

MAY DO JUST AS HE LIKES.

THE CITY SEEMS TO HAVE NO CONTROL OF GARBAGE COLLECTION.

The Contractor's Bills Keep Increasing Each Month, Yet Everyone Knows That the System Is Faulty and Far From the Demands of the City—What Has Been Done in August—Fire Hose Contracts Let—Other News of the City Hall.

The garbage question is becoming a hard nut for the city officials supposed to be in charge to crack. It is more and more apparent each day that the garbage system is inefficient and inadequate to the needs of the city and in no wise commensurate with the constantly increasing expense. The money with which to run the garbage department was borrowed from the water-works fund, and it was once figured that at least \$7,000 would be saved from the amount transferred. Should the cost of removing the garbage keep on increasing as at present, however, there is not much likelihood of a surplus at the end of the year. The Board of Health officials depend entirely upon the few individual complaints of the non-removal of garbage each day, and aside from personal complaints in aggravated cases there is no system of inspection existing. Either a better check on the garbage collection is needed, it is urged, or else inspectors must be appointed.

Clerk Chapman of the Board of Health yesterday figured up the garbage bill by wards, cubic feet and the cost for August, and reports the same as follows:

	Garbage removed. Cubic feet.	Cost.
First ward	2,638	\$ 164 52
Second ward	3,531	103 15
Third ward	7,223	252 80
Fourth ward	3,664	146 56
Fifth ward	4,021	226 17
Sixth ward	2,755	86 69
Seventh ward	6,718	339 10
Eighth ward	6,665	291 59
Ninth ward	1,209	675 50
Tenth ward	4,369	283 98
Complaints	3,214	144 63
Total	45,997	\$2,634 09