill up a hollow place containing stagnant water on land fronting on Tuam Street and opposite the "Wellington Hotel" and to direct your attention to Bye Law No 12 Clause 32 which provides for a weeks notice being given in such cases. I have the honour to be Sir, your Obedient servant, William Pearce Inspector of Nuisances	26 September 1872
CH343/87a/83	H Watson Esq as Agent for Est E Aitkin? Sir, I am instructed by the Council to give you notice to fill up a hollow place containing stagnant water on land fronting on Tuam Street and near the "Wellington Hotel"; your attention is directed to By Law No 12 Clause 32 which provides for a weeks notice being given in such cases. I have the honor to be sir, your obedient Servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	20 September 1872
CH343/87a/84	R Wilson? - Rates	23 September 1872
CH343/87a/85	Messrs Morton & Co Gentlemen, I am instructed by the Council to give you notice to abate a nuisance caused by the waste water and drainage from your Brewery which flows through Mr Hassalls? paddock into Montreal Street. Your neglect of this notice will necessitate legal proceedings against you. I have the honour to be Sir, your Obedient servant, William Pearce Inspector of Nuisances	13 November 1872
CH343/87a/86	Mr Thacker Sir, I beg to call your attention to a large gorse fence on land situate in Chester Street East in this City which is causing persons residing in the neighbourhood to be apprehensive of danger from fire, it took fire a few days since but which was fortunately extinguished before doing mischief. Should you have sold the property any information that will enable me to serve notice on the proper person will oblige I have the honour to be Sir, your Obedient servant, William Pearce Inspector of Nuisances	13 December 1872
CH343/87a/87	Mr Tulley?, New Brighton, Sir, I beg to inform you that you are liable for the sum of £9. 0.10 for Rates for the year 1872 on the property formally belonging to you in Durham Street. The applications for which were left some time ago but as Mr J A Bishop has told me he would pay half I have now to apply to you for the same....	17 January 1873
CH343/87a/88	Mr Sheppard Sir, I am instructed by the Council to give you notice to discontinue pumping water from your cellar in the day time. Your attention is directed to Bye Law No 1 Clause 27. The Police authorities who have laid an information at this office will be instructed not to proceed against you should the pumping of the water from the cellar take place between the hours 11 o'clock at night and 6 o'clock in the morning I have the honour to be Sir, your Obedient servant, William Pearce Inspector of Nuisances	4 February 1873
CH343/87a/89	Sir, I have to request that you will send me a ....  Mr Eaton? Opawa Sir, As Mrs Mc? Agent would you be good enough to send me a cheque for enclosed Rates for the year 1871 and 1872 amounting together to £1.15s. at your earliest convenience.....	13 March 1873

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CH343/87a/90	Illegible	
CH343/87a/91	Mr Hartnell? Sir, Your Coach License for Sumner Coach was given up on the understanding that a fresh one should be taken up if you required it. It was only on that condition you were permitted to use that coach during repairs to the coach under License of the City Council. As a Coach Licence under the Provincial Council the City Council had no control over it nor could the Police authorize its use within the City Council's boundary. I have the honour to be Sir, your Obedient servant, William Pearce Inspector of Nuisances	5 April 1873
CH343/87a/92	Illegible – most likely Rates defaulters	
CH343/87a/93	Illegible – most likely Rates defaulters	
CH343/87a/94	Illegible – most likely Rates defaulters	
CH343/87a/95	Illegible – most likely Rates defaulters	
CH343/87a/96	Illegible – most likely Rates defaulters	
CH343/87a/97	Illegible – most likely Rates defaulters	
CH343/87a/98	Illegible – most likely Rates defaulters	
CH343/87a/99	Illegible – most likely Rates defaulters	
CH343/87a/100	Illegible – most likely Rates defaulters	
CH343/87a/101	Illegible – most likely Rates defaulters	
CH343/87a/102	Illegible – most likely Rates defaulters	
CH343/87a/103	Illegible – most likely Rates defaulters	
CH343/87a/104	Illegible – most likely Rates defaulters	
CH343/87a/105	Illegible – most likely Rates defaulters	
CH343/87a/106	To Mr Thomas Row Sir, I am instructed by the Local Board of Health to give you notice to drain and cleanse your premises situate in Montreal Street (ie yard and Right of Way thereto) in accordance with Public Health Act 1872 and to the satisfaction of the Local Board of Health. The same to be completed within one month from this date. I am Sir, your obedient servant William Pearce, Inspector to the Local Board of Health	6 August 1873
CH343/87a/107	Deloraine? Esq Sir, I am instructed by the Local Board of Health to give you notice to drain the Right of Way to your section of land which has a frontage on Montreal Street in accordance with the Public Health Act 1872 and to the satisfaction of the Local Board of Health the same to be completed within fourteen days from this date. I am Sir, your obedient servant William Pearce, Inspector to the Local Board of Health	19 August 1873
CH343/87a/108	Hal ean? Esq I am instructed by the Local Board of Health to give you notice to drain and cleanse or otherwise to remove the nuisance on premises owned by you and let to weekly tenants situate in George Street in accordance with Public Health Act 1872 and to the satisfaction of the Local Board of Health the same to be completed within one month from this date. I am Sir, your obedient servant William Pearce, Inspector to the Local Board of Health	19 August 1873
CH343/87a/109	Illegible but is a Rates demand	
CH343/87a/110	Mr William Stanley (or Hanley) Sir, I am instructed by the Local Board of Health to give you notice to drain and cleanse the Right of Way to the back of your premises in Lichfield Street in accordance with the Public Health Act 1872 and to the satisfaction of the Local Board of Health	3 September 1873

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	the same to be completed within fourteen days from this date. I am Sir, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	
CH343/87a/111	Sir, I am instructed by the Local Board of Health to give you notice to drain and cleanse the Right of Way to your premises between Lichfield and Tuam Street in accordance with the Public Health Act 1872 and to the satisfaction of the Local Board of Health the same to be completed within fourteen days from this date. I am Sir, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	3 September 1873
CH343/87a/112	?eface, Baker, Colombo Street Sir, I am instructed by the Local Board of Health to give you notice to properly drain and cleanse the premises in your occupation in accordance with the Public Health Act 1872 and to the satisfaction of the Local Board of Health the same to be completed within one month from this date. I am Sir, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	3 September 1873
CH343/87a/113	Mr J M Cree? Sir, I am instructed by the Local Board of Health to give you notice to fill up the hollow places containing stagnant water on land in your occupation fronting on Glo'ster and Manchester Streets in accordance with the Public Health Act 1872 and to the satisfaction of the Local Board of Health the same to be completed within one month from this date. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	16 September 1873
CH343/87a/114	Illegible – stagnant water	16 September 1873
CH343/87a/115	Messrs Miles & Co as Agents for the Executors of the late William Hawden Gentlemen, I am instructed by the Local Board of Health to give you notice to remove the surface water from a hollow place on land lying between Lichfield and Tuam Street and near to the new Odd Fellows Hall by draining or filling up the said hollow place in accordance with the Public Health Act 1872 and to the satisfaction of the Local Board of Health the same to be completed within one month from this date. I have the honour to be Gentlemen your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector to the Board	16 September 1873
CH343/87a/116	Illegible – Rates Demand	
CH343/87a/117	Mr Wyatt, Colombo Street Sir, I am instructed by the Local Board of Health to give you notice to fill up the hollow place containing stagnant water on land owned by you fronting on Colombo Street in accordance with the Public Health Act 1872 and to the satisfaction of the Local Board of Health the same to be completed within one month from this date I have the honour to be Sir, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector to the Board	23 September 1873
CH343/87a/118	Mr I R Fisher, Durham Street Sir, I am instructed by the Local Board of Health to give you notice to fill up the hollow place containing stagnant water on land owned by you fronting on Colombo Street in accordance with the Public Health Act 1872 and to the satisfaction of the Local Board of Health the land to be completed within one month from this date. I have the honour to be Sir, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector to the Board	23 September 1873
CH343/87a/119	Mr Stace Sir, I am instructed by the Local Board of Health to give you notice to fill up the hollow place containing stagnant water on land owned by you fronting on Colombo Street in accordance with the Public Health Act 1872 and to the satisfaction of the Local Board of Health the same to be completed within one month from this date. I have the honour to be Sir, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector to the Board	23 September 1873
CH343/87a/120	Messrs Harman & Stevens as Agents for CC Bowen Esq Gentlemen, I am instructed by the Local Board of Health to give you notice to fill up a hollow place containing stagnant water part section 87 fronting on Glo'ster Street in accordance with the Public Health Act 1872, and to the satisfaction of the Local Board of Health, the same to be completed within one month from this date. I have the honor to be Gentlemen, you obedient servant William Pearce, Inspector to the Board	23 September 1873
CH343/87a/121	CC Bowen Esq Sir, I am instructed by the Local Board of Health to give you notice to fill up a hollow place containing stagnant water on land owned by you being part section 97 fronting on Glo'ster Street in accordance with the Public Health Act 1872 and to the satisfaction of the Local Board of Health the same to be completed within one month from this date. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient Servant, William Pearce, Inspector to the Board	23 September 1873
CH343/87a/122	Mr F Thompson, Cashel Street as Agent for the Executors of the late Dr Barker Sir, I am instructed by the Local Board of Health to give you notice to fill up the hollow place containing stagnant water on part of Section 97 situate in Glo'ster Street in accordance with the Public Health Act 1872 and to the satisfaction of the local Board of Health the same to be completed within one month from this date I have the honour to be Sir, Your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector to the Board	23 September 1873
CH343/87a/123	Miss Bowen, Armagh Street Madam, I am instructed by the Local Board of Health to give you notice to fill up a hollow place containing stagnant water on	23 September 1873

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	part section 97 Town Reserves fronting on Glo'ster Street in accordance with the Public Health Act 1872 and to the satisfaction of the Local Board of Health, the same to be completed within one month for this date. I have the honour to be Madam, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector to the Board	
<b>CH343/87a/124</b>	CC Bowen Esq Sir, I am instructed by the Local Board of Health to give you notice to fill up a hollow place containing stagnant water part section 87 Town Reserves fronting on Glo'ster Street in accordance with the Public Health Act 1872 and to the satisfaction of the Local Board of Health the same to be completed within one month from this date. I have the honour to be Sir, Your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector to the Board	23 September 1873
<b>CH343/87a/125</b>	Mr J I Ford, as Agent for Mr Read Sir, I am instructed by the Local Board of Health to give you notice to remove the stagnant water from a hollow on land situate at the corner of Colombo and Salisbury Streets in the occupation of Mr Cowan by draining or filling up the said hollow place in accordance with the Public Health Act 1872 and to the satisfaction of the Local Board of Health the same to be completed within one month from this date. I have the honour to be Sir, Your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector to the Board	26 September 1873
<b>CH343/87a/126</b>	J T Peacock? Esq Sir, My attention has been called to stagnant water in a hollow place on the private street off Montreal Street and near the footpath it is necessary the hollow place should be filled up it will require I think about ten or twelve loads of earth thus I will undertake to proceed on your behalf if you will authorize me to do. Attention to this matter at your earliest opportunity is requested. I am Sir, Your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	2 October 1873
<b>CH343/87a/127</b>	To Mr J Ford as Agent for Mr Read? Sir, I am instructed by the Local Board of Health to give you notice to remove the stagnant water from a hollow place on land situate at the corner of Colombo and Salisbury Streets in the occupation of Mr Cowan by draining or filling up the said hollow place in accordance with the Public Health Act 1872 and to the satisfaction of the Local Board of Health the same to be completed within one month from this date. I have the honour to be Sir, Your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector to the Board	7 October 1873
<b>CH343/87a/128</b>	Mr Alexander  Too faint – Rate demand  Mr J Marshall, Templeton Sir, I will thank you to send us the amount of £1.6.10 as per enclosed application for Rates for last year on property then belonging to you situate off Manchester Street, copies of this enclosed had been previously left at the House, your immediate attention is particularly requested as I have instructions to summons all Defaulters at once. I am your obediently Sir, F C Tribe, Collector	17 October 1873   17 October 1873
<b>CH343/87a/129</b>	? Post Office, Christchurch Sir, I beg to trouble you for the enclosed in the course of next week, as this Council want to close the Roll for 1872. I am Sir, your obedient servant, F C Tribe  Mr Shand, Riccarton Sir, In accordance with my instructions I beg to enclose four "Final Demands" for your Rates for the current year. I am Sir, your obedient servant, F C Tribe?	17 October 1873   17 October 1873
<b>CH343/87a/130</b>	Mr C Prebble, Prebbleton Sir, If you could oblige me with the enclosed Rates for the years 1872 and 1873 in the course of the week I should feel most obliged, as the Council wish to close the Roll for 1872 at once. I am sir, your obedient servant, J F	17 October 1873
<b>CH343/87a/131</b>	A Wilson Esq Sir, I am instructed by the Local Board of Health to give you notice to fill up the hollow place containing stagnant water on land owned by you fronting on Barbadoes Street Sec 9 TR in accordance with the Public Health Act 1872 and to the satisfaction of the Local Board of Health the same to be completed within fourteen days from this date. I have the honour to be Sir, Your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector to the Board	21 October 1873
<b>CH343/87a/132</b>	Delamaine Esq Sir, I beg to enclose you an account referring to a Right of Way reserved on Block 2 T R Section 100.100 102; the circumstances under which this application is made to you are these. A nuisance was being created which was likely to become of a very serious nature when the Local Board of Health (which was constituted by recent legislation) instructed their officer to serve notice upon the owners and occupiers of premises in the locality mentioned; a difficulty arose in complying with these notices from unwillingness on the part of some who alleged they had not contributed to cause the nuisance: but who nevertheless might at any time avail themselves of the improvements that were necessary to abate the existing nuisance and preventing a nuisance in future, therefore a wish was expressed by a majority.....	11 November 1873
<b>CH343/87a/133</b>	...(continued) of those interested that all that was necessary should be done by the Board and charged rateably upon all premises on the Block this has been done and hence the present application to you. Your immediate attention to this will oblige as it is necessary this expenses incurred by the Board should be reimbursed before similar will be undertaken by them	11 November 1873

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	I have the honour to be Sir, you obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector to the Board	
<b>CH343/87a/134</b>	Mr Thomas Rua? To Local Board of Health Your share of expenses of forming Right of Way on Block 2 NW quarter being at the rate of 1/10 in the £ on the assessment of the property situate on the Block. £ 2.5.10  Mr J F Hanley To Local Board of Health Your share of expenses of forming Right of Way on Block 2 NW being at the rate of 1/10 in the £ on the assessment of the property situate on the Block. Studio £1.2.0. Shop £1.9.4 Totalling £2.11.4	8 November 1873  8 November 1873
<b>CH343/87a/135</b>	To Mr Pender? Inspector of Police I have the honor to enclose you a list Licenses taken out on the 11 <sup>th</sup> instant. <i>Stage Carriages</i> Wilson, John No 15 Wilson, Richard No 16 Kearney, James No 17 Harald, Daniel No 18 Davis, Selwyn No 20 Badden, James No 21 <i>Contractor</i> Mills, George No 7 <i>Driver</i> Wilson, Richard No 56 Wilson, John No 57 Davis, Selwyn No 58 Yefford, George No 59 I have the honor to be sir, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Hackney Carriages	14 November 1873
<b>CH343/87a/136</b>	Too faint but is a Rates demand	1873
<b>CH343/87a/137</b>	Mr Thomas Row Your attention is particularly requested to the account £2.5.10 due from you to the Board as I am instructed to make a return of unpaid accounts on the 15 <sup>th</sup> instant. I am sir, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector to the Board	12 December 1873
<b>CH343/87a/138</b>	To George McCullough You are appointed to assist the Inspector of Nuisances when not specifically engaged by the City Surveyor Instructions Permission being given you are to enter all premises between the hours of 8 o/c in the morning and 5 o/c in the afternoon at latest and report in the book provided for that purpose any thing that in your judgement may constitute a nuisance and lay it before the Inspector of Nuisances daily. The Inspector will write notices which you will deliver and generally you are to act as you may be instructed from time to time by the Inspector City Council Office, Mr Calvert, Chairman of Sanitary Committee	22 December 1873
<b>CH343/87a/139</b>	The Bearer, George McCullough is authorised by the City Council to request permission of owners or occupiers of premises within the City to enter and inspect such premises and to report any nuisances that may exist therein. City Council Office. By order William Calvert, Chairman of Sanitary Committee	22 December 1873
<b>CH343/87a/140</b>	Dr Turnbull Sir, I am instructed to give you notice to remove the fence of bushes on land in your occupation fronting on Hereford Street and beg to call your attention to the Bye Law No 8 relating to such fences. It shall not be lawful for any person to make, or place, or keep or continue any fence of brushwood bushes or other like material within the Borough; and every person who shall make or place any such fence; and every owner or occupier of any premises who for seven days after notice from the Council to remove any such fence thereto appertaining if lawfully made or placed before the coming into operation of this subdivision shall suffer any such fence or any part thereof to remain or who shall suffer to remain any such fences unlawfully made before such coming into operation....	22 December 1873
<b>CH343/87a/141</b>	...(continued) shall forfeit on conviction for such offence a sum not exceeding five pounds and in every such case a further sum not exceeding forty shillings for every day after any such conviction during which such fence shall continue. I have the honour to be Sir, your obedient servant William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	
<b>CH343/87a/142</b>	To W Delamaine Esq	14 January 1874

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	Sir, Your attention is particularly requested to the account £2.16.10 for improvements to Right of Way Whatley Road (now Victoria Street). I shall be much obliged by your leaving a cheque for the amount with Mr Pearce at Tattersalls this week as the time for collecting outstanding accounts allowed me by the Local Board of Health will expire on Monday next. I am Sir, your obedient servant William Pearce, Inspector to the Board	
<b>CH343/87a/143</b>	Mr Adley Sir, I beg to call your attention to premises owned by you in Chester Street and let to a weekly tenant - the closet is in bad order and the over growth of trees is obstructing ventilation. I have advised him to remove some of the tree and to clean the closet - a pan should be provided. On learning from Mr Elliot he was a weekly tenant I have thought it best to write to you before serving a formal notice. There is a poultry yard near the house which I have instructed him to remove - over this of course he has control. Your immediate attention will oblige. I am Sir, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	14 January 1874
<b>CH343/87a/144</b>	Mr W Manning Sir, I hereby give you notice to discontinue from this date allowing offensive liquid to flow from your Brewery into the public drain. Enclosed is copy Bye Law No 13 relating to City drains your attention is particularly called to Clause 4. I have the honour to be Sir, your obedient servant William Pearce Inspector of Nuisances	12 February 1874
<b>CH343/87a/145</b>	Messrs Lee & Douglas Gentlemen, I hereby give you notice to discontinue from this date allowing offensive liquid to flow from the Brewery in your occupation into the River Avon. Enclosed is copy Bye Law No 13 relating to City drains. Your attention is particularly directed to Clauses 3 & 4. I have the honour to be Gentlemen, your obedient servant, William Pearce	12 February 1874
<b>CH343/87a/146</b>	First letter too faint I Thompson Esq, Sir, Be good enough to send me a P O Order (Post Office Order) for the enclosed at your earliest convenience the original application was left on the 7 <sup>th</sup> July 1873. I am your obedient servant, F C Tribe, Collector	20 March 1874  20 March 1874
<b>CH343/87a/147</b>	Illegible – Rate Demand	
<b>CH343/87a/148</b>	To the owner and occupier of premises situate at the corner of Hereford and Montreal Street, Christchurch I hereby give you notice to remove within seven days from this date hereof a certain gorse fence appertaining to your premises in Montreal Street and abutting on the street failing which I have further to give you notice that proceedings will be taken against you under the Bye Law in that behalf. By order William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances.	21 March 1874
<b>CH343/87a/149</b>	To the owner and occupier of the premises situate at the North West corner of Hereford and Montreal Streets, Christchurch. I hereby give you notice to remove within seven days from the date hereof a certain gorse fence appertaining to your premises and abutting on Montreal Street – failing which I have further to give you notice that proceedings will be taken against you under the Bye Law in that behalf By order William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	21 March 1874
<b>CH343/87a/150</b>	To the owner and occupier of the premises situate at the North West corner of Hereford and Montreal Street, Christchurch I hereby give you notice to remove within seven days from the date thereof a certain gorse fence appertaining to your premises and abutting on Montreal Street – failing which I have further to give you notice that proceedings will be taken against you under the Bye Law in that behalf. By order William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	23 March 1874
<b>CH343/87a/151</b>	Rate demands	
<b>CH343/87a/152</b>	Messrs Dalgety & Co, High Street I hereby give you notice to remove within seven days from the date thereof a certain gorse fence appertaining to your premises and abutting on Tuam Street, Madras Street and High Street – failing which I have further to give you notice that proceedings will be taken against you under the Bye Law in that behalf. By order, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	17 April 1874
<b>CH343/87a/153</b>	Mr Parry Sir, I beg to call your attention to the dangerous condition of the drain under the footpath from premises owned by you in Cashel Street West and hereby to give you notice within seven days from the date hereof to remove the drain referred to and lay a drain of the material specified in the Bye Law in that behalf viz of metal stone or glazed pipe. I have the honour to be Sir, your obedient servant William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	23 April 1874
<b>CH343/87a/154</b>	To William Thrath? I hereby give you notice to remove within seven days from the date hereof a certain gorse fence appertaining to your premises and abutting on St Asaph Street – failing which I have further to give you notice that proceedings will be taken	24 April 1874

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	against you under the Bye Law in that behalf	
<b>CH343/87a/155</b>	The owner and occupiers of the premises situate at the North side of Worcester Street between Cathedral Square and Oxford Terrace I hereby give you notice to remove within seven days from the date hereof a certain gorse fence appertaining to the above mentioned premises failing which I have further to give you notice that proceedings will be taken against you and in that behalf. By order, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	28 April 1874
<b>CH343/87a/156</b>	Rate demands	
<b>CH343/87a/157</b>	Mr C Clark as Agent I hereby give you notice to remove within seven days from the date hereof a certain gorse fence appertaining to premises owned by Mr Creyke and fronting on Whately Road (now Victoria Street) Town Belt North of Durham Street - failing which I have further to give you notice that proceedings will be taken against you under the Bye Law in that behalf By order, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	5 May 1874
<b>CH343/87a/158</b>	Rate demands	
<b>CH343/87a/159</b>	? Wellington Sir, Will you be good enough to send me by first steamer a Post Office Order for the enclosed (£1.8.4) as this Council desires to close the Rates Roll at once. I am Sir, our obedient servant, F C Tribe, collector  D Watkins? Sir, Would you be good enough to send me a Post Office Order for the enclosed in the course of the next week. I am sir, your obedient servant F C Tribe, Collector	8 May 1874     8 May 1874
<b>CH343/87a/160</b>	Captain , Ferry Road Sir, I beg to hand you the enclosed application for Rates on your property in Colombo Street amounting to £9.8.5. for the year 1873 and I am instructed to request that you will be good enough to let me have the amount by 11 o'clock on Friday, the 22nd instant as I shall have no alternative but to take out a summons. I am Sir, your obedient servant, F C Tribe, Rate collector  Mr Cage, Dis , Lyttelton Sir, Would you be good enough to send me a Post Office Order for the enclosed in the course of next week, Yours obediently, F C Tribe, Collector	4 May 1874
<b>CH343/87a/161</b>	Rate demands	
<b>CH343/87a/162</b>	Rate demands	
<b>CH343/87a/163</b>	To Messrs He and Stevens Agents for Mr ? ia ch ea I hereby give you notice to remove within seven days from the date hereof certain gorse fence appertaining to premises owned by Mr ? and abutting on Armagh and Montreal Street - failing which I have further to give you notice that proceedings will be taken against you under the Bye Law in that behalf. By order William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	23 May 1874
<b>CH343/87a/164</b>	To faint	
<b>CH343/87a/165</b>	Rate demands	
<b>CH343/87a/166</b>	Sir, I beg to hand you rates due to the Agreement in 1873. As the Council has ordered that all the outstanding rates in 1873 be paid for. I should be glad if you would send me a crossed cheque at once  Mrs Garland, Madam, As the Council has ordered all rates to be paid for that are outstanding for 1873 I must beg of you to forward the sum of £1.16.10 at once due by you for property..... I am Madam your obedient servant, J L ? Collector	5 June 1874
<b>CH343/87a/167</b>	J Martin Esq Sir, I hereby give you notice to remove stagnant water from land owned by you fronting on Cashel Street section Lot 79 and Lot 80. And to direct your attention to Bye Law No 12 Section 31 and 32 which imposes a penalty of 40/- p day after one week from the date of notice. I have the honor to be Sir, your Obt Servt, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	6 June 1874

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CH343/87a/168	Mr Johnson Sir, I beg to call your attention to a nuisance being caused on the Right of Way to premises owned by you fronting on the Whately Road (Victoria Street now) by a drain running from the premises in question and I hereby give you notice to discontinue the said drain or otherwise to put the same in proper condition at present the culvert across the footpath is broken and the drainage is flowing onto the footpath I have the honor to be Sir, your Obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	11 June 1874
CH343/87a/169	Messrs Cameron & Park , Estate of late Mr Doyles Gentlemen, I enclose demand for rates due for 1873 and beg you to send a POO (Post Office Order) for the above at once as this Council has directed that Rate Rolls for last year are to be closed. I am etc	
CH343/87a/170	R Packer Esq Sir, I hereby give you notice to remove stagnant water from land owned by you fronting on a private street off Antigua Street part Section 113 and to direct your attention to Bye Law No 12 (c 31 & 32) which imposes a penalty of 40/- p day after one week from the date of notice. I have the honor to be Sir, your Obt. Sevt. William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	18 June 1874
CH343/87a/171	Mr Rodrigues Sir, I hereby give you notice to remove the stagnant water from land owned by you fronting on a private street known as Henwoods Right of Way. And to direct your attention to Bye Law No 12 (c 31 & 32) which imposes a penalty of 40/- p day after one week from the date of notice. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	18 June 1874
CH343/87a/172	Mr Bridges? Sir, I hereby give you notice to remove the stagnant water from land owned by you fronting on a private street known as Henwoods Right of Way and abutting on Antigua Street. And to direct your attention to Bye Law No 12 section 31 and 32 which comprises a penalty of 40/- p day after one week from the date of notice. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	18 June 1874
CH343/87a/173	Mr Eashood? Sir, I hereby give you notice to remove stagnant water from land owned by you fronting on a private street known as Henwoods Right of Way and abutting on Antigua Street. And to direct your attention to Bye Law No 12 (c 31 & 32) which imposes a penalty of 40/- p day after one week from date of notice. Should the water not be within your boundary you will nevertheless be liable for a share of forming and draining the street referred to which will reverse the water complained of. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant. William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	18 June 1874
CH343/87a/174	Mr Gearri? Sir, I hereby give you notice to remove the stagnant water from land owned by you fronting on a private stet known as Henwoods Right of Way. And to direct your attention to Bye Law No 12 (31 & 32) which imposes a penalty of 40/- p day after one week from date of notice. Should the water not be within your boundary you will nevertheless be liable for a share of forming and draining the street referred to which will reverse the water complained of. I have the honor to be sir, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	18 June 1874
CH343/87a/175	Very faint but similar to above	19 June 1874
CH343/87a/176	Mr Clarke Sir, I hereby give you notice to remove stagnant water from land owned by you fronting on a private street known as Henwoods Right of Way and abutting on Antigua Street. And to direct your attention to Bye Law No 12 (c31 & 32) which imposes a penalty of 40/- p day after one week from date of notice. Should not the water be within your boundary you will nevertheless be liable for a share of forming and draining the street referred to which will remove the water complained of. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	19 June 1874
CH343/87a/177	Too faint to read or blank page	
CH343/87a/178	Yardley? Sir, I hereby give you notice to remove the water from land owned by you fronting on a private street known as Henwoods Right of Way and abutting on Antigua Street. And to direct your attention to Bye Law No 12 (c31 & 32) which imposes a penalty of 40/- p day after one week from the date of notice. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	19 June 1874
CH343/87a/179	Mr Henwood	19 June 1874

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	Sir, I hereby give you notice to remove the stagnant water from land owned by you abutting on Antigua Street and used as a private street by owners of sections of land abutting on the same. And to direct your attention to Bye Law No 12 (c 31 & 32) which imposes a penalty of 40/- p day after one week from the date of notice. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	
<b>CH343/87a/180</b>	Mr Dale as Agent Sir, I hereby give you notice to remove stagnant water .....(too faint)	
<b>CH343/87a/181</b>	Public Health notification NB: The premises referred to is situate in Barbadoes Street and let to weekly tenant WP (William Pearce)	July 1874
<b>CH343/87a/182</b>	Same as above... NB: The premises referred to is situate at the corner of Kilmore and David Street and let to a weekly tenant	4 July 1874
<b>CH343/87a/183</b>	Mr C Clark as Agent Sir, I beg to call your attention to a nuisance caused by water flowing over footpath in Glo'ster Street coming from roof of building in occupation of Mr Bamford Sol(icator?) and others. I have spoken to Mr Bamford on the subject who requests me to communicate with you as Agent for the owner Mr I Luck. I am Sir, your obedient servant, Inspector of Nuisances	9 September 1874
<b>CH343/87a/184</b>	Mr Tinker Sir, Bye Law No 10.....in....14 days.....William Pearce The premises referred to are situate at Tuam Street and in occupation of Mr Osborne and Mr Henderson. The liquid soil is flowing upon land owned by Mr Nashelski and does so every time it rains.	1874
<b>CH343/87a/185</b>	Letter to W Royle Esq Sir, I am instructed to call your attention to a nuisance arising from the drainage from house tenanted by Mr Lysaght to abate which it is necessary to continue pipe drain to the river. You will be good enough to give instructions accordingly and by return of post if possible as the matter is urgent. I have the honour Sir, your obedient servant William Pearce? Inspector of Nuisances	3 October 1874
<b>CH343/87a/186</b>	Mr Watts, Aldred Street (renamed Beveridge Street) Sir, I hereby give you notice to provide a privy for your premises within fourteen days from this date. The privy must be provided with a round or an oval pan and of a size not to contain more than eight gallons The Contractor for scavenging will empty same weekly or fortnightly as may be ordered by you or as may be necessary. The Contractor is authorized to charge for this work in accordance with the scale fixed by the Council. To prevent offensiveness a supply of dry earth should be kept in the privy and used frequently. I have the honour to be your obedient servant William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	7 October 1874
<b>CH343/87a/187</b>	Letter to Messrs Harman & Stevens as Agents for C E Rose Esq Gentlemen, I am instructed by the Council to give you notice to fill up a hollow place containing stagnant water on land at corner of Manchester and Chester Streets and in occupations of Mr Gee? And to direct your attention to Bye Law No 12 c 32 which provides for a weeks notice being given in such cases. I have the honour Gentlemen, to be your obedient servant William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	8 October 1874
<b>CH343/87a/188</b>	Messrs Hillier & Co as Agents for Hawdons Gentlemen, I am instructed by the Council to give you notice to fill up a hollow place containing stagnant water on land fronting on Tuam Street. And to direct your attention to Bye Law No 12 c 32 which provides for a weeks notice being given in such cases. I have the honour Gentlemen, to be your obedient servant William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	8 October 1874
<b>CH343/87a/189</b>	Mr Pavill Esq, as steward? for Ch Prop Trustees Sir, I am instructed by the Council to give you notice to fill up a hollow place containing stagnant water on land fronting on Peterboro Street and leased to Mr M ? Oram and to direct your attention to Bye Law No 12 c 32 which provides for a weeks notice being given in such cases. I have the honour Gentlemen, to be your obedient servant William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	8 October 1874
<b>CH343/87a/190</b>	To John McConkey from "By order of the Christchurch City Council William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances" I hereby give you notice that the street called Lyttelton (could be Lichfield) Street leading from Madras Street in the westerly direction must in accordance with the Municipal Corporations Act 1869 Clause 299 be properly drained, formed and metalled by the 13 <sup>th</sup> day of November next otherwise the Council will cause the work to be done and the expenses thereof will be recovered from the owners of land and buildings in the said street.	13 October 1874
<b>CH343/87a/191</b>	To Mr Thomas McGee from "By order of the Christchurch City Council William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances" I hereby give you notice that the street called Lyttelton Street leading from Madras Street in a westerly direction must in accordance with the Municipal Corporations Act 1867 c 299 be properly drained, formed and metalled by the 13 <sup>th</sup> day of November next otherwise the Council will cause the work to be done and the expenses thereof will be recovered from the owners of land and buildings in the said street.	13 October 1874
<b>CH343/87a/192</b>	Mr Collett, Tuam Street Sir, I am instructed by the Council to give you notice to provide a privy on your premises with a closet pan within fourteen days from this date. The pan to be round or oval in shape and of a size not to contain more than eight gallons, and be conveniently placed for removal. The Contractor for scavenging will supply same weekly or fortnightly as may be ordered by you or as authorized by you or as may be necessary. The contactor is authorized to charge for this work in accordance with	14 October 1874

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	the scale fixed by the Council. To prevent offensiveness a supply of dry earth should be kept in the privy and used frequently. I have the honour to be Sir, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	
CH343/87a/193	Mr Collett – same as above	14 October 1874
CH343/87a/194	Mr Holly, Tuam Street Sir, I am instructed by the Council to give you notice to provide the privy on you premises with a closet pan within fourteen days from this date, the pan to be round or oval in shape and of a size not to contain more than eight gallons and be conveniently placed for removal. The Contractor for scavenging (who is authorized to charge you for the work in accordance with the scale fixed by the Council) will empty same weekly or fortnightly as may be ordered by you or as may be necessary. To prevent offensiveness a supply of dry earth or ashes must be kept in the closet and used frequently. I have the honour to be Sir, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	14 October 1874
CH343/87a/195	Mr Vincent Sir, I hereby give you notice that the Street called Lyttelton Street leading from Madras Street in a Westerly direction must in accordance with the Municipal Corporations Act 1867, Clause 299 be properly drained, formed and metalled by the 14 <sup>th</sup> day of November next otherwise the Council will cause the work to be done and the expense thereof will be recovered from the owners of land and buildings in the said street. By order of the Christchurch City Council, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	14 October 1874
CH343/87a/196	Mr Cant Sir, I hereby give you notice to discontinue the removal of offensive refuse from “Triangle” between the hours of 8 am and 6 pm. Complaints are made of the Nuisance caused during the removal; if continued, legal proceedings will be taken against you William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	22 October 1874
CH343/87a/197	Mr Saunders Sir, I hereby give you notice that the street called Lyttelton Street leading from Madras Street in a Westerly direction must in accordance with the Municipal Corporations Act 1867, Clause 299 be properly drained, formed and metalled by the 14 <sup>th</sup> day of November inst otherwise the Council will cause the work to be done and the expense thereof will be recovered from the owners of land and buildings in the said street. By order of the Christchurch City Council, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	3 November 1874
CH343/87a/198	Mr F Pavitt, Steward for Church Property Trustees Sir, I am directed to inform you that in consequence of continued complaints of the offensiveness of the side channel in Chester Street caused by the drainage from the Deanery it is necessary the same be channelled without delay and that upon the owners or occupiers intimating to the Council their willingness to contribute a fourth of the cost for chain frontage, an estimate will be prepared and upon the accounts in	28 November 1874
CH343/87a/199	Cont.....accordance therewith being paid the work will be proceeded with without delay. I have the honour to be Sir, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances  Letter further down page is blurred but is a request for rates payment	24 February 1875
CH343/87a/200	J W Delamaine Esq Sir, May I trouble you for a cheque for the enclosed (£6.0.4) in the course of next week. Your obedient servant, F C Tribe – Rates Collector	24 February 1875
CH343/87a/201	Text disappeared	
CH343/87a/202	Text disappeared	
CH343/87a/203	Sir, I beg to inform you that complaints are being made of a nuisance caused during the removal of refuse from premises within the City and also that the person in charge of the cart when spoken to on the subject made use of very improper language. It is requested that .....remove the refuse early in the morning; the cart is especially complained of as being in a very filthy condition. W M Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	13 March 1875
CH343/87a/204	Text disappeared	
CH343/87a/205	Text too faint	
CH343/87a/206	Text too faint	
CH343/87a/207	The City Council are prepared to undertake the channelling on East side of Madras Street from Hereford Street to Cashel Street provided one fourth of the cost per chain (viz £2.12.6 of £10.10) be paid in advance by the parties interested in property fronting that part of the said street. We the undersigned are willing to pay accordingly. <i>(No names included)</i>	31 March 1875

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CH343/87a/208	Very faint Rates request	1 April 1875
CH343/87a/209	The City Council are prepared to undertake the concrete channelling and kerbing that part of the roadway in Cathedral Square in front of Sections 700 and 702 on Block 18 North East quarter provided one fourth of the cost per chain (viz £2.12. 6 of £10.10) be paid in advance by the parties interested in property in that part of Cathedral Square. The undersigned are willing to pay accordingly. <i>(No names included)</i>	7 April 1875
CH343/87a/210	F Pavitt, Steward Church Prop Trustees, Sir, I beg to call your attention to a nuisance existing in the side channel Lichfield Street abutting on the premises occupied by Mr Cain? and caused in part by the drainage from those premises for some time past people going to St Michael's Church have complained bitterly of the unbearable stench arising therefrom. This nuisance could be abated by concrete channelling. I would call your attention to the enclosed document with a request you will lay the matter before the Church Prop Trustees and secure their signatures. I am Sir, your obedient servant, W Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	14 April 1875
CH343/87a/211	The City Council are prepared to undertake the concrete channelling and kerbing of that part of Manchester Street on both sides from Hereford Street by Oxford Terrace – Oxford Terrace south side from the Manchester Street to Madras Street provided one fourth of the cost per chain viz £2.12.6 of £10.10 be paid in advance by the parties interested in property fronting on the part of the said street and Oxford Terrace. We the undersigned are willing to pay accordingly. <i>(No names included)</i>	21 April 1875
CH343/87a/212	Rev B Y Dudley, Sir, Some owners of property in Manchester Street have expressed their wish to have the side channel in front of their property laid with concrete channelling and kerbing; this the Council are prepared to do on one fourth of the cost per chain (viz £2.12.6 of £10.10) being paid in advance should you wish to join with them in respect of that property tenanted to Miss Moore will you be good enough to write to that effect I should mention that the drainage from these premises flows into the side channel which in its present condition is a great nuisance to the neighbourhood I am Sir, yours obediently, W Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	22 April 1875
CH343/87a/213	Too faint	27 April 1875
CH343/87a/214	Too faint	
CH343/87a/215	Too faint	
CH343/87a/216	One letter too faint  Second letter: Sir, May I trouble you for a cheque for the enclosed Rates amounting to £4.5.5 at your earliest convenience. I am Sir, your obedient servant, W Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	4 May 1875
CH343/87a/217	Kerb and Channel notification – Colombo Street East	5 May 1875
CH343/87a/218	Mr Foley? Wellington Sir, Be good enough to send as early as possible a Post Office Order for 15/10 (fifteen shillings and ten pence) the amount of the enclosed Rate. Yours obediently, F C Tribe, Rate Collector  D Williams? Akaroa Sir, Be good enough to send me a PO Order for £2.7.6 for the amount of the enclosed Rate for the year 1874 at your earliest convenience. Yours obediently, F C Tribe, Rate Collector	11 May 1875  11 May 1875
CH343/87a/219	One letter smudged the other too faint	11 & 17 May 1875
CH343/87a/220	Graham Esq, Dunedin Sir, Some months ago I furnished Mr ? with the particulars of the Rates for 1872 due from the estate of Money & Co which were duly forwarded to you on the 30 <sup>th</sup> ultimo ? to you on the subject, may I therefore request that you will send me the amount of £7.10.2 by return of Post as the Council desire to close the Roll. I am Sir, your obedient servant, F C Tribe  Sir, I must request that you will send me a cheque in the course of this week for £6.1.8 the amount of the Rates for last year on a house in Hereford is rented a part of the year by Mr? and	20 May 1873  17 May 1873

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CH343/87a/221	Madam, I enclose you herewith an application for Rates for 1874 on some property belonging to you in Street, the original ? was left on the property some months ago and I have to request that you the  Second letter too faint	21 May 1875
CH343/87a/222	Two letters too faint	
CH343/87a/223	Mr John Harper Sir, You will be good enough to produce your licenses for Stage Carriages in order that the numbers 1 and 3 may be written on same. William Pearce, Inspector of Hackney Carriages	4 June 1875
CH343/87a/224	First letter too faint  G Holmes Esq, Pigeon Bay Sir, May I trouble you for a cheque for the enclosed Rates (£4.3.5.) for the year 1874 as early as you possibly can as the Council wish to close the Roll. I am Sir, your obedient servant, F C Tribe, Collector	7 June 1875
CH343/87a/225	Two letters too faint	8 June 1873
CH343/87a/226	Two letters one smudged the other too faint	10 June 1873
CH343/87a/227	The City Council are prepared to undertake the channelling on the South East side of Manchester Street from Glo'ster Street to Armagh Street provided one fourth of the cost per chain (viz £2.12.6. of £10.10) being paid in advance by the parties interested in property fronting that part of the said street.  We the undersigned are willing to pay accordingly. <i>(No signatures included)</i>	23 June 1875
CH343/87a/228	The City Council are prepared to undertake the channelling and kerbing on the west side of Barbadoes Street between Tuam and Lichfield Street provided one fourth of the cost per chain (viz £2.12.6. of £10.10) be paid in advance by parties interested in property fronting that part of the said street.  We the undersigned are willing to pay accordingly. <i>(No names included)</i>	25 June 1875
CH343/87a/229	The Rev N. Lally? Sir, I beg to call your attention to the condition of a section of land in Armagh Street which I am informed you are owner - on it there is an accumulation of surface water owing to the adjoining sections being levelled. In the first instance I applied to Mr Pearce, grocer, Oxford Terrace hearing he had the sale of the section but he informed me he has no power to wear the expense of filling up the hollow place containing the stagnant water or protecting it from trespass. I have endeavoured, without success, to find out by whom a quantity of garden rubbish has been thrown into it.  I shall be obliged by your informing me if you are still the owner or on whom notices should be served to abate the nuisances in question.  I am Sir, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	20 July 1875
CH343/87a/230	J Josephs Esq Sir, I beg to call your attention to water lying on land situate in St Asaph Street lately occupied by M Holly which is causing damage to the newly formed footpath in that street and is also stagnant and offensive, an artesian well constantly flowing and having no drains to carry off the water is the chief cause of the evil.  Your immediate attention is requested.  I have the honor to be Sir, your Obedient Servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	21 July 1875
CH343/87a/231	Mr Donald Cameron Sir, I beg to call your attention to a nuisance on land fronting on Madras Street - which land, I am informed, was the property of the late Mr Douglas for whom you are a trustee. The nuisance consists of an open ditch full of stagnant water. Persons are at liberty to drain surface water into the side channel but the ditch in question is too deep for that purpose.  Your early attention is requested to the matter.  I am Sir, your Obedient Servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	22 July 1875
CH343/87a/232	The City Council are prepared to undertake the concrete channelling and kerbing that part of Montreal Street on the West side from Cashel Street to Cambridge Terrance. Provided one fourth of the cost per chain (viz £2. 12. 6 of £10.10) be paid in advance by parties interested in property on the said street.	24 July 1875
CH343/87a/233	Two letters one smudged the other too faint	27 July 1873
CH343/87a/234	Too faint	29 July 1873

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CH343/87a/235	J Josephs Esq Sir, I am instructed by the Board to give you notice to fill up a hollow space containing stagnant water on land in the occupation of Mrs Holly situate in St Asaph Street within fourteen days from this date. If you fail to comply with this notice it will be lawful for the Board to execute the work mentioned herein at your expense. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	4 August 1875
CH343/87a/236	Mr J Stace? Sir, I am instructed by the Board to give you notice to fill up a hollow place containing stagnant water on land situate at the corner of Salisbury and Colombo Streets within fourteen days from this date. If you fail to comply with this notice it will be lawful for the Board to execute the work mentioned herein at your expense. I have the honor to be Sir, your Obedient Servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	5 August 1875
CH343/87a/237	Messrs Miles, Hassal & Co as Agents Gentlemen, I am instructed by the Local Board of Health for Christchurch to give you notice to fill up a hollow place containing stagnant water on land fronting on Lichfield Street (Hawdens Estate) within fourteen days from this date. If you fail to comply with this notice it will be lawful for the Board to execute the work mentioned herein at your expense. I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your obedient servant, William Pearce	6 August 1875
CH343/87a/238	Mr Innes, Whately Road (now Victoria Street) Sir, I am instructed by the Local Board of Health for Christchurch to give you notice to fill up a hollow place containing stagnant water on land fronting on Lichfield Street and Salisbury Street within fourteen days from this date. If you fail to comply with notice it will be lawful for the Board to execute the work mentioned herein at your expense. I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your obedient servant, William Pearce	10 August 1875
CH343/87a/239	Mr Joseph Sutton Sir, I am instructed by the Board to give you notice to fill up a hollow place containing stagnant water on land fronting on a private property in Durham Street within fourteen days from this date. If you fail to comply with notice it will be lawful for the Board to execute the work herein at your expense. I have the honor to be your obedient servant, W Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	11 August 1875
CH343/87a/240	Mr Henry Watts Sir, I am instructed by the Board to give you notice to fill up a hollow place containing stagnant water on land owned by you fronting on a private street off Durham Street within fourteen days from this date. If you fail to comply with this notice it will be lawful for the Board to execute the work mentioned herein at your expense. I am Sir, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector	11 August 1875
CH343/87a/241	Same as above	
CH343/87a/242	Mr E H Brooker Sir, I am instructed by the Board to give you notice to fill up a hollow place containing stagnant water on land owned by you fronting on private street off Durham Street within fourteen days from this date. If you fail to comply with this notice it will be lawful for the Board to execute the work mentioned herein at your expense I am Sir, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector	11 August 1875
CH343/87a/243	Mr C I Barnard Sir, I am instructed by the Board to give you notice to fill up a hollow place containing stagnant water on land owned by you situate on a private street off Durham Street within fourteen days from this date. If you fail to comply with this notice it will be lawful for the Board to execute the work mentioned herein at your expense I am Sir your obedient Servant, William Pearce, Inspector	11 August 1875
CH343/87a/244	Mr Fagerty – stagnant water on private land off Durham Street	12 August 1875
CH343/87a/245	Mr Fagerty again – stagnant water on private street off Durham Street	12 August 1875
CH343/87a/246	Mr Piper Sir, I am instructed by the Local Board of Health to give you notice to fill up a hollow place containing stagnant water on land owned by you situate on a private street off Durham Street within fourteen days from this date. If you fail to comply with this notice it will be lawful for the Board to execute the work mentioned herein at your expense I am Sir your obedient Servant, William Pearce, Inspector	12 August 1875
CH343/87a/247	The Rev W Aldred Sir, I am instructed by the Board to give you notice to fill up a hollow place containing stagnant water on land owned by you fronting on a private streets off Durham Street within fourteen days from this date. If you fail to comply with this notice it will be lawful for the Board to execute the work mentioned herein at your expense. I have served notice on W Barnard and others in respect of the portions owned by them. I am Sir your obedient Servant, William Pearce, Inspector	12 August 1875

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CH343/87a/248	The Rev M Lally Sir, In answer to yours of the 9 <sup>th</sup> inst I beg to inform you the number of the Section whereon the surface water was lying is 558. The land is now dry but in order to prevent a recurrence of the nuisance it should be filled up to a higher level as that Council is now levelling many of the footpaths in the City. Earth can be procured for the purpose at 1/- or 1/6 for a load. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, W Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	15 October 1875
CH343/87a/249	Mr Baxter Sir, I find the nuisance on the premises in Chester Street arises from the closet pan being too small for two families altho' emptied twice weekly; the pan therefore must be emptied weekly or a larger pan provided. The former is preferable as I fear the Contractor will not be able to collect the money. I am yours obediently William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	23 November 1875
CH343/87a/250	Mr Garland Sir, I beg to call your attention to the closets on premises owned by you in Madras Street and to request you will be good enough to cause same to be repaired or new ones provided and with closet pans. I am Sir, yours obediently, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	23 November 1875
CH343/87a/251	Sir, I beg to make you application for Rates for the years 1874 and 1875, and should feel obliged if you would be good enough to send me a Post Office Order for the amount at your earliest convenience. I am Sir, your obedient servant, F C Tribe, Rate Collector	1875
CH343/87a/252	Mr Viney? Sir, I am instructed by the Board to give you notice under the Public Health Act 1872, Clause 38 to discontinue keeping pigs on your premises in Montreal Street and to remove the pigs at present on the premises within one week from the above date. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant William Pearce, Inspector to the Board	4 January 1876
CH343/87a/253	Mr McDonald Sir, I am instructed by the Board to give you notice under the Public Health Act 1872, Clause 38 to discontinue keeping pigs on your premises by Moa Place off Madras Street and to remove the pigs at present on the premises within on week from the above date. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector to the Board	8 January 1876
CH343/87a/254	Mr Dearsley Sir, I beg to call your attention to an offensive drain on a Right of Way off Montreal Street, the freehold of which I am informed is owned by you, the drain takes the waste water from an artesian well on the Right of Way and from the premises of your tenants; a surface drain of concrete or other impervious material should be laid, it could then be kept clean. If I am in error as to your being the owner be good enough to let me know at your earliest convenience I am Sir, yours obediently, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	24 January 1876
CH343/87a/255	Chas Read Esq Sir, I beg to call your attention to the nuisance that continues to exist on a piece of land owned by you in Kilmore Street in the shape of accumulated rubbish. I would suggest as a remedy that Mr Wallers who occupies the next section should have the use and care of same conditionally upon his preventing the nuisance complained of and surrendering same when sold or let for permanent occupation. An early communication with Mr Wallers or myself will oblige. Yours obediently William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	6 February 1876
CH343/87a/256	Mr Williams Sir, I am instructed by the Board to give you notice under the Public Health Act 1872 Clause 38 to discontinue keeping pigs on your premises in Tuam Street and to remove the pigs at present on the premises within one week from the above date. I have the honor to be Sir, Your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector to the Board	16 February 1876
CH343/87a/257	M Lally Sir, I beg to enclose for your information an account just received from Mr Brightling the person I employed to cost earth to your section No 558 in Armagh Street; still more earth could be costed in with advantage to the section - a days labor in addition to the account is required if you would have it levelled. I should be glad of your further instructions as I have mislaid your letter in answer to mine of the 15 <sup>th</sup> October last. I have the honor to be Sir, Your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances	26 February 1876
CH343/87a/258	Mr Doyle Sir, A man named George Smith has made an application to the City Council for a Drivers License he states he was last in your employ, was he well conducted and can you recommend him as a fit person to hold a drivers license and oblige. Yours faithfully William Pearce, Inspector of Hackney Carriages	21 March 1876
CH343/87a/259	Sir, Please send me a cheque for the enclosed Rate for 1875 at your earliest convenience as I am closing the Rates Roll for this year. Yours obediently, F C Tribe, Collector  Second letter illegible	7 April 1876  13 April 1876
CH343/87a/260	R Westura Esq, C? Station, Dunsandel	10 May 1876

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	<p>Sir, I beg to call your attention to surface water lying on the Right of Way to back of premises in occupation of Mr Beach? and others Hereford and Cashel Streets. It could be drained by an open channel and a pipe under the footpath in Cashel Street, a little filling up might be necessary.</p> <p>An answer in reference to this will oblige</p> <p>I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	
CH343/87a/261	<p>First letter too faint</p> <p>Second letter smudged</p>	
CH343/87a/262	<p>First letter too faint</p> <p>Second letter smudged</p>	
CH343/87a/263	<p>Mr ? Gloucester Street East</p> <p>Sir, Please send me the enclosed as early as possible, the ..... summoning all defaulters</p> <p>Presume second letter is for rates also but illegible</p>	<p>20 June 1876</p> <p>24 June 1876</p>
CH343/87a/264	<p>Mr Wagner</p> <p>Sir, On inspection of your yard at the back of the Hotel today I found it still in an unsatisfactory state in consequence of liquid contents of closet pan flowing over same. An accumulation of ashes which also contains contents of drain cesspit in the smaller yard and also an offensive accumulation near the dividing fence between yours and the next premises consisting of manure, house refuse, dead poultry etc etc. The house drain is also in an unsatisfactory state; a large quantity of solid matter getting into the side channel, and the yard generally is in bad condition occasioned by poultry being fed on house refuse thrown upon it. I have explained to your man on the premises what I think it necessary to put the premises in a satisfactory state</p> <p>William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	29 June 1876
CH343/87a/265	Too faint – two letters, possibly Rates	
CH343/87a/266	<p>One letter two faint – possibly Rates</p> <p>Second letter on same page smudged</p>	
CH343/87a/267	<p>Two letters</p> <p>Mr Thomas Dale, Blacksmith, Ashburton</p> <p>Sir, I enclose you herewith an application for Rates for a house in St Asaph Street you let to Miss White as weekly tenant, the original of which was left in the premises some ten months since.</p> <p>I must request that you will remit me the amount at once, or I shall be obliged to take out a summons.</p> <p>Yours obediently ? Collector</p> <p>Second letter very faint</p>	24 July 1876
CH343/87a/268	<p>Mr Harman</p> <p>It is some time since the subject of the Right of Way to the backs of the premises of your tenants in Colombo Street was brought to your notice by me. I have now to re-present to you the necessity that exists owing to the increased traffic, for widening the same, moreover it is very difficult to keep the back premises properly clean.</p> <p>I have seen Mr Packer who owns land abutting on the Right of Way and he would be willing to give say 10 or so feet to increase its width provided his tenants can have an equal use of the Right of Way with your own tenants.</p> <p>An immediate answer will oblige as buildings are about to be erected.</p> <p>I am Sir, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	31 July 1876
CH343/87a/269	<p>Mr Gosling</p> <p>Sir, When the footpath abreast of your cottages on Kilmore Street was being reformed the Council's men found the pipes under the footpath crushed and that new ones were required. To save you trouble and prevent loss of time I ordered them from Mr Goss – the account is 14/- for pipes and nothing for labour. I enclose Mr Goss's a/c. Please reply at your earliest convenience</p> <p>Yours faithfully, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	5 August 1876
CH343/87a/270	<p>Two letters</p> <p>Delamain Esq, Yaldhurst</p> <p>Sir, Would you be good enough to send me a cheque for the enclosed Rates as early as possible, as I am instructed to summons all defaulters immediately.</p> <p>Your obedient servant F C Tribe, Collector</p> <p>Mr N Bailey, Southbridge</p> <p>Sir, I enclose you herewith application for Rates for last year for your House in Tuam Street, the original of which was left on the property July 7<sup>th</sup> 1875 and I must request that you will send me the amount by <u>return of post</u> as I am instructed to summons all defaulters.</p> <p>Your obedient servant, F C Tribe, Collector</p>	<p>7 August 1876</p> <p>7 August 1876</p>
CH343/87a/271	J Erickson, Lyttelton	15 August 1876

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	<p>Sir, Will you be good enough to send me a P O Order for the enclosed by <u>return of Post</u> as I am instructed to summons all defaulters</p> <p>Your obedient servant, F C Tribe, Collector</p> <p>M Bailey, Akaroa</p> <p>I enclose you herein an application for last years Rates on your House in Tuam Street, the original of what was left on the Property July 7 1873, and I must request that you will be good enough to send me the amount by <u>return of Post</u> as I am instructed to summons defaulters.</p> <p>Your obedient servant, F C Tribe, Collector</p>	12 August 1876
CH343/87a/272	<p>Mr Scarborough</p> <p>Dear Sir, Please send me a P O Order for the enclosed for <u>last</u> year by return of Post, as I am summoning all Defaulters by order of the Council.</p> <p>Dear Sir, yours truly F C Tribe, Collector</p> <p>Mr Adams, off South Belt</p> <p>Your Rates for last year amounting to £2.7.6. The particulars of which were left August 9th 1875 and finds are not yet paid; you must please let me have the amount <u>at once</u> as I am instructed to summons you.</p> <p>Your obedient servant F C Tribe, Collector</p>	15 August 1876  15 August 1876
CH343/87a/273	<p>Mr J R Steele, Black?, Ashburton</p> <p>Sir, I enclose you the copy of Application for Rates, for last year on a shop in Tuam Street, the original of which was left on the property last August, and I must request you will send me a cheque by return of Post as I am instructed to summons all defaulters forthwith.</p> <p>Your obedient servant, F C Tribe, collector</p> <p>Mr Sutton, Stonemason, Wellington</p> <p>Sir, I enclose you herewith copy of application for Rates for 1875, the original of which was delivered last August, and I am instructed to issue a summons unless you remit the amount by this day fortnight.</p> <p>Your obedient servant, F C Tribe, Collector</p>	21 August 1876  16 August 1876
CH343/87a/274	<p>Mr Garland, Tanner, Opawa</p> <p>Sir, Be good enough to send me the enclosed amount <u>at once</u> as I am instructed to summons all who have not paid immediately.</p> <p>Your obedient servant, F C Tribe, Collector</p> <p>T Foley, Wellington</p> <p>Sir, I must request that you will be good enough to send me a P O Order for the enclosed by return of Post, or I shall be compelled to take out a summons.</p> <p>Your obedient servant, F C Tribe, Collector</p>	23 August 1876  23 August 1876
CH343/87a/275	<p>Mr Robert Bailey, Wackerleys Hotel, Akaroa</p> <p>Sir, Please send me a P O Order for the enclosed by <u>return of post</u> as I am instructed to summon all Defaulters <u>at once</u>.</p> <p>Your obedient servant, F C Tribe, Collector</p> <p>Mr Robert Bailey, Wackerleys Hotel, Akaroa</p> <p>Sir, Please send me a cheque for the enclosed by <u>return of Post</u> as I am instructed to summons all Defaulters <u>at once</u>.</p> <p>Your obedient servant, F C Tribe, Collector</p>	28 August 1876
CH343/87a/276	<p>Mr J Buxton</p> <p>Sir, The notice having been delivered for your property on land opposite the Supreme Court for 1876, I shall be obliged by your paying the same at once. I am obliged to take this course as I find the property is about to change hands and there might be a dispute if left with the incoming Tenant.</p> <p>I am Sire, your obedient servant, Haskins, Town Clerk</p>	31 August 1876
CH343/87a/277	<p>Mr R Bailey, Akaroa</p> <p>Dear Sir, Mr Dale declines to pay the enclosed, as he has no funds in hand, and informs me he refused to act as Agent. You must therefore please send me a P O Order by return of Post without fail, or I am instructed to send you a summons.</p> <p>Yours truly, F C Tribe, Collector</p> <p>H B Johnston Esq,</p> <p>Sir, I am instructed by the Town Clerk to summons you for your Rates for <u>last year</u>, which I shall be obliged to do unless they are paid <u>at once</u> the particulars now delivered to you personally more than 12 months ago.</p> <p>I am your obedient servant, F C Tribe, Collector</p>	5 September 1876  10 September 1876
CH343/87a/278	<p>Mr J Dale, Engineer, Dunsandel</p> <p>Sir, I enclose you herewith a copy of Application for Rates for your house in St Asaph Street for 1865, the original of which was</p>	19 September 1876

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	<p>left at the House last August, and I must request that you will send me the amount <u>immediately</u> as I am summoning all Defaulters.</p> <p>I am Sir, your obedient servant, F C Tribe, Rate Collector</p> <p>Mr J Wilkinson, Post Office, Timaru</p> <p>Sir, Please send me a P O Order for the enclosed <u>at once</u>, or I shall be obliged to take out a summons. I am aware you have sold the land, but you are liable for the Rates or <u>1875</u>. Mr Diggles' name is on the Roll for this year therefore you must attend to this application <u>immediately</u>.</p> <p>I am you obedient servant, F C Tribe, Collector</p>	20 September 1876
<b>CH343/87a/279</b>	<p>Mr Vincent, near Justice Wilkins's?, Ferry Road</p> <p>Sir, Please let me have the enclosed <u>at once</u>, as I am instructed to summons all Defaulters forthwith.</p> <p>Your obedient servant, F C Tribe, Collector</p>	20 September 1876
<b>CH343/87a/280</b>	<p>To Mr Hutchinson</p> <p>Sir, I have given your tenant Mr Mc? notice to abate a nuisance arising from house drainage and stagnant water: A drain from the artesian well is badly required also some earth to fill up the hollow place where the water is lying. Your tenant is liable in the first instance for any nuisance existing on the premises but in this case of weekly tenants it is the landlord's duty to see proper conveniences provided on the premises.</p> <p>The closet should be provided with a pan, the cesspool being filed with surface water. Your immediate reply is requested.</p> <p>I am Sir, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	27 September 1876
<b>CH343/87a/281</b>	<p>E Cooper Esq, Mount Peel</p> <p>Sir, Will you be good enough to send me a cheque for the enclosed at once, as I am instructed to summons all Defaulters forthwith. I am aware you have sold the house, and the Rates for the present year have been paid.</p> <p>I am Sir, your obedient servant, F C Tribe, Collector</p> <p>Rev Lally, Ponsonby Suburbs, Auckland</p> <p>Sir, My name in full is Frederik Ceasar Tribe.</p> <p>I am Sir, your obedient servant, F C Tribe</p>	10 October 1876  12 October 1876
<b>CH343/87a/282</b>	Smudged	
<b>CH343/87a/283</b>	<p>Mr Brightling, Contractor</p> <p>Sir, In consequence of serious complaints being made of the night carts commencing work in the centre of the City at so early an hour as 11 o'clock; after consideration the Council have decided that the night carts must not be brought into the centre of the City for the purposes of removing night soil in future before 12 o'clock.</p> <p>I am Sir, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	15 November 1876
<b>CH343/87a/284</b>	<p>Mr Brightling</p> <p>Sir, I am instructed by the Town Clerk to ask you to be good enough to supply the following information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 – How many pans there are in Christchurch?</li> <li>2 – How many pans do you empty and for which you are paid?</li> <li>3 – How many houses does this include (question 2)</li> <li>4 – How is your contract carried out in emptying these pans that is how many do you supply per day?</li> <li>5 – How many drays do you employ for this purpose?</li> </ol> <p>I am Sir, your obedient servant, William Pearce, Inspector of Nuisances</p>	21 November 1876
<b>CH343/87a/285</b>	<p>Mr Cameron, Amberley</p> <p>Dear Sir, Will you please send me a cheque for the enclosed £3.8.4 as early as you can as this Council desire to close the Roll for 1876.</p> <p>I am dear Sir, Yours truly, F C Tribe, Collector</p>	28 March 1877
<b>CH343/87a/286</b>	<p>Mr Garland</p> <p>Sir, I beg to draw your attention to the fact that the Sanitary Committee have decided on compelling all Hotel Keepers to provide good urinal accommodation and when inspecting yours to day I thought it was not nearly conspicuous enough. I would therefore ask you to alter it so that the public can easily find it, also enlarge it.</p> <p>Yours etc etc, Francis Hobbs, Inspector</p>	8 May 1877
<b>CH343/87a/287</b>	<p>Mr G Beattie</p> <p>Dear Sir, I beg to inform you that the Council have decided on writing to the Licensing Bench informing them of those parties who have not complied with the request of the Council in erecting proper urinal accommodation. I would therefore ask (you) to attend to this matter at once and save yourself any further trouble.</p> <p>Yours etc etc F Hobbs, City Inspector</p>	9 May 1877
<b>CH343/87a/288</b>	Same as above	9 May 1877

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CH343/87a/289	Mr Wilson Sir, I inspected your premises last evening in accordance with your letter to me and I must say I felt very much annoyed when I saw you had misrepresented the case there being nothing whatever to obstruct Contractors or to be offensive to any one. I trust therefore you will not write any more letters to me unless you have some real cause for complaint. Yours, etc, F Hobbs, City Inspector	17 May 1877
CH343/87a/290	Smudged	
CH343/87a/291	Mr C Berminter Sir, I hereby give you notice that unless you take immediate action to abate nuisance ? on your premises I shall be obliged to order it to be done at your expense Yours etc, etc, F Hobbs, Inspector  Mr A Moody, Woolston Sir, Will you please let me have the enclosed amount (£1.3.9) <u>as early</u> as you possibly can, as the Council wish to close the Roll at once Your obedient servant, F C Tribe, Collector	28 May 1877     30 May 1877
CH343/87a/292	Mr C Barnard Sir, This is to give you notice that I have laid an information against you for filling in drain cut by the Council's order to relieve the neighbourhood of stagnant water which will be heard on Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> June – also to give you notice that I shall have same opened again and that if you obstruct or cause some to be filled in I shall again take proceedings. Your etc, Francis Hobbs, City Inspector	8 June 1877
CH343/87a/293	A Simpson Esq Sir, I have seen Mr Walton respecting ? Rates and be informed that there is nothing in the Estate, consequently I must apply to you, and the owner, for the amount £4.15.0, and shall feel obliged by receiving a cheque for the amount at your earliest convenience. Your obedient servant F C Tribe, Collector  Mr Herbert? Timaru Sir, I hereby received your letter respecting the Rates due from you for the year 1876, and beg to inform you that I will get the case adjourned for a fortnight, and in the mean time (as soon as you can) please inform me when you sold the six cottages to Mr Pyke. Your obedient Sir, F C Tribe, Collector	19 June 1877     19 June 1877
CH343/87a/294	Sir, You are requested on the 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday of every month to present the cab of which you are owner at the City Council yard at 9 O'clock sharp for inspection. F Hobbs, City Inspector  Mr J Stenning Sir, There is £1.12.9 due for Rates for 1876 on property belonging to your brother in Peterboro Street, we have obtained judgment for the amount, and before taking out Execution I thought I would acquaint you of the fact, please reply at once as we want to close the Roll. Your obedient servant, Tribe Collector	21 June 1877     21 June 1877
CH343/87a/295	Mr J Gwatkin In reference to your letter of the 21 <sup>st</sup> complaining of Thorn Hedge I beg to refer you to the Avon Road Board as it is in their district. Yours etc, F Hobbs, City Inspector	27 June 1877
CH343/87a/296	Mr B Hart Esq Sir, On the 9 <sup>th</sup> of June I sent you notice to abate nuisance caused by stagnant water lying on your section fronting on Lichfield Street opposite Messrs Bennett and Saunders premises but as you did not comply with it I have had it removed I must now ask you to fill up same but before doing so would recommend you to give Mr Shepherd notice not to pump water from his cellar into it or it will continue to be the cause of a nuisance Your obedient servant, F Hobbs, City Inspector	3 July 1877
CH343/87a/297	Mr W A Herbert, Timaru Sir, I beg to inform you that it will not be necessary for you to attend the court, as under the circumstances I shall withdraw the summons. I am your obedient servant, J C , Collector  Mr W A Meninman, Colombo Street South Sir, I beg to inform you that it will be necessary for you to attend the Court on the day dated on the summons, as I find the matter must come before the Court. I am Sir, your obedient servant, F C Tribe, Collector	3 July 1877     3 July 1877

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CH343/87a/298	Mr H M Goodfer? Sir, As you have not complied with notice sent to you to form proper drainage and clear away manure from your premises corner of Lichfield and Madras Street I beg to give you notice that unless you do so within 24 hours I shall have it done at your expense without giving further notice. Yours etc F Hobbs, City Inspector	4 July 1877
CH343/87a/299	Rates - illegible	
CH343/87a/300	Mr Briggs, Wellington Sir, Be good enough to send me a Postal Order for the enclosed (£7.17.0) at your earliest convenience. Your obedient servant, F C Tribe, Collector	25 September 1877
CH343/87a/301	Mr Abraham Denton Sir, I hereby give you notice that unless your Cab No 12 is immediately put in good repair I shall recommend the Council to cancel your license. F Hobbs, Cab Inspector  Mr Malholland Sir, I hereby give you notice that unless your Cab No 7 is immediately put in good repair I shall recommend the Council to cancel your licence. F Hobbs, Cab Inspector	4 October 1877  4 October 1877
CH343/87a/302	Mr Quill, Ashburton Sir, Be good enough to send me a Postal Order for the enclosed at once as I have instruction to close the Roll and summons all Defaulters. The original demand was made on the 16 <sup>th</sup> June 1877. I am your obedient servant F C Tribe Collector  Mr Johnson, Kaiapoi Sir, I will thank you to send me the enclosed as early as possible as I am ordered to close this Roll, the original application was past under the door as the shop was vacant it was ? Febry?22 <sup>nd</sup> 1877 I am your obedient servant, J C F? Collector	11 October 1877  11 October 1877
CH343/87a/303	Sir, On the 27 August last I sent you a notice to remove a fowl house farther away from the dwelling house of Mrs Green when you called on me and assured me it was not for a fowl house but intended for some other purpose I took your word for it being the case but I now find you are keeping fowls there very much to the annoyance of Mrs Green and her boarders. I must therefore request you to remove them a sufficient distance so as not to be a nuisance to your neighbours or I shall be compelled to take proceedings Your obedient servant F Hobbs, Inspector	15 October 1877
CH343/87a/304	Stonelind? Christchurch Sir, In reference to your letter I beg to inform you that as your name is on the Rate Roll, I shall have to look to you to pay the rates for your house in Madras Street North and as we are about to commence summonsing, I should advise you to pay the amount as early as possible. I am your obedient servant F C Tribe, Collector	19 October 1877
CH343/87a/305	R Parker Esq, Cashel Street Sir, I enclose an account of Mr Beards for laying 4 inch pipes across footpath as it was found to be necessary to complete the work satisfactorily from your premises in Armagh Street West. You will therefore oblige by including it with previous account and let me have a cheque for it as soon as possible. Yours obediently, F Hobbs, Inspector	29 October 1877
CH343/87a/306	Mr Benjamin Sparks, Lichfield Street I hereby give you notice not to pay any more Rent to Mr Duncan Beaton for the house occupied by you in Lichfield Street as there are Rates amounting to £12.8.7 due on the property, and for which judgement has in part been obtained in the Magistrates Court, and I have to request that when you have that amount in hand you will please pay it to myself or the Rates Collector, whence you will be furnished with a proper receipt which you can hand to Mr Beaton, in lieu of cash for your rent; otherwise your furniture may be seized upon and sold for the cash amount. I am sir, your obedient servant, F T Haskins, Town Clerk	19 November 1877
CH343/87a/307	Mr J Wilson? Sir, The Works Committee is willing to accept the footpath sc...ings? <u>now</u> on the South Belt on condition that you deliver no more without an order from <u>me in writing</u> . I remain Sir, your obedient servant, C Walkden, City Surveyor	5 December 1877
CH343/87a/308	Henry Parkin? Esq Sir, I beg to call your attention to the dilapidated state of the cart bridge over the Channel in Lichfield Street at the entrance to the Right of Way leading through Polack No 8 and to beg you to have it at once repaired. I am Sir, your obedient servant, C Walkden, City Surveyor	6 December 1877
CH343/87a/309	Illegible	

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CH343/87a/310	M B Hart Esq Sir, I beg to call your attention to the dilapidated state of the Cart Bridge over the Channel in Lichfield Street at the entrance of four Right of Way leading to the "White Hart Hotel" and to beg you to have it at once repaired. I am Sir, your obedient servant, C Walkden, City Surveyor	6 December 1877
CH343/87a/311	blank	6 December 1877
CH343/87a/312	R Parker Esq, Cashel Street West, Christchurch Sir, I beg to inform you that unless I receive payment of your account during this week I shall be compelled to take proceedings to recover same or I shall get into trouble from the Council. Yours obediently F Hobbs, City Inspector	8 January 1878
CH343/87a/313	Mr Richard Ansley, Salisbury Street Sir, I hereby give you notice not to pay any more rent to Mr Lewis for the house occupied by you in Salisbury Street as there are rates and costs amounting to £4.16.6 due on the property and for which judgement has been obtained in the Magistrates Court and I have to request that when you have that amount in hand you will please pay it to myself or the Rate Collector, when you will be furnished with a proper receipt which you can hand to Mr Lewis in lieu of cash for your rent, otherwise your furniture may be seized upon and sold for the amount. I am sir your obedient servant, F Haskins, Town Clerk	10 January 1878
CH343/87a/314	Two letters both illegible but one to J R Steele, Ashburton	
CH343/87a/315	Cuddon, Fendalton Sir, Be good enough to send a cheque for the enclosed Rates (£11.1.8) at your earliest convenience as the Council desires to close the roll. I am Sir, Your Obedt Sevt, F C Tribe, Collector	15 February 1878
CH343/87a/316	Mrs Schmidt Madam, I beg to inform you that the man who drives No 32 Cab is J Crew. I have seen him and am confident he is the person you complain of. It is therefore our wish that you ...me information against him at once. I have the honor to be Madam, Your obedient servant, F Hobbs, City Inspector Second letter faint	5 March 1878
CH343/87a/317	Letter too faint	
CH343/87a/318	Mr T Rennie Sir, I beg to inform you that a case of fever is reported at home occupied by Mr Barry. Dr Panell (h)as requested the cesspool to be done away with at once therefore I beg to give you 48 hours notice to remove same and adopt the regulation pans to the whole of the closets on your premises (Cambridge? Terrace) or I shall instruct it to be done under Clause 46 of the Public Health Act. F Hobbs, City Inspector	12 March 1878
CH343/87a/319	Mr J Murphy Sir, I am directed by the Council to inform you that owing to police case against you on the 4 <sup>th</sup> they have decided to cancel your license at once should any other complaints be made against you and there will be no chance of any other application being considered by them. I am Sir, your obedient servant, F T Haskins, Town Clerk	13 March 1878
CH343/87a/820	Mr J C Sheppard Sir, I beg to inform you that I have inspected the urinal at your Hotel this morning and found you had not carried out the alterations I considered necessary for abating the nuisance. I must therefore request immediate attention to it or I shall be compelled to have it done at your expense. Yours obediently, F Hobbs, City Inspector	23 March 1878
CH343/87a/321	Two illegible letters - debt collection requests	
CH343/87a/322	Very faint	
CH343/87a/323	Mr W Hellein Sir, I am instructed to give you notice to erect chimney stack at your preserving factory Durham Street on the principal suggested by W Bickerton which I think will have the desired effect. Your obediently, F Hobbs, City Inspector	30 April 1878
CH343/87a/324	Mr J Lynch Sir, The Council at its meeting last night cancelled your license. Please to bring your license as a driver to my office as you have no longer authority to act as a license driver. Francis Hobbs, Cab Inspector	21 May 1878

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CH343/87a/325	Martin Esq, Wellington Sir, Be good enough to send me PO Order for the enclosed amount of Rates due on your land for the year 1877 by return of post and oblige. Your obedient servant, F C Tribe, Collector	27 May 1878
	J Inltoa Esq, Dunedin Sir, Mr E Lee informs me that you are Agents to Mr Jollie, may I therefore trouble you to forward me the enclosed amount of 7.2.6 at your earliest convenience as the Council wish to close the roll for 1877. I am sir, your obedient servant, F C Tribe, Collector	4 June 1878
CH343/87a/326	J Sir, I am instructed to take out instructions for the enclosed Rate which I shall be compelled to do unless you send me the amount before 10 o'clock on Monday morning next	6 June 1878
CH343/87a/327	Dr Deamer? Dear Sir, Some time ago I received a letter from you in respect to a notice I had sent you about the drainage from your property in Antigua Street the cause of the water flowing over the footpath is owing to the wood used in putting down concrete side channels which has stopped the mouth of the drain pipe it simply wants a hole the size of the pipe cut through the wood which would at once relieve the premises of water which is not only dangerous but is destroying the asphalt footpath: if it would save you any trouble I will undertake to get it done. Your obediently F Hobbs, City Inspector	10 June 1878
CH343/87a/328	Mr H Marks Sir, I beg to give you notice that under Clause 41 and 42 of the Public Health Act you are liable to a penalty of twenty pounds for not providing privy accommodation for each of your premises situated in Manchester Street. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, F Hobbs, City Inspector	18 June 1878
CH343/87a/329	Mr G Sefton, Post Office, Sir, I am instructed by the Council to state that unless you forward the enclosed amount <u>immediately</u> , I must send up a summons which will entail considerable expense, the original application was left on the property June 19 <sup>th</sup> 1877. Your obedient servant F C Tribe, Collector	18 June 1878
	Mrs Bradley, Southbrook Madam, I am instructed to take out a summons for £2.15.5 due from you for the year 1877 for Rates and unless you send the amount before 10 o'clock on Saturday next, I shall be compelled to do so. Your obedient servant, F C Tribe, Collector	18 June 1878
CH343/87a/330	Mr E Clarke Sir, I beg to give you notice that under Clause 28 of the Public Health Act 1876 you are subject to a fine of ten pounds for not reporting the cases of fever which you have had in your house situated in St Asaph Street West to the Local Board of the District. I have to day inspected your premises and found you have two cesspools on your property which I enclose notice of. You must also have your house and premises thoroughly cleaned and purified at once. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, F Hobbs, City Inspector	18 June 1878
CH343/87a/331	Mr Bird? Sir, I enclose herewith copy of application for Rates for 1877 due on "Allenton House" the original of which was left at the house on July 26 <sup>th</sup> 1877 and I must request that you will send me the amount at once, as I am ordered to sue all defaulters forthwith. Your obedient servant, F C Tribe, Collector	24 June 1878
CH343/87a/332	Mr Messenger? Dear Sir, In reply to your letter respecting my sending a carpenter to put floor down at your premises the reason I have not done so is owing to the carpenters employed by the Council being away but I will see they do it as soon as they return. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, Francis Hobbs, City Inspector	25 June 1878
CH343/87a/333	Mr G Ebert Sir, I am instructed by the City Surveyor to give you notice that you are required to return the rods? etc lent you by him and belonging to the Council within 10 days from this date. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, Francis Hobbs, City Inspector	5 July 1878
CH343/87a/334	Mr Por?, Ashburton Sir, Be good enough to send me the enclosed amount by return of Post as I am instructed to summons all defaulters forthwith, Mr Barnett refuses to pay as he was not in occupation last summer. Your obedient servant, F C Tribe, Collector	9 July 1878
	Mr H Simes? Be good enough to send me the enclosed by return post as I am instructed to summons all defaulters forthwith. Yours obediently, F C Tribe, Collector	9 July 1878
CH343/87a/335	Rawlins? Belfast Factory Sir, Please send me the enclosed amount by return of post, as I am instructed by the Council to summons all defaulters	9 July 1878

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	<p>forthwith. The original application was left at the house in August last.</p> <p>Yours obediently, F C Tribe</p> <p>Revd C Bowen, Riccarton</p> <p>Sir, I applied to you some time ago for £1.11.9 the amount of Rates due on land in Gloucester Street East, would you be good enough to send me the amount <u>at once</u>, as I have positive orders to summons all defaulters forthwith.</p> <p>I am sir, your obedient servant, F C Tribe, Collector</p>	16 July 1878
CH343/87a/336	<p>L E Nathan Esq</p> <p>Sir, I have to day visited your property in George Street to see the drain which Beard (h)as first finished and found it done to my satisfaction.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Sir, Your obedient Servant, F Hobbs, City Inspector</p> <p>Mr G Ebert</p> <p>Sir, I am instructed by the Sanitary Committee to ask you to send in a tender for keeping the channels clean on the rural sides of the Belts.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Sir, yours obediently, F Hobbs, City Inspector</p>	25 July 1878
CH343/87a/337	<p>Mr Barrett</p> <p>Sir, I am instructed by the Sanitary Committee to give you 24 hours notice under Clause 52 subsection 3 and Clause 56 subsection 3 of the Public Health Act to abate certain nuisances existing on your premises to which they refer.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, F Hobbs, City Inspector</p>	30 July 1878
CH343/87a/338	<p>Mr G Beattie?</p> <p>Sir, I am instructed to give you notice under Bye Law No 6 Clause 1 to take out a license for the ground belonging to you in which I understand the Circus which is coming here are going to hold there performance.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Sir, Your obedient servant, F Hobbs, City Inspector</p>	7 August 1878
CH343/87a/339	<p>Mr G Beathy?</p> <p>Dear Sir, I beg to call your attention to a notice I sent you on the 21<sup>st</sup> June last to construct suitable drainage to property occupied by Messrs West and Catchpole. You called on me and informed me you were about to commence building and on that understanding I agreed to let the matter stand over but I found there is nothing being done at present and the nuisance is getting of a serious nature and my attention has been called several times to it. I think it is mostly serviced by Ber? but you should not allow him to make use of your premises. I have sent him notice also.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, F Hobbs</p>	14 August 1878
CH343/87a/340	<p>Christchurch 30 August 1878, E H Lough Town Clerk Timaru</p> <p>Seven feet six inches long by five feet wide and twenty one inches deep with two Iron bands.</p> <p>F Hobbs</p>	
CH343/87a/341	<p>Mr E Ebert,</p> <p>Dear Sir, I am instructed by the Sanitary committee to inform you that they have sanction(ed) the passing of your account for last month also to inform you that for the future any work neglected by you the Contractor the Inspector will have the same done at your costs.</p> <p>Francis Hobbs, City Inspector</p>	4 September 1878
CH343/87a/342	<p>Mr J A Redpath</p> <p>Sir, Mr Brightling has informed me that you have obstructed his men from carrying out the work specified on notice I served on you and which I instructed them to do, by so doing you have made yourself liable to a penalty of five pounds under Bye Law No 10 Clause 5, I must request that you at once allow them to carry out my instructions or I shall be compelled to lay an information against you.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant F Hobbs, City Inspector</p>	10 September 1878
CH343/87a/343	<p>Dr Hoadley</p> <p>Sir, Will you kindly send me any information you can of a young man named Alfred Walker who I believe came out with you he is applying or a drivers license from the City Council and as he is comparatively a stranger here I should be glad to hear from you concerning him.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Sir, your Obedient Servant, Francis Hobbs, City Inspector</p>	13 September 1878
CH343/87a/344	<p>W D Howard</p> <p>Sir, You are requested to be in attendance at the City Council Offices at 12 o'clock this day to meet His Worship the Mayor.</p> <p>F Hobbs, Inspector</p> <p>Mr J Brown</p> <p>Sir, You are requested to be in attendance at the City Council Offices at 12 o'clock this day to meet His Worship the Mayor.</p> <p>F Hobbs, Inspector</p>	17 September 1878 17 September 1878
CH343/87a/345	<p>To William Shackle</p> <p>Take notice that you are hereby requested within ten days from service hereof to abate the nuisance on your premises in George Street occupied by Mr Shannon by reason whereof the same are rendered unfit for human habitation and to execute</p>	24 September 1878

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	such works and do such things as may be necessary for the purpose. Failing which the necessary proceedings will be taken under the Public Health Act Francis Hobbs, Inspector to the Local Board of Health for the city of Christchurch	
CH343/87a/346	To Mr W Manning Take notice that you are hereby required within ten days from service hereof to abate the nuisance on your premises in George Street occupied by J Yosmersal? and J Williamson by reason whereof the same are rendered unfit for human habitation and to execute such works and do such things as may be necessary for the purpose. Failing which the necessary proceedings will be taken under the Public Health Act. Francis Hobbs, Inspector to the Local Board of Health for the City of Christchurch	24 September 1878
CH343/87a/347	Mr Ebert Sir, I beg to draw your attention to the very dirty state of the channel and the quantity of rubbish lying on the side of the Street and to give you notice that unless the work is at once done to my satisfaction I shall employ labour to do it at your expense. F Hobbs, City Inspector	30 September 1878
CH343/87a/348	Page torn out	
CH343/87a/349	To W G L Hustand Sir, I beg to give you notice under Clause 56 Sub Section 3 of the Public Health Act to discontinue keeping fowls in your premises Victoria Street as they are injurious to public health and you are requested to remove all objectional matter within 3 days from this date. Francis Hobbs, City Inspector	1 October 1878
CH343/87a/350	To Mr W H Robertson, Proprietor of the Blacksmith's Dream Sir, I beg to give you notice that under Bye Law No 6 of this Council you are liable to a fine of twenty pounds for not taking out a license before exhibiting your show. You are requested to comply with the Bye Law without further delay or proceedings will be taken against you. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, Francis Hobbs, City Inspector	18 October 1878
CH343/87a/351	To The Chairman, Local Board of Health Sir, I am instructed by the Sanitary Committee to respectfully draw your attention to the very offensive state of the South drain and to ask you to be good enough to instruct your inspector to take action at once, also to remove the objectional matter when taken out and not allow it to remain on the bank as on previous occasions. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, Francis Hobbs, Chief Inspector	4 November 1878
CH343/87a/352	Mr Banks Sir, I beg to draw your attention to the great obstruction in the side channels caused by the litter of Hay and Straw when unloading drays at your store in St Asaph Street and to ask you to have same cleared away at once and not let it remain in the channels and about the streets.	12 November 1878
CH343/87a/353	Mr Moffatt Sir, I beg to draw your attention to the great obstruction in the side channels caused by the litter of Hay and Straw when unloading drays at your store Oxford Terrace and to ask you to have same cleared away at once and not let it remain in the channels and about the streets. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, F Hobbs, City Inspector	12 November 1878
CH343/87a/354	Messrs Anderson & Logel Sirs, I beg to give you notice that under Clause 56 Sub Section 7 of the Public Health Act you are required to as far as practicable to consume the smoke arising from your factory chimney situated in Tuam Street West within 14 days. F Hobbs, City Inspector	14 November 1878
CH343/87a/355	Mr Taylor, Salisbury Street Sir, In reply to your letter complaining of the side channel in Salisbury Street East on inspecting same I find the nuisance is caused from your own drain I would therefore suggest that to avoid the nuisance you construct your drain to flow into concrete side channel in Madras Street. I have the honor to be sir, your obedient servant, Francis Hobbs, City Inspector	19 November 1878
CH343/87a/356	J Palmer Esq Sir, I have inspected Mr Wagner's premises again today and have no doubt the stench you complain of was caused by the removal of the objectional matter which I order(ed) him to remove and which I see has been done. There will be a meeting of the Sanitary Committee tomorrow when I will submit full particulars of the case. I will suggest that Mr Wagner be compelled to place all objectional matter into a box and have it removed before it becomes objectional. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, F Hobbs, City Inspector	20 November 1878
CH343/87a/357	Mr J Wagner Sir, I am instructed by the Sanitary Committee to ask you to discontinue throwing kitchen refuse and other objectional matter into yard but to provide a watertight case for it and to have it emptied often so as not to become offensive. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, F Hobbs, City Inspector	25 November 1878

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CH343/87a/358	Mr Barrell, "Borough Hotel" Sir, I am instructed by the Sanitary Committee to give you notice to asphalt the floor of your urinal at the "Borough Hotel" within 7 days from this date or they will have it done at your expense. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, Francis Hobbs, City Inspector	29 November 1878
CH343/87a/359	Mr Barrell, "Borough Hotel" Sir, I am instructed by the Sanitary Committee to give you notice to asphalt the floor of your urinal at the "Borough Hotel" within 7 days from this date or they will have it done at your expense. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, Francis Hobbs, City Inspector	29 November 1878
CH343/87a/360	Mr Langdrion Sir, I am instructed by the Sanitary Committee to give you notice under Clause 56 Sub Section 2 of the Public Health Act to do away with offensive pool on your premises in George Street within 3 days from this date or proceeding will be taken in respect thereof. I have the honor to be sir, your obedient servant, Francis Hobbs, City Inspector	12 December 1878
CH343/87a/361	J Anderson Esq Sir, I am instructed by the Sanitary Committee to give you 24 hours notice under Clause 45 and 46 of the Local Board of Health Act to abate the nuisance caused by allowing objectional liquid to flow into side channels which is injurious to public health at your private house Cashel Street East I have the honour to be sir, your obedient servant Francis Hobbs, City Inspector	20 December 1878
CH343/87a/362	To Meprs (Messrs) Ballen Brothers Sirs, I hereby give you notice under Clause 56 of the Public Health Act Sub Section 2 to do away with stagnant pool on your premises at the factory Armagh Street within 3 days from this date or proceedings will be taken. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, Francis Hobbs, City Inspector	22 December 1878
CH343/87a/363	Revd C Bowen, Riccarton Sir, I find on making up the accounts, that this Rate has been fixed by Dr Turnball. I therefore beg to return you the cheque you sent me and shall feel obliged if you will forward me the receipt. I am Sir, your obedient servant, FF C Tribe, Collector	31 December 1878
CH343/87a/364	Mr J Barrell Sir, I am instructed by the Sanitary Committee to give you 24 hours notice under Clauses 59, 60 and 61 of the Public Health Act to concrete the floor of the urinal and provide a constant flow of water into same which will abate the nuisance now complained of at your Hotel Manchester Street. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant Francis Hobbs, City Inspector	2 January 1879
CH343/87a/365	Mr Kitchen Sir, In May last I gave you formal notice to do away with cesspool on your premises Kilmore Street West. When you called on me and told me you were about disposing of your interest in the property and asked me not to press the matter. I now find on inspecting the premises that you have done nothing and that those premises are in a disgraceful condition. I therefore give you 24 hours notice to abate the nuisance and provide the closets with pans or I shall take proceedings. I have the honour to be sir, your obedient servant Francis Hobbs, City Inspector	6 January 1879
CH343/87a/366	Letter to Mr Brightling Sir, I am instructed by the Sanitary Committee to give you notice that they consider you are not carrying out your Scavenging Contract in a satisfactory manner in as much that you are not using any sawdust or disinfectant powder after having emptied the pans which you are required to do according to the specification in your contract and to request that for the future the whole of the Clauses be carried out in detail. I have the honour to be sir, your obedient servant Francis Hobbs, City Inspector	8 January 1879
CH343/87a/367	Same as CCC/ARC/343/366	
CH343/87a/368	Letter to L E Nathan Esq, Sir, I am instructed by the Sanitary Committee to give you 24 hours notice to clean out all drains and remove rubbish from your property situated between St Asaph Street and George Street as it is very injurious to Public Health in the present state. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, Francis Hobbs, City Inspector	16 January 1879
CH343/87a/369	Mr William Shackle, Sir, In reply to Mrs Shackle's letter referring to Mr Brightling's account his charge is for filling up the whole of the section behind the house so as to get drainage into the side channel which (h)as been done satisfactory there is yet a small drain required from the artesian well into the channel but this will be a small matter and I will send the account when finished. I have the honor to be sir, your obedient servant, Francis Hobbs, City Inspector	17 January 1879
CH343/87a/370	J Palmer Esq Sir, I am instructed by sanitary committee to give you notice to abate the nuisance caused by sand blowing from the road leading through your property leading of Kilmore Street which is a very great nuisance to the inhabitants living opposite the end of the road. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, Francis Hobbs, City Inspector	21 January 1879

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CH343/87a/371	Mr Clapp & Co Sir, I hereby give you notice under Clause 56 Sub Section 7 of the Public Health Act to abate the nuisance caused by smoke from your Engine at Factory in Colombo Street South within 14 days. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, Francis Hobbs, City Inspector	23 January 1879
CH343/87a/372	Mr C C Aikman Sir, I hereby give you notice under Clause 56 Sub Section 7 of the Public Health Act to abate the nuisance caused by smoke from your engine working in timber yard Colombo Street South. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, Francis Hobbs, City Inspector Note: Within 14 days	23 January 1879
CH343/87a/373	Mr J Hepburn Sir, In reply to yours of the 21 <sup>st</sup> instant complaining that you had been charged with a Scavenging Rate for property in Kilmore Street when you had never owned any there. From enquires of the Scavenger I find the property has been wrongly described, it should have been Barbadoes Street instead of Kilmore Street and Oxford Terrace for which property your name appears on the Scavengers Roll. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, Francis Hobbs, City Inspector.	28 January 1879
CH343/87a/374	Mr J W White Sir, I hereby give you 24 hours notice to have closet cleaned out at your premises in Tuam Street and to have it emptied regularly once a week or proceedings will be taken against you without further notice. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, F Hobbs, City Inspector	30 January 1879
CH343/87a/375	Mr Thomas? Sir, Having received positive instructions to sue every one who does not comply with the enclosed notice you will please cause the same to be attended to at once. Your obediently F Hobbs, City Inspector  Mr Hawker Sir, Having received positive instructions to sue every one who does not comply with the enclosed notice you will please cause the same to be attended to at once. Yours obediently F Hobbs, City Inspector	4 February 1879  4 February 1879
CH343/87a/376	Mr C F Barker Sir, I hereby give you seven days notice under Bye Law No 8 Clause 4 to remove stack of straw which is exposed and contrary to the Bye Law at your premises in Cranmer Square. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, F Hobbs, City Inspector	4 February 1879
CH343/87a/377	Mr A Kitchen Sir, On inspecting your premises at the corner of Kilmore Street and Cranmer Square I find you have placed a large tin about twice the size of the regulation pan; you have also neglected to have it properly fitted so as the Contractor can empty it; you will therefore put the closet in good repair and furnish it with proper regulation pan within 3 days from this date. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, F Hobbs, City Inspector	5 February 1879
CH343/87a/378	Mr Z Harris Sir, I beg to inform you that owing to information being received respecting your character the Council has declined to issue your license therefore you will discontinue to act as a licensed driver from this date. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant. F T Haskins, Town Clerk	12 September 1879
CH343/87a/379	Same as CCC/ARC/343/380	
CH343/87a/380 Previous ANZ Reference CH343/87	Mr M Harris Sir, My attention (h)as frequently been called to the offensive smell arising from the drain leading from your premises into the side channel in Durham Street. I must therefore request you to either discontinue throwing objectional liquid into same or provide sufficient water to flush it so that it will not be offensive. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, F Hobbs, City Inspector	17 February 1879
CH343/87a/381	Mr Seager Sir, In reply to a letter from your clerk asking for information respecting closet pan Mr T Crompton of Armagh Street was the Contractor and the price was 11/3 per pan. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, Francis Hobbs, City Inspector	18 February 1879
CH343/87a/382	T Brohem Esq, Superintendent of Police Sir, Will you be so good as to give instructions for the usual annual report on the accompanying list of persons who have applied for Cart Drivers License. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, F T Haskins, Town Clerk	20 February 1879
CH343/87a/383	Mr J Anderson Sir, I am instructed to give you twelve hours notice to remove all night soil from the closet at the foundry and to provide	21 March 1879

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	suitable pans for them. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, F Hobbs, City Inspector	
<b>CH343/87a/384</b>	Mr Inspector Pinder Dear Sir, Will you kindly give the Council any information you can respecting the character of a man named John Gomereal? who formally lived in Timaru he has been cab driving here for some time but he (h)as been refused renewal and is now petitioning the Council to reconsider the same. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, Francis Hobbs, Cab Inspector	26 March 1879
<b>CH343/87a/385</b>	Mr T Greig Sir, I beg to give notice under Clause 42 of the Public Health Act to provide closet accommodation for your two houses in Lichfield Street East within 3 days from this date or proceed(ings) will be taking under the Act. I have the honor to be sir, your obedient servant, F Hobbs, City Inspector	29 March 1879
<b>CH343/87a/386</b>	Mr J Williams Sir, I have to day made a second inspection at your premises in Madras Street North and found you had not complied with notice sent you on the 22 <sup>nd</sup> March last I shall therefore take proceedings against you unlep(ss) the work is at once done. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, Francis Hobbs, City Inspector	18 April 1879
<b>CH343/87a/387</b>	Mr J Waller Sir, I hereby give you 24 hours notice to discontinue using the Steam engine at your yard in Tuam Street as it is contrary to Clause 56 Sub Section 7 of the Public Health Act or I shall be compelled to take proceedings. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, Francis Hobbs, City Inspector	29 April 1879
<b>CH343/87a/388</b>	Mr Atkinson Sir, I hereby give you one months notice to provide suitable chimney stack at your premises in Tuam Street so as to comply with Clause 56 Sub Section 7 of the Public Health Act and to provide some means to make your cupola less dangerous and so as not to be a nuisance to your neighbours. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, Francis Hobbs, City Inspector	29 April 1879
<b>CH343/87a/389</b>	Messrs F and Jones, Tuam Street Sir, I hereby give you one months notice to provide suitable chimney stack at your premises in Tuam Street so as to comply with Clause 56 Sub Section 7 of the Public Health Act or proceedings will be taken without further notice. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, Francis Hobbs, City Inspector	29 April 1879
<b>CH343/87a/390</b>	Messrs Martin and Burns Sir, I hereby give you one months notice to provide suitable chimney stack at your premises in Tuam Street so as to comply with Clause 56 Sub Section 7 of the Public Health Act or proceedings will be taken without further notice. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, Francis Hobbs, City Inspector	29 April 1879
<b>CH343/87a/391</b>	Mr J Brightling Sir, I am instructed to give you notice to discontinue depositing the night soil at Mr Rowe(s) property in the new Brighton Road and to continue to deposit it in the Reserve as usual. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, Francis Hobbs	1 May 1879
<b>CH343/87a/392</b>	The Chairman, Local Board of Health Sir, I am instructed by the Sanitary Committee to call your attention to the very offensive state of the South drain between Colombo and Durham Streets and to ask you to be kind enough to give instruction to have the same put in a proper sanitary condition at once as it must be very injurious to Health in its present state. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, Francis Hobbs, City Inspector	5 May 1879
<b>CH343/87a/393</b>	Mr Hurrell Sir, On making enquiries respecting the complaint made by you to the effect that the closets at the New Government Offices had not been emptied for 3 weeks the men employed by Mr Brightling are prepared to prove positively that they have only missed emptying them one week and that was last; the reason being that the gate was barred on the inside which would necessitate them climbing over to get into the premises which of course is unreasonable to expect them to do you are therefore requested before making any more complaints to provide proper conveniences so that the men can attend to there (their) duties. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, Francis Hobbs, Inspector	13 May 1879
<b>CH343/87a/394</b>	Mr T Green Sir, I am instructed by Council to give you notice under Clause 56 Sub Section 7 of the Public Health Act to provide suitable chimney stack for your Factory in Manchester Street and other conveniences so as to prevent the place becoming a nuisance and injurious to Health within one month from this date or proceedings will be taken in respect thereof. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, Francis Hobbs, City Inspector	13 May 1879
<b>CH343/87a/395</b>	Mr Stand (?) Sir, I have to draw your attention to the very offensive state of your foul? premises in Victoria Street which is very injurious to health and to give you 3 days notice to put the same in a proper sanitary condition otherwise proceedings will be taken in respect thereof. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, Francis Hobbs, City Inspector	21 May 1879

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CH343/87a/396	Mr Patrick Sir, On inspection of your premises in Aldred? Street I found that the closet was in such a position as to prevent Mr Walker from complying with notice served on him by me will you therefore please have the same removed so that the notice can be complied with. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, Francis Hobbs, City Inspector	21 May 1879
CH343/87a/397	Mr Lee Esq Sir, I beg to give you notice to discontinue depositing material used at your Brewery into section in Oxford Terrace East which is much complained of by the inhabitants and certainly becomes very offensive and injurious to Health. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, Francis Hobbs, City Inspector	22 May 1879
CH343/87a/398	Two Rates demands – too smudged	27 May 1879
CH343/87a/399	George Hewith Sir, I hereby give you notice that the Council at its meeting on 27 <sup>th</sup> instant cancelled your License as a driver of Hackney Carriages you are therefore required to return you License to this office at once. I am Sir, your obedient servant, F T Haskins, Town Clerk	28 May 1879
CH343/87a/400	W H Tucker Sir, I hereby give you notice that the Council at its meeting last night suspended your licence as Driver of Hackney Carriages for one month commencing on 29 <sup>th</sup> instant you are therefore required to return your Licence to the Office at once. I am Sir, your obedient servant, F T Haskins, Town Clerk	28 May 1879
CH343/87a/401	On back of page Mr George Yallop Sir, I hereby give you notice that the City Council at its meeting on 3 <sup>rd</sup> instant suspended your licence for one month commencing on 3 <sup>rd</sup> instant. You are therefore required to return your licence to this office at once. I am Sir, you obedient servant, F T Haskins Town Clerk	4 June 1879
CH343/87a/402	On back of page Mr Hamilton Bright Sir, I hereby give you notice that the City Council at its meeting on 3 <sup>rd</sup> instant cancelled you drivers licence. You are therefore required to return you licence to this office at once. I am Sir, your obedient servant, F T Haskins, Town Clerk	4 June 1879
CH343/87a/403	W Reeves Esq Sir, I have the honor by direction of the Sanitary Committee of the Council to acknowledge your letter referred to them by the Council re Heorns? urinal and to reply that the lease the Council held of the piece of ground on which it stands lapsed in January last. The committee have visited the spot and have allowed Mr Heorns? to continue the alteration he had commenced to see whether or not it will abate the nuisance complained of and have further suggested to him the necessity of lengthening the trough and keeping it full of water. Should the alterations when complete fail to give satisfaction further action will be taken. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, Town Clerk	5 June 1879
CH343/87a/404	Too faint to read but appears to be a Rates demand	
CH343/87a/405	Copy of CCC/ARC/343/406	
CH343/87a/406	Mr Percy Sir, Some time after I gave you notice to provide suitable drainage from your premises in Cashel Street East I have since seen you respecting it and you promised to have it done but I find you have not yet attempted to do so. I must therefore give you 14 days notice to provide the drainage or proceedings will be taken to enforce same. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, Francis Hobbs, City Inspector	6 July 1879
CH343/87a/407	Mr J McDonald Sir, I hereby give you 7 days notice to do away with pups on your premises or you will be liable to £5 pounds penalty for every day you continue to keep them under Bye Law No 9 of Municipal Corporation Act 1867. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, Francis Hobbs	9 June 1879
CH343/87a/408	G Gould Esq Sir, On the 29 January last I sent notice to you to cut trees overhanging the footpath on section at the corner of Hereford and Manchester Streets. When I ? one of your clerks called and said it would be attended to . Since then they have not been cut and as complaints have been made to me of them I should be glad if you would have it done at once. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, F Hobbs, City Inspector	9 June 1879
CH343/87a/409	Messrs Harman Stevens Gentlemen, I am instructed by the City Council to ask you to have the plant known as Hemlock removed from the paddock opposite the theatre as it is considered dangerous being very poisonous. I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your obedient servant, F Hobbs, City Inspector	16 June 1879

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CH343/87a/410	Messrs Ford & Newton Gentlemen, I am directed by the Chairman of the Sanitary Committee to draw your immediate attention to the very bad state of the Right of Way between your new premises and Messrs Bird & Co and to ask you to at once have the same properly constructed and drained as owing to the present state of it a portion of Messrs Bird & Co premises were flooded during the recent heavy rain. I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your obedient servant, Francis Hobbs, City Inspector	24 June 1879
CH343/87a/411	Mr Prospero Sir, I am instructed by the Sanitary Committee to give you 24 hours to abate the nuisance caused by throwing objectional slops etc onto asphalt Right of Way behind your premises and to inform you that you will be sued without further notice for any future offence of this kind. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, Francis Hobbs, City Inspector	20 June 1879
CH343/87a/412	Two Rate demand letters	
CH343/87a/413	To the Chairman, Local Board of Health Sir, I am directed by the City Council to draw your attention to the excavation made on property belonging to Mr R M Morten situated in Cathedral Square which is a receptacle for rubbish and house drainage and is considered dangerous to health. There has been notice served on the owner to fill up the same but no action has as yet been taken. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, Francis Hobbs, City Inspector	7 July 1879
CH343/87a/414	Mr E George Sir, Some months ago I sent you notice to provide suitable drainage from well on your section into side channel in Cashel Street but you have never complied with it. I must therefore give you 3 days notice from this date to provide same or proceedings will be taken in respect thereof. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, Francis Hobbs	9 July 1879
CH343/87a/415	Mr M O'Kiefe, Cab driver, Christchurch Sir, I hereby give you notice that the Council at its meeting on Monday last suspended your drivers licence for the term of one month. You are therefore requested to return your licence to this office. I am Sir, your obedient servant, F T Haskins, Town Clerk	9 July 1879
CH343/87a/416	Mr Vizer Sir, I have visited Mr Garland's premises in Lyttelton Street re drainage complained of by you and have served him with a notice to provide suitable drainage within 7 days; while there I noticed you had no spouting on that side of your house which must cause a great deal of water to flow into their premises in wet weather in fact I think that causes the principle part of the nuisance. You will therefore please provide the same within seven days. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, Francis Hobbs, City Inspector	17 July 1879
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CH343/87a/424	To the Chairman, Local Board of Health Sir, I am instructed by the Council to draw your attention to the state of the cellar at the premises lately burnt down belonging to Messrs Saunders & Co in Lichfield Street and to ask you to be good enough to instruct your inspector to take action for the abatement of the nuisance. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, Francis Hobbs, City Inspector	25 July 1879
CH343/87a/425	Mr C Collins Sir, I beg to give you notice to provide new closet pan for premises in Victoria Street as the one at present in use has worn and therefore leaks and causes a nuisance which must be at once abated. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, F Hobbs, City Inspector	28 July 1879

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CH343/87a/426	To The Chairman of Local Board of Health Sir, I am instructed by the Sanitary Committee to draw your attention to the large amount of stagnant water on the property at the corner of Manchester and Glo'ster Streets which is occupied by Mr Gee and to ask you to be good enough to instruct your inspector to take action in the matter. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, Francis Hobbs, City Inspector	30 July 1879
CH343/87a/427	To Sir J C Wilson Sir, Will you kindly call at the City Council Office when you are in town to sign a guarantee for the forming and channelling of Allen Street. As the most of the owners on the opposite side have signed we are anxious to complete the work as soon as possible. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, Francis Hobbs, City Inspector	31 July 1879
CH343/87a/428	To Mr D Cameron Sir, Will you kindly call at the City Council Office when next in town to sign a guarantee as Exec for Douglas Estate for the forming and channelling of Allen Street. As the most of the owners on the opposite side have signed we are anxious to complete the work as soon as possible. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, Francis Hobbs, City Inspector	31 July 1879
CH343/87a/429	To the Chairman, Local Board of Health Sir, I am directed by the City Council to draw your attention to the very unhealthy state of Block 5 Town Reserve North West which is caused through the defective drainage and to ask you to instruct your inspector to take such action as you may think fit for abatement of the nuisance. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, Francis Hobbs, City Inspector	13 August 1879
CH343/87a/430	Mrs Mazley, Chester Street Madam, Take notice that there are Rates due on your property in Chester Street and Right of Way amounting to £8.10.7 viz for the year 1878, £3.18.7, for the year 1879, £4.12.0 amounting to £8.10.7. And I further beg to draw your attention to the fact that the City Council can proceed to the sale of your property unless the rates are paid, as it is undesirable to resort to such a course of action I would respectfully beg that the amount maybe paid at once. I am Madam your obedient servant, F C Tribe, Collector	13 August 1879
CH343/87a/431	On the back of page Mr Martin Esq? Sir, The Town Clerk has advised me to inform you that a summons will be taken out tomorrow against the Church Minister for the asphalt rate as the roll must be closed at once. Perhaps therefore you will be good enough to let me have a cheque in the course of the day. Your obedient servant, F C Thile, Rate Collector	4 September 1879
CH343/87a/432	Copy of letter below	
CH343/87a/433	Mr Thomas C? Take notice that your licence as driver of Hackney Carriages was suspended by the council at its meeting on 8 <sup>th</sup> instant. Town Clerk	9 September 1879
CH343/87a/434	L E Proctor Sir, I beg to hand you applications for a Asphalt Rate amounting to 4.2.6, and at the same time to call your attention to my letter of July 3 <sup>rd</sup> sending you the receipt for the ordinary rates and explaining to you, through a clerical error the amount should have been £5.15.0 instead of £5.3.4 perhaps therefore you will good enough to include the difference 11/9 when you forward the enclosed. Your obedient servant, F C Tribe, Collector	16 September 1879
CH343/87a/435	De Bourbell? Esq Sir, I beg to draw your attention to the accumulation of rubbish behind the Theatre Royal and to ask you to be good enough to have it removed at once and oblige. Your obedient servant F Hobbs, City Inspector	18 September 1879
CH343/87a/436	Same as CCC/ARC/343/435	
CH343/87a/437	Miss Baggs (?) Some time ago I served a notice on your property on the South Belt to do away with cesspool and to provide the regulation closet instead. Also to have proper drainage put down to take all water into the concrete side channel on the Belt as it is at present causing a nuisance. On again inspecting it the other day I find nothing has been done I must therefore ask you to at once give instructions for complying with the notice as I am directed to sue in all cases where they have not complied. I have the honor to be Madam, your obedient servant, Francis Hobbs, City Inspector	22 September 1879
CH343/87a/438	Mr J Brightling. Dear Sir, I am instructed by the Sanitary Committee to give you notice that owing to complaints having come in respecting the irregularity of your men in attending premises regularly on the same nights which causes the public to be put to inconvenience and annoyance. You are therefore requested for the future to see that notice is given to parties when you wish to change the night for removing the night soil. Also you are requested to caution your men respecting the closing of gate after them.	26 September 1879

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	I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, F Hobbs, City Inspector	
<b>CH343/87a/439</b>	<p>Mrs Waring Madam, In reply to your note requesting that the night soil might be emptied once a fortnight I beg to inform you that the Sanitary Committee have decided that the present arrangements must be adhered to viz weekly. I have the honor to be Madam, your obedient servant, F Hobbs, City Inspector</p> <p>Mr J Bool Sir, I am instructed by the Sanitary Committee to inform you that they have decided not to allow any one to deposit night soil on their own premises you will therefore have to comply with the regulation by having it removed once a week by the Contractor. Yours obediently, Francis Hobbs, City Inspector</p>	<p>27 September 1879</p> <p>15 October 1879</p>
<b>CH343/87a/440</b>	Same as below	
<b>CH343/87a/441</b>	<p>Mr W Best, Treasury Office, Wellington Dear Sir, Will you kindly let me know who signed the voucher for six shillings and six pence in favour of Christchurch City Council, on January 24<sup>th</sup> 1879 for removal of night soil from Stamp Office for year? ending September 1878, which was paid, as Mr Pala? informs me, on March 10<sup>th</sup> 1879 and oblige. Yours obediently B J Leahy, Asst Inspector CCC</p>	13 October 1879
<b>CH343/87a/442</b>	<p>Mepsrs Light? and Allen &amp; Co Gentlemen, I beg to draw your attention to the obstruction in the side channel caused by the bridge over the side channel having given way and would ask you to at once have an iron culvert? placed there instead. F Hobbs, City Inspector</p>	17 October 1879
<b>CH343/87a/443</b>	<p>Mr C Goodsall Sir, I have directed the Contractor to remove rubbish from your premises as desired by you. As regards the closet pans you require I cannot deliver them to you until they are paid for as it would be contrary to my instructions. F Hobbs, City Inspector</p>	12 November 1879
<b>CH343/87a/444</b>	<p>J P Williams Esq as Trustee to Mr Wilson Sir, I beg to call your immediate attention to an accumulation of straw and rubbish at the back of vacant premises in High Street lately used as a eating house and to ask you to be good enough to have it removed as it is dangerous and contrary to the fire prevention Bye Law. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, Francis Hobbs, City Inspector</p>	17 November 1879
<b>CH343/87a/445</b>	<p>J C Paster? Esq, Kaiapoi Sir, I beg to enclose an application for Rates amounting to £10.1.3 due on property formerly belonging to Mr G W Wearing?, and I pre vested in his Trustees  And should feel obliged therefore if you could please send me a cheque for the amount, or be good enough to inform me to whom I should apply. I am your obedient servant, F C Tribe, Collector</p> <p>Mr ?, "Clarendon Hotel", Timaru? Sir, Be good enough to send me a PO Order for the enclosed amount (£2.0.3) for rates on your property in St Asaph Street as early as you conveniently can as we want to close the Roll. Your obedient servant, F C Tribe, Rate Collector</p>	<p>24 November 1879</p> <p>21 November 1879</p>
<b>CH343/87a/446</b>	<p>Meprs (Messrs) Harman &amp; Stevens Gentlemen, I am instructed by the Council to give notice to owners of property to do away with gorse fences within the limits of the city. Will you therefore kindly give instructions to have them done away with on all properties you have to do with. I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your obedient servant, Francis Hobbs, City Inspector</p>	28 November 1879
<b>CH343/87a/447</b>	<p>Mr M Park Sir, I beg to inform you that unless the notice sent to you on the 18/12/79 to cut gorse fence is complied with before the 7 January it will be done at your expense. Your obedient servant, F Hobbs, City Inspector</p>	5 January 1880
<b>CH343/87a/448</b>	<p>Mr J R Johnstone Sir, The Town Scavenger has reported to me that he cannot get into your premises in lower High Street to remove night soil which has now become a nuisance owing to not being attended to. I must therefore request you to at once provide some entrance to the premises so that the nuisance can at once be removed. Yours obediently, F Hobbs, City Inspector</p>	6 January 1880
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CH343/87a/451	Mr J Dermott Sir, You are requested to attend at the City Council Office tomorrow morning the 6 <sup>th</sup> instant at 10 am to answer such questions as his Worship the Mayor may put to you. I am Sir your obedient servant ? for Town Clerk	6 January 1880
CH343/87a/452	Mrs Sydney ?ing Madam, On the 27 <sup>th</sup> ? last I sent you notice to provide suitable drainage from your property in new street you then called on me and stated that there were drains already on the premises since then I have visited the property and I find the old drains are perfectly useless being made of wood which is now rotten. I must therefore ask you to at once comply with the notice sent or proceedings will be taken to enforce same. F Hobbs	7 January 1880
CH343/87a/453	Mr A Sol a try?, Wheelwright, Tuam Street Sir, I much regret that you should have been summoned a second time for your Rates, it was quite an oversight on our part and of course it will not be necessary for you to take any further notice of it, and I will take care and have the summons withdrawn. I am Sir, your obedient servant, F C Tribe, collector	13 January 1880
CH343/87a/454	Mr Graham Sir, In reply to yours of the 10 <sup>th</sup> re Scavengers charges it is necessary to give notice in writing when you are closing your house for any time otherwise the Scavenger is entitled to charge the full amount. I have seen him about it and we will either refund half the amount or give you credit on December Quarter. I have the honor to be sir, your obedient servant, F Hobbs, City Inspector	14 January 1880
CH343/87a/455	Mr McDougal Sir, Mr Tribe (h)as handed me an application for Scavenging which was left by you this morning you told Mr Tribe you believed you had paid the amount charged for quarter ending 31 <sup>st</sup> March 1879 viz 6/6 but you must remember seeing me about it some time ago and asking me to let it stand over until we collected the September quarter when you won't pay it altogether. I must now request you to pay the amount on the application within the 14 days from the date of the application or it will be sue(d) for. I am Sir, yours obediently, F Hobbs, City Inspector	27 January 1880
CH343/87a/456	Mr Sir, I hereby require that you will please return in your possession the application for the Rates for the year 1879 addressed to Mr M ch? and left with you on the premises for which the Rate was made, as the same will probably be required in some future proceeding in relation to the case heard today in the Magistrates Court. I am Sir, yours obediently, F T Haskins,	29 January 1880
CH343/87a/417 457	Mr Hugh Walker Sir, I hereby give you notice as the purchaser of Mr A Moule's lease of some land and cottages situate in Kilmore and Peterborough Streets that there are Rates amounting to £27.13.3 due on the said property for which you are liable to the Christchurch City Council. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, F T Haskins, Town Clerk	5 February 1880
CH343/87a/458	W G Brittan Esq Sir, Having heard that Mr A Moule of Kilmore Street has sold the lease of his property I think it right to inform you (the Church Trustees being next immediately liable) that there is the sum of £32.13.3 due to the City Council on the property. I have informed Mr H Walker, Aldred Street (renamed Beveridge Street) the purchaser of the lease of the amount of Rates due on the Property and have also seen Mr Watson the auctioneers who sold the lease. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, F T Haskins, Town Clerk	7 February 1880
CH343/87a/459	Letter to W Wilson Esq from F Hobbs, City Inspector Sir, Some time ago I sent you notice to abate a nuisance on your property known as Chapel Street and others. The nuisance is caused for want of proper drainage to these roads where the water becomes stagnant and very offensive at present they are nothing better than duck ponds which is very dangerous to health. I must therefore ask you to have the nuisance abated within 7 days or prosecution will be taken in respect thereof. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, F Hobbs, City Inspector	7 February 1880
CH343/87a/460	Mr John ? ( <i>maybe joint ownership with Mr Hugh Walker (Ref 457)</i> ) Sir, I hereby give you notice as the purchaser of Mr A Moule's lease of some land and cottages situate in Kilmore Street and Peterborough Street that there are Rates amounting to £27.13.3 due on the said property for which you are liable to the Christchurch City Council I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, J Haskins, Town Clerk	9 July 1880
CH343/87a/461	Same as above	
CH343/87a/462	Mr Ashby, Sir, Some time ago I sued a tenant of yours named Maclean for a Scavenging account amount to 26/- and costs 5/- for which amount I obtained judgement but as it appears that it will be useless to proceed any further with him I must apply to you as owner for the amount which I shall be glad to receive at your earliest convenience	10 January 1880

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	I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, F Hobbs, City Inspector	
CH343/87a/463	Dear Geisler Having been informed that you were Agent for property belonging to Mrs Clarke at the corner of Glo'ster and Barbadoes Streets I am instructed by the Council to apply to you for the amount of £3.3.1 which is due for Scavengering work on the above mentioned property and for which we now hold judgement. You will therefore oblige by forwarding cheque for the amount at your earliest convenience as we wish to close the old Roll at once Your obediently F Hobbs, City Inspector	10 February 1880
CH343/87a/464	Mr Hawley Sir, Some time ago I sued a tenant of yours named Hillier for a Scavengering account amounting to 26/- and 5/- cost for which amount I obtained judgement since then he (h)as paid £1 which leaves a balance of 11/- but as it appears useless to attempt to get the balance from him I must apply to you as owner for the amount which I shall be glad to receive at your earliest convenience. I have the honor to be Sir, you obedient servant, F Hobbs, City Inspector	10 February 1880
CH343/87a/465	Mr B Simpson Sir, I beg to draw your attention to the great nuisance in side channel in front of your premises at the corner of Glo'ster Street and Latimer Square which is caused by draining objectional slops from your house and not providing sufficient water to flush same, in fact, one drain on premises occupied by Mrs Longden is not connected with any water to flush it, this must at once be done away with or be connected with well; also you must provide pumps on the premises occupied by yourself as the artesian supply is not sufficient to flush the channel or otherwise discontinue draining into channel altogether otherwise proceedings will be taken against you for creating a nuisance. I have the honour to be Sir, you obedient servant, F Hobbs, City Inspector	
CH343/87a/466	Mr C Harris, Sir, My attention having been called to the very bad smell arising from drains leading from premises belonging to you and occupied by Mr Caro and others. I have inspected the premises and would suggest that the drain be altered so as to give it more fall. Also owing to the very small supply of water they have they cannot possibly keep the drain flushed. I would therefore recommend you to have a pump attached so as to enable the occupants to keep the place healthy otherwise we shall have to indict the premises as a nuisance. I have the honour to be Sir, your obedient servant, F Hobbs, City Inspector	12 February 1880
CH343/87a/467	Mrs Elliott Madam, On the 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov 1879 last, Judgement was obtained against you for £1.2.9 and costs 5/- for Scavengering work. You then called at the office and promised payment if we give you time but as you have never paid any portion of it I shall be compelled to proceed unless some arrangements are made at once I have the honor to be Madam, your obedient servant, F Hobbs, City Inspector	20 February 1880
CH343/87a/468	G Calder Esq, Akaroa Dear Sir, In reference to your letter of Nov 15 1879 re asphalt Rate I find both from Dr Prins and the Contractor that the asphalt was done before the land was purchased by the former, please therefore send me a PO Order for £1.4.9 as Dr Prins declines to pay. Yours truly F C Tribe Collector  Mr ? Timaru Sir, I beg to enclose postage stamps to the nature of 5/9 (five shillings and 9 pence) as I find there was an error in the amount of the Rate, the current sum is £2.0.3 and not £2.6.0. I am Sir, your obedient servant, F C Tribe, Collector	20 February 1880        5 March 1880
CH343/87a/469	Mr A qenses, Dunedin Sir, Be good enough to send me the enclosed <u>at once</u> as I am summoning all defaulters by the instructions of the Council, the original application was left on the property some time ago. I am your obedient servant, F C Tribe, Collector  Second letter too smudged but similar to above	5 March 1880       11 March 1880
CH343/87a/470	The Town Clerk, Kaiapoi Sir, I am instructed by the Town Clerk to reply to yours of the 19 <sup>th</sup> re Scavengering contract. I enclose copy of Contract now existing, the Contractor funding his own plant. The system is weekly removal or oftener, as required it is collected quarterly. The collector receives £150 per annum. The owner in all cases is held liable for the rate if tenant fails to pay. The pans were made by Mr Crompton of Armagh Street and retailed out at 13/- each but I think they can be had at less cost now should you require any further information I shall be glad to forward it. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, F Hobbs, City Inspector	22 March 1880
CH343/87a/471	Mr N Dearsley, Papanui Road Sir, I would feel obliged by your sending me a cheque for Mr Cummings Rates for Victoria Street amount £2.10.2. We took out Exce? Answer "No Effects"	22 March 1880

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	Your obedient servant F C Tribe, Collector PS – the above would oblige by return of post as we are closing the books for our Balance.	
<b>CH343/87a/472</b>	Same as above	
<b>CH343/87a/473</b>	Mr Crowley Sir, As Mr Buggery refuses to pay more than his proportion of the Rates I must request that you will at once let me have the amount £3.16.8 and then arrange the matter with Mr Buggery. I am Sir, your obedient servant J Haskins	23 March 1880
<b>CH343/87a/474</b>	G L Millish Esq, Resident Magistrate, Christchurch Sir, I am instructed by the City Council to make a complaint to you of premises belonging to J Martin & J Burns, Blacksmiths and Ironmongers of Tuam Street West. There are four dangerous chimneys on these premises one is used for a mast which has set fire to the buildings several times, the others are built close to a wooden wall without any protection to the wood and very dangerous. They are also a great nuisance to the neighbours through smoke coming from them. These being facts and not having any Bye Law which meets the case I would ask you to issue a notice under the Canterbury Police Ordinance of 1858 Sub Section 6 which will meet this case. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, Frances Hobbs, City Inspector	7 April 1880
<b>CH343/87a/475</b>	Messrs Wheeler & Bough Sir, I am instructed to draw your attention to the very offensive smell arising from your drains leading from the hotel into side channel in Cashel Street which is much complained of by the public and to give you 5 days notice to do such thing as are necessary for the abatement of the nuisance otherwise proceedings will be taken against you as you have had several previous notices concerning it Your obedient servant, F Hobbs, City Inspector	19 April 1880
<b>CH343/87a/476</b>	Mr Husband Sir, I beg to call your attention to the very offensive state of your premises in Victoria Street and to give you seven days notice to make such alterations as will put the premises in proper sanitary condition otherwise I shall indite them as nuisance without further notice. Your obedient servant F Hobbs, City Inspector  Mr B Metcalfe, Ashburton Sir, I beg to return your cheque for £7.13.4 as the Rates in question were paid by some one of the name of Cudland, and I have to apologise for not having done so before, but I placed it in my Cash Box and it quite escaped my memory. Be good enough to immediately receipt. I am Sir, your obedient servant, F C Tribe, Collector	22 April 1880  27 April 1880
<b>CH343/87a/477</b>	J Ingles Esq, as Agent for Miss Skillisom Sir, I beg to draw your attention to the premises in Colombo Street belonging to Miss Skillisom and lately occupied by Mr Wheeler. I find the closet very defective also a cesspit underneath it. There requires proper drainage from the premises also the rubbish removed. I must therefore request you to have the whole of these things attended to within 7 days or proceedings will be taken in respect thereof. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, F Hobbs, City Inspector	28 April 1880
<b>CH343/87a/478</b>	J S Williams Esq, as Trustee for Mrs Wilson Sir, I beg to call your immediate attention to the very bad state of the Right of Ways belonging to Mrs Wilson and situated between shops occupied by Mr Lever and Mr Wilson also the Triangle Right of Way. Both the places are in a very bad state and are injurious to the public health. I must therefore request you to have them put into proper sanitary condition within 7 days from this date. Your obedient servant, F Hobbs, City Inspector	29 April 1880
<b>CH343/87a/479</b>	Mr Klingenstein, Sir, My attention having been called yesterday by the nightman to the condition of your closet pans I inspected your premises and found them overflowing so much so that it would be quite impossible to empty them without causing a nuisance. This being the case I must request you at once to send an order to have them emptied twice a week otherwise I shall be compelled to indite the place as a nuisance. Your obediently, F Hobbs City Inspector	5 May 1880
<b>CH343/87a/480</b>	Mr Messinger Sir, On inspecting your premises this morning I was surprised to find you had not done as you promised viz removed the fowls away from your premises on Lichfield Street which are causing a great nuisance. I must therefore give you 5 days notice to remove them or I shall be compelled to indite the place as a nuisance, also you must discontinue depositing bones etc in the land at the back. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, F Hobbs, City Inspector	11 May 1880
<b>CH343/87a/481</b>	Mr T M Gee Sir, On the 24 <sup>th</sup> February last, I sent you a notice to cut and trim trees on and around your premises situated between Worcester Street and Glo'ster Street which were overhanging the footpath and causing an obstruction. Your not having complied with that notice compels me to give you 5 days to complete the work. Your obedient servant, F Hobbs, City Inspector	19 May 1880

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CH343/87a/482	W Wilson Esq Sir, I beg to draw your immediate attention to the state of properties belonging to you and situate in High Street next to the Scotch Stores. These are three distinct tenements with only one closet for the use of the three. This you must alter within 7 days by providing proper accommodation for each tenant, also you must provide suitable drainage so as to do away with stagnant water which now lays on the property. Your obedient servant, F Hobbs, City Inspector	20 May 1880
CH343/87a/483	Mr W Wilson Sir, I beg to draw your immediate attention to the very bad state of a Right of Way between Messrs Bing Harris & Co which I believe belongs to you not having been taken over by the Council. I must therefore ask you to have the said road drained and put into a proper sanitary condition within 14 days from this date or proceedings will be taken I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, F Hobbs, City Inspector	9 June 1880
CH343/87a/484	Journal of Rate payments for February/March 1880	
CH343/87a/485	Mr W Palmer Sir, I reply to your letter complaining of a summons having been served on you I must apologise for having put the wrong address on the account. It should have been Conference Street instead of North Belt. Trusting therefore that this explanation will be satisfactory. Your obedient servant, F Hobbs, City Inspector	12 June 1880
CH343/87a/486	W Robinson Esq Sir, On the 7 <sup>th</sup> of this month I sent you notice to cut down trees on the property of the Bank of New South Wales which are overhanging the footpath (within 7 days) but as nothing has been done to comply with the notice which expires today I shall be compelled to take action unless I at once hear from you about it. Your obedient servant, F Hobbs, City Inspector	14 June 1880
CH343/87a/487	G B Woodman Esq, Irwell Dear Sir, Please forward cheque for £3.16.8 for rates overdue since 1878 which you kindly promised to pay me. I am Sir, your obedient servant, Barnes? Collector	15 June 1880
CH343/87a/488	Journal of payments	
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CH343/87a/491	Journal of payments	
CH343/87a/492	Journal of payments	
CH343/87a/493	Journal of payments	
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CH343/87a/497	Mr J Sheppard Sir, I beg to draw your immediate attention to the very objectional state of your back yard and to give you 24 hours notice to have the same put into proper sanitary condition or I shall be compelled to proceed against you. Yours obediently, F Hobbs, City Inspector	2 July 1880
CH343/87a/498	Mr J Brightling, Sir, I am instructed by the Sanitary Committee to draw your attention to the neglect of your men in not placing closet pans after emptying in their proper positions which causes a great nuisance in many places. Will you therefore caution them to be more careful for the future or the committee will have to take action in this matter. Yours obediently, F Hobbs, City Inspector	5 July 1880
CH343/87a/499	Mr Frederick Piggot Sir, Take notice that the City Council at its meeting last night 5 <sup>th</sup> July cancelled your licence as driver of Hackney Carriages. You are therefore required to give up your License at once.	6 July 1880

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	J Haskins, Town Clerk	
CH343/87a/500	Mr Henry O'Connor Sir, You are hereby informed that your drivers licence is suspended by the City Council. You are therefore required to give in your license to the Town Clerk at once. I am sir your obedient servant Town Clerk	13 July 1880
CH343/87a/501	Mr Frederick William Tatton, Sir, You are hereby informed that your drivers licence is suspended by the City Council. You are therefore required to give in your licence to the Town Clerk at once. I am Sir, your obedient servant Town Clerk	13 July 1880
CH343/87a/502	Mr Ziegler Esq Sir, I have the honour to inform you that I have this day drawn upon you for the sum of £4.6.11 being amount due on property owned by Mrs Clark. A letter was forwarded on June 11 with an account showing how the above amount was made up. I am your obedient servant, Murray, Town Clerk	15 July 1880
CH343/87a/503	Resident Magistrate, Christchurch Sir, I beg respectfully to draw your immediate attention to the great want of sanitary conveniences at the new Magistrates Court and to ask you have same provided within 14 days from this date I have the honour to be Sir, your obedient servant, Francis Hobbs, City Inspector	31 July 1880
CH343/87a/504	Mr Joseph Charine Sir, I hereby give you notice that the City Council at its meeting last evening suspended your drivers licence. You are therefore required to give in your licence at once. I am your obedient servant, Town Clerk	3 August 1880
CH343/87a/505	Same as record below	
CH343/87a/506	Church Property Trustees To removal of Nightsoil from 10 cottages situate in Kilmore Street for quarter ending 30 September 1879, £35; Diitto for 31 December 1879 £35. 6. 10; By Cash on account paid by Mrs Cook 13/- ; Balance £5.17.0	4 August 1880
CH343/87a/507	Messrs Duncan and Cotterill as Agents for Mrs McLean Gentlemen – Take notice that you are required (within 14 days from this date) to do the following things on premises belonging to Mrs McLean situated in Colombo Street North viz - To do away with cesspool at the bottom of garden and provide regulation pan; also, to provide regulation pan for closet near house in place of wooden cask at present in use, and to fill up hole containing stagnant water in garden and provide suitable drainage. I have the honour to be sirs, your obedient servant, Francis Hobbs, City Inspector	7 August 1880
CH343/87a/508	Reverend C Fraser, Tuam Street Dear Sir, As we are now taking out summons for all unpaid rates, I would feel obliged by your forwarding me a cheque for same to save you any expense. Your obedient servant C I Barker, Collector	18 August 1880
CH343/87a/509	Same as below – carbon paper must have been in two pages	16 August 1880
CH343/87a/510	Letter to Mr J P.... son, Sir – Take notice that you are required within 14 days from this date to do the following things on premises belonging to you situated at the corner of Taylors Lane and Manchester Street viz to provide suitable drainage so as to prevent the nuisance at present existing caused by slops being thrown all about the section. You must also provide proper receptacle for tanking water with overflow pipe to carry away surplus water in place of wooden box at present in use which is extremely dangerous to the health being lower than yard and consequently acts as a receptacle of dirty water from yard in wet weather Yours obediently, F Hobbs, City Inspector	16 August 1880
CH343/87a/511	R Walton Esq Sir – I am instructed by His Worship the Mayor to write to you respecting your being summoned for Scavenging Rates and to apologise for it having occurred. The reason was that you having refused to pay the Rate we then applied to the owner when on receiving his reply refusing to pay and referring us to you we issued the summons; in the mean time the present tenant paid the Rate. I will see that the case is withdrawn. I have the honor to be Sir, Your obedient servant, Frank Hobbs, City Inspector	21 August 1880
CH343/87a/512	Mr John White Sir, I hereby inform you that the City Council at its meeting last night cancelled your drivers license. You are therefore required to give in your license to the Town Clerk at once. I am Sir, your obedient servant, ? Town Clerk	24 August 1880

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CH343/87a/513	Wright, Sir, I have examined into the matter of your Scavenging cheques and find the summons is quite correct as you owe the amount. The 19/6 of which you paid 11/6 (according to July a/c?) cleared you to June 1879. You are now summoned for 2 Pans in September quarter (one paid) 6/6; 3 Pans for December Quarter 19/6 total of £1.6.0. Besides these you owe for March and June quarters 1880 Yours Haskins	26 August 1880
CH343/87a/514	Mr H Alport Sir, I beg to call your immediate attention to the state of premises belonging to you and situated in Chester Street East and to ask you to have the following things done within 14 days from this date viz fill up section so as to get drainage also to have all objectional vegetable matter now exposed in holes about the premises properly buried or removed as the places in their present state are detrimental to the Health of the neighbours. Your obedient servant, Frank Hobbs, City Inspector	6 September 1880
CH343/87a/515	Too smudged	
CH343/87a/516	Page torn out	
CH343/87a/517	To Town Clerk - Too faint	28 September 1880
CH343/87a/518	To the Town Clerk Sir, with regard to the remark in Mr Trents letter re scavenging rates you will see that any rate payer may tender an amount being what he considers sufficient but makes that amount correspond with the Scavenging roll, we have no right to receive it until it has been submitted to the Contractor for allowance asked or otherwise thereby enabling us to show how the amount was paid. Mr Trent did offer certain money in settlement of Scavenging a/c but not sufficient to pay the amount shown on the Roll therefore it was refused but has since been settled. In conclusion I may say ....	
CH343/87a/519	(on back of 519)... that both Mr Leakey and myself have had considerable trouble in this matter by Mr Trent persisting in our collecting the rate from each of his premises as he thought proper which would be quite impossible. Francis Hobbs, City Inspector  Second letter: Mr Trent Esq Dear Sir, I have made enquiries from the Collector and Mr Hobbs the Inspector and beg to enclose their letters to me on the subject of your letter. I am dear Sir, your obediently	28 September 1880
CH343/87a/520	Torn page at top - no text	
CH343/87a/521	Mrs Brachi? Take notice that you are required to provide new closet pan for your premises situated in Salisbury Street in place of defective one at present in use within 24 hours from this date. Francis Hobbs, City Inspector	30 September 1880
CH343/87a/522	Mr P Brown, Akaroa Sir, Please send by return post balance of your rates £1.3.6 by doing so you will save expense. Your obedient servant, ? Town Clerk	2 November 1880
CH343/87a/523	His Worship the Mayor respectfully invites the Citizens to close their place of business on Wednesday next on the occasion of the Agricultural and Pastoral Show	1880
CH343/87a/524	Mr D McGuinness Sir, I beg to call your attention to the great want of proper drainage from the premises belonging to you and which are occupied by Messrs Ballen & Co and to ask you to take advantage of the drain now being laid down from Mr Brien's new houses by arranging with him to connect which will give you permanent drainage at a very small portion of the cost of drain if you are compelled to provide an efficient one which you will certainly will be soon. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, Francis Hobbs, City Inspector	2 December 1880
CH343/87a/525	Mr W G Walker, Clerk to Resident Magistrates Court, Christchurch Sir, I am instructed to write, and request the reason that a summons, (which was issued on October 27 <sup>th</sup> ) has not been served yet on a man named B Dowle in Colombo Street South. His wife has tendered the amount sued for, to the owner, it has been accepted, less the costs. She also states that a summons could have been served on him at anytime. I remain yours obediently B J Leahy, Assistant Inspector	13 December 1880

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CH343/87a/526	To His Worship the Mayor Sir, I beg to report on premises of Mr Parker, Armagh Street which I consider are unfit for human habitation owing to offensive water having drained under floors and into cellars from a defective wooden drain on the premises adjoining, belonging to Mr H? and would remind you to sign a notice so that I can present it at once under the act F Hobbs, City Inspector	1880
CH343/87a/527	Mr E Hiorns? Sir, I hereby give you 4 hours notice to commence constructing suitable open concrete drain from your premises in Armagh Street into side channel in place of defective wooden one which is now causing a great nuisance by leaking and allowing a quantity of offensive water to drain under Mr Parker's premises.  Mr W R Parker Sir, I hereby give you 3 hours notice to commence doing such things that are necessary for the abatement of the nuisance now existing on your premises or the Council will proceed to do it at your cost	22 December 1880  22 December 1880
CH343/87a/528	Mr J W Andrews Sir, I am instructed by the Town Clerk to give you notice that unless you at once comply with the conditions arranged viz to pay £1 per week off amount due for Scavenging for which we hold judgement we shall be compelled to proceed further. Your obedient servant, F Hobbs, City Inspector	22 January 1881
CH343/87a/529	On back of page To His Worship, The Mayor and Councillors With reference to letter from Mr J Inglis, complaining of stench arising from urinal opposite his office I beg to state that the nuisance arises from want of a supply of water for flushing the same. I mentioned in my record some time ago the want of water at same urinal, and last week I asked Mr Morton if he would kindly get one of his men to pump water so as to flush the side channel, it smelt so bad. Yours obediently, B J Leahy, Inspector	24 January 1881
CH343/87a/530	Mrs S Davis Madam, I am instructed to give you notice that unless the nuisance now existing caused by allowing objectionable water to flow from your residence in Glo'ster Street East is abated within 3 days from this date I shall be compelled to lay an infringement against you for same. I have the honor to be Madam, your obedient servant, F Hobbs, City Inspector	12 July 1881
CH343/87a/531	Mr Bettle Sir, I hereby give you notice under Sub Section of Clause 56? of the Public Health Act to remove fowls? which are so kept as to be a nuisance and injurious to Health within 7 days from this date. Your obedient servant, F Hobbs, City Inspector	17 February 1881
CH343/87a/532	To the chairman Kaiapoi Woollen Factory, Kaiapoi Sir, In reply to your Memo of 24 <sup>th</sup> instant I beg to say that it is as present owner of the property I apply to you for the Asphalt Rate amount to One Pound Sixteen Shillings sterling to which you are legally liable as the former owners have not paid. Yours, J Smith, City Collector	28 February 1881
CH343/87a/533	Mr Hislop, Aldred Street (renamed Beveridge Street) Sir, I shall feel much obliged if you would kindly call at the offices of the City Council to show the receipt you received from the Magistrates Court for Two Pounds and Nine Shillings sterling for the Asphalt Rate as we have some difficulty in finding the date it was paid and it is keeping our books open. I am sorry for giving you all this trouble but I have called several times at your house without being able to find you in. Yours etc, J Smith, Rate Collector	9 March 1881
CH343/87a/534	Mr E S Ellisdon, Dunedin Sir, I beg to make application to you for One Pound Four Shillings and Nine Pence sterling on account of Asphalt Rate you paid 2/6 for 75? on 16 <sup>th</sup> April but the larger amount was over looked by the former Collectors. A cheque will oblige. Yours truly, J Smith, Rate Collector  Mr Robert Park C/- Mr Edward Prebby, Prebbleton Sir, Enclosed please find account for One Pound thirteen shillings and Nine Pence sterling amount of general rates for 1880 and must request a cheque by return post or execution will be taken out. Yours etc, J Smith, Rate Collector	8 March 1881  8 March 1881
CH343/87a/535	M Murphy – Collectors Report	
CH343/87a/536	Sir, In reply to yours of 15 <sup>th</sup> instant I beg to say that a summons was taken out on the 22 <sup>nd</sup> October for your General Rate amounting to £2.0.3 and Asphalt 16/6 the former was paid by your sister but none of the costs which are 8/-. I must again request you to send the amount by return post or Execution will at once be taken.	March 1881

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	Mr P Brown, Jollie Street, Akaroa Sir, I am in receipt of your Post Office Order for 16/6 on account of Asphalt Rates, but cannot send you a receipt until you send me the amount of summons 8/- which I must request to be sent by return post as I cannot close up the books. Yours etc, J Smith, Rate Collector	March 1881
<b>CH343/87a/537</b>	Church Property Trustees Dr to Christchurch City Council	March – Dec 1881
<b>CH343/87a/538</b>	Imprest Account Reports (Leahy's)	31 March 1881
<b>CH343/87a/539</b>	Imprest Account Reports (Leahy's)	31 March 1881
<b>CH343/87a/540</b>	Imprest Account Reports (Leahy's)	31 March 1881
<b>CH343/87a/541</b>	The Chairman, Sanitary Committee Sir, According to instructions from the Town Clerk I have this morning inspected 14 separate premises belonging to the Church Property Trustees and which are located in Kilmore Street and beg to report on them as follows; three pans in closets are mostly overflowing and in a filthy condition, they are also in a bad state of repair the drainage is very defective being merely wood boxes which are continually becoming blocked up and thereby causing all objectional water to overflow and run under the houses which in most cases are built close to the ground and are much lower than the back yards. There are no taps to wells and I consider the sanitary condition of these premises most unsatisfactory. I have given notice for the wooden boxes to be done away with and to provide open concrete drains in their place also to provide taps for wells. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, F Hobbs, City Inspector  Note: referred to Chairman of Board of Health, C B Taylor, Chairman of Sanitary Committee, 22 April 1881	22 April 1881
<b>CH343/87a/542</b>	Mr J Brightling Sir, I am instructed by the Town Clerk to request you to at once add up the Roll for March quarter; also fill in the correct names of occupiers and owners so that they will be correct to collect from. Yours obediently, F Hobbs	23 April 1881
<b>CH343/87a/543</b>	Back of 543 Letter to Town Clerk from B J Leaky Inspector Sir, In answer to your request to report on the state of the Rolls sent in by the Contractor I beg to state that at present they are in an incomplete state as well as being very incorrect as to names entered therein. I beg to remain, yours obediently B J Leahy, Inspector	25 April 1881
<b>CH343/87a/544</b>	To Town Clerk According to your instruction I wrote to Mr Brightling on the 23 instant asking him to at once total up rolls and put in the correct names of occupiers and owners but nothing as yet (has) been sent. I consider the rolls unsatisfactory in their present state and not at all fit to collect from. F Hobbs, City Inspector	26 April 1881
<b>CH343/87a/545</b>	Same as below	
<b>CH343/87a/546</b>	Letter to Messrs Wilkin & Co as Agents for Stewart Estates, from City Inspector and Town Clerk I hereby give you 7 days notice under Clause 207 of the Municipal Corporation Act and Clause 14 Amendment Act 1878 to provide suitable close fence to section adjoining the "Royal Hotel" Stables in Tuam Street West which section is now a resort for prostitutes at night also a receptacle for all kinds of filth and rubbish which is very dangerous to the health of the neighbourhood I have the honour to be Gentlemen, you obedient servant F Hobbs	27 April 1881
<b>CH343/87a/547</b>	No text	
<b>CH343/87a/548</b>	Too faint	10 May 1881
<b>CH343/87a/549</b>	Letter to Mr Attwood, Heathcote from the Rate Collector, Sir, I have again to call your attention to the fact that the Asphalt Rate on property on the South Town Belt still remains unpaid and must request payment of the amount £1. 7 sterling by Saturday at the latest. Yours truly, J Smith, Rate Collector  Letter to Mr R M Creswell Esq, Papanui from the Rate Collector, Sir, I have to make application for an Asphalt Rate on property in Aldred Street (renamed Beveridge Street) formerly belonging to Patrick Arnolf to £1. 12s payment of which I must request by the end of the week as the rolls have to be closed. Yours truly, J Smith, Rate Collector	10 May 1881  10 May 1881

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CH343/87a/550	Letter to Mr J Martin from City Inspector Mr Hobbs, Sir, Having been informed that you have still some years to run before the expiration of your lease for property you now occupy in Tuam Street West I must give you 14 days notice to comply with original notice sent you. Yours obediently, F Hobbs, City Inspector  Information laid Clause 6 Police Ordinance	13 May 1881
CH343/87a/551	Collection Report to the Town Clerk Sir, In compliance with your instructions I have to report that on enquiry into the circumstances of Mrs Catherine Wood of Taylors Lane who is a widow with 4 children. The only means of support she appears to have are 15/- p week earned by her eldest boy who is in the Telegraph Office and whose wages are paid at the end of the month; also the rent of a cottage at 6/- p week. She is not strong enough to earn anything herself. I am Sir, yours respectfully, J Smith	23 May 1881
CH343/87a/552	Mr (William) Hillier, Durham Street, Sir, I am directed by the Town Clerk, Mr Haskins to inform you not to pay any more rent to your landlords until the City Rates amounting to £2. 7. 3. Two Pounds Seven Shillings and Three Pence, due by the late tenant H Raisbeck be paid and you are to pay the same rent at the Offices of the said City Council until their claim be liquidated. I am Sir, yours etc, J Smith, Rate Collector	1 June 1881
CH343/87a/553	Back of page 553 To Messrs Wilson, Sawtell & Co I hereby give you 2 hours notice to remove rubbish, consisting of decaying fish, oyster shells etc from Right of Way off Manchester Street opposite "City Hotel", also to empty closet pan at same premises.  Mayor	2 June 1881
CH343/87a/554	To His Worship the Mayor Sir, I beg to report to you on the disgraceful state of premises belonging to Mrs M Murphy situated in Salisbury Grove. The removal of nightsoil has been discontinued for some weeks owing to Mrs Murphy not having paid rates due for Scavengering done. Since that time the tenants have been put to great inconvenience and have been compelled to dig holes and bury same which, owing to the small space of land allotted to each house, must be extremely dangerous to the health of the neighbourhood and many complaints have been made by the neighbours and to the nuisance arising therefore will you kindly sign the attached notice as this matter is urgent. Your obedient servant, F Hobbs, City Inspector	6 June 1881
CH343/87a/555	Mrs M Murphy Madam, I hereby give you 3 days notice under Clause 236 of the Municipal Corporation Act to abate nuisance existing on your premises in Salisbury Grove by having the whole of the closets properly cleaned and purified and to remove all nightsoil deposited on land attached to the houses and to have the same attended to weekly or the whole of the premises will be indited ( <i>declared</i> ) as a nuisance.	6 June 1881
CH343/87a/556	To Town Clerk Sir, I beg to report to you a nuisance caused by objectional sewage flowing from within same ? the Avon River under Madras Street Bridge there has been repeated complaints made of bad ? but up to the present ? found out the cause the banks of the river immediately below the mouth of the sewer is, I consider, in a very dangerous state owing to above being allowed to flow into the river and as this is contrary to our Bye Laws and also to the Public Health Act I would ask you to kindly instruct in what to do in this matter. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, Frank Hobbs, City Engineer	6 June 1881
CH343/87a/557	To Meprs (Messrs) Lloyd & Co Gentlemen, I hereby give you 24 hours notice under Clause 236 of the Municipal Corporation Act to abate nuisance cause(d) by your tenants in the Broadway Market depositing objectional rubbish in rear of the premises and to have same removed within the above mentioned time also to provide a receptacle sufficient for all rubbish which must be emptied as often as necessary.	6 June 1881
CH343/87a/558	F T Haskin Esq, Town Clerk Sir, In accordance with your request I have made enquiries into the circumstances of Mrs Emma Davies who is a widow with four children unable from their age to assist their mother who not being very strong is unable to do hard work and is often without the neceparies of life and cannot send the elder of the children to school not having shoes or stockings. Her rent is in arrears - the property is leased from the Church. I have the honor to be yours obediently J Smith, Rate Collector	6 June 1881
CH343/87a/559	Mr Marriott Sir, I hereby give you notice in compliance with the Rating Act Clause 54 that you are not to pay your landlord any more cash until the amount £7.18.8 is paid being rates owing to the City Council.	8 June 1881
CH343/87a/560	Messrs Wilson Co Gentlemen, Will you be so good as to let the Bearer have the rates he applied for as the Roll must be closed. I have the honour to be Gentlemen, Your obedient servant, F Haskin, Town Clerk	13 June 1881

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CH343/87a/561	The Inspector of Nuisances I hereby give you authority in reply to your report of today's date, under Clause 237 of the Municipal Corporations Act 1876 to enter upon the following premises viz Mrs M Murphy's property in Salisbury Grove and the Broadway Market and of South Town Belt and Colombo Street with such assistance as may be necessary to effectively cleanse and abate any nuisances thereon. Mayor	13 June 1881
CH343/87a/562	To His Worship the Mayor Sir, As no notice has been taken of the order signed by you for the abatement of nuisances on the following places viz Mrs M Murphy's property in Salisbury Grove and the Broadway Market I will ask you to kindly begin the warrant so that I can enter on the premises and have the nuisances removed without further delay. Your obedient servant F Hobbs , City Inspector	13 June 1881
CH343/87a/563	On back of page 563 Mr J R Steele, Ashburton Sir, I hereby give you notice under The Public Health Act to remove objectionable rubbish on section in Lichfield Street and to fill up the same, so as not to be a nuisance or injurious to health, work to be commenced within forty-eight hours. B J Leahy, Inspector	14 June 1881
CH343/87a/564	Same as above	
CH343/87a/565	Collectors Report for South East	14 June 1881
CH343/87a/566	Continuation of Collectors Report for South East	14 June 1881
CH343/87a/567	F T Haskins Esq, Sir, Acting on your instructions from enquiries made I beg to report on the following parties in respect to their General Rates. <u>Margaret McCormick, Widow, Queen Street</u> – The only means of support is contributed by the son, a partial cripple who is employed at the Supreme Court as a messenger. <u>Sarah Green, Widow, Montreal Street North</u> – She has a large young family and is supported by the Charity of Friends. I have the honor to be your obedient servant, J Smith, Collector	20 June 1881
CH343/87a/568	Letter to Mr Lawtell from Town Clerk Dear Sir, I must again draw your attention to the state of the closet at Mark's premises which I recently had properly cleansed. The Health Doctor has drawn my attention to it and unless you give immediate orders for the pan to be cleansed I shall be obliged to proceed under the Health Act. I am your obedient servant, yours truly, F Haskin, Town Clerk	21 June 1881
CH343/87a/569	Collectors report for South West	23 June 1881
CH343/87a/570	Continuation of Collectors Report for South West CCC/ARC/343/569	23 June 1881
CH343/87a/571	Continuation of Collectors Report for South West CCC/ARC/343/569	23 June 1881
CH343/87a/572	R M Cresswell Esq, Papanui Sir, I must again call your attention to the facts that the Asphalt Rate for your property in Aldred Street (renamed Beveridge Street) still remains unpaid the Amt is 22/- . I daresay you omitted to include it in your cheque paid on the 16 May 1881 for General Rates. I was not in the Office at the time and the party who gave the receipt to you was not aware of the Asphalt Rate being unpaid. If it be not paid by next Tuesday no further application will be made. I remain Sir, Your obediently, J Smith, Rate Collector	24 June 1881
CH343/87a/573	Mr Thomas Smith, Cam Mills, Rangiora Sir, with respect to the Asphalt Rate Amount of 19/- on your property on the North Belt the work was done in 1879 before you sold it to Barnett M Tribe. The late collector showed me a letter from you dated 11 October 1880 in which you imagined the work was done in 1877 which was not the case. I must therefore request you to send me a POO (Post Office Order?) by return post as no further application will be made. I remain yours, J Smith, Rate Collector	24 June 1881
CH343/87a/574	Same as above	24 June 1881
CH343/87a/575	Mr Packer Esq Sir, The inspector has been down to inspect the place from whence the material causing the nuisance was removed and it was on <u>your land</u> without any doubt and the..... pointed out by Mr .... on the Drainage Board Drain was not removed and there still is an accumulation there that are never to be seen to by that Board. What do you wish me to do?	25 June 1881

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CH343/87a/576	Mr Brightling Sir, I am instructed by the Town Clerk to give you notice to discontinue selling closet pans within the City from this date. Your obediently, F Hobbs, City Inspector	30 June 1881
CH343/87a/577	Mr McConnell Sir, As Mrs Murphy has received instructions from her husband that you are to pay the rates due us and that you have money in hand for which you can pay will you be so good as to pay them as far as the amount in your hands will permit. If you cannot comply I shall be obliged to take Mrs Murphy to our Solicitors to compel you to pay if you have any money belonging to Mr Murphy in your hands from which the claim can be settled or partly so and I shall bring this matter before the Council on Monday of the way in which this business has been transacted and the trouble you have given. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, Town Clerk	1 July 1881
CH343/87a/578	Messrs Lawson Gentlemen, I am instructed to give you 4 days notice to provide suitable step ladders for the nightmen so that they can fulfil their duties in a satisfactory manner whereas they have at present to use a temporary ladder totally unfit for the purpose and which would be likely to cause an excuse for creating an nuisance. Yours obediently F Hobbs, City Inspector	1 July 1881
CH343/87a/579	Murphy accounts	
CH343/87a/580	Dr Nedwell Dear Sir, I have to report to you a case of Diphtheria in Mr ? house Kilmore Street East near Ward & Co Brewery Your obedient servant, Frank Hobbs, City Inspector	7 July 1881
CH343/87a/581	List of Names and addresses	July 1881
CH343/87a/582	Continuation of list	
CH343/87a/583	Further list of names and addresses	7 July 1881
CH343/87a/584	Few more names on back of this page	
CH343/87a/585	F T Haskins Esq, Town Clerk Sir, Acting on your instructions I have made enquiries respecting the following parties as to their means. Buchanans Extrs p Mrs E Brandon – the house is let to Mr Perks Gas Fitter for a term of twelve months with a Clause exempting him from paying rates. Marion Dunlop – Is a widow with a family of 6 children the two eldest boys are getting 12/6 p week in the Lyttelton Times Office. She has 1/8 of an acre on the Stanmore Road with a 4 roomed cottage for which she gets 8/- p week a ¼ of an acre on the East Belt with a house and shop both properties are mortgaged in the Building Society for £200. She has to pay £2.15 p month on the loan. Her stock in the shop is very limited. The Heathcote Road Board have consented to remit half of the rates.	12 July 1881
CH343/87a/586	Sir, You are requested to give delivery of the contents of your carts to Mr Harman where he directs you and not deposit the material as you have been doing as I shall put excess on at your expense to remedy the neglect - Town Clerk	
CH343/87a/587	On back of page Mr William Henwood I hereby give you notice to abate nuisance on property situated between Hereford and Cashel Streets West Christchurch. Said nuisance being caused by defective sumps and drain, within fourteen days from date hereof. B J Leahy, Inspector of Nuisances, Christchurch If I might offer a suggestion it would be to the effect of <u>closing up</u> the drain from Hereford to Cashel Streets, disconnect Mr Barnett's from the present one, and put an open concrete, or other, drain down for the use of his house to run into Cashel Street. But whoever you may employ to do the work, might see me when he is going to do it, and perhaps we could arrange it. Yours etc B JL	13 July 1881
CH343/87a/588	Mr W Cobb Esq Sir, Some considerable time has elapsed since I gave you notice to fill up Section belonging to you situated on Oxford Terrace East you will remember. I then arranged with you to get all road scrapings and put them on to it from that locality - this I have done as far as I could but there still is a large portion where storm water remains and which is much complained of by the residents in the immediate locality. I should therefore be glad if you would either instruct myself or someone else to act for you and have it properly filled up so that you can get drainage or I shall be <u>compelled</u> to take some action to enforce same. Your obedient servant, Francis Hobbs, City Inspector	14 July 1881
CH343/87a/589	Mr V Berty, as Tennant Sir, Please take notice that you are required to make the following alterations at the "River? Hotel" viz you must do away with the closet as arranged at present upstairs as it is a nuisance and I should suggest that you provide a closet on a platform constructed from which supports water tanks so that the nightman could by the assistance of a step ladder remove the pans without being a nuisance. I must also request you to provide suitable drainage from urinal in place of a 2 ½" galvanised pipe	14 July 1881

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	at present in use and which is totally unfit for the purposes. Your obedient servant, F Hobbs, City Inspector PS – This above mentioned notice must be completed within 14 days or legal proceedings will be taken to enforce same. FH	
CH343/87a/590	Mr T Bligh Sir, I hereby give you 24 hours notice to abate nuisance caused by allowing offensive liquid to drain from cask which contained bones and which were very offensive and for the future to have them removed sufficiently often so as not to be offensive Your obedient servant, F Hobbs, City Inspector	14 July 1881
CH343/87a/591	Dr Symes Sir, On the 3 <sup>rd</sup> April last I sent you notice to remove or properly bury manure and decayed vegetation which had been complained of as being a nuisance when you called on me and promised to attend to it but as complaints have recently been made about the same I must now give you 24 hours notice to abate the nuisances by having it removed. Your obedient servant, F Hobbs, City Inspector	18 July 1881
CH343/87a/592	To the Town Clerk Sir, According to your instructions I today visited Mr Duncan's Yard in High Street to see if the night carts were clean or if any offensive smell was coming from them. I found the carts quite clean inside and outside and I do not consider them a nuisance in their present condition. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, F Hobbs, City Inspector	18 July 1881
CH343/87a/593	Mr A Donovan? Sir, I am instructed by the Sanitary Committee to give you notice that the fine of five shillings under your contract will be enforced in all cases where you have neglected to do your work viz (emptying closet pans) unless you can show good cause for not having done so. J Marsdine, Town Clerk	20 July 1881
CH343/87a/594	Messrs Lloy? & Co Gentlemen, I hereby give you seven days notice to provide suitable drainage from premises belonging to you situated on Montreal Street where stagnant water is lying which is detrimental to health and contrary to Clause 56 of the Public Health Act 1876. Also to reconstruct house drains which are very foul and infectious. I have the honor to be Gentlemen, your obedient servant F Hobbs, City Inspector	22 July 1881
CH343/87a/595	F T Haskins Esq, Town Clerk, Christchurch City Council Sir, Acting on your instructions I have made enquiries respecting Mrs Isabella Shanley's means and from information received understand she has Twenty £10 shares in the Christchurch Gas Company standing in her own name the Market value of each share is £16.10/-. She has also two 4 roomed houses in Merivale Lane. I am Sir, yours respectfully, J Smith, Rate Collector	1 August 1881
CH343/87a/596	To Rev C Bowan Sir, I hereby give you seven days notice under Clause 56 Sub Section 2 of the Public Health Act to fill up sections belonging to you – one situated in Gloucester Street East and the other in Worcester Street West where stagnant water is lying which is detrimental to the public health. Your obedient servant, F Hobbs, City Inspector	2 August 1881
CH343/87a/597	Mr E C Mouldey Sir, I hereby give you 14 days notice to fill up section belonging to you situated at the corner of Gloucester Street and Manchester Street where stagnant water is lying which is contrary to the Public Health and Clause 56, Sub Section 2 Your obedient servant, F Hobbs, City Inspector	2 August 1881
CH343/87a/598	Messrs Makin & Co – account?	
CH343/87a/599	Mr C Louisson Sir, I hereby give you 14 days notice to abate the nuisance caused by foul drain leading from you premises in Gloucester Street West. I would suggest that the only means of effectually abating the nuisance is to connect with main sewer which has been done by the whole of the residents in your block excepting Mr F Graham who has provided other effectual constructions. Your obedient servant, F Hobbs, City Inspector	5 August 1881
CH343/87a/600	W H Simmons Esq Sir, I hereby give you 14 days notice to abate nuisance caused by foul drain leading from your premises in Gloucester Street West. I would suggest that the only means of effectually abating the nuisance is to connect with main sewer which has been done by nearly the whole of the residents in this block and the remainder have had notice to do so. Your obedient servant, F Hobbs, City Inspector	5 August 1881
CH343/87a/601	L Harper Esq Sir, I hereby give you 14 days notice to abate nuisance caused by foul drain leading from premises belonging to you situated in Armagh Street West into Gloucester Street. I would suggest that the only means of effectually abating the nuisance is to connect with main sewer which has been done	5 August 1881

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	by nearly the whole of the residents in this block. Your obedient servant, F Hobbs, City Inspector	
CH343/87a/602	Mrs Shanley, Merivale Lane Madam, I am directed by the City Council to inform you that the Rates on the property situated in Lichfield Street which you asked to have remitted cannot be allowed and I must request you to pay them without delay to save legal proceedings. I am yours etc, J Smith, Rate Collector	15 August 1881
CH343/87a/603	Mrs Marion Dunlop, East Town Belt Madam, I am directed by the City Council to inform you that the Rates on your property on the East Town Belt cannot be remitted in part but must be paid in full. I must therefore beg you to let me have the amount without further delay to save legal procedures. I am your etc, J Smith, Rate Collector	13 August 1881
CH343/87a/604	Mr Brittan Esq Sir, I beg to call your attention to property belonging to you situated in Peterboro' Street and lately occupied by Mrs Frile? There is a large cesspit dug out which receives waste artesian water, this not having been made watertight saturates the whole of the surrounding sections and causes a nuisance to the neighbours who have connected with sewer. I must therefore give you 7 days to abate this nuisance. Your obedient servant F Hobbs, City Inspector	19 August 1881
CH343/87a/605	Copy of letter below	August 1881
CH343/87a/606	Rate Collectors Report F T Haskin Esq, Town Clerk Sir, Acting on your instructions I have made enquiries respecting the means of the following parties viz: Dennis Harrington – He has 7 children. The eldest boy about 17 years old gets 15/- p week the other two boys aged respectively 8 and 10 years are going to school, two of the daughters are in service at Southbridge and Fendalton - they cannot assist their father out of their wages, another daughter is in one of the clothing factories and the other daughter remains at home to help the father, who has a pension of 6d p day which nearly pays the rent, so that all there is to keep the family of five are the wages earned by the boy and the daughter in the factory. Mrs Brandon Executor? for Buchanan's Children – there are four children and Mrs Brandon is the grandmother, both parents being dead. Two of the sons are earning 3/- and 2/6 per day; two are at school. The property consists as far as I can learn of one 3 roomed house on 1/8 of an acre in Waltham let generally for about 7/- p week another in First Street Sydenham the same quantity of land let for the same rent. A House on the South Town Belt let for 3 years at a rental of 13/- p week. The house that the grandmother.....	August 1881
CH343/87a/607	..and children live in situated in Waltham belongs to the Grandmother. I am Sir your respectfully J Smith, Rate Collector	
CH343/87a/608	Mr E Hensley Sir, I hereby give you 3 days notice to properly bury all objectionable rubbish which you have deposited on the Reserve contrary to my instruction or I shall be compelled to redirect the matter to the Chairman of the Sanitary Committee for instructions. Your obediently, F Hobbs, City Inspector	23 August 1881
CH343/87a/609	Mr E S Ellisdon, Chemist, Dunedin Sir, I have to call your attention to my letter of 8 <sup>th</sup> March making application for One Pound Four Shillings and Nine Pence sterling being Asphalt Rate on 49' 6" frontages Peterborough Street. You paid 2/6 on the 16 <sup>th</sup> April 1880 for 5' but the larger amount was overlooked by the last collector. If the amount be not paid in fourteen days I shall have to take out a summons. I am Sir, yours, J Smith, Rate Collector	23 August 1881
CH343/87a/610	Mr ? Sir, I have today called up Mr Brittan's Office re the following up of section occupied by you and left particulars as to quantity of earth required. Mr B was not in but I have just received a note from him wherein he states that the responsibility rests with you as tenant. I must therefore request you to have the said nuisance abated at once. Your obedient servant, F Hobbs, City Inspector	24 August 1881
CH343/87a/611	Page cut out	
CH343/87a/612	On back of page To The Chairman of the Sanitary Committee Sir, I have the honor to report, from instructions received, on complaints made, re overcharges etc by the rubbish Contractor, Mr E Hensley. 1 <sup>st</sup> – Mr Weston, Manchester Street East – Contractor wanted to charge 2/6, was refused, then offered to take 2/- which was given to him to get rid of him; Size of dust bin nearly a cubic yard, he removed a few bottles as well, but not sufficient to charge 3d for, according to his contract. 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Mr W J Fisher, High Street – Contractor wanted to charge for 2 yards, when the box contains only 13 cubic feet. 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Mr J Heslip, laid a complaint against the Contractor, in the office, he hearing of the same, induced Mr Heslip to withdraw	26 August 1881

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	<p>the same, but was further annoyed by him the same day.</p> <p>4<sup>th</sup> – Mr Chas Clark, Hereford Street, Contractor wanted 3/- for box full containing only 2' x 10" cubic measurement, was refused payment, eventually offered to do it for the same price as Mr Brightling, which is, on average, about 2/3 per quarter.</p> <p>I remain yours obediently B J Leahy, Inspector</p>	
<b>CH343/87a/613</b>	<p>To the Chairman – Sanitary Committee</p> <p>Sir, I have the honor to report that on inspecting the Reserve on the 19<sup>th</sup> of this month I found the rubbish placed on the Reserve by the Contractor was contrary to my instruction. I pointed out the place and the manner in which I requested all rubbish which was not objectional to be deposited and for all objectional matter to be properly buried he (h)as not put it in the place shown him neither (h)as he attempted to bury any portion of it. I therefore gave him written notice to properly bury what was required also to place the remainder w(h)ere shown. On inspecting again to day I find he has not done so.</p> <p>The following complaints have come under my notice of the Contractor demanding more than he is entitled to according to Scale of Charges.</p> <p>Mr Oliver, Market Place (demanded 6d when only entitled to pay 1 ½d - 2 cubic foot 9 inches. Messrs Murray &amp; Orwell (charged them 10d when only (4 cubic feet) should be 2d.</p> <p>Mr Stevens, Victoria Street charged 1/- when there were only (4 cubic feet) should be 2d.</p>	26 August 1881
<b>CH343/87a/614</b>	<p>....continued from above</p> <p>Mr Stewart, Victoria Street charged 1/- when there were only 4 cubic feet - should be 2d. Mr Stewart also complained that men were insolent and stated that they were entitled to charge 3d per week whether my rubbish was removed or not.</p> <p>I was called into the "Golden Fleece Hotel" to settle disputes about rubbish where the Contractors have charged 6d for not more than 1 cubic foot – it should have been ½ penny.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, Francis Hobbs, City Inspector</p>	
<b>CH343/87a/615</b>	<p>Mr E S Ellisdon, Dunedin</p> <p>Sir, In reply to your letter of 25<sup>th</sup> instant the Asphaltting of 49' 6" on the property you had in Peterborough Street was paped (passed) by the City Surveyor on the 12<sup>th</sup> February 1879 the work having been completed sometime previously.</p> <p>Your etc, J Smith</p> <p>PS On 16 April 1879 you paid 33s. 3d. frontage on Cambridge Terrace by 2s 6d frontage on Peterborough Street for 5".</p>	31 August 1881
<b>CH343/87a/616</b>	<p>F T Haskins Esq, Town Clerk</p> <p>Sir, I beg to report that on 15<sup>th</sup> September 1880 a summons was taken out against H F Raisbec for recovery of the years rate and judgement was given but the Execution Warrant was held over as he pleaded poverty having nothing to offer but his mathematical instruments and engineering books. He left the country in the early part of this year for Sydney the Rates being still unpaid.</p> <p>John Haigh (who has a lease from Elias Willis of this property for twenty one years 18 ½ of which have expired), was summonsed last month for recovery of the rates under Clause 53 of the Rating Act 1876 as owner but it was ruled in the Magistrates Court that they could not be recovered under that Section as action had not been taken within the specified time. The Court told Mr Leahy that action could be taken under Clauses 2 and 3 of the Amended Act 1879.</p> <p>I shall feel obliged by your instructing me what course I am to take for recovery of said Rates and also this years on the same property.</p> <p>I am Sir your obedient servant, J Smith, Rates Collector</p>	12 September 1881
<b>CH343/87a/617</b>	<p>Mr I H Moore, Leithfield</p> <p>Sir, In reply to yours of 19<sup>th</sup> August, I beg to say that the following tenants of Mr Milner have not paid their Rates</p> <p>Dennis Harrington who asked the Council to remit them his request has been refused.</p> <p>John McGregor – your tenants I Handover and George Collin</p> <p>Yours truly, J Smith, Rate Collector</p>	16 September 1881
<b>CH343/87a/618</b>	<p>Mrs Brandon as Buchanans Executor? Waltham</p> <p>Madam, I am desired by the Town Clerk to inform you that the Council cannot remit the Rates on your property</p> <p>I am Madam, yours etc, J Smith, Rate collector</p> <p>PS I must request an immediate settlement of the Rates to save proceeding for recovery of same.</p>	30 September 1881
<b>CH343/87a/619</b>	<p>Mr Austin Kirby, Timaru</p> <p>Sir, In reply to yours of 3<sup>rd</sup> instant I have to inform you that your tenant has not paid the rates £2.10.8.</p> <p>Yours truly, J Smith, Rate Collector</p>	4 October 1881
<b>CH343/87a/620</b>	<p>To Dr Russell</p> <p>Sir, My attention having been drawn to the accumulation of horse manure which is deposited in corner of yard near a dwelling house and which causes a nuisance to the neighbours. I must ask you to have it removed sufficiently often so as not to cause a nuisance from yard in Oxford Terrace occupied by you.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, F Hobbs, City Inspector</p>	19 October 1881
<b>CH343/87a/621</b>	<p>Letter to Dr Lewis, Box 101, Post Office, Invercargill</p> <p>Dear Sir, Mr Ayers has told me that you hold a receipt for Scavengering up to the date you left your residence, corner of St Asaph Street and High Streets. You would greatly oblige me if you would kindly send a copy of the same. I enclosed copy of account as it stands on the roll against.</p> <p>I beg to remain, yours obediently, B J Leahy, Inspector</p> <p>PS – The account you will see is from January 1 1881 to the end of the ninth week in the quarter ending March 1881. The</p>	19 October 1881

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	notices for which quarter were not ready for issue till about the end of April 1881. BJL	
CH343/87a/622	Mr Brightling Sir, I am directed to request you to attend at this office for the purpose of striking those amounts off the roll that should not be charged and beg to remain, yours obediently B J Leahy, Inspector	21 October 1881
CH343/87a/623	Mr Dearsley Sir, I am instructed by the Town Clerk to inform you that unless you are more attentive to instructions taken from memorandum book in office and to the general carrying out of your work he will be compelled to bring the matter before the Committee as the complaints are becoming very numerous Yours obediently F Hobbs, Inspector	22 October 1881
CH343/87a/624	Back of 624 Mr J Brightling Dear Sir, I am instructed to request you to have Night Soil removed from the "White Hart Hotel", on every night of the race Week. Yours truly, B J Leahy, Inspector	5 November 1881
CH343/87a/625	Letter to Mr Edward Thomas, North Belt, Christchurch Sir, In paying your Rates on 7 <sup>th</sup> instant there was an error made by Mr Murray in the Drainage Board Rates on the property in Montreal Street as you will observe by the enclosed Notice. You paid him £1.16. 8. whereas it should be £3.15.0. please kindly let me have the difference £1.18.4. Yours truly, J Smith, Rate Collector	10 November 1881
CH343/87a/626	Letter to Mr J Le Lucen? Sir, I hereby give you notice that the Rates amounting to £11. 9. 2 are due on premises at present occupied by you in Cashel Street SE 5. I therefore give you further notice not to pay any more Rate Rent until the above amount has been settled. Your obedient servant ?, Town Clerk	15 November 1881
CH343/87a/627	Letter to Town Clerk Sir, I beg to report that owing to numerous complaints having been made respecting a great nuisance emanating from main sewer which empties itself into the Avon River under Madras Street bridge I have inspected same again and am concerned that it is extremely injurious to health. I would therefore ask you to forward this to the Health Officer asking him to endorse his opinion respecting the place. Yours obediently, F Hobbs, City Inspector	17 November 1881
CH343/87a/628	Letter to H S Esq Sir, I must again draw your attention to the nuisance caused from your drain leaking from your premises in Gloucester Street West into the catchment and I hereby give you 7 days notice to connect with main sewer or proceedings will be taken to enforce same. Your obedient servant F Hobbs, City Inspector	17 November 1881
CH343/87a/629	Chairman of Drainage Board Sir, I beg to draw your attention to a great nuisance caused from the main sewer emptying itself into Avon River under Madras Street Bridge which causes an abominable smell and it has been much complained of by the residents in the neighbourhood. I would therefore ask you to direct such steps to be taken as will abate the nuisance. I have the honour to be Sir, your obedient servant, F Hobbs, City Inspector	21 November 1881
CH343/87a/630	Letter to F T Haskins Esq, Town Clerk Sir, McCaldon – I have nothing further to report respecting her means since Mr Tribes?, on 12 July 1880 but consider that her property must be improving as she is paying £5.16.7 per month to a Building Society thus decreasing the mortgage every year and according to her own statements her son was earning 37/- per week. I am your respectfully, J Smith, Rate Collector	5 December 1881
CH343/87a/631	Mr Clarke, Miller, Westerfield, Ashburton Dear Sir, I sent an account for 10/6 for the night soil rate, for the quarter ending June 1881, on the 20 <sup>th</sup> of September last, you have not sent that amount yet. Will you kindly forward a Post Office Order on receipt of this to save any further trouble. By doing so you will oblige Your obediently, B J Leahy, Inspector	6 December 1881
CH343/87a/632	Letter to B Lumsden Sir, In reply to your letter re trees on section belonging to the Wesleyan Chapel property I am instructed to inform you that as the trees are not overhanging any Public thoroughfare we have no power to order their removal. Your obedient servant, T Hobbs, City Inspector	6 December 1881
CH343/87a/633	Letter to Mr Hensley Sir, I am instructed to inform you that owing to the many complaints re your neglect in paying attention to instructions in record? book at this office that for the future the fine will be enforced in every case when proved also unless you are a great deal more careful in carrying out your contract in all respects the matter will have to be placed before the committee. Yours obediently, F Hobbs, City Inspector	6 December 1881
CH343/87a/634	Lloyd & Co account	

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CH343/87a/635	Letter to Mr Hanson? Sir, I am instructed to inform you that unless you at once discontinue mixing night soil on the platform which I have before complained of to you and adopt the plan of mixing in sumps as you used to do I shall be compelled to at once put the matter before the Chairman of the Sanitary Committee with the recommendation for immediate action to be taken to enforce it. Yours obediently, F Hobbs, City Inspector	14 December 1881
CH343/87a/636	Collectors Report, F I Haskins, Town Clerk Sir, <u>Isabella McMillan</u> – From enquiries made respecting this person I understand that she is a widow and that her only means of support are a little charring and washing per week. She has 7 children, the eldest boy, a perfect larrikin, who has had to be sent out of the country. The neighbours have often given the children payments for their own meals. I am yours etc, J Smith, Rate Collector	19 December 1881
CH343/87a/637	C B Grierson Esq, Union Bank, Auckland, Sir, I duly received your cheque of £1.13. 7. in payment of Rates as per Voucher No 264 but find that another of £1. 18. 4 No 275 was omitted to be posted to you please kindly let me have a cheque for same. Yours etc, J Smith, Rate Collector	20 December 1881
CH343/87a/638	I S Buxton, Heathcote Sir, I shall be glad if you would favour me with a call on Wednesday the 28 <sup>th</sup> instant at 10 ½ OC (10:30am) as I wish to see you respecting the Rate you paid me on 20 <sup>th</sup> instant Yours etc, J Smith, Rate Collector  Mr Thomas Stokes, Corremeda Cottage, Phillip Street, Phillipstown Sir, In paying the Night Soil Drainage Board Rates on your property in Tuam Street on the 5 <sup>th</sup> instant you omitted to pay the following Rates. General Rate £3.0.0, Special Drainage Board 10/-, Waimakarari 10/- = Total £4.0.0. Please let me have the amount without delay. Your etc, J Smith, Rate Collector	23 December 1881
CH343/87a/639	H V Anson Esq Sir, In answer to your favour (no date) re share of paddock at corner of Selwyn Street and South Belt I cannot guarantee that it will not become a nuisance again. Your obediently, B J Leahy, Inspector	9 January 1882
CH343/87a/640	Missing page	
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CH343/87a/644	Collectors Report, F I Haskins, Town Clerk <u>Alice Gordon Glashford</u> – From enquiries made respecting this person who is a Widow with 3 children. I understand that though the cottage she lives in is her own Freehold, she is entirely dependent on the charity of friends for the support of herself and family; not very long ago a few friends interested themselves in getting up a Subscription to procure clothing for the children. Her husband at the time he was in the Bank of New South Wales was killed by being thrown out of a buggy – his brother who is very wealthy has been written to for a apistance (assistance) but has never taken any notice of the applications. Yours respectfully, J Smith, Rate Collector	9 January 1882
CH343/87a/645	Dr Nedwill, Dear Sir, The Sanitary Committee would be glad if you would make it convenient to go and inspect the nightsoil Reserve with our Inspector to report thereon as complaints have been received that the manipulation of the nightsoil carried on at the Reserve is a nuisance. Might I also draw your attention to the slaughterhouse adjoining the Reserve. I have the honor to be Sir, Your obedient servant, F Haskins Town Clerk	13 January 1882
CH343/87a/646	Mr Hanson? Sir, I have the honor by direction of the Council to inform you that complaints have been made of the nuisance caused in the manufacture of manure carried on by you on the Reserve leased by you from the Council and to say unless the nuisance complained of is abated in one week from date the Council will be compelled to cancel it in terms? thereof. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, F Haskins Town Clerk Note – delivered 24/1/82 F H	24 January 1882
CH343/87a/647	Dr Nedwill Sir, Typhoid Fever is in J J Turnbull's house on East Belt, 2 doors from McDowell's Store, in Ferry Road. B J Leahy, Inspector	13 February 1882

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CH343/87a/648	Mrs R Dearsley Madam, I herewith enclose receipt for 6/6 being amount of a/c enclosed to you for Savengering. As regards a insulting letter you speak of I am not aware of any being sent except a footnote to a/c which is usual to save owner of property from being sued when perhaps they are not aware of rates being owing on their property; if any other letter (h)as been sent you of an insulting nature I am extremely sorry. Your obedient servant, F Hobbs, City Inspector	16 February 1882
CH343/87a/649	F I Haskins Esq, Town Clerk Sir, <u>Elizabeth Scott</u> . From enquiries made respecting this party I understand that she is a widow with three children who are too young to earn anything and that one is supported by the charity of Mr A J White in whose employment she is and by his aid she is able to keep her cottage. I am Sir, yours respectfully, John Smith, Rate Collector	20 February 1882
CH343/87a/650	Mr J O Sheppard Sir, I hereby give you notice to disconnect closets over the Mulligan's Shop from tank, to remove the said tank, and thoroughly disinfect drains leading therefrom to Lichfield Street. Such works to be done forthwith	22 February 1882
CH343/87a/651	Mr T G Vennall Sir, I hereby give you notice to have the following works completed within the space of forty eight hours, viz to provide regulation pans to your three houses in South Belt, remove wooden boxes from same, and shift closets to fresh sites, and fill in underneath them if necessary. B J Leahy, Inspector of Nuisances	23 February 1882
CH343/87a/652	To the Chairman - East Christchurch School Committee Sir, The Health Officer having reported fever in the house occupied by the caretaker at the Gloucester Street School. I inspected the premises and found them very unsatisfactory. The following thing will require to be done to put the place in a good Sanitary condition. 1. Closet to be repaired and cleansed, the earth below the pan to be removed, it being saturated I suppose from defective pan. 2 The whole of the section to be cleared of animal manure and rubbish. 3 The supply of water for household purposes is bad and the house drainage requires continually to be flushed. 4 I should recommend if animals are allowed to be kept to the present extent that proper conveniences are provided. F Hobbs, City Inspector	24 February 1882
CH343/87a/653	F T Haskins Esq, Town Clerk Sir, <u>Elizabeth Scott</u> - I have made further enquiries respecting this party who is a widow with six children aged respectively 15, 13, 11, 10, 8 and 7; two of these are boys, four girls; the two eldest are girls. None of the children are earning any money; the eldest girl remains at home to take charge of the house while the mother is out working. She is employed in Mr A J White's Warehouse in the Carpet Department - her wages are 30/- p week but generally makes 10/- more by overtime. The cottage that she and her family live in is her own Freehold property. The amount of Rates that she asks to have remitted is £2.5.10. I must call your attention to the fact that her Rates for 1880 amount to £2.0.3 are still unpaid. I am Sir, yours respectfully, John Smith	6 March 1882
CH343/87a/654	Mr J Coker Sir, I hereby give you notice to disconnect closet from concrete sump on your premises, and not to allow any excreta to be carried off as at present. Such work to be done forthwith. B J Leahy, Inspector of Nuisances	8 March 1882
CH343/87a/655	Public Health Act 1876 (notice served on) John Coker, Hotel Keeper, Christchurch - did allow the contents of a water closet to overflow or soak from his premises in Manchester Street, Christchurch Bartholomew Joseph Leahy - Inspector of Nuisances, Christchurch Colony New Zealand	8 March 1882
CH343/87a/656	Same as below	
CH343/87a/657	Public Health Act 1876 (notice served on) Daniel Bryant, Hotel Keeper, Christchurch on 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 1881 Christchurch did allow the contents of a water closet to overflow or soak from his premises in South Belt, Christchurch Bartholomew Joseph Leahy - Inspector of Nuisances, Christchurch Colony New Zealand	8 March 1882
CH343/87a/658	Page torn out by mistake	
CH343/87a/659	Mr Hanson? Sir, Complaints are still made of the smell arising from your burning the potent manure on our Reserve which cannot be allowed to continue - you must therefore positively remove all such manure off the Reserve on or before the 18 <sup>th</sup> instant.	9 March 1882
CH343/87a/660	North West Quarter - Amounts allowed by Contractor - March and June 1881	

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CH343/87a/663	North West Quarter – Amounts allowed by Contractor – March and June 1881	
CH343/87a/664	North West Quarter – Amounts allowed by Contractor – March and June 1881	
CH343/87a/665	To Town Clerk Sir, I beg to report that in inspecting Block 12 NE I found on premises at the corner of Armagh Street and Manchester which belonging to Dr Doyle a pan sat in a box in the middle of the back yard which receives excreta from upstairs closet. This pan is perforated at bottom and there is an overflow pipe leading into the side channel which is previously what (h)as been ?cted to at Mr Coker's. Will you kindly instruct me as to what action I am to take in this matter as I consider it very injurious to health. Yours obediently, F Hobbs, City Inspector	16 March 1882
CH343/87a/666	Dr Doyle Sir, I hereby give you notice to disconnect closet from ..... on premises belonging to you situated at the corner of Armagh and Manchester Streets and not to allow any excreta to be carried off as at present. Such work to be done forthwith. J G Ruddenklau, Mayor	16 March 1882
CH343/87a/667	Public Health Act 1876 - Canterbury (notice served on) Patrick Doyle, Surgeon, Christchurch on 16th March 1881 Christchurch did allow the contents of a water closet to overflow or soak from his premises at the corner of Armagh and Manchester Streets, Christchurch Francis Hobbs – Inspector of Nuisances, Christchurch Colony New Zealand	16 March 1882
CH343/87a/668	To Health Officer Sir, Having proceeded against Dr P Doyle for having a similar nuisance on premises belonging to him situated at the corner of Armagh and Manchester Streets as that which was found on Mr Coker's property I should be glad if you would kindly sign the summons in case I should require your assistance. I have the honor to be Sir, Your obedient servant, F Hobbs, City Inspector	17 March 1881
CH343/87a/669	To Health Officer Sir, Will you be good enough to attend at the Resident Magistrate's Court on Monday at 10.30am to give evidence he..... in Dr P Doyle case Yours obediently F Hobbs, Inspector	18 March 1882
CH343/87a/670	R Beatham Esq, Resident Magistrate Christchurch Sir, I beg to call your attention to the very dirty condition of the closet used by the public on the premises of the Court and to ask you to be good enough to five instructions to have it properly cleansed. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, Francis Hobbs, City Inspector	22 March 1882
CH343/87a/671	W G Brittan, Steward Church Property Trustees I have examined premises occupied by Mrs Mannering in Peterboro' Street and to all appearances the nuisance complained of previously is. and I should say not at all likely to occur again. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, F Hobbs, City Inspector	25 March 1882
CH343/87a/672	Inspector B J Leahy's Imprest money outstanding on 31 <sup>st</sup> March 1882	
CH343/87a/673	Inspector B J Leahy's Imprest money outstanding on 31 <sup>st</sup> March 1882	31 March 1881
CH343/87a/674	Sir, I beg to call your attention to a very dangerous nuisance caused by house drain leading from your premises into Chester Street and occupied by Mrs Y?. The drain being so long and not having any flushing to cleanse it naturally becomes very foul and dangerous. I would therefore ask you to have the premises connected with sewer; it being the only effectual way of abating the nuisance I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, F Hobbs, City Inspector	
CH343/87a/675	Defaulters List – North West Ward, North East Ward	
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CH343/87a/679	Defaulters List – South West Ward, South East Ward	
CH343/87a/680	Defaulters List – South East Ward continued	
CH343/87a/681	The Hon Mr Robinson Sir, Having ascertained that you have a closet upstairs which flows into tank and then overflows into the river I must inform you that this is not allowed by the City Council and at the same time you have 14 days to have the same done away with. I would recommend you to connect with sewer at once it being the only effectual way of complying with the wishes of the Council. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, F Hobbs, City Inspector  PS note is illegible	4 April 1882
CH343/87a/682	Edward White, Tauranga, Sir, I have to inform you that the Rates for last year amounting to £5. 5. 5., as per account enclosed, on your property in Barbadoes Street are still unpaid and must request you to forward cheque for same as I am taking out summonses for all back rates. I am yours etc, J Smith, Rate Collector	19 April 1882
CH343/87a/683	Mr Hensley Sir, Complaints are being still sent in of your not attending to the work. I must insist on your calling at the office daily in accordance with the terms of your contract to ascertain what there may be in the book for you to attend to. I am Sir, your obedient servant, J F Haskins, Town Clerk	19 April 1882
CH343/87a/684	Mr J Brightling, Yours truly, B J Leahy, Inspector Dear Sir, I beg to call your attention to a very wanton act of recklessness (to say the least of it), on the part of the night men at a house occupied by Mrs Hart in Hereford Street East, but the occupant is not so much annoyed as Mr Mills who lives next door, as the night men has tumbled the contents of the pan at Hart's house under the fence and on to Mr Mills' place. This is the second time I have had to complain of a similar occurrence at the same place. Mr Mackett of Madras Street South, made a similar complaint to me today. If these complaints are kept up I must bring the matter to the notice of the Sanitary Committee. I would suggest that a fine be imposed, for every well grounded complaint, on the one who does his work so slovenly. Yours truly, B J Leahy, Inspector	24 April 1882
CH343/87a/685	To City Surveyor "Boro Hotel" tank is in an unsightly state at present B J Leahy, Inspector  To City Surveyor There is a broken bridge Tuam Street at the place where the Public Hall is being put up B J Leahy, Inspector	28 April 1882  27 April 1882
CH343/87a/686	To City Surveyor Sir, I beg to inform you that an addition is being made to the residence of Mr G? Kilmore Street East. F Hobbs, Inspector	29 April 1882
CH343/87a/687	Mrs Mary Carter, Hillsboro, Madam, I have to inform you that if the balance of your back rates amounting to 14/3 (14 shillings 3 pence) be not paid by 11 <sup>th</sup> instant a summons will be taken out for same. The last time you were in I told you that you could produce your receipts to the Mayor and he could see at once if the money was owing by you; as you have not seen fit to do so I must take legal proceedings for recovery of same. I am yours etc, F Haskins, Town Clerk	4 May 1882
CH343/87a/688	Mr J S Buxton, Heathcote Valley Sir, I have to inform you that £4.8.4 is due for Rates as p(er) a/c enclosed on property situated in Victoria Street formerly belonging to William Atkinson and which you have purchased. I must request you to let me have a cheque for same by return post. Yours truly, J Smith, Rate Collector	5 May 1882
CH343/87a/689	Messrs Matson Bup & Co, Rangiora Gentlemen, Enclosed please find your cheque for £1.8.9 dated 4 <sup>th</sup> May for Rates these were paid on 30 <sup>th</sup> March by cheque of Messrs Dr D Cameron of Stillwater Creek the cheque was drawn on Amberley. I am yours etc, J Smith, Rate Collector	5 May 1882
CH343/87a/690	Mrs Martha Hawley, Opawa Madam, I have to respectfully inform you that the rates for last year amounting to £3.5.0 with Ex? have not been paid on a house in Bath Street occupied by your daughter Mrs Swanston and owned by you. As the owner I beg to call upon you to pay the amount by Thursday the 11 <sup>th</sup> instant or you will oblige me to attach the	8 May 1882

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	property which course will entail a heavy expense to you which I shall be glad to avoid. I am Madam, yours etc F Haskins, Town Clerk	
CH343/87a/691	I Brightling, Please to empty one pan at Salviganys, twice a week in Manchester Street it is the 2 <sup>nd</sup> one from St Asaph Street. B J Leahy, Inspector	11 May 1882
	Mr Walkden (City Surveyor) I would like to draw your attention to the very bad state of the street opposite Pavitts in Tuam Street through having the tramway laid there. B J Leahy	18 May 1882
CH343/87a/692	City Surveyor, Sir, I beg to give you notice that a wooden building is being erected on premises of Messrs Taylor, Armagh Street West. F Hobbs, City Inspector	20 May 1882
	Mr Dearsley Sir, I beg to give you 14 days notice under Clause 59 of the Public Health Act 1876 to provide structural convenience to wit drainage from your properties occupied by Messrs..... and Sadler and would suggest the connection with the sewer it being the only effectual way of abating the nuisance	22 May 1882
CH343/87a/693	Mr Drewith? Sir, I see an addition is being made to one of Mr Goss houses on Salisbury Street it is the first house on the left hand side going from Durham Street to Victoria Street. F Hobbs, Inspector	22 May 1882
CH343/87a/694	Public Health Act 1876 - Canterbury (notice served on) J Gilmour, Bacon Curer, Christchurch 20 <sup>th</sup> May 1882 Christchurch did allow his premises, situate off Lichfield Street to become a nuisance, through the want of structural convenience, to wit; drainage. B J Leahy Inspector of Nuisances of Christchurch Colony New Zealand	22 May 1882
CH343/87a/695	Public Health Act 1876 - Canterbury (notice served on) James Hobin Engine driver Sydenham 20 <sup>th</sup> May 1882 Christchurch did allow his premises, situate in Tuam Street East, Christchurch, to become a nuisance through the want of Structural convenience, to wit, drainage. B J Leahy Inspector of Nuisances of Christchurch colony New Zealand	22 May 1882
CH343/87a/696	Mr Andrews Sir, I beg to draw your immediate attention to the sanitary condition of your premises in Salisbury Street west and at the same time give you 7 days notice to do the following things. 1. To construct suitable drainage for each premises. 2. To put all closets into your repair. 3. To provide new regulation closet pan in place of defective ones. If this notice is not complied with information will be (laid) to (enforce) same as the premises are in a disgraceful condition. Your obediently F Hobbs City Inspector	22 May 1882
CH343/87a/697	Mr Taylor Sir, I hereby give you 7 days notice to provide suitable drainage from your premises in Salisbury Street West also to provide new regulation closet pans in place of defective ones now in use. Your obediently F Hobbs, City Inspector	22 May 1882
CH343/87a/698	R C Hamerton Esq, Public Trustee, Wellington Sir, Enclosed please find cheque dated 18th May which is filled up in the Body for Six Pounds Ten Shillings and Four Pence but in figures for £6.10s which I shall feel obliged by your filling altering up for the larger amount, Yours truly, J Smith, Rate Collector	23 May 1882
CH343/87a/699	Public Health Act 1876 - Canterbury (notice served on) Thomas Whelan, Labourer, Christchurch did allow the contents of a water closet to overflow and soak there from on his premises situate in Pyke Street (now Alfred Street off Fitzgerald Ave). B J Leahy, Inspector of Nuisances of Christchurch Colony New Zealand	25 May 1882
CH343/87a/700	Public Health Act 1876 - Canterbury (notice served on) William Pyke, cabinet maker, Christchurch 19 <sup>th</sup> April 1882 did allow his property situate in Pyke Street, Christchurch to become a nuisance and injurious to health through want of Structural conveniences, to wit, drainage and closet pan. B J Leahy Inspector of Nuisances of Christchurch Colony New Zealand	25 May 1882

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CH343/87a/701	Public Health Act 1876 - Canterbury (notice served on) Mary McPhee, Boarding house keeper, Christchurch on 19 <sup>th</sup> May 1882 did allow the contents of a water closet to overflow and soak therefrom. B J Leahy, Inspector of Nuisances of Christchurch Colony New Zealand	25 May 1882
CH343/87a/702	Public Health Act 1876 - Canterbury (notice serve don) Thos (Thomas) Pye Gas fitter, Christchurch 5 <sup>th</sup> May 1882 Christchurch did allow his property situate off Madras Street South Christchurch, to become a nuisance and injurious to health, through want of Structural convenience, to wit; drainage. B J Leahy, Inspector of Nuisances of Christchurch Colony New Zealand	25 May 1882
CH343/87a/703	Mr Drewith? Dear Sir, I see a wooden addition is being made to leanto the last house on right hand side going from Salisbury Street. F Hobbs Inspector	26 May 1882
CH343/87a/704	Mr J Legg, Aylesbury Sir, I have seen your Memo to Messrs Bain Bro (Brothers?) in which you say that you paid the enclosed account for Rates amounting to 5s. 9d you have not done so but on 23 <sup>rd</sup> July last you paid the three first Rates Amounting to 8/- the Notice for the Drainage Board Rates and N S Rates was not delivered till November last and you sold the property on the 8 <sup>th</sup> August so that it was perfectly improbable that you could have paid the amount. I must therefore beg you to send me the amount by return post as I want to close my Rolls. Yours etc, J Smith, Rate Collector	27 May 1882
CH343/87a/705	Mr W W Fraser, Argus Office, Melbourne Sir, In reply to yours of 14 <sup>th</sup> instant I beg to say that all Properties in Town whether there is a House or not on the Land are Rated for Night Soil and the Drainage Board Rate is an old Rate but the Notices are not (deleted) till about November last as the Board were did not strike their Rate till 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept tho' commencing from the 1 <sup>st</sup> January to the 31 <sup>st</sup> December. I now enclose the Rate Notice for this year amounting to 19s.10d which perhaps you will kindly include in the POO (Post Office Order) with the 1881 Rate. Yours truly, J Smith, Rate Collector	27 May 1882
CH343/87a/706	Mr (Thomas) Raine, New Brighton Sir, I have to respectfully inform you that the Drainage Board Rate and Night Soil Rate on the House occupied by Mr C Cutler for last year Amounting to £1.16.10. with Expenses have not yet been paid. As Owner I beg to call upon you to pay the amount by Thursday the 1 <sup>st</sup> June or you will oblige me to attach the Property which course will entail a heavy Expense to you which I shall be glad to avoid. I am Sir, Yours etc, F Haskins	27 May 1882
CH343/87a/707	Public Health Act 1876 - Canterbury (notice served on) William ? Dawe? 30 May 1882 Did allow his premises situate in Montreal Street North, Christchurch to become a nuisance and injurious to the Public Health through want of Structural convenience to wit the drainage. F Hobbs, Inspector of Nuisances Christchurch Colony New Zealand	30 May 1882
CH343/87a/708	Mr Drewilt? Dear Sir, I see a small leanto is being erected in wood at the back of house in Durham Street belonging to P M (Magistrates?) Court house it is only a small room but being in the area I thought I had better notify same to you. F Hobbs  Mr Drewilt. Sir, I see alterations and ....(too faint)  Mr Drewilt Dear Sir, I see a wooden addition is being made to a house of Mr Parsons Armagh Street East F Hobbs, Inspector of Nuisances	30 May 1882      2 June 1882
CH343/87a/709	Mr Crosbie Sir, Notice was delivered at your residence on the 10 <sup>th</sup> May last to cut down trees overhanging the footpath this notice expired on the 13 <sup>th</sup> and as nothing as yet been done I must request that it is complied with forthwith or I shall be compelled to take further action. F Hobbs, City Inspector	1 June 1882
CH343/87a/710	Letter to Mr (William?) Jones Sir, I hereby give you 7 days notice to disconnect house drainage from the river at your premises situated at the corner of Armagh and Antigua Streets and occupied by Mrs Harris which is causing a nuisance - I will also draw your attention to the closets which are connected with the house. These require either to be removed or to have ventilators so that no smell can penetrate the main building. I would recommend the former as there are four closets within about 30 feet of building which must be very objectionable. The only effectual way of dealing with drainage is to connect with sewer. I am Sir, your obedient servant F Hobbs, City Inspector	1 June 1882

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CH343/87a/712	Mr W Dearsley Sir, The Justice of the Peace is giving their decision to day when some ? information against tenants of yours was heard for not having complied with notice to provide drainage stated that they have to comply with the notice they could legally claim whatever they had to make from the owner according to the Act and wished me to intimate that fact to you I am Sir, your obedient servant, F Hobbs, City Inspector	5 June 1882
CH343/87a/712	The Town Clerk Sir, I have the honor to report that a private blind street leading from Stuart Street, and abutting on West Christchurch School playground is in such a condition as to be prejudicial to the health of the inhabitants of that neighbourhood, through the want of drainage to the said street, the same not yet having been formed. I am given to understand that the owners of property fronting on it are agreeable to pay the necessary cost of forming shingling etc. I remain your obedient servant B J Leahy, Inspector	5 June 1882
CH343/87a/713	Public Health Act 1876 – Canterbury (notice served on) John A Redpath, Grocer Tuam Street Christchurch 5 <sup>th</sup> June 1882 did allow his property, situate in St Asaph Street East, Christchurch, to become a nuisance, through want of Structural convenience, to wit; drainage. B J Leahy Inspector of Nuisances of Christchurch Colony New Zealand	6 June 1882
CH343/87a/714	Public Health Act 1876 – Canterbury (notice served on) William Neighbours, Merchant, Christchurch 5 <sup>th</sup> June 1882 did allow his property, situate in Tuam Street West Christchurch to become a nuisance, through want of Structural convenience, to wit; drainage. B J Leahy Inspector of Nuisances of Christchurch Colony New Zealand	6 June 1882
CH343/87a/715	Mr Drewilt Sir, I see a small addition is being made to a Store at the corner of Salisbury Street and Durham Street also a building is being erected in Salisbury Street for Mr Bowker? between Durham Street. F Hobbs, Inspector	8 June 1882
CH343/87a/716	Mr Thomas Gapes Sir, In reply to your letter of to days date re the removal of your closet pan. I have made enquiries from the two men who do the work and they state they are prepared to swear that the pan in your closet now is the one that was in 9 months ago and which (h)as since been exchanged. Should you require to take any further action on the matter their names are Mr Robinson and Samuel Vagen? I am Sir, your obedient servant, F Hobbs, City Inspector	10 June 1882
CH343/87a/717	Mr J Brightling Sir, I beg to inform you that another complaint as been laid to the Council by Mr Banks, Salisbury Street West wherein he states that the nightmen have written on closet door a new pan wanted – (one in use leaking) he also states that on applying to them to remove it they said they could not do so without being instructed to do so by you. A new pan (h)as been there since 12 April last. Will you instruct the men not to write on any person's property but if they see anything to complain of to report it either to your clerk or at this office as the above mentioned conduct will not be allowed also please instruct them to remove the pan at once.  Your obedient servant, F Hobbs, City Inspector	12 June 1882
CH343/87a/718	Mr Walkain Sir, Will you kindly look at the building on Oxford Terrace belonging to Mr O'Connell as I consider it in a dangerous condition. F Hobbs	15 June 1882
CH343/87a/719	Public Health Act 1876 – Canterbury 15 <sup>th</sup> June 1882 (notice served on) Roger Goss? – Fitter of Christchurch 17 <sup>th</sup> May 1882 – did allow the contents of a water closet to overflow and soak therefrom. Francis Hobbs Inspector of Nuisances of Christchurch Colony New Zealand	15 June 1882
CH343/87a/720	Public Health Act 1876 – Canterbury (notice served on) R Skiffins, Fishmonger Colombo Street, Christchurch 20 <sup>th</sup> June 1882 did allow his premises, situate in Colombo Street to become a nuisance and injurious to health. B J Leahy Inspector of Nuisances of Christchurch Colony New Zealand	21 June 1882
CH343/87a/721	Public Health Act 1876 – Canterbury (notice served on) Mrs Leah Davis, Wine Seller, Christchurch 13 <sup>th</sup> June 1882 did allow the contents of a water closet to overflow and soak therefrom. B J Leahy Inspector of Nuisances of Christchurch Colony New Zealand	21 June 1882

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<b>CH343/87a/722</b>	Public Health Act 1876 – Canterbury (notice served on) Croasdale Bowen, Minister, Riccarton 20 <sup>th</sup> June 1882 did neglect to remove, or keep properly trimmed, a gorse fence, situate on his property in Worcester Street West, Christchurch, said fence being of a dangerous character and inflammable nature. B J Leahy Inspector of Nuisances of Christchurch Colony New Zealand M.C.A. Amendment, 1880	21 June 1882
<b>CH343/87a/723</b>	Public Health Act 1876 – Canterbury (notice served on) W Cuddon, Brewer, Christchurch 17 <sup>th</sup> June 1882 did allow his premises, situate in Tuam Street West, to become a nuisance and injurious to health. B J Leahy Inspector of Nuisances of Christchurch Colony New Zealand	21 June 1882
<b>CH343/87a/724</b>	Public Health Act 1876 – Canterbury (notice served on) W Cuddon, Brewer, Christchurch 17 <sup>th</sup> June 1882 did allow the contents of a Water closet to overflow and soak therefrom. B J Leahy Inspector of Nuisances of Christchurch Colony New Zealand	21 June 1882
<b>CH343/87a/725</b>	Public Health Act 1876 – Canterbury (notice served on) W J White, Grocer, Christchurch 17 <sup>th</sup> June 1882 did allow his premises, situate in Tuam Street West, to become injurious to health B J Leahy Inspector of Nuisances of Christchurch Colony New Zealand	21 June 1882
<b>CH343/87a/726</b>	Illegible but is another Public Health notice	
<b>CH343/87a/727</b>	Public Health Act 1876 – Canterbury (notice served on) John Percy, Bootmaker, Christchurch 10 <sup>th</sup> June 1882 did allow a nuisance to exist on his premises in Colombo Street, to wit, chimney giving out smoke from burnt leather B J Leahy Inspector of Nuisances of Christchurch Colony New Zealand	23 June 1882
<b>CH343/87a/728</b>	Dr Nedwill Sir, Will you kindly attend R M (Resident Magistrates?) Court on Monday next the 26 <sup>th</sup> to give evidence in case Council v Parker of Glo'ster Street. I am Sir, yours truly, F Haskins, Town Clerk	23 June 1882
<b>CH343/87a/729</b>	Public Health Act 1876 – Canterbury (notice served on) James Tait, Builder, Christchurch 30 <sup>th</sup> June 1882 did allow a cesspool to remain on his premises in Cashel Street, Christchurch. The same being in such a condition as to be injurious to health. B J Leahy Inspector of Nuisances of Christchurch Colony New Zealand	3 July 1882
<b>CH343/87a/730</b>	Mr Walker Sir, I beg to draw your immediate attention to the very dirty state of the urinal at the back of the Court and would ask you to make some arrangements for keeping the place properly clean it will also be necessary to provide flushing power or there will always be a stench arising therefrom which must be very injurious to health. Yours obediently, F Hobbs, City Inspector	3 July 1882
<b>CH343/87a/731</b>	Mr William Edwards, "Clarendon Hotel", Timaru Sir, I have to request that you will kindly at once forward to me a cheque for £3. 13. 11, the amount of Rates owing by yourself and others related to you for the house and land situated in St Asaph and Chudley's Lane and to say unless the same is paid action will be taken to recover it even to sell the property. I am sir, yours, F Haskins, Town Clerk	3 July 1882
<b>CH343/87a/732</b>	Public Health Act 1876 – Canterbury (notice served on) John Le Masurier, Draper, Christchurch (Cashel Street) 27 June 1882 did allow his premises, on Cashel Street, to become a nuisance and injurious to health. B J Leahy Inspector of Nuisances of Christchurch Colony New Zealand	7 July 1882
<b>CH343/87a/733</b>	Public Health Act 1876 – Canterbury (notice served on) G D Murchie, Upholsterer, Christchurch (Cashel Street) 27 June 1882 did allow his premises, on Cashel Street, to become a nuisance and injurious to health. B J Leahy Inspector of Nuisances of Christchurch Colony New Zealand	7 July 1882
<b>CH343/87a/734</b>	Public Health Act 1876 – Canterbury (notice served on) John Wyatt, Baker, Cashel Street, Christchurch 26 <sup>th</sup> June 1882 did allow the contents of a water closet to overflow or soak therefrom. B J Leahy Inspector of Nuisances of Christchurch Colony New Zealand	7 July 1882

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CH343/87a/735	Public Health Act 1876 – Canterbury (notice served on) P Hill, Upholsterer, Cashel Street, Christchurch 26 <sup>th</sup> June 1882 did allow the contents of a water closet to overflow therefrom. B J Leahy Inspector of Nuisances of Christchurch Colony New Zealand	7 July 1882
CH343/87a/736	Public Health Act 1876 – Canterbury (notice served on) B Button, Painter, Colombo Street, Christchurch 6 <sup>th</sup> July 1882 – did allow the contents of a water closet to overflow and soak therefrom. B J Leahy Inspector of Nuisances of Christchurch Colony New Zealand	7 July 1882
CH343/87a/737	Blank page	
CH343/87a/738	Public Health Act 1876 – Canterbury (notice served on) Joseph Perks Junr, Ironworker, Manchester Street, Christchurch 29 <sup>th</sup> June 1882 did allow a cesspool to remain on his premises, situate in Manchester Street, Christchurch, the same being a nuisance and injurious to health. B J Leahy Inspector of Nuisances of Christchurch Colony New Zealand	8 July 1882
CH343/87a/739	Public Health Act 1876 – Canterbury (notice served on) Thomas Bates, Chair maker, High Street, Christchurch 29 <sup>th</sup> June 1882 did allow the contents of a water closet to overflow and soak therefrom on his premises on the East side of High Street, Christchurch. B J Leahy Inspector of Nuisances of Christchurch Colony New Zealand	8 July 1882
CH343/87a/740	Public Health Act 1876 – Canterbury (notice served on) Thomas Bates, Chair maker, Christchurch 29 <sup>th</sup> June 1882 did allow the contents of a water closet to overflow and soak therefrom on his premises, on the West side of High Street, Christchurch B J Leahy Inspector of Nuisances of Christchurch Colony New Zealand	8 July 1882
CH343/87a/741	Public Health Act 1876 – Canterbury (notice served on) Thomas Bates, Chair maker, Christchurch 29 <sup>th</sup> June 1882 did allow his premises, situate on the West side of High Street, Christchurch, to be in such a state as to be a nuisance and injurious to health. B J Leahy Inspector of Nuisances of Christchurch Colony New Zealand	8 July 1882
CH343/87a/742	To F T Haskins Esq, Town Clerk Extract of entries in Order Book for Rubbish and Dust Contractor Rev Ward, South ward on April 3 <sup>rd</sup> and again in May 25 <sup>th</sup> , through not being attended to W J Fisher, High Street entered firs on April 3 <sup>rd</sup> again in April 25 <sup>th</sup> and June 19 <sup>th</sup> Ballantyne, Chester Street, first entered on April 11 <sup>th</sup> , again on April 19 <sup>th</sup> . H Williams, Cranmer Square, first entered on April 12 <sup>th</sup> , then on April 23 <sup>rd</sup> , May 28 <sup>th</sup> and 29 <sup>th</sup> . Mills, Montreal Street, first entered on April 12 <sup>th</sup> then May 13 <sup>th</sup> and 17 <sup>th</sup> and June 16 <sup>th</sup> . Kitson, Madras Street, first entered on April 13 <sup>th</sup> and then on June 6 <sup>th</sup> . Heywood & Co entered on 14 <sup>th</sup> April and 16 <sup>th</sup> May 1882. E Cookson “City Hotel”, entered 9 times in succession Landergan, Chester Street entered on April 18 <sup>th</sup> , and then on June 30 <sup>th</sup> . W Stocks, Wilson Street continual neglect F Horwood, Chester Street, continuous neglect	
CH343/87a/743	...continuation of page above Miss Saunders, Park Lane, first entered 27 <sup>th</sup> April and again complained of on May 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1882 Jeffrey, Barbadoes Street, first entered on May 10 <sup>th</sup> and again on May 31 <sup>st</sup> , 1882. Stevens, Victoria Street, first entered on May 10 <sup>th</sup> and again on May 15 <sup>th</sup> 1882. Thompson, Salisbury Street first entered on May 10 <sup>th</sup> and again on May 15 <sup>th</sup> 1882 F Black, Glo’ster Street first entry on May 15 <sup>th</sup> , then on June 8 <sup>th</sup> 1882. Cotton, Hereford Street, first entered on May 18 <sup>th</sup> and then on May 22 <sup>nd</sup> , and several other times verbally. Sharland, Madras Street, first entry on May 23 <sup>rd</sup> , then on June 7 <sup>th</sup> and 22 <sup>nd</sup> . J Piper, Peterboro Street, continuous neglect H Hobday, continuous neglect Mr Pai? Continuous neglect F Stromts, Worcester Street, twice entered H B Webb, continuous neglect There are several others, as bad, if not worse than these, but they are not so easily proved Yours obediently B J Leahy, Inspector	

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CH343/87a/744	Public Health Act 1876 – Canterbury (notice served on) George Mapstowe, Dealer, Durham Street, Christchurch 5 <sup>th</sup> July 1882 – did neglect to keep and use in a Privy on his premises, situate in Tuam Street, Christchurch, such closet pan as required by the City Council Bye Law 10 of the Christchurch City Council B J Leahy Inspector of Nuisances of Christchurch Colony New Zealand	14 <sup>th</sup> July 1882
CH343/87a/745	Page torn out	
CH343/87a/746	Public Health Act 1876 – Canterbury (notice served on) George Calder, Carpenter, Tuam Street, Christchurch 5 <sup>th</sup> July 1882 did neglect to keep and use in a Privy on his premises, situate in Tuam Street, Christchurch such closet pan as required by the City Council Bye Law 10 of the City of Christchurch B J Leahy Inspector of Nuisances of Christchurch Colony New Zealand	14 July 1882
CH343/87a/747	Public Health Act 1876 – Canterbury (notice served on) John Harker, Cabinet maker, Tuam Street, Christchurch 5 <sup>th</sup> July 1882 did neglect to keep and use in a Privy, on his premises, situate in Tuam Street, Christchurch, such closet pan as required by the City Council Bye Law 10 of the City of Christchurch B J Leahy Inspector of Nuisances of Christchurch Colony New Zealand	14 July 1882
CH343/87a/748	Public Health Act 1876 – Canterbury (notice served on) John Harker, Cabinet maker, Christchurch 5 <sup>th</sup> July 1882 did allow his premises, situate on Tuam Street, to become and remain a nuisance. B J Leahy Inspector of Nuisances of Christchurch Colony New Zealand	14 July 1882
CH343/87a/749	Public Health Act 1876 – Canterbury (notice served on) Elizabeth McCaldon, Oxford Terrace, Christchurch 5 <sup>th</sup> July 1882 did allow the contents of a water closet to overflow and soak therefrom. B J Leahy Inspector of Nuisances of Christchurch Colony New Zealand	14 July 1882
	From here a few pages have been torn out	
CH343/87a/750	Form letter pasted on back page To..... Sir, I hereby give you notice that your Kerosene License for the current year has not yet been taken out. Will you be good enough to take the same out as soon as possible, or proceedings will be taken. I have the honor to be Sir, your Obedient Servant, Francis Hobbs, City Inspector	27 July 1879