

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Matters of Public Concern Considered and Disposed of Yesterday.

At a special session of the Board of Health yesterday a resolution was adopted opposing the ordinance authorizing certain persons to establish a garbage dump at the foot of Broadway, now in the hands of the city clerk awaiting action by the Council. The board's opposition grew out of a communication from the government authorities, stating that the dumping of refuse at Broadway would have a tendency to change the channel of the river. Railway and packet line officials also objected to the proposed dump. The only dump at present on the river front is owned by Wood Bros., and is built on their own property near the foot of Holmes street. This dump enjoys a monopoly which brings in considerable revenue, as a fee is charged for every load of garbage and refuse dumped there except City hall and Market house garbage, which is collected by the city scavenger. The charges are 5 cents a load for stable and similar refuse, 10 cents for garbage and 15 cents for cesspool refuse.

Assistant Sanitary Superintendent Waring said yesterday that in his opinion the city should own a dump boat. "One would have been bought this spring, I think," said Dr. Waring, "had the city's finances not been cramped. The city's garbage and refuse ought to be taken far out into the river and dumped in the current."

Dr. Waring was asked if anyone would be arrested who dumped refuse elsewhere than at Wood Bros.' dump. He said: "It has been the custom to arrest in such cases because the refuse was not dumped out into the current and created a nuisance. We would not make arrests where the refuse is dumped into the current where it can be carried away. The Holmes street dump is built into the river and refuse dumped there is carried away by the current. At Broadway the current is further out in the river."

The board ordered a hydrant to be put in at the Holmes street dump and that all wagons emptying there be flushed with water after dumping.

Garbage Contractor Skinner was allowed \$1,191.26 for garbage removed between May 26 and June 27. The records of the board showed that \$1,259.98 was due Skinner, but he could not show receipts for enough loads of garbage to make that amount. He explained that his drivers lost some of the receipts. The board, however, allowed only the amount which was represented by the receipts produced.