

JULY 14, 1893

GARBAGE COMPLAINTS.

Report of Assistant Sanitary Superintendent Waring Submitted to the Board of Health Yesterday.

At the meeting of the board of health yesterday Assistant Sanitary Superintendent Waring submitted a report to the board on the subject of garbage complaints. The board has instituted an investigation of the garbage complaints in the effort to reduce the number. Dr. Waring submitted a lengthy list of cases which have been investigated and nearly all of which had been found true. In a few cases there was no such number as that given in the complaint and in a few instances the garbage had only remained a few days. But the average length of time the garbage was allowed to remain uncalled for was from ten days to two weeks, and one case was reported where the driver had failed to collect the garbage for three weeks.

On Charlotte street between Sixth and Tenth streets there were nearly a dozen houses which had been missed. Isolated cases were expected but when the driver missed six or eight houses within a couple of blocks he was severely criticized.

Dr. Waring reported that on July 6 there were thirty-five complaints; on July 7, thirty-two complaints; on July 8, fourteen; on July 10, twenty-four; on July 11, twenty-four; and on July 12, twenty-two.

The board after thoroughly discussing the subject came to the conclusion that two dozen complaints per day were not extraordinarily numerous, in view of the fact that there are 12,000 houses in the city from which garbage is collected.

Dr. Waring said yesterday that the garbage contractor was doing all in his power to carry out his contract. The trouble was with the worthless drivers. Some of the acts of the drivers are apparently pure malice. Complaints have been made that drivers have absolutely refused to remove garbage when asked to do so and continued to pass by the house without paying any attention to the request. These are extreme cases, but the contractor has had a great deal of difficulty with his men.

The board reappointed Sanitary Officer Elder and appointed E. H. Russell to be a special six months man in place of Frank Smith, who resigned a few days ago.